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Welcome!

Don Colley (PhD candidate, San Diego State University) is the department's new Instructor of Professional Practice and Undergraduate Advisor.



September events:

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day Holiday: no classes, university closed.

Friday, September 15 @ 3:30 PM – Colloquium, 207 NRC: Joe Holler, Middlebury College. Title TBA.

Friday, September 22 @ 3:30 PM – Colloquium, 207 NRC: Jessie Clark, University of Nevada-Reno. "My life is like a novel": Women and security in Turkey's Kurdish regions 2006-2017."

Once again we are taking a van-full of geographers to attend SWAAG in sunny and probably moist Huntsville, TX. The meetings are October 26-27, and the van will leave around 9 AM on the 25th and return late on the 27th. There are still spaces so contact Adam Mathews AND Jon Comer for details. FYI, abstract submission deadline is **Wednesday, September 20 at 5 PM CDT.**



A&S Awards Convocation

The A&S Fall Convocation took place Tuesday, August 29 at the Wes Watkins Center. The Geography Department was proud to have Michael Larson (Coordinator, Cartography Services) recognized as a recipient of the A&S Outstanding Staff Award. He is shown with A&S Dean Bret Danilowicz (R).



Geography Undergraduate Mentors Program

The Department of Geography continues to grow the undergraduate mentors program with 4 students participating this year. L-R: Hayden Harrison is working with Dr. Adam Mathews, Kayla King is working with Dr. Carlos Cordova, Giovanni Penna is working with Dr. Reuel Hanks, and Finn Yip is working with Dr. Peter Kedron.



New-ish Graduate Students

Ava Keenen completed her BA in Geography at OSU in December 2016 and began her MS program in January 2017. Her research is focused on the geography of mass shootings.



Amanda Thomas completed her BA in Forestry and GIS Certificate in December 2016 at OSU and began her MS program in January 2017.



New Graduate Students

Tessa Cook completed her BA in Religious Studies with a minor in Physics from Hendrix College in 2015 and is now pursuing an MS in the department.



Maria Ramirez Saenz completed her MS in International Studies in July and is now pursuing a PhD in the department. She is interested in communications, race, and cultural studies.



Lindsay King completed her BA in Geography at Southern Connecticut State University and is now in the MS program.



Kianoosh Hassani completed his MS in Geography at Ohio University this summer and is now pursuing a PhD in the department.



Shelby Rider completed his BSE in Social Studies at OSU and is now in the MS program.



Sean Thomas completed his MS in Geography in 2015. After 2 years in the trenches at a rural Oklahoma high school, Sean decided to return for his PhD at OSU. His interests lie primarily in geography of memory.



Christina Woehrle completed her BS in Geography at Southern Connecticut State University and is now in the MS program.



Jamey Voorhees completed his MS in Geography at Arkansas and now pursuing a PhD in the department.



Undergraduate Internships

This past summer, **Hayden Harrison** (below, left) participated in the Transportation Intern Program. She interned at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), a metropolitan planning organization located in Oklahoma City, where she conducted a vehicle crash analysis of Oklahoma City and its surrounding communities. By utilizing both statistical and spatial software, Hayden was able to calculate various crash conditions as well as where these crashes were likely to occur. This internship was made possible by the Center for Local Government Technology (CLGT) at Oklahoma State University.



This summer, Sierra Travis (R) interned at KAMO Power in Vinita, Oklahoma. She was employed through a temporary service called Express Employers. She will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Information Science.



Faculty Travel

Carlos Cordova participated as invited lecturer in the Landscape Archaeology Seminar held at the Field School of the Bolgar Site (ancient capital of the Bolgar empire), located at the confluence of the Volga and Kama Rivers, in the A.R. of Tatarstan. The meeting was sponsored by Kazan University and the National Academy of Sciences of Tatarstan. The seminar was offered to graduate, and some undergraduates, from various universities of the Volga Region, the Urals, and Western Siberia.



Giving a lecture in the wooden classroom in Bolgar.

Describing an alluvial paleosol below loess deposits. Given its date the soil may have been part of the Mammoth Steppe.



Faculty Travel (cont.)

Drs. Frazier and Kedron visited Iceland in June. They are seen here hiking on the Eyjafjallajökull glacier, which sits on the E-15 volcano that erupted in 2015 wreaking havoc on air travel across the Northern Atlantic and Europe.

