



Geography

Geography Newsletter

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December Happenings

We did it! We survived a third COVID-semester with few bumps in the road. We wish this was in the rear-view mirror but here's hoping Omicron fades quickly. Take care and keep up the hygiene protocols over the holiday break.

Not much happened in December except finals, but we do have some November events to report.

During Geography Awareness Week (November 15-19), a PhotoVoice contest was held. Winners are reported on page 2.

Tuesday, November 30 the annual GEOG 4313/6313 (Field Techniques) poster display took place in the department. Details and photos appear on pages 3-5.

We have seven undergraduates graduating this semester:

Lane Kendall	BA-GEOG
Derek Pugh	BS-GEOG
Austin Smith	BS-GEOG
Kandelyne Bishop	BA-GLST
Kayla Hoelscher	BA-GLST
Darrell Jones	BA-GLST
Serah De Guzman Reyes	BA-GLST

As a reminder, the university is closed from Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31 for Winter Break. The Spring 2022 semester begins on Monday, January 10 and the following Monday (January 17) is MLK day and the university is closed. A [number of events](#) is planned in observation.

Departmental employees (GTAs and GRAs) are expected to be available for various duties the week of January 3-7, 2022.



PhotoVoice Contest

During Geography Awareness Week (Nov. 15-19), a PhotoVoice contest was held. Congratulations to our winners:

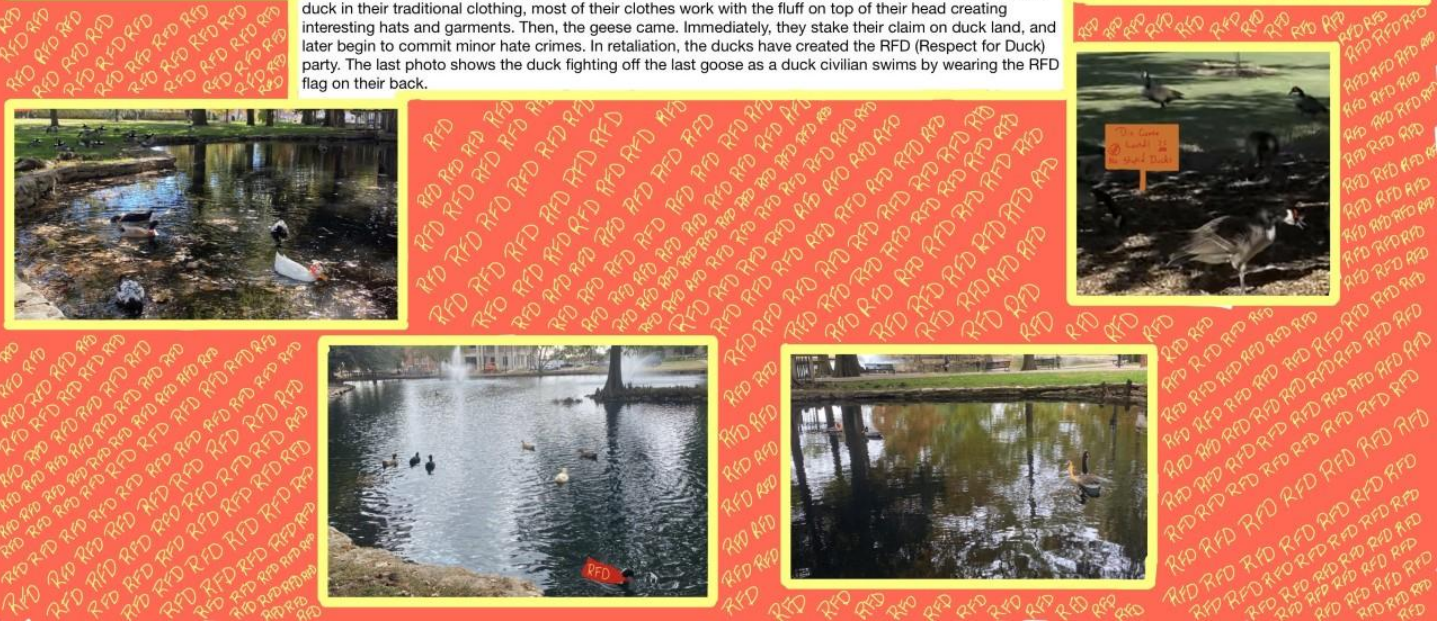
1st Place: Paris Dirksen won \$50, two free items at Chick-Fil-A, and one free item at the Garage. A poster version is shown below.

2nd Place: Owen Ashmore won \$20 gift card from Louie's Grill, two free items at Chick-Fil-A, and one free item at the Garage. Topic: "The Effects of Tailgates and Touchdowns", which was about the amount of trash created during home football games.

3rd Place: Kelsey Brooks won \$10 gift card from The Coffee House, two free items at Chick-Fil-A, and one free item at the Garage. Topic was also about litter on campus.

THETA POND CRIES 4 DUCK JUSTICE!

I tell you the heartbreaking story of the native duck community being overtaken by outside forces, the geese. The native duck population is the pride of Theta Pond and our OSU campus. My first photo is to show the duck in their traditional clothing, most of their clothes work with the fluff on top of their head creating interesting hats and garments. Then, the geese came. Immediately, they stake their claim on duck land, and later begin to commit minor hate crimes. In retaliation, the ducks have created the RFD (Respect for Duck) party. The last photo shows the duck fighting off the last goose as a duck civilian swims by wearing the RFD flag on their back.



Field Techniques Posters

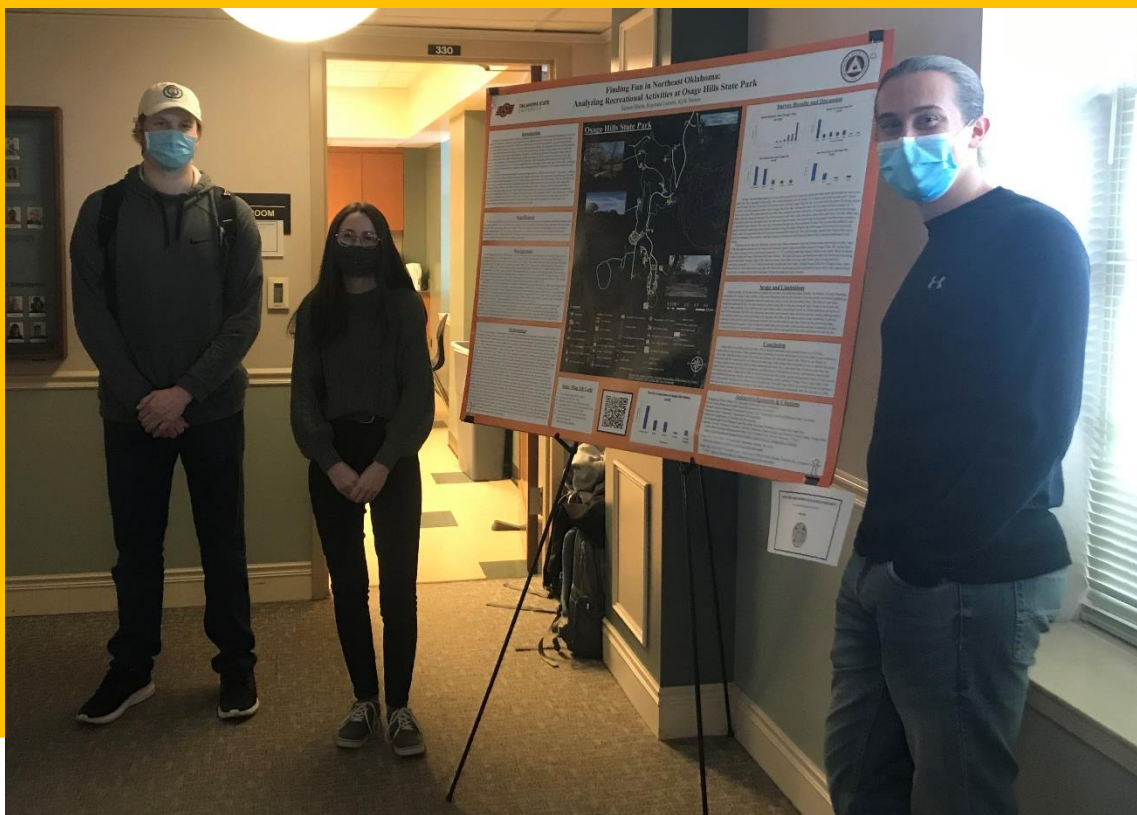
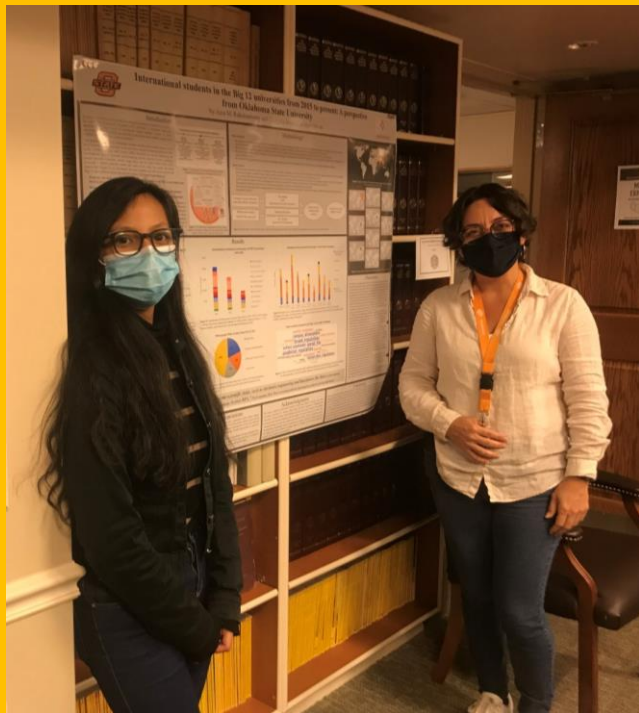
Students in GEOG 4313 and 6313 presented their research posters in the department on November 30.

Graduate student winner: Ny Aina Rakoarivony and Belem Carrasco Galvan (right):

“International Students in the Big 12 Universities from 2015 to present: A perspective from Oklahoma State University”

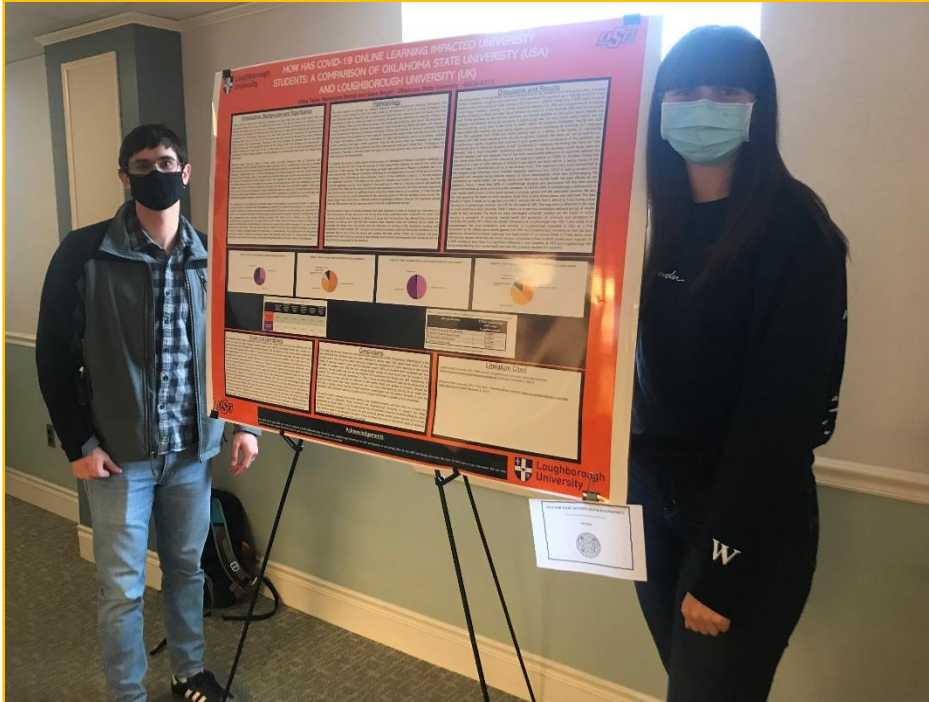
Undergraduate student winner: Kyle Stoner, Kayleen Lemen, and Tanner Hurst (below):

“Finding Fun in Northeast Oklahoma: Analyzing Recreational Activities at Osage Hills State Park”



Field Techniques Posters cont.

Other undergraduate posters (4313):



Chloe Taylor (right),
Kandelyne Bishop,
and Gabe Knight
(left):

‘How has COVID-19
Online Learning
Impacted University
Students: A
Comparison of OSU
and Loughborough
University (UK)’

Derek Pugh (left),
Zachery Carnahan
(right), and Clive
Byoona:

“Alcohol and Mask
Usage at Tailgates”

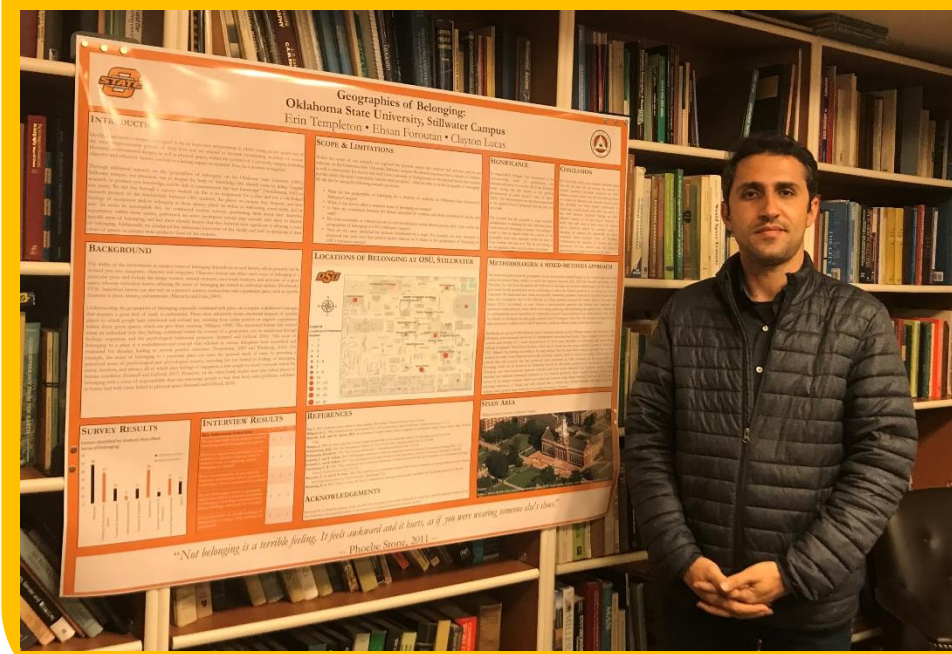
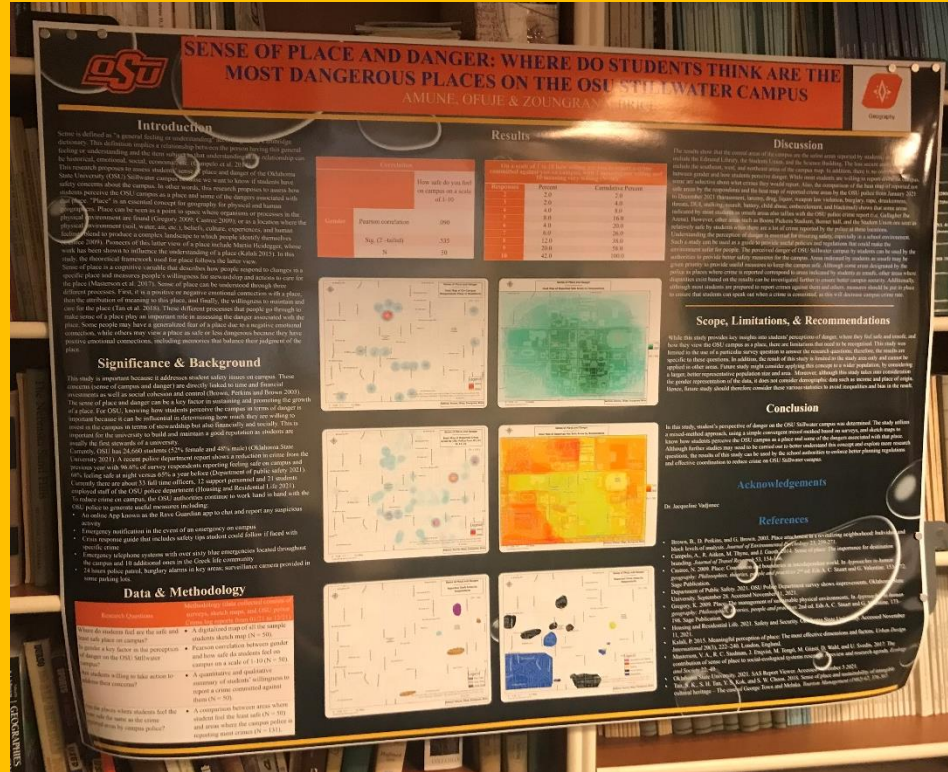


Field Techniques Posters cont.

Other graduate posters (6313):

Ofuje Amune and Brice Zoungrana:

“Sense of Place and Danger: Where do Students Think are the Most Dangerous Places on the OSU Stillwater Campus”



Erin Templeton, Ehsan Foroutan (at left), and Clayton Lucas:

“Geographies of Belonging: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater Campus”