



Geography

Geography Newsletter

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October Happenings

So what’s happening this month? Plenty, that’s what!

- Homecoming weekend is October 13/14 – the world famous Walkaround on University Avenue is Friday evening the 13th and the big game is on Saturday. Once again the department will be having a tailgating event near Old Central (see pages 6-7 for more details).
- Geography Bowling Night – October 18 at 6:30 PM, Frontier Lanes in Stillwater.
- Fall “Break” is Friday, October 20 – no classes are held but the university and all offices are open. (Hint: It’s a good chance to dash over to Tulsa’s famous Oktoberfest at River West Festival Park).
- Many departmental faculty and staff will be attending the SWAAG meetings in Huntsville (TX) on October 26th and 27th. We expect a report and photos in the next newsletter...

The department ordinarily hosts a Halloween costume party – we are looking for a location to host the event so if you’re willing to volunteer, please contact the Editor.

AAG 2018 will be held in New Orleans April 10-14. Registration deadlines are staggered but here are some key ones:

- Abstract deadline: October 25, 2017
- Discounted registration: November 8

OK SCAUG 2017

The Department of Geography was well represented at the recent 2017 OKSCAUG Conference in Moore, Oklahoma. Six members of the department were present (see photo below), three staff and three students. The following presentations were given:

Cartography in the Digital World: Why it Matters

Michael P. Larson – OSU Cartography Services

Transparency and Masking in ArcMap 10.x and ArcGIS Pro

Clay Barrett - OSU Cartography Services

Developing a Web Mapping Application for State Parks

Chang-Heng (Hank) Yang – Oklahoma State University



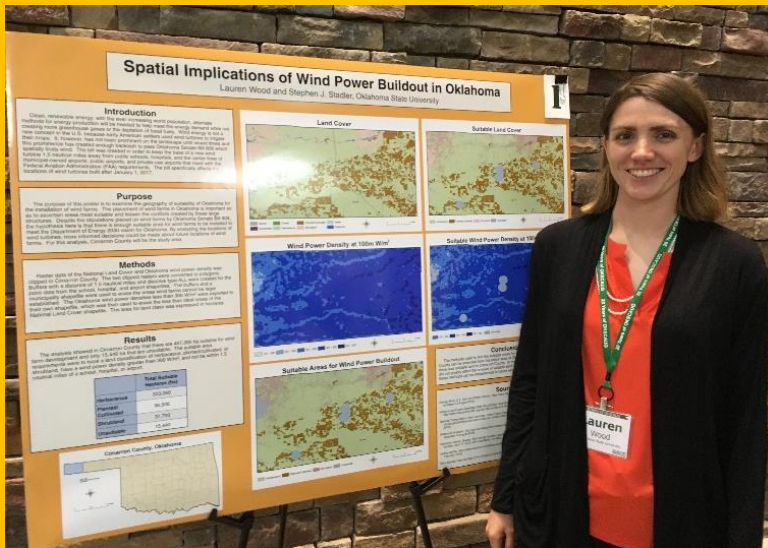
Left to Right: Hayden Harrison, Clay Barrett, Michael P. Larson, Lauren Wood, Chang-Heng (Hank) Yang, and John Hall. Photos: Shellie Willoughby 2017

OK SCAUG 2017 (contd.)

An additional three posters were also presented with Hayden Harrison's *OSU Cartography Services Work on the Geological Highway Map Series* poster winning the best poster/map competition.

OSU Cartography Services Work on the Geological Highway Map Series

- Hayden Harrison – OSU Cartography Services
- Lauren Wood – OSU Cartography Services
- Clay Barrett – OSU Cartography Services
- Michael P. Larson – OSU Cartography Services



Spatial Implications of Wind Power Buildout in Oklahoma

Lauren Wood – Oklahoma State University

Stephen J. Stadler – Oklahoma State University

A Vehicle Crash Analysis of the Oklahoma City Area Regional Transportation Study

Hayden Harrison – Association of Central Oklahoma Governments



Student Club Officers and Plans

Forum of Geography Graduate Students (FOGG) is planning on doing some tailgating, arranging some colloquium speaker sessions, and doing its usual mock conference presentation sessions. Officers for 2017-18 are:

- President – Matt Haffner
- Vice President/Secretary – Gustavo Ovando
- Treasurer – Kianoosh Hassani
- GPSGA Representative – Catherine Shropshire
- GPSGA Representative – Amanda Thomas
- Faculty Representative – Maria Ramirez Saenz



Geography Club (Undergraduate) plans the annual students vs. faculty/staff softball game (September 30) bowling night (October 18), Halloween party (TBA), Geography Awareness Week Trivia Night (November 13), plus annual departmental t-shirts. Officers for 2017-18 are:

- President – Hayden Harrison
- Vice President – Kayla King
- Treasurer – Giovanni Penna
- Secretary – Amanda LaHue



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Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) annually sponsors the International Beer, Wine, and Cheese party every spring, is involved with Geography Awareness Week in November, and other events. Officers for 2017-18 are:

- President – Brian Gilson
- Vice President – Amanda Weber
- Treasurer – Tom Cox
- Secretary – Kimberly Johnson
- Historian – Matt Haffner



Softball 2017 – FAST defeats SAD!

On Saturday, September 30, the sort-of-annual softball game between the faculty and staff team (FAST) and the students always defeated (SAD) took place at its usual venue at Babcock park. The game was called on account of darkness in the middle of the 6th inning, the darkness being to the mood of the SAD team as it was easily defeated 19-7. Despite “loaning” 3 of the best faculty prospects to round out the student team, FAST (with an average age somewhere north of 50) proved that experience and the occasional bad call beats youthful vigor every time.

After the game, the two groups came together for a cookout to mend the bitter relations between the adversaries. Hot dogs and brownies can solve all the world’s ills...





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Will you be attending *America's Greatest Homecoming?*

Stop by the Geography Tailgate!

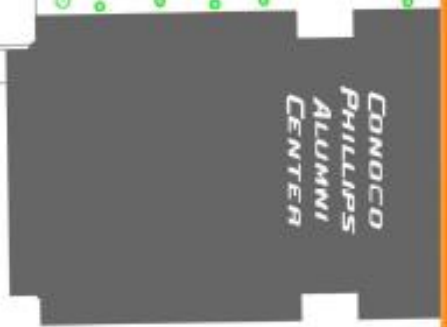
FoGG and Geography Club have reserved tailgating spots (#25/#27) on the lawn of Old Central (see map on back) for the homecoming game on October 14th. It will be a potluck style tailgate so please bring your own beverages, items to grill, and if you would like, a dish to share. We plan to have a grill available for your use (but please feel free to bring your own) as well as a tent, cooler, plates, napkins, silverware, and OSU Geography swag! Drop in and say hi to fellow geography alumni, faculty, staff, and students! Go Pokes!

For more information, including game and tailgating times, please see the Homecoming Tailgate event on the Geography Department Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/OSUgeog. To be included in future geography alumni events, please send your email address to Sharon Elliot at sharon.elliott@okstate.edu.



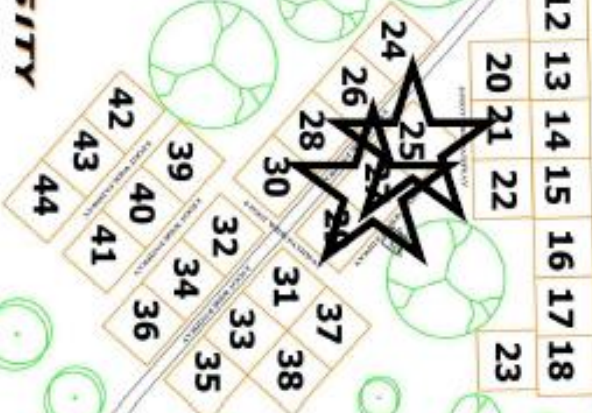
**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
TAILGATING SPACES
FOR
OLD CENTRAL**

UNIVERSITY AVENUE



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Summer Travels

Thanks to financial backing from the Don and Cathey Humphreys Long-term Travel Grant and the Tweedie Travel Scholarship, **Jordan McAlister** was able to visit Southeast Asia and Japan from June to August this summer. Though not directly tied to his doctoral research, his time in Asia was devoted to exploring disparate geographic landscapes and cultural appreciation. While in Vietnam, Jordan studied Southeast Asian linguistics, conservation, and tourism with former OSU Geography student Nguyễn Lê, who is a faculty member of the Department of Tourism at the University of Humanities and Social Sciences in Hồ Chí Minh City.

Jordan met with a number of Vietnamese educators, students, tour guides, and families and was fortunate to live in Nguyễn's multi-generational home while in southern Vietnam. His experiences with the Vietnamese people and their culture was quite enriching. Jordan also went on to visit Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos while in the area before stopping off in Japan for a tour of Honshu with Junlong Liu, another former OSU geographer. Visiting numerous wats, pagodas, shrines, war memorials, rice paddies, markets, and schools, Jordan has come to better understand the cultures and geographies of East Asia. He hopes to return this knowledge to his students in the classroom someday soon. Later this fall, on Friday November 10th, please plan to attend Jordan's Tweedie Travel Scholarship colloquium presentation regarding his travels in the Far East.



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

Summer Travels (cont.)

Lê Family in Hồ Chí Minh City



Vietnamese Family in the Mekong Delta



Scenes from Geography

PhD Student Amanda Weber recently celebrated a “big” birthday with her colleagues at El Vaquero.



The Geography Department’s own Poet Laureate and budding novelist has been busy developing many genres of literature with a geographic tone. Here are some of his ideas and titles:

Novels:

- Non-person
- Hobo sapiens – or how not to be an archaeologist
- The Infamous Dr. Homer

Cowboy Stories:

- Rhodesia – the misadventures of cowboy H. Rhodes
- Cowboy Shenanigans
- The Road to Cowboyistan

For further information about what any of these might mean, please visit the master himself in his aerie (the northwest corner of Murray Hall, 4th floor) or in his dungeon (basement of the Noble Research Center).