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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 8, 12:00-1:00pm

Barbara B. Davis SPACE (Library Room 309)

Guest Speaker Kristine Miller, Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota

November 11-17

Geography Awareness Week -- keep an eye out for event announcements!

December 6

Department Winter Dinner for Majors, Faculty, and Staff

February 7-8, 2019

Lanegran Day

Kendra Sweeney from The Ohio State University will be this year's visiting speaker. To help plan social events for Lanegran Day, contact Hannah, Ari, or Prof. Carter.

RECENT FIELD EXCURSIONS

Prof. Kelsey McDonald and Prof. Eric Carter led their classes ("Healthy Spaces" and "Medical Geography", respectively) to Lake Harriet for an afternoon of forest bathing, under the guidance of expert David Motzenbecker, in late September. No wonder they all look so relaxed! (Right)

Prof. Bill Moseley also took a field excursion with his "People, Agriculture, and the Environment" class. The trip entailed a visit to a nearby Wisconsin CSA farm as well as a stop at a conventional corn and soybean farm. They learned about soil types, mechanized farming, labor dynamics, and the impact of climate change on farming in the region.



NEW SPRING 2019 COURSE OFFERINGS

Public Health in Latin America (GEOG 394) focuses on current and historical public health issues. This course is cross-listed with Latin American Studies and will be taught by Prof. Eric Carter.

Jay Bowman will offer two new courses next semester: **Life and Geography of Middle East: From Colonialism to Arab Spring (GEOG 294)** and **Gender, Development and Public Policy (GEOG 394-04)**.

Ashley Nepp will be teaching a new upper level GIS course as well. **Cultural Atlas Production (GEOG 394-02)** is a group project based class to co-create an atlas from start to finish.

For any questions regarding these course offerings, please contact the instructor.

HEY, SENIORS!

Did you study away last year? Would you be willing to serve on a panel of Geography study away returnees for Geography Awareness Week?

We would love to hear more about your experiences! Contact Hannah Shumway at hshumway@macalester.edu or Ari Jahiel at alutzeja@macalester.edu for more information.



SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The Womadix Foundation Research Fund was established in 2015 and supports student collaborative research with Professor Moseley that is focused on the New Green Revolution for Africa, women and nutrition. While this broad research theme is fixed, there is some flexibility on the precise topic the student may choose related to this theme. Applicants considered must meet the following criteria:

1. Fluency in French (required)
2. Interest in agriculture and Africa (required)
3. Flexible attitude, ability to work independently, and willingness to deal with some physical hardship (required)
4. Junior who would use this research to prepare a senior honors thesis (preferred)
5. Geography major (preferred), but ES majors, African studies, Food, Agriculture & Society or International Development concentrators also considered
6. Previous experience in Africa or other Global South setting (preferred)
7. Previously taken GEOG 232, 243 and/or 263 (preferred)

This grant covers the student's travel expenses and provides them with a modest stipend (official Macalester summer rate) to cover living expenses. The evolving security situation in West Africa also requires that traveling individuals be cleared by the college's international office before departure. At this time, the research location is SW Burkina Faso.

If you think you might be interested in this opportunity, please email Professor Bill Moseley at moseley@macalester.edu by Dec 1, 2018 with an articulation of your interests and relevant experience, as well as a copy of your CV.

JOIN GTU, THE GEOGRAPHY HONORS SOCIETY

Requirements:

1. Must have completed a minimum of 3 geography courses, have a B average in geography, must rank in the upper 35% of their class.
2. Must have completed at least 3 semester or 5 quarters of college course work.

Member Benefits:

- enables eligibility for GTU scholarships
- provides evidence of your dedication and competency in geography
- provides a network where you can become better acquainted with other geography students and faculty

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