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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 7-8: Lanegran Day (see below!)

March 7, 12:00pm in OLRI 250: Kurt Kipfmüller from the Geography department at the University of Minnesota will give a talk on his research on fire ecology and fire management.

March 28: Geography Career Panel

March 29, 12:00pm in Weyerhaeuser Boardroom: Jahi Chappell, a research fellow at Conventry University, will be discussing his book "Beginning to End Hunger" on successful food security policy efforts in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

April 15: Geography Honors Day

April 26: Midwest Undergraduate Geography Symposium at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

LANEGRAN DAY - FEBRUARY 7-8, 2019

This Friday, February 8th is Lanegran Day. We have three special events lined up for you, starting on Thursday the 7th! Visiting speaker Dr. Kendra McSweeney, Professor of Geography at The Ohio State University will give two talks on her research.



1. "Indigenous Population Rebound and Biodiversity Conservation in Central America: Conflict or Accommodation?" Thursday, Feb 7 from 12-1pm in Olin-Rice 250.
2. "Narco-Deforestation: Agrarian Change in Latin America's Cocaine Corridor" Thursday, Feb 7 from 4:45- 6pm in Olin-Rice 250

Don't miss out on the Lanegran Day social event! Come bowl with the Geography Department and Dr. McSweeney at Ran-Ham Bowling Center Friday, Feb 8 from 6:30-8:30. Shoes, lanes, and snacks covered by the Geography Department.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Kerri Westgard, Minnesota State National Geographic Bee Coordinator is looking for judges and volunteers for the Minnesota Geography Bee this spring.

This is the state competition of the National Geographic Bee, and the new National Geographic GeoChallenge. It is moving to the **University of Minnesota at the Carlson School of Management and will be held on Friday, March 29.**

Please communicate directly with Kerri about what types of volunteers she needs for the competition at mngeobee@gmail.com.

BOWLING!

Who? You!

What? Bowling!!

Where? Ran-Ham Bowling Center

When? 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, February 8th

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CLASS YEAR LUNCHES

This spring semester, the Geography Department will host two class year lunches!

The **Sophomore Lunch**, hosted by GTU Co-Presidents Ari Jahiel and Hannah Shumway will be held on **Tuesday, February 26 from 12-1pm in Carnegie 105** and will be an opportunity for sophomores to ask questions about the major, courses, and study abroad as well as connect with the other sophomore majors.

The **Junior Lunch**, hosted by Professor Laura Smith and Professor Dan Trudeau, will focus on Capstone options, Honors, and begin discussions about post-grad opportunities. Date and time TBD.

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

For more information see the [Macalester Geography web page](#)



Pictured (left) December's Geovisualization Showcase, featuring GIS instructor extraordinaire, (preferred title) Cartography Czar Ashley Nepp. Missed the Showcase? No problem. All projects are available online at [this web address](#).