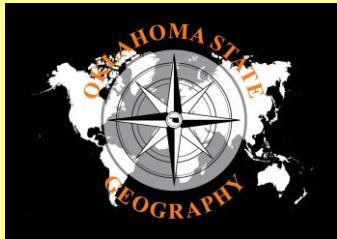


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# Geography Newsletter

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## April Happenings



The 2014-15 school year is heading into the home stretch, but things are still “hopping” around the department...

Two colloquia are scheduled early in April:

- Thursday, April 2, Megan Holroyd presents “The Geography of Coffee” at 3:30 PM in Physical Science 103, with a reception Friday evening (4/3) at 5:15 at Brad Bays’ home.
- Monday, April 6, Emily Fekete will give a presentation at 3:30 PM in Ag Hall 108, with a reception Tuesday evening (4/7) at Jon Comer’s home.

The International Beer, Wine, and Cheese Party will be held on Friday evening, April 10 at Tom Wikle’s home starting at 7 PM. Sponsored by the department’s Gamma Theta Upsilon chapter, this is a chance to sample exotic beverages and cheeses from around the world. Bring an entry for any (or all) of the categories for judging and plain old eating. Prizes for the top wine, beer, and cheese are likely!

Volleyball returns to the Stout Hall fields! The Geography Club is planning a lunchtime play-around on Wednesday, April 8 in preparation for a students vs. faculty match on Wednesday, April 15 at 5 PM. Practice your digs and kills!

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## March Sadness

On Saturday, March 7, the long-awaited basketball contest occurred. Instead of the planned round-robin between three teams, this was a straight-up students versus faculty game. In part due to the fierce inside/outside game of Jordan “Big Country” Brasher, the students prevailed in double-overtime 23-22 (regular baskets counting 1 point, beyond the arc counting 2 points).



(L-R) Nick Deyoe, Yun Zhao, Gustavo Ovando, Nick Rose, Matt Haffner, and Jordan Brasher hoist the world’s smallest trophy...

... while Peter Kedron (Ryerson University), Brad Bays, Luis Montes (UCO), Jon Comer, Dale Lightfoot, Reuel Hanks, and Adam Mathews rue their missed opportunities.





## 2015 GIS Day at the Capitol

A number of staff, faculty and students of the OSU Geography Department attended the 2015 GIS Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on March 12. GIS Day at the Capitol is a unique opportunity for the public and private sectors to highlight the uses of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and to showcase how the technology is being used as a decision-making tool throughout the state of Oklahoma.



(L-R) Adam Mathews, Nathan Smith, Emily Ellis, Kathryn Wenger, Michael Larson, Nick Rose, and Clay Barrett representing OSU Geography.

## Cuba

During Spring Break, a contingent of OSU-affiliated faculty, students, and spouses traveled to Cuba under the leadership of Dale Lightfoot and Tom Wikle (pictured below). While we await a more in-depth description of the trip in the Zenith later this year, this photo (by Jordan McAlister) captured the Newsletter editor's attention for some reason...





## Coming in May

On May 1, the annual Geography Awards Gathering will take place in the Murray Hall Parlor. Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:00 PM, with the Awards Ceremony starting at 5:30 and Gamma Theta Upsilon inductions immediately thereafter. Over \$15,000 of awards and scholarships will be distributed:

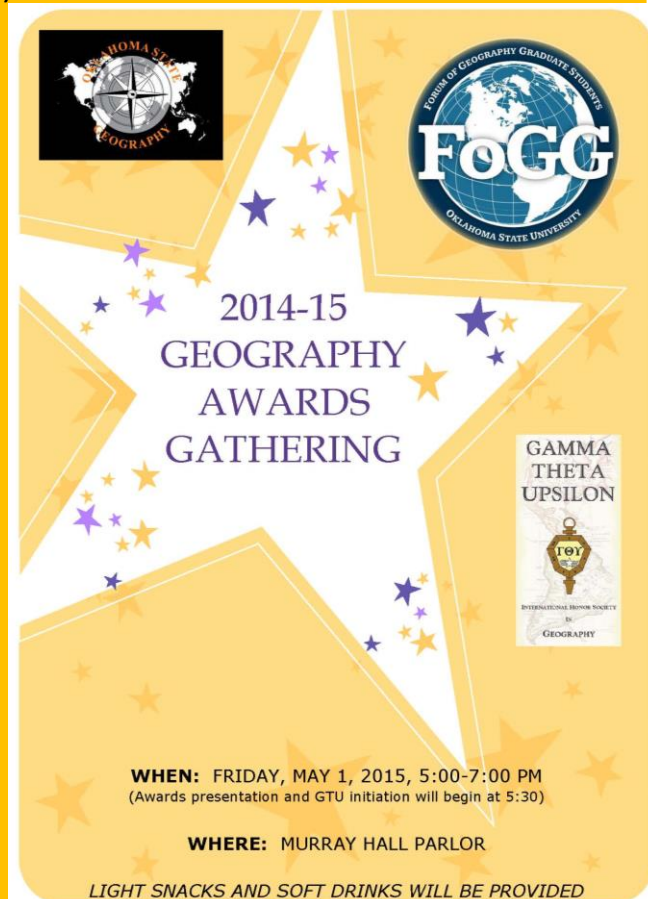
### 2014-15 Recognition Awards:

- John F. Rooney, Jr. Scholarship for Outstanding Junior (\$2,000)
- Outstanding Senior
- Robert E. Norris Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year MS Student (\$2,000)
- Robert and Lucy Fite Scholarship for Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year PhD Student (\$2,000)
- Jerry Croft and Family Award in Geographic Education (\$1,300) – NEW
- Susan Shaull Medal for Excellence in Teaching (\$500 and plaque)

### 2015-16 Travel Awards:

- Alyson L. Greiner Undergraduate Travel Scholarship (\$500)
- Stephen W. Tweedie Travel Scholarship (\$500)
- Norris Conference Travel Award (\$500 each)
- Norris Field Research Award (\$1,500 each)

Other awards and honors earned by students, staff, or faculty (on campus or off) will be recognized, so if you received some type of award or scholarship in the past year, please let [Jon Comer](#) know so he can add it to the list to be announced at the Gathering.



The poster features a large white star on a yellow background with scattered yellow and purple stars. In the top left corner is the logo for the Oklahoma State University Department of Geography, which includes a map of Oklahoma and the text 'OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY'. In the top right corner is the logo for the Forum of Geography Graduate Students (FOGG), which includes a globe and the text 'FORUM OF GEOGRAPHY GRADUATE STUDENTS FOGG OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY'. The central text reads '2014-15 GEOGRAPHY AWARDS GATHERING'. In the bottom right corner is the logo for Gamma Theta Upsilon, which includes a key and the text 'GAMMA THETA UPSILON INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF GEOGRAPHY'. At the bottom, the text reads: 'WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015, 5:00-7:00 PM (Awards presentation and GTU initiation will begin at 5:30) WHERE: MURRAY HALL PARLOR LIGHT SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED'.