ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

The Great Plains-CESU hosted its Annual Meeting on February 7, 2017 in Lincoln, NE in conjunction with the 77th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. We would like to thank our federal and academic partners who participated and provided discussion at the meeting. We would also like to extend a thank you to the Great Rivers and Great Lakes-Northern Forest CESUs who joined the meeting along with their partners.

2016 Graduate Student Award Recipient

It is with great pleasure we announce the winner of the 2016 Great Plains-CESU Graduate Student Award to Mr. Jeremy Brunette. Jeremy was selected for the award due to his outstanding accomplishments on the project: Archaeological Inventory of the Platt National Park National Historic Landmark (Platt Historic District), Chickasaw National Recreation Area. His research project was funded through a Great Plains-CESU agreement between UNL and NPS.

We are also grateful to Jeremy’s graduate adviser, Dr. Matthew Douglas, for his nomination. We also received a generous statement of support from NPS-MWAC agency partner, Dr. Dawn Bringelson.

Jeremy was unable to attend the Great Plains-CESU Annual Meeting to receive his award which was accepted by Dr. Matt Douglass on his behalf.

To learn more about this project please visit: http://gpcesu.unl.edu/projects/spotlightproject.asp
We Are Here to Facilitate

The Great Plains-CESU office performs a facilitation role between federal agencies and our non-federal partners. Federal partners—do you have projects you see on the horizon that need collaborators? Non-federal partners—do you have capacity to help federal agencies, but need suggestions of who to contact? We can help you bridge these gaps.

At our annual meeting, the National Park Service listed the following topics as current trends for collaborations:
- Increase NPS involvement with university staff & students
- Increase the number of PIs who work on CESU projects
- Maximize efforts to connect with effective partners to work in the parks
- Develop further relationships with the LCCs

Let us know how we can help you in the coming months. Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to any parties that may like to join or learn more about the Great Plains-CESU. If you know of any universities or NGOs who would be good partners with the GP-CESU, please let us know. Information on how to become a non-federal partner can be found on our website: [http://gpcesu.unl.edu/join/index.asp](http://gpcesu.unl.edu/join/index.asp)

ACADEMIC PARTNER NEWS

Dr. David Weindorf, Texas Tech University is the Executive Producer of the upcoming documentary film titled “Between Earth and Sky”. This film is funded by The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas Tech Public Media, Soil Science Society of America, BL Allen Endowment in Pedology and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The film has been selected by the Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) to be screened February 25, 2017.

To view the trailer: [http://betweenearthandskymovie.com/](http://betweenearthandskymovie.com/)

To learn more about the CEFF: [http://www.ceff.net/](http://www.ceff.net/)

If you have updates & would like to be included in our next issue, please send information to Kat Krutak-Bickert at kbickert2@unl.edu

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