

Geography Welcomes 3 New Faculty

This fall three new faculty will be joining our department: Dan Hirmas, Jay Johnson, and Barney Warf.

Dan Hirmas will be an Assistant Professor in Geography focusing on soils and geomorphology. Dan's research interests are in arid zone soils, specifically, genesis and biogeochemical cycling of soils in desert mountains. He is interested in quantitatively describing soil morphology, relating these variables to landscape processes, and applying numerical models to study pedological phenomena. His work is relevant to understanding soil-landscape response to past and future environmental conditions.

Jay Johnson will be an Assistant Professor in Geography, and also will be contributing to the teaching needs of the Indigenous Nations Studies Program (<http://www.indigenous.ku.edu/>). Jay's research interests comprise areas important to Indigenous peoples' self-determination including resource management, international law and cultural politics, as well as the "politics of place".

Barney Warf comes to us from Florida State University where he held the Earl and Sophia Shaw Distinguished Professorship. Given his authorship of more than 100 scholarly papers and numerous books, we are excited to have Barney on our faculty. Barney is an economic geographer, but his expertise is far ranging, including services, telecommunications, and globalization. Barney is interested in social theory and political economy and how social relations and spatial structures are intertwined. His current research interests include the historical geography of time-space compression.