

## **Geography Reunion Activities**

### **October 11, 2013**

- 8–9:15 am Breakfast – Heritage Room, with President Brian Friedrich
- 9:30–10 am Chapel (geography message)
- 10 am Refreshments in Science Lobby
- 10:10–11 am Keynote Address by Dr. Vern Harnapp, Forty Years of Partnering in Geography—  
Concordia University and the University of Akron
- 11:10–Noon Career Paths in Geography Panel Discussion:  
Daniel Uden, Dr. Mike Naber, Matt Deitemeyer, Thomas Craig, Ron Zelt, Jeff Matzke
- 12:10–1 pm Lunch in the Hall of Fame Room, Walz Human Performance Complex
- 1:10–2 pm Breakout Session 1  
Katie Bockelman and Greg Miller, Developing Global-Minded Students:  
Teaching Geography within the Social Studies Curriculum at the MS and HS Level  
Jeff Matzke, Community Development in the Post-Recession Era  
Aaron Boucher, Geography and the Environment: From Nebraska to Nepal  
Todd Stellhorn, Current Trends in Esri’s Geographic Information Technologies
- 2:10–3 pm Breakout Session 2  
Dan Uden, Scenarios of Bioenergy Development Impacts in an Intensive Agricultural  
Landscape  
Josh Grass and Adam Faulstich, Putting Concordia on the Map: 3D Design Using  
SketchUp and Google Earth  
Dr. Mike Naber, Growing up Geography: The Story of a Jack-of-all- Trades  
Matt Deitemeyer, Spatial Problem Solving in a Local Government Enterprise GIS
- 5 pm Dinner at Cobblestone Inn

### **October 12, 2013**

- 8–9 am Breakfast with the President
- 9–9:20 am President’s Message
- 9:20–10:30 am Alumni Awards Presentation
- 10 am–Noon Homecoming Fair
- 11:30 am Pre-Game BBQ Tailgate
- 1 pm Bulldog Football Game
- 5–9 pm Geography Reunion Gathering

## Speakers Bios

### **Daniel R. Uden**

Dan Uden is a graduate research assistant and member of the Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). He graduated from Concordia University-Nebraska in 2010 with a BA in Geography, along with Biology and History minors. In 2012, he obtained an MS in Natural Resource Sciences from UNL, specializing in wildlife ecology. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Natural Resource Sciences at UNL, with research interests that include utilizing spatial and statistical models to assess the effects of landuse/landcover change in social-ecological systems of the North American Great Plains. He and his wife Annika reside in Seward.

### **Dr. Mike Naber**, Lecturer in Geoscience, Penn State

Mike Naber is a graduate of Concordia University, NE and then attended The University of Akron and currently serves as a Lecturer in Geoscience at Penn State University.

### **Matt Deitemeyer**, GIS Analyst, Clark County, WA

Matt is a 1996 Concordia graduate and attended the University of Akron, graduating with an MS in geography in 1999. He worked for two years as a Geospatial Analyst at the National Geospatial and Intelligence Agency. Matt was promoted to GIS Analyst for Clark County, WA after serving ten years as a GIS Technician. In 2004 he received a 1st place award in the ESRI International User's Conference "Best Instructional Presentation." He also has served for the last 8 years as Volunteer Director of Senior High Youth Music Ministry at St John Lutheran, Vancouver, WA.

### **Thomas Craig**, Teaching Associate, Oklahoma State University

Thomas Craig graduated from Concordia in December of 2006 with a degree in Secondary Education (LTD), specializing in History and Geography. He then attended The University of Akron and completed an MA in Geography in June of 2008. Thomas then accepted a call to Sierra Lutheran High School in Carson City, Nevada, where he taught from 2008-2013. While at SLHS, he taught everything from geography and history, to government and GIS and coached basketball and golf, advised student government, and led two international trips for students to Europe. In the spring of 2013, he accepted an assistantship from the Department of Geography at Oklahoma State University to begin work on his PhD in geography. In his free time, Thomas enjoys traveling, reading, collecting postcards and foreign currency, and most importantly spending time with his wife, Keira (CO '06), and two children Jackson and Madison.

### **Ron Zelt**, Associate Director of the USGS Nebraska Water Science Center

Ron Zelt graduated from Concordia in 1981 with a degree in education and then taught for one year at Blackfoot Christian School in Idaho. After marrying his wife Cindy, he moved to Seward and soon enrolled at UNL to study cartography. He received an M.A. in Geography from Univ. of Nebraska-

Lincoln in 1988, and later earned an M.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University. In 1987 Ron also began his federal government science career with student trainee positions with the USGS and CIA, where he acquired and applied skills in the emerging fields of GIS and digital cartography. After eight years with the USGS in Kansas and six years in Wyoming he returned to Lincoln where he presently serves as an Associate Director of the USGS Nebraska Water Science Center, and is responsible for Nebraska coordination of fluvial geomorphic and water-quality monitoring projects with local partners and/or national program leaders. His duties involve developing and overseeing hydrologic studies focused on questions involving cumulative effects, instream environmental flows, characterizing and comparing streamflow regimes, and relating riparian habitat and instream cover to water quality and aquatic biological responses. Ron is the Center's reports specialist as well, assigned to review all information products for technical adequacy and quality improvement.

Together with wife, Cindy, they have four adult children, two of whom attend college, while a third serves aboard the USS San Antonio, and the fourth is an educator employed by Lincoln Public Schools. Ron is a Michigan native and enjoys sports and the outdoors, whether through gardening, archery, hiking/XC skiing, wildlife videography, or canoeing.

**Jeff Matzke**, Planner, Community & Economic Development Department, City of Prior Lake, MN

A 2003 graduate of Concordia University with bachelor degrees in Geography and Business, Jeff continued his education at the University of Akron graduating in 2005 with a master's degree in Geography and Urban Planning. He has enjoyed a career in community development, working first in the Planning and Design Division of the Cleveland Metroparks in Cleveland, OH and for the last 8 years as City Planner for the City of Prior Lake, MN in the suburban Twin Cities area. Jeff lives in Chaska, MN with his wife Airin, (2002 Concordia graduate) and their two young daughters. In his spare time with his family, he enjoys traveling and watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball.

**Katie Bockelman**, Teacher and Social Studies Department Chair, Lincoln Lutheran MS/HS, Lincoln, NE

Katie attended Concordia from 1988-1992 and received a Bachelor's in Education in History and English. Since 1993, she has been teaching World Geography, World History, Religion and Journalism at Lincoln Lutheran MS/HS in Lincoln, NE. She also serves as the Social Studies Department Chair, the Student Council Adviser, and an assistant coach for the girls soccer team. She is currently enrolled in Concordia's Masters of Education in Curriculum and Design Program. She has a son, Isaiah, who is a junior at Concordia this year.

**Greg Miller**, Middle Level Teacher, Seward Middle School, Seward, NE

Greg Miller a 1998 graduate of Concordia, Seward and is currently in his 15th year of teaching Social Studies at Seward Middle School in Seward, NE. He is currently an instructor at Concordia for the Middle Level Social Studies methods course as well as a co-instructor for the Secondary Social Studies methods course.

**Aaron Boucher**, Air Quality Compliance Inspector, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Aaron graduated from Concordia in 1989 with a Business Administration major and then attended the University of Akron, receiving a master's degree in Geography in 1991. Since graduating from Akron he has worked for the Nebraska Tourism Office, the City of Red Cloud as a City Planner, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska as Senior Planner and Director of Resource Development, and the State of Nebraska Department of Administrative Services as State Recycling Coordinator. Aaron currently works for the State of Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality as an Air Quality Compliance Inspector. He also served as an instructor of geography at Concordia when Dr. Kinworthy was on sabbatical at the University of Akron. Aaron enjoys traveling, having recently traveled to Nepal (Mount Everest trek), France and Switzerland (Haute Route), Peru (the Inca Trail including Machu Picchu and Choquequirao) as well as Colombia, South America (where my wife is originally from).

**Todd Stellhorn**, Development Lead for ArcGIS Desktop, ESRI, Redlands, CA

Todd graduated from Concordia in 1985 with a BA in Geography. He then attended the University of Akron, graduating in 1987 with and MS in Geography. Todd joined Esri in August of 1987. At Esri, Todd has worked on multiple Feature and Product teams and is currently the Development Lead for ArcGIS Desktop.

**Dr. Vern Harnapp**, Professor of Geography, University of Akron, 1972-2000

Vern Harnapp attended Concordia High School from 1952-1954 and Concordia Teachers College from 1954-1958. Following graduation he taught grades 3-4 at Gloria Dei Lutheran School in Ambler Pennsylvania. In 1962 he earned an M.S. degree in Education Degree from The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Vern then served as a Social Studies teacher for grades 7-8 and Assistant Principal of Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, Kansas from 1964-1969. He then began his doctoral studies at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, received his Ph.D. in Geography in 1972. Vern spent his academic career at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, retiring as Professor of Geography in 2000. He currently lives in Longwood, Florida.

**Josh Grass**, Current Secondary Education major (Social Science and Geography), CUNE

Josh is a graduate of St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri. He is currently a senior at Concordia, studying Secondary Education majoring in Social Science and Geography.

**Adam Faulstich**, Current Secondary Education major (Social Science and Geography), CUNE

Adam is a graduate of St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri. He is currently a senior at Concordia, studying Secondary Education majoring in Social Science and Geography.