Ghostmapping:A Public Lecture Series

This lecture series draws upon the collective knowledge of the campus community to help everyone understand more about the issues raised in Johnson's book, "The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic -- and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World."

All events are free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER

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THE BLUE DEATH:

HOW THE CHOLERA EPIDEMICS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY SHAPED THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

- Dr. Charles Sanders

The waves of cholera that broke across the United States in 1832, 1839 and 1866 were so horrific that no segment of society was left unchanged. One by one previously-held conceptions of race, class, science, religion and government were destroyed when arrayed against this merciless killer, and when the dying finally ended Americans found themselves living in a nation that had been changed forever.

7 - 8 pm McVay Family Town Hall, Leadership Studies

OCTOBER

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WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT CITIES?

- Dr. Huston Gibson

What are the connections between the "The Ghost Map" and city planning? This lecture will discuss why cities are important; particularly exploring some of the main opportunities and challenges facing cities today – how and why they developed, how they are organized, and their primary functions.

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NOVEMBER

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MAPPING MANHATTAN:

USING MAPS TO REVEAL SECRETS IN OUR COMMUNITY - Dr. Katherine Nesse

Mapping revealed the likely center of the cholera epidemic in the mid-nineteenth century. Our more sophisticated mapping technology can reveal other hidden truths about our community today. This lecture will present maps about bicycling, food access, business development and we will discuss what we should do with this information.

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JANUARY

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DR. STEVEN HIGGS (Title TBD)

Associate Vice President for Research and Research Director, Biosecurity Research Institute

4 pm Location will be posted at www.k-state.edu/ksbn