

AAG Historical GIS Clearinghouse and Forum Now Available Online

The AAG's new Historical GIS Clearinghouse and Forum is now available online at www.aag.org/historical_gis. Visitors may both explore and contribute to this interactive site.

Created through the award of a Chairman's Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), this AAG initiative is designed to help scholars address significant challenges involved in creating GIS-based historical archives and conducting historical research using GIS. It will serve two primary functions, providing a clearinghouse of GIS-based historical archives and research projects from around the world, and creating an interactive discussion center



to facilitate dialogue between historians, geographers, and other scholars.

This digital humanities resource will allow researchers to draw on best practices,

identify and avoid common pitfalls, develop reliable standards, and address larger conceptual and theoretical challenges. In addition, the forum will provide basic online instructional materials for those scholars who are relatively new to GIS technologies and their complex capabilities.

The AAG is also currently organizing scholarly panels and workshops on historical GIS archives and research for the AAG's 2010 Annual Meeting, to be held in Washington, D.C., April 14-18. Deadline for the submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting is **October 28, 2009**. See www.aag.org/annualmeetings for more information. ■