

AAG-NCGE Workshop: Teaching Modern Geography
Call for Participation
April 16-17, 2007

Hilton San Francisco
333 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, California

The Association of American Geographers and National Council for Geographic Education will co-host a workshop based on the *Teacher's Guide to Modern Geography*, currently being developed by the AAG with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, immediately before the 2007 annual meeting of the AAG.

Objectives: This workshop is designed to help geographers make their courses more attractive and responsive to the needs of education majors on campus, while providing useful ideas for enhancing the spatial thinking skills of all students. Many elementary and secondary education majors take one or more undergraduate courses in geography to acquire the content background and skills proficiencies they need to satisfy certification and degree requirements. College and university geography instructors are often interested in how their courses can better meet state and national geography content standards. The workshop will present information that future teachers should know and be able to apply.

Materials: Workshop participants will review and evaluate samples of materials developed by the *Teacher's Guide to Modern Geography* grant for use in pre-service teacher education programs and in-service professional development. The materials consist of a multimedia CD demonstrating applications of spatial thinking, sample student activities, and a set of color and B&W transparency and PowerPoint masters. **Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop computer.**

Dates: The workshop is scheduled for Monday, April 16, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be led by Phil Gersmehl (Hunter College), Joseph Stoltman (Western Michigan University), and Michael Solem (AAG).

Funding: The AAG will pay a \$200 honorarium and reimburse participants up to \$250 in lodging and meal expenses (i.e., Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, Tuesday lunch, and overnight hotel on April 16) incurred during the workshop. Light snacks and refreshments will be available at the workshop. Receipts for expenses are necessary for reimbursement.

Application: Faculty from community colleges, four-year institutions, and graduate students who teach undergraduate courses in geography are invited and encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to individuals teaching courses that fulfill degree requirements for elementary and secondary education majors.

To apply, please complete and return the one-page application on the next page. Applications will be accepted until March 2, 2007, or until all spaces are filled.

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Application

Name: _____

Work Address: _____

Telephone numbers, home: _____ work: _____

E-mail address: _____

Professional position (check one):

- Community college faculty _____
- Four-year college or university faculty _____
- Graduate Student (Ph.D.) course instructor _____

Please indicate the approximate proportion of elementary and secondary education majors enrolled in courses you regularly teach:

< 10% __; 10-50% __; 51-90% __; > 90% __

List titles of geography courses you teach that satisfy education major requirements at your institution:

Travel and Lodging:

You are responsible for making your own travel and lodging arrangements to attend the workshop. If you are currently booked at the Hilton San Francisco, please call the hotel directly and modify your reservation for arrival by Monday, April 16, 2007. Alternative accommodations are available on the AAG annual meeting page at www.aag.org

Equipment:

Will you be able to bring a laptop to the workshop? (note: we cannot provide laptops to participants): __ Yes __ No

Meals:

Light snacks, coffee, and refreshments will be provided on the afternoon and morning of the workshop. Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Please return the completed application before March 2, 2007 by mail, fax, or e-mail to Michael Solem, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20009. Tel: 202-234-1450, Fax: 202-234-2744, Email: msolem@aag.org

Participants will be notified of their acceptance by March 9, 2007.