The Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) Early Career Workshop is a program designed for graduate students and faculty who are beginning their careers in higher education— instructors, lecturers, assistant professors, and other untenured faculty. The goal of the workshop is to help participants balance the many responsibilities of academic life and to understand how their teaching, research, service, outreach, and personal lives intersect and interconnect.

The workshop addresses teaching and learning, particularly those revolving around designing effective courses, issues of diversity and inclusion, and active pedagogy. Topics also include the most frequent sources of stress in the first years of a faculty appointment:

- Developing significant learning experiences for your students
- Career planning
- Time management
- Getting the most out of academic conferences
- Ethics in research, teaching, and advising
- Nuts-and-bolts issues about writing and publishing
- Preparing a CV, job search and interviewing
- Promoting collegiality
- Preparing for the tenure process
- Balancing personal and professional life

Participants will also have an opportunity to meet, learn with, and share some meals with those attending the Department Leadership Workshop being held during the same week. Most participants have built lasting networks among themselves and with workshop leaders.

George Washington University’s department of geography will host this summer workshop on it’s centrally-located Foggy Bottom campus in the heart of Washington, D.C.

A minimum of 25 participants are needed to meet the costs of the workshop. If fewer are enrolled as of May 15, the workshop may be cancelled and all funds returned to participants.

For more questions about the workshop contact Ken Foote (ken.foote@uconn.edu).

REGISTRATION FEES:

$1,200 includes a single dorm room, breakfasts, lunches, refreshments, three dinners, supplies, meeting rooms, computer network and printing access, graduate student support staff, and support for the workshops and teaching staff leaders

$750 excludes dorm room and breakfast for participants wishing to make their own housing arrangements, but includes all other activities and meals.

Often participants’ home departments or colleges pay all or part of the workshop cost, so please check with your chair, advisor, or dean about fellowship opportunities.

All participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Reagan National Airport is a short taxi or Metro ride away from the workshop venue. Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Dulles International Airport are about an hour away by airport transportation to public transit connections.

You do not need to be a member of the American Association of Geographers to register for the workshop or to enter the website. Follow the instructions to “Sign Up” for a temporary password if you are not an AAG member. Sign in to your account, if you are a member. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.