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Department of Geography and Environmental Studies

The Association of American Geographers
Visiting Geographical Scientist Program
1710 Sixteenth St NW
Washington, DC 20009-3198

5th Oct 2015

Subject: Visiting Geographical Scientist Program (VGSP)-2015, Professor Sarah Witham Bednarz (AAG President)

Dear VGSP/AAG Coordinator:

I am contacting you to assist us in inviting our Association of American Geographers President Professor Sarah W Bednarz under the VGSP- 2015 at California State University, San Bernardino and California State University, Fullerton. The department of Geography and Environment Studies (CSUSB) is a Lambda Chi chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon since November 2010. The department is planning several events to popularize geographical thinking through guest speakers of national and international fame.

I contacted Prof. Bednarz from the Department of Geography at Texas A and M and she has kindly agreed to give a talk at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) co-hosted by the department of Geography at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). CSUF houses undergraduate and graduate program and also is a GTU Chapter. The student, faculty and other learned members of the community will truly benefit from Prof Bednarz visit at both the universities.

Prof Bednarz will give a talk on **November 18, 2015** at **California State University, Fullerton** and on **November 19, 2015** at **California State University, San Bernardino**.

She will be giving a talk on the occasion of 'Geography Awareness Week'. The events are expected to be attended by faculty, students, and learned members of the campus community and community members. Also we plan to invite students faculty from nearby colleges and universities who can attend President Bednarz talk.

President Bednarz talk will be very enlightening and enriching for our students, faculty as well as scholars from cognate fields. As our department apart from degrees in geography, global studies, urban Planning also has certificate in GIS. Her research experience in teaching with GIS and being the AAG president will be very inspiring and motivating to all of us.

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She will be initiating new inductees for the Lambda Chi chapter as well. Subsequently, she will be meeting with members of Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES) with faculty, teaching academy and administrators as well. The speaker information will be advertised via campus flyers, university social media, departmental website, and SAGES face book page.

We are so honored to have the current AAG President Professor Sarah Bednarz who has kindly agreed to visit and give her presentations at our campuses. We will send you a detailed itinerary of Dr. Sarah Bednarz asap with a detailed outline of her meeting with students, faculty and administrators.

I look forward towards your response so that further arrangements can be made for making the events a success. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting me at (e-mail: rkalra@csusb.edu or office telephone: 909-537-3777).

Best wishes,
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Dr Sarah W Bednarz

AAG President, VGSP Guest Speaker on the Celebration of Geography Awareness Day 2015

17th-20th November 2015

17th November 2015: Dr. Sarah Bednarz arriving at Ontario, CA.

California State University, Fullerton: November 18, 2015

10:30-11:00am – Meet with Mark Drayse, Chair

11:00-11:30am – Meet with Lynn Sargeant, Associate Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

11:30-12:00 – Meet with Sheryl Fontaine, Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

12:00-1:00pm – Lunch with Geography faculty

1:15-2:15 – Talk by Professor Bednarz

2:30-3:00pm – Meet with students

18th November 2015

5.45 Pm: Dr. Bednarz will attend the Fall Banquet of Gamma Lambda Chapter of Phi Beta Delta at California State University, San Bernardino

7.30: Dropping Dr. Bednarz to the Hotel in Ontario.

California State University, San Bernardino: November 19, 2015

Picking Dr. Bednarz from the Hotel at 8.30 am

9.00-9.45: *Departmental Tour and Meeting with department chair Prof Norman Meek*

10.00-12.00 Talk by Prof Bednarz at CSUSB

New Inductions of GTU/ (yet to be finalized)

12.00-1.30 Lunch with students/faculty (csusb) from nearby colleges/Univ as well

2.30-3.00 pm Meeting with SAGES (Student association of geography and environmental studies) (Tea/Snacks)

3.00-3.30 pm Meeting with Dean of SBS

4.00-4.30pm Meeting with President Morales

5.00 pm Drop at Hotel / and or Dinner with Faculty (tentative depending when we are over with the meeting with President Morales)

8.00 PM Drop Dr. Bednarz to the Hotel

20th Nov 2015

Dr Bednarz fly back to Texas.

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