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New Geographies of Science

Geographers and cartographers are playing an active role in the new endeavor of knowledge mapping. The field explores ways of extracting meaningful and relevant information from largely unorganized data collections to create all manner of maps illustrating the landscape of scientific data. Faculty members Alan MacEachren and Mark Gahegan along with graduate student William Pike, all from Pennsylvania State University’s Department of Geography, took part in the May 2003 Arthur M. Sackler Colloquium on Mapping Knowledge Domains. Their work, “Visualization for Constructing and Sharing Geo-Scientific Concepts” was later published in a series on knowledge mapping in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). Geographer Sara Fabricant of the University of California, Continued on page 4

Helen Strong, Pioneer of Applied Geography

Isn’t it a great game!!” So wrote Helen Strong to Ellen Churchill Semple in 1930, as she strategized to advance applied geography. Strong was to give a paper on geography and business at the AAG Annual Meeting and proposed that, following the presentation, Semple “maneuver for...a motion” to form a committee to promote the value of geography to business. “With you,” she wrote, “I know it is the most significant subject for the Worcester meeting, but they don’t realize it. They will though.” (December 9, 1930). “You and I will swing this project with flying colors!! Two unbusinesslike women!!” (December 10, 1930).

Strong, the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Chicago (1921) and the fourth woman to be elected to AAG membership (1924), was far from unbusinesslike. Resourceful and energetic, she knew when games were called for. On her appointment to the University of Missouri in 1921, colleagues insisted that golf was the required game, and so she promptly learned to play. In 1923, another Chicago alum asked her to undertake a study for Congress on U.S. foreign agricultural trade. Strong not only did so, but quickly

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From the Meridian

Mapping the News

What the world needs now is understanding. This was the overarching theme that I challenged geographers and the media to consider as we began the Mapping the News conference last month at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The meeting, which was conceived and organized by the AAG with support from co-sponsors such as the National Geographic Society and ESRI, explored the growing interaction of geography and maps in the reporting of the news.

My goal in organizing the Mapping the News conference was to bring geographers together with leading journalists and senior editors from major media organizations to discuss how maps and an understanding of geographical context are integral to effective media coverage of news events, and how geography can help the media to tell the story and the public to better understand the news. The conference succeeded beyond my expectations, as the media presence and interest was very strong, the presentations were substantive and on target, and keynote speaker Bob Kerrey provided an eloquent and compelling call for the need for geography in understanding events in our world today. The media presence and interest was very strong, the presentations were substantive and on target, and keynote speaker Bob Kerrey provided an eloquent and compelling call for the need for geography in understanding events in our world today.

Panels of geographers and journalists covered Mapping the News topics ranging from elections mapping, health issues, and crime reporting to geography and government news, investigative reporting and GIS, imagery and TV, and social responsibility and the public’s right to know. AAG president Alec Murphy was among the many geographers who ably represented the discipline in these discussions.

Senior reporters and editors from many of the world’s major media organizations, including CBS News, US News and World Report, The New York Times, the Associated Press, The Chicago Tribune, TIME Magazine, Reuters, the Los Angeles Times, the Columbia School of Journalism, USA Today, and the Washington Post, as well as numerous regional newspapers and Internet news outlets, engaged geographers and senior governmental press officials in wide ranging discussions of the expanding role and sophistication of maps in the media, and their evolving role not simply as a locational addendum to the news story, but as integral narrative means to help convey the essential context and meaning of news events.

This trend in the use of maps as core narrative devices in telling the news story is evident in the greatly enhanced sophistication and presence of maps now being used in publications such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, and many of the national news weeklies over the past five years. Other publications are sure to follow in the years ahead, and we are already seeing more pervasive use of maps in the electronic media, including animated and dynamic maps on the television and the Internet news outlets.

This trend in the mass media, particularly on television, seems to me to offer far-reaching new possibilities for improving map literacy and stimulating geographic education in the general public and among young people in the U.S. and around the world.

It is also certain that geographers will have plenty to say and hopefully plenty to do to help improve the quality, context, and integrity of these maps as they proliferate in the media. There will also be an important role for geographers in examining the meanings conveyed by maps increasingly used in the media, including the distortions or inaccuracies that can
Thanks—And Some Parting Thoughts on Communication

As my term of office comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. Throughout my extensive travels I have encountered enthusiastic, dedicated geographers working not only to advance our discipline but to make a better world. It has been an uplifting experience. I want to express special thanks to my fellow AAG Councilors and Executive Committee members, and to the superb staff in our Washington office. The intelligence and commitment of these individuals is inspiring.

Writing these columns has been a great privilege. Every month I can tell when the newsletters begin arriving in people's mailboxes because of the flurry of emails I receive. My thanks go to all of you who have taken the time to read these missives. I have tried to touch on issues that I think bear serious reflection, and I appreciate the thoughtful replies I have received.

Before signing off, I want to raise one more issue I believe to be of some importance: the communication of geographical research. This is not a simple or straightforward matter, as different forums and circumstances require different kinds of communication. Moreover, we certainly do not want to discourage specialized research exchanges at the frontiers of intellectual inquiry, even if they are largely impenetrable to a wider audience. Yet at times I wonder if our work might receive broader dissemination if we made a priority of presenting it in ways that are both effective and engaging.

Our most important form of communication is the written word, and our discipline includes some wonderful writers. I worry, however, that more of our writings than necessary are inaccessible or uninteresting to a broader audience. My concern here is not necessarily the average “person on the street” (although there are times when we should write for that audience). Instead, I am thinking of those educated, thoughtful individuals who have some interest in the problems we are addressing, but who are not necessarily drawn to our writings. This includes everyone from scholars in other disciplines to readers of serious books, periodicals, and newspapers focused on the issues of the day.

The turn toward theoretical introspection in parts of our discipline has brought important insights, but at times, in our effort to situate our work within the thickets of relevant theories and literatures, we allow the fundamental questions driving our research to get pushed to the background. Theoretical specificity is vital, of course, but I am not convinced that we always have the balance right—or even that we have to sacrifice theoretical subtlety in order to maintain our focus on the key questions we are seeking to elucidate. Outside of narrow research circles, people tend to think in terms of issues and problems, not generalized concepts and literatures. If we want to reach a broader audience, the issues and problems that motivate our research should be front and center in our writings, even as we bring in different literatures and theories to explain what we are doing.

More generally, the trend toward greater specialization across the discipline has worked against the kind of storytelling that can engage a broader audience. The idea of geographers telling stories might seem like a quaint relic from another era, but people are drawn to stories. Environmental historians have been reaching out to broader audiences by relating provocative, interesting stories about places and regions. Not all geographic inquiries lend themselves to a narrative approach, but when they do, we should embrace the opportunity. Storytelling need not come at the expense of intellectual rigor, and it can help us reach out beyond the confines of our own discipline.

Presentations are also important modes of communication, and I have long felt that geography’s visual orientation gives us an advantage. New technologies keep making it easier to develop and display the maps and other geographic visualizations that are critical to so much of our work. Yet I cannot resist offering one comment about the growing use of PowerPoint. This tool can be extraordinarily effective, but the ease of creating PowerPoint slides has its disadvantages, too. I have become particularly concerned about PowerPoint text slides. Not everything can or should be neatly bracketed into three or four bulleted points, and when great blocks of a speaker’s text appear on PowerPoint slides, it may well discourage thoughtful listening. As long-standing leaders in the visualization arena, geographers would do well to model the best, most exciting possibilities of visual communication in our presentations while avoiding the dumbing-down of public exchange that can ensue when careful listening is replaced by bulleted reading.

This last point may sound like a personal pet peeve (it’s my last chance!). Even if you disagree though, my goal is to stimulate some serious reflection about the approaches we take to communicating our scholarship to others. The matter is certainly not trivial. Geography is poised to grow and flourish—and to have a profound impact on the world—but this will happen only by means of lively, effective, and thoughtful communication.

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Golledge Selected for Decade of Behavior National Advisory Committee

Reginald Golledge has been selected to join the Decade of Behavior (DOB) National Advisory Committee for a term lasting from 2004 to 2006. The DOB (2000-2010) is a multidisciplinary initiative to focus the talents, energy, and creativity of the behavioral and social sciences on challenges including improving education and health care; enhancing safety in homes and communities; actively addressing the needs of an aging population; and helping to curb drug abuse, crime, high risk behaviors, poverty, racism, and cynicism towards government. Golledge will bring a geographical perspective to the committee, which includes members from many disciplines, research areas, and geographic areas so as to provide the widest possible outreach to the public and scientific communities.

Golledge is a professor of geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Legally blind for the past twenty years, he has interests in behavioral geography including spatial cognition, cognitive mapping, individual decision-making, household activity patterns, gender issues in spatial cognition, and the acquisition and use of spatial knowledge across the life span. Recent research has included work on adventitious and congenitally blind persons.

More on the Decade of Behavior can be found at http://www.decadeofbehavior.org/.

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Santa Barbara and co-authors D.R. Montello, M. Ruocco, and R. Middleton, presented a poster at the colloquium entitled, “The First Law of Cognitive Geography and Knowledge Domain Maps.” Geographer André Skupin (University of New Orleans) also took part in the Sackler Colloquium and his work, “The World of Geography: Visualizing a Knowledge Domain with Cartographic Means” was included in the PNAS series.

The maps produced in knowledge mapping are notable for the range of cartographic strategies employed to visualize scientific knowledge. They also provide further evidence of the diffusion of geographic and cartographic techniques in physical and social science, and of the interdisciplinary dialogue in which some geographers are currently engaged. Among the benefits of this cross-fertilization of ideas include greater visibility and appreciation for geography and cartography in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and public and private funding agencies.

The impetus for this new field comes from the recent explosion of electronically available information. The abundance of data has spawned the development of a new interdisciplinary science aimed at charting, mining, analyzing, sorting, and displaying interesting and important aspects of information. This was recognized by the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science in 2002 when the consortium named “spatialization” (or knowledge mapping) as a research priority. The Sackler Colloquium’s goal was to improve the field of science-mapping through a demonstration and comparison of different techniques, algorithms, and approaches utilized in the analysis and visualization of knowledge domains.

For additional information about mapping knowledge domains, order a copy of the April 6, 2004, issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), or visit http://vw.indiana.edu/sackler03/ or www.ucgis4.org/priorities/research/2002 researchPDF/shortterm/p_spatialization.pdf.

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widened the assignment, with the result that a position was created for her as Geographer of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Over the next decade in this position, she studied commodities from alfalfa to swimsuits, working to solve trade problems for American farmers and manufacturers. She spoke to many business groups to promote geography and was featured in The Washington Post. She also slipped an equal area projection map to Herbert Hoover along with a report, persuading him to replace the Mercator maps then used in Department of Commerce publications, and she convinced the U.S. Geographic Board to expand its agenda to include not only domestic but foreign place names.

Strong left the Department of Commerce during the massive staff reductions of the 1930s Depression, transferring to the Coast and Geodetic Survey. But

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Roger Kasperson Elected to American Academy

Roger Kasperson has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Kasperson is executive director of the Stockholm Environment Institute in Sweden, and currently teaches geography at Clark University. He has written widely on issues connected with risk analysis, risk communication, global environmental change, risk and ethics, and environmental policy and recently completed a term as co-editor for the Annals of the AAG, Nature and Society section. He is a Fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis and was elected to the National Academy of Science in 2003.

Kasperson will be welcomed as a new Fellow at an induction ceremony in October at the academy's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He will join the Social Sciences Section 1: Social Relations (Anthropology, Archaeology, Sociology, Social and Developmental Psychology, Education, Demography, and Geography). He is the only geographer to be elected this year.

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with the Dust Bowl, she identified a new challenge for applied geography—promoting education by the Soil Conservation Service. Travelling in forty-eight states, she often gave multiple speeches in a day to teachers, agricultural workers, and women’s clubs; she spoke on radio and with reporters. With the advent of World War II, she was recruited to the Military Intelligence Committee of the War Department General Staff and then to the Foreign Economic Administration. Strong retired from these “great games” in 1953, teaching and serving as Acting Chair of Geography at Elmhurst College until 1959.

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AAG PlacesOnLine Named Web Site of the Month by Travelsmart

The March 2004 issue of Travelsmart magazine recognized the AAG-sponsored PlacesOnLine.org as Web site of the Month. PlacesOnLine was lauded for not only its virtual tour capability and search engine but for the high quality content offered through its links. The rigorous screening of Web sites results in links that are “tops in coverage.” Travelsmart, in its twenty-ninth year, is the nation’s oldest consumer travel newsletter.

PlacesOnLine provides access to the world’s very best place-based Web sites. Its editors are Thomas D. Hankins, Marshall University, and Curtis C. Roseman, University of Southern California. To view the site visit www.PlacesOnLine.org.

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result from inadequate or manipulative map design, areas in which geographers have conducted substantial research and can offer special insight.

The Mapping the News conference was one of those rare events which resonated with the feel of history being made. As keynote speaker Bob Kerrey, a former U.S. Senator and current president of the New School University in New York said, “Geography and mapping applications are taking place in the context of a highly net-worked world. This is a crucial point because it signals that what is powering this renewal are the choices being made by tens of millions of individuals who are using geography to answer some of life’s most important questions....Among the most important needs is to begin collecting regional and global data so that we can orient to an expanded set of facts as we try to measure our status and our progress. We need to visualize that data, bring it alive with skilled storytelling...and use it for reasoned and global public debate about the great overarching challenges we face; how to sustain our existence on this planet, how to continue the expansion of democracy, how to produce a world that is more fair and just, and how to respond to mind-numbing demographic, environmental and health catastrophes. Mapping the News is a very big idea. It just might be the way for us to realize our highest and most virtuous aspirations.”

It is clear that what the world needs now is understanding. Not only understanding of the world, but understanding in the world. Geography can play a key role in achieving both of these kinds of understanding. But we will need to speak to others than ourselves if we are to contribute to this understanding to our full potential. Building real bridges to the media will strengthen both our discipline and our ability to bring geographical knowledge, research, and insight to bear on the needs of a very needy world.
Call for Papers
2005 Annual Meeting of the AAG

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers attracts more than 4,000 geographers and related professionals from the United States, Canada, and abroad. Our meeting forum stimulates discussion about research, education, accomplishments, and developments in geography. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged.

The 2005 annual meeting will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado. If you are interested in submitting a presentation please read the following guidelines carefully. In late summer we will release instructions on how to submit your participation/registration fee and abstracts online. If you have any questions about these guidelines please direct them to Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org.

PRESENTATIONS

An individual may give one, and only one of the following types of presentations:

- Paper
- Poster Presentation
- Illustrated Paper

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods, and conclusions of research you have conducted. No one may submit or take part in more than one presentation.

Papers
(Abstract submission deadline: October 21, 2004)

Twenty minutes will be allotted for presentation and discussion of each paper. Visual aids can greatly enhance communication when they are used properly. Tables and charts prepared for publication rarely are satisfactory in a short oral presentation. Illustrations should be legible when viewed on a screen from a distance of 100 feet. Charts project better than tables. Complex tables and detailed maps are more effective when distributed as handouts than when projected on a screen. The use of maps is encouraged, because many people in the audience will not know the locations of all places to which you refer.

The AAG provides LCD projectors, 35mm carousel slide projectors, and overhead projectors in all of the meeting rooms. Participants must furnish their own computers and slide trays. Any AV needs other than the standard options mentioned, must be arranged by the attendee at her own expense. If you require AV equipment that is not listed, please contact Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org.

Illustrated Papers
(Abstract submission deadline: October 21, 2004)

An illustrated paper is a short (3-5 minute) oral summary of problem, data, method, and findings presented in poster format, followed by one-on-one or small group discussion with interested listeners. All oral summaries (8 to 12 per session) will be given at the beginning of each illustrated paper session, before participants disperse to the poster boards around the room. Each presenter will post illustrations and other relevant materials on a 4' x 8' poster board supplied by the AAG.

Poster Presentation
(Abstract submission deadline: October 28, 2004)

Use the poster format for your presentation when your material lends itself to visual rather than verbal communication. Each presentation should make a unified, coherent statement. Materials, both textual and visual, should be of professional quality and be clearly legible from a distance of 4 feet. Graphic materials will be displayed on a 4' x 8' poster board supplied by the AAG. Textual material should be confined to brief statements. Presentations consisting mostly of text are more appropriate as paper presentations.

Nystrom Award Papers
(Paper submission deadline: September 23, 2003)

Papers submitted for the J. Warren Nystrom Award must be based on a recent dissertation in geography. Eligibility for this award is restricted to persons who have received the Ph.D. since April 2003 and who were paid members of the AAG in 2003, 2004, and 2005. The Nystrom awards are made from a fund established by J. Warren Nystrom, former executive director of the AAG.

Guidelines for submitting papers for this award differ substantially from those for other papers. Applicants for Nystrom awards should request details from, Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org, well before the deadline for submissions.

ABSTRACTS

Everyone who presents a paper, illustrated paper or poster presentation must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words that describes the presentation's purpose, methods, and conclusions. Please be sure to include keywords (see abstract instructions).

Your abstract will not be edited; you are responsible for avoiding spelling, grammatical, and typographical errors. Use the active voice for your abstract and presentation. Transmit your research results clearly and concisely. Avoid jargon.

Submission of an abstract grants permission for the AAG to include it in the meeting abstract compilation and to disseminate it electronically.

ORGANIZED SESSIONS

Individuals, groups, and specialty groups may organize sessions at the AAG annual meeting. Organized
Sessions are a great way to bring distant colleagues together to discuss current research and to advance your field. If you choose not to participate in a pre-organized session, the AAG Program Committee will place your paper into the most germane session available.

- Each session may list in the program up to two organizers and one chair
- Paper Sessions consist of 5 papers or 4 papers and a discussant. Each paper is expected to conform to the 20-minute time limit.
- Illustrated Paper Sessions consist of 8-12 illustrated papers. Refer to the illustrated paper guidelines for information on format.
- Panel Sessions consist of 4-6 participants. These sessions are 100-minute discussions among the panel and audience members. Formal presentations are not to be part of panel sessions.

**ENRICHMENT FUNDS**

The Denver Annual Meeting Program Committee will allocate a total of $7,500 to support participation of distinguished non-geographers in the 2005 annual meeting. Contact the AAG office or visit the annual meeting section of the AAG Web site for an application form. Deadline for receipt of applications is September 30, 2004.

**WORKSHOPS and FIELD TRIPS**

Anyone interested in organizing a workshop or field trip for the 2005 annual meeting should contact Oscar Larson, at meeting@aag.org for the appropriate forms and further information. Proposals must be submitted by September 30, 2004. Workshops and field trips are an excellent way for participants to learn about different areas of geography in an interactive environment. We encourage you to submit your ideas for our consideration.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

Anyone interested in the advancement of geography meets the requirements of participation in our annual meeting.

You are eligible to give a presentation, or participate in other capacities in the program if you have paid your meeting registration fee prior to submitting your abstract or if you have paid your meeting registration prior to your participation if you do not intend to present.

Eligible Participants May Present Only One Paper, Illustrated Paper, or Poster Presentation. Participation in the program as a session chair, discussant, panelist, non-presenting co-author, session organizer, workshop organizer, or field trip organizer or leader does not affect your eligibility to present a paper, poster, or illustrated paper. Anyone who participates in more than two events runs the risk time of conflicts that staff will not be able to resolve.

**FEES**

All participants, except non-attending co-authors, must pay the appropriate participation fee before submitting an abstract. Annual meeting registration fees may be paid online.

**Presentation Content**

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers is an open forum for sharing the results of research and teaching in geography and related specialties. The contents of annual meeting presentations by individuals or groups at the annual meeting are theirs alone. The Association of American Geographers neither endorses nor disclaims the conclusions, interpretations or opinions expressed by speakers at its annual meeting.

**ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS**

Everyone who presents a paper, poster, or illustrated paper must submit an abstract. For your abstract to be accepted for publication, it must not exceed 250 words and must be submitted online after you pay your participation fee. The abstract must describe the presentation’s purpose, methods, and conclusions.

Please notice and adhere to the following format instructions for the body of the abstract:

- Do not put your name and affiliation in the body of the abstract.
- Do not enter the title in the body of the abstract.
- Do not use abbreviations.
- Do not use underlining, boldface type, italics, subscripts, or superscripts.
- Do not include any codes for justification, hyphenation, line height, line centering, margins, spacing, fonts, page centering, page numbering, suppression, or tabs, in your abstract.
- Do not use bulleted lists
- Do not include phone numbers or email addresses in the body of the abstract.

**Guide to Selecting Keywords for your Abstract**

Keywords may be compound (such as “political geography”). Keywords should generally be nouns, not adjectives or adverbs. Do not use abbreviations. In creating your keywords, try to think of how someone might want to search for your topic in the abstract volume.

If your presentation is about color cartography, an appropriate keyword might be “cartography-color.” Under no circumstance can you use a comma within a keyword.

Make certain your geography is not too specific. For example, suppose your paper is about southwestern Kentucky. A user of the abstract volume interested in Kentucky is going to look at the K’s, not at the S’s. Therefore, either use “Kentucky” or “Kentucky-southwest.”

In referring to a systematic sub field, do use the word “geography.” Use “economic geography” as the keyword and not “economic.”

If you have a choice between the plural and the singular form, use the plural. If your keyword could be “race” or “races,” use “races.”

**SAMPLE:** Keywords: cartography, atlases, United States.
Response to Centennial Fund Student Challenge

Responses have begun to roll in to the challenge issued by students at George Washington University (GWU), for geography students at other departments to raise $100 for the AAG Centennial Fund. Student members of the Geography Student Organization and Gamma Theta Upsilon (Alpha Phi Chapter) from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) were inspired by the GWU group’s action, and have the distinction of being the first to respond to the challenge. Their Centennial Fund donation arrived accompanied by a note from the UNL groups’ president Dan Wurdinger saying, “We are proud to make this small offering to support a fund dedicated to the development and celebration of the geography profession.”

Student groups who want to take on this challenge are invited to contact Patricia Solís, AAG Deputy Director at psolis@aag.org or use the form on page 13 of this issue. Groups who meet or exceed a $100 contribution will be recognized in a future AAG Newsletter.

The AAG Centennial Fund has a goal of reaching $2 million to create a long-term, stable endowment fund. This will allow us to advance geography broadly in the years ahead. Interest accrued from the endowment can be used to strengthen academic geography, provide leadership training, and ensure a means for capitalizing on unique opportunities that arise in the future.

Nominations Sought for 2005 AAG Honors and Nominating Committees

The AAG Council seeks nominations for candidates to serve on the AAG Honors Committee and the AAG Nominating Committee. The AAG Council will prepare the final slate of candidates for both committees from the nominations received, and committee members will be elected by a vote of the AAG membership.

Nominations for the Honors Committee can include persons (1) from the membership at large and (2) from those members who have previously received AAG Honors (a list of previous honorees can be found in the AAG’s Guide to Geography Programs in North America). Honors Committee members serve for two years and are responsible for making recommendations of awardees for various AAG Honors for Council consideration.

Nominating Committee members serve for one year. The committee recommends to the Council the slate of candidates for the AAG Vice President, President, and National Councillor elections.

If you wish to nominate yourself or other qualified individuals for service on these committees, please contact AAG Secretary Kavita Pandit by June 30, 2004. Nominations should include the contact information of the nominee, a brief biosketch, and indication that the nominee is willing to be placed on the slate of candidates for election by the AAG membership.

Visiting Fulbright Scholar from Vietnam

AG member William A. Dando was chosen as professor-mentor for Vietnam Fulbright Senior Scholar, Dr. Lai Vinh Cam. Lai will research aspects of rural environmental quality, sustainable agriculture, and food provisioning in selected regions of Vietnam during his stay at his American host institution Indiana State University. Lai’s web page, www.indstate.edu/scholars/Fulbright.htm, includes contact information for institutions interested in inviting him to speak.

Lai’s support-advisory team also includes Paul W. Mausel, Ryan R. Jensen, and Susan M. Berta.
Since 1989, Joseph Kerski has served as geographer in the Education Program at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). His work focuses on the creation and nurturing of educational partnerships among government agencies, nonprofit organizations, private industry, professional societies, universities, community colleges, and K-12 schools for the enhancement of geography and science teaching and learning. He teaches frequently at schools and Colleges. Joseph conducts approximately forty GIS and geography workshops annually for educators, the general public, government, news media, scientists, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. Among other distinctions, Joseph serves on the Executive Planning Board of the National Council for Geographic Education, is a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, and has been a member of the AAG since 1992. Joseph lives in Denver, Colorado with his wife and two children, who were featured last year in The Boulder Daily Camera with Joseph as the “World’s Nerdiest Dad” for roaming the countryside with a GPS receiver.

AAG: What inspired you to work for the federal government?
Joseph: The whole idea of public service. We are doing things for the public and all the broad audiences that involves. I take that seriously. I’m here to serve. I also like being part of the rich history of the Department of Interior.

AAG: Why does USGS have a geographer on staff doing what you do?
Joseph: Because it’s tied to our mission—it’s not enough to just put out data or reports. The value added is to make it understandable to people, no matter the audience. Also, I think that unlike the way the government has been perceived in the past, we don’t just do something ‘to’ a community, we work as part of a community toward common goals.

AAG: You do work with quite a variety of people.
Joseph: It’s been a true privilege over the last fifteen years. We’re all learning and you learn so much from others. I’m thrilled to be able to do this kind of work. You get to a certain point and realize that the subject matter is important, but the kind of people you work with becomes just as important as the subject matter.

AAG: How large is the group of people you work with?
Joseph: Well, let’s just say, I get about 120 emails a day from various sources. It’s sort of like drinking from a fire hose.

AAG: What about other geographers?
Joseph: I think that the geography community is just—it sounds corny—some of the neatest people to work with. There is always some sort of collaborative effort, and usually everyone is so enthusiastic about telling you what they’re doing—it’s something I find really refreshing about the geographic education and research communities.

AAG: I think your own enthusiasm must have something to do with it, too.
Joseph: It’s hard not to be enthusiastic. I think we’re all driven by some common concerns, about the earth and the environment, but also concern about people—and how they’re affected by what is going on. Geographers are a caring bunch, trying to make the world a better place, not just environmentally but a better place to live.

AAG: Is that why you got into geography education?
Joseph: The reason why I got into education—as a former cartographer—was that I wanted to do be able to touch lives in a different way. It’s expanded my thinking, even if it’s something small like sending educational or research materials to someone who needs them.

AAG: How has it expanded your thinking?
Joseph: We are asking the questions, what does this really mean? Not just click, click, click.

AAG: How is that important where you work?
Joseph: We need folks now more than ever to think about big issues. I look at these job ads in the federal government and see how we need more than button pushers, but interdisciplinary thinkers—the big picture people—to deal with complex problems like urban sprawl, water quality, global change, natural hazards. Where are we going to get them from? Geographers are in one of the best positions to fill those jobs and we’ll need more of them as these problems become paramount in the twenty-first century.

AAG: Did you always know you’d end up doing this?
Joseph: People told me you can’t really have a career in geography. I began majors in engineering and business but I kept taking geography classes, thinking, “This is the only thing I really enjoy.” My advice—sounds sort of hokey, but—is to follow your dreams. Why go to a job every day that you don’t like to do? Do something that you’re passionate about.

AAG: Is there any place you are particularly passionate about?
Joseph: I’m a real fan of ordinary places. Sometimes I walk around industrial areas, where people live, everyday geography. Many people would say that’s ‘just’ a field or ‘just’ an intersection but for geographers it’s never just ‘just’!

AAG: I understand you have agreed to co-chair the local arrangement committee for the AAG Annual Meeting in Denver in 2005. Any interesting plans?
Joseph: It’ll be fun—a lot of good connections. I’ve got a list of twenty different places in mind for field trips already.

AAG: Your excitement is contagious.
Joseph: You know, we’re all doing this together—all of us geographers, we’ve all got a role to play and it’s a team effort. Wouldn’t it be something if we could know all that we’re doing collectively and what a difference that is making?
AAG member John O’Loughlin is the recipient of a 2004 Guggenheim Fellowship.

O’Loughlin is professor of geography at the University of Colorado where he also is director of the NSF-funded graduate training program in "Globalization and Democracy" in the Institute of Behavioral Science. His research interests include the political transition in Ukraine and Russia, including the development of a civic society and ethno-regional loyalties, the diffusion of democracy, the political geography of conflict, and the political geography of Nazi Germany. He is editor of Political Geography.

Other Guggenheim winners in the category of Geography and Environmental Studies are Judith A. Carney of Topanga, California, and Jeffrey Herbst of Princeton, New Jersey.

O’Loughlin Receives Guggenheim Fellowship

NASA Recognizes AAG Centennial

The National Aeronautic and Space Administration’s Johnson Space Center recognized the AAG centennial with a gift for the AAG of a custom designed montage and plaque signed by NASA Center Director General Jefferson Howell Jr. The plaque includes an American flag that was flown on the space shuttle Atlantis in 2002.

NASA Chief Scientist for Earth Observations and geographer Kamlesh Lulla presented this NASA commemorative gift to the AAG at the AAG’s Centennial Meeting in Philadelphia.

It was at NASAs manned spaceflight center (now Johnson Space Center) in Houston that a group of geographers met in 1967 to prepare a report for NRC entitled “use of spacecraft in geographic research” that laid the foundation for Landsat and other remote sensing programs. ■

SEDAAG “Role of the South” Book Now Available


Published in 2004 by Bellwether Publishing Ltd., the book costs $24.45 ($19.95 per copy plus $4.50 postage).

Orders may be made by contacting James O. Wheeler, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2502. Phone 706-542-2350, fax 706-542-2388, or email jowheel@uga.edu.

Please make checks payable to SEDAAG. ■

Recognition and Support for the AAG Centennial

The AAG wishes to acknowledge the following collegial organizations for gifts and honors bestowed on the occasion of the AAG Centennial Meeting: the Canadian Association of Geographers for a historic map of North America; the Geographical Society of China for a distinguished banner and plaque; and the Comité National Francais de Géographie for their declaration of support.

The AAG would like to thank the following organizations for their financial support of the AAG Centennial Meeting in Philadelphia: the National Council on Geographic Education, Gamma Theta Upsilon, the National Geographic Society, Microsoft, Forest T. Jones Co., SunTrust Bank, Potomac Basin Group Associates, the United States Geological Survey, Rand McNally, the Decade of Behavior, ISG Solutions, and Automated Graphic Systems, Inc. ■

From the left: AAG Past President M. Duane Nellis, NASA’s Kamlesh Lulla, and AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson with montage and plaque given to AAG by NASA.
When the AAG was founded in Philadelphia in 1904, nine of the forty-eight charter members of the association were geologists and topographers from the U.S. Geological Survey. From this beginning and the subsequent century-long partnership, both organizations have benefited, as well as the nation as a whole, as we have worked cordially and effectively together to advance the science of geography and its application for addressing vital issues in society and the natural world.

Established by Congress in 1879, the USGS also celebrates a significant anniversary in 2004. For 125 years our role in government concerning geography has been to produce a sound foundation of accurate, widely available geographic information for scholars, government officials, and the public. AAG members have in turn used this information to forward geographic thought, to promote geographic understanding, and to encourage the application of geographic research.

The idea of *The National Map*—the USGS vision for digitally-based topographic mapping in the 21st century—is a relatively recent response to a continuing, critical need of the nation. During the first 100 years of the USGS, the thousands of surveyors, photogrammetrists, cartographers, and others who labored for more than 33 million hours to complete the more than 55,000 USGS topographic maps covering the United States could not have foreseen the rapid acceleration of computer technology that has transformed the mapping profession today. Advances in digital cartography and geographic analysis, combined with coalescing technologies such as portable computers and the Internet, now offer dramatic possibilities for meeting the complex geospatial information demands of government, private industry, scientists, and the public.

The reliable and readily accessible geographic framework provided by *The National Map* makes it possible to pursue place-based analyses of diverse types of information, to monitor changes and detect trends, and to discover connections between otherwise seemingly independent phenomena and processes. Publicly available geographic information from *The National Map* can be used for a multitude of purposes in science, business, and education, and in the delivery of government services. Enhanced and extended, geographic information from *The National Map* forms the basis for a wealth of commercial products.

To learn more about *The National Map*, I invite you to visit us at http://nationalmap.usgs.gov.

Barbara Ryan
Associate Director for Geography, USGS
bjryan@usgs.gov

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**2004 NAS Geographical Sciences Committee**

The National Academy of Sciences announced the membership for the 2004 Geographical Sciences Committee. Members include: Chair, Roger M. Downs, Pennsylvania State University; Brian J. L. Berry, University of Texas at Dallas; Susan L. Cutter, University of South Carolina; Ruth S. DeFries, University of Maryland; William E. Easterling, Pennsylvania State University; Patricia Gober, Arizona State University; Michael Goodchild, University of California, Santa Barbara; Susan Hanson, Clark University; Jonathan D. Mayer, University of Washington; Emilio F. Moran, Indiana University; David Skole, Michigan State University; Ayse Can Talen, Fannie-Mae Foundation; and Anthony R. de Souza, BESR Director.

The Geographical Sciences Committee (GSC), formerly the Committee on Geography, is a standing committee under the auspices of the National Academies/National Research Council (NRC) Board on Earth Sciences and Resources (BESR). The committee provides independent advice to society and to government at all levels on scientific, technical, and policy matters related to geography and geographic analysis. To learn more about the GSC visit http://www7.nationalacademies.org/besr/Geography.html.
Members of Note

During the 12th General Assembly of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) meetings held in Durban, South Africa, Harold Moellering was awarded the title of Honorary Fellow of the International Cartographic Association. The award recognizes his continuing scientific contributions to the ICA, especially to the ICA Commission on Spatial Data Standards. Moellering is currently a professor of geography and geodetic science at Ohio State University, where he is also director of the department’s Numerical Cartography Laboratory. He is past Chairman of the ACSM Committee on Automation in Cartography and Surveying, and has served as a member of the Committee on Cartography of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council.

Thomas R. Loveland was elected as assistant director for the Remote Sensing Applications Division of the ASPRS.

Chuck Croner, geographer and survey statistician at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was honored at the 17th Annual GIS Conference held by Towson University. Chuck received the Outstanding Contribution to GIS in Maryland Award in recognition of his work to publish the GIS and Public Health newsletter.

Lisa Benton-Short, assistant professor of geography at the George Washington University, was one of five experts (and the only geographer) selected to testify before the U.S. Senate on March 30, 2004. Her testimony analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the National Heritage Areas Program, was delivered before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, subcommittee on National Parks. Her testimony can be read at http://energy.senate.gov/hearings/witnesslist.cfm?id=1128.

New Appointments

Florida Atlantic University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Maria Fadiman. Ph.D., 2003, University of Texas at Austin.

Georgia College and State University, Assistant Professor, Charles Fahrer. Ph.D., 2001, South Carolina.

Gustavus Adolphus College, Visiting Assistant Professor, Jason Haugland. Ph.D., 2003, University of Colorado, Boulder.

University of Connecticut, Assistant Professor in Residence, Joy Fritschle Mason. Ph.D., expected 2004, University of Wisconsin.

University of Southern Mississippi, Assistant Professor, Jason Janke. Ph.D., 2004, University of Colorado.

University of Texas at Austin, Assistant Professor, Brian H. King. Ph.D., expected 2004, University of Colorado, Boulder.

University of Texas at Austin, Assistant Professor, Robert Dull. Ph.D., 2001, University of California, Berkeley.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Assistant Professor, Chen Chien Feng. Ph.D., expected 2004, SUNY-Buffalo.

Youngstown State University, Assistant Professor, Bradley A. Shellito. Ph.D., 2001, Michigan State University.

Key: New institution, position, name. Degree, year degree granted, granting institution.
GIScience 2004

Registration is now available online for GIScience 2004. Co-sponsored by the AAG, GIScience 2004 is the follow-up meeting to the highly successful GIScience 2000 and 2002 conferences with over 300 researchers attending each time. The 2004 conference will again bring together scientists from academia, industry, and government to analyze progress and to explore new research directions. It will focus on emerging topics and basic research findings across all sectors of geographic information science. The conference program aims to attract leading GIScience researchers from all fields to reflect the interdisciplinary breadth of GIScience, including geography, cognitive science, computer science, engineering, information science, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, social science, and statistics.

Keynote speakers for GIScience 2004 are Mark Gahegan, Pennsylvania State University; Lotfi Zadeh, Berkeley Initiative in Soft Computing, University of California, Berkeley; Ben Shneiderman, Human Computer Interaction Laboratory, University of Maryland; Jean Serra, Centre de Morphologie Matématique, Ecole des Mines de Paris; Liqiu Meng, Technical University of Munich; Michael Batty, Center for Advanced Spatial Analysis, University College, London; and Peter Weiss, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The conference will be held October 20-23, 2004 at the Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland, near Washington, DC. Attendees may register for the conference at www.giscience.org or www.aag.org/giscience2004/.

Honorary Geographer Nominations Solicited

Every year the AAG designates an individual as that year’s AAG Honorary Geographer as a way of recognizing excellence in research, teaching, or writing on geographic topics by non-geographers. Nominations for the 2004 Honorary Geographer are now being solicited.

Nominations should include the complete name and address of the nominee and a concise (500 words maximum) yet specific description of the accomplishments that warrant the nominee’s selection as an Honorary Geographer. Biographical and bibliographical information not included in the statement should not exceed three additional pages of text.

Nominations are due no later than September 15, 2004. Digital submissions to ekhater@aag.org are preferred. Hardcopy nominations should be mailed to the AAG Meridian Place Office, (Honorary Geographer), 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198.
China Geography SG Awards
The China Geography Specialty Group gave a travel award of $50 to Hu Zhiyong, Department of Geography, the University of Hong Kong, for his paper “Deconstructing State-owned Enterprises in Socialist China under Reform: A Scalar Examination”. His advisor is George C.S. Lin.

Communication Geography SG
The newly established Communication Geography Specialty Group sponsored eleven paper sessions and held its inaugural business meeting at the 100th Annual Meeting of the AAG in Philadelphia. The specialty group provides a forum for intellectual exchange among geographers studying communication issues within a political, economic, or cultural geography framework as well as geographers studying communication technologies and infrastructure. The establishment of the Communication Geography Specialty group reflects the recent explosion of scholarship on communication within geography. The richness of this research was reflected in the sponsored sessions on new communication technologies, urban communication, social and cultural conflict, the geography of film, and the role of communication in place making and community formation. Officers elected at the business meeting include chairperson Paul C. Adams, secretary-treasurer Barney Warf, communications director Michael Longan, and student liaison Melanie McCalmon. The specialty group has established a Web site for the purpose of coordinating its activities and communication with the public at www.communication-geography.org/. Inquires about the specialty group can be directed to commdirector@communication-geography.org.

Rural Geography SG
The Rural Geography Specialty Group Honors Committee announced that Amy Trauger, of Pennsylvania State University, received the Rural Geography Student Paper Award for 2004. Trauger received the award for her paper “I don’t get out of my boots to go to the bank”: Towards a Theory of Rural Public and Private Spheres” presented at the AAG’s Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

Attention Specialty Group Student Competition Organizers
If you are organizing a specialty group student competition with a deadline before the October 21, 2004, AAG Annual Meeting abstract deadline, and wish to run notice of your competition in the AAG Newsletter, please send your announcement to Megan Nortrup at newsletter@aag.org by June 1, 2004, for the July/August issue of the AAG Newsletter or by August 1 for the September issue.

Geographers Envision Ecological Cities
The Ecological Cities Project (ECP), started in 1999 by geographer and lawyer Rutherford H. Platt, documents and shares regional experience in making urban places greener, safer, healthier, and more equitable. The ‘ecological cities’ vision embraces such diverse initiatives as urban stream restoration, urban gardening, natural hazard mitigation, environmental education, ecovillages and green architecture, brownfield redevelopment, and endangered species habitat plans.

A broad network of “green urbanists” has held ecological cities conferences in Boston (2000), Columbia, South Carolina (2001—organized by geographer Kirstin Dow), New York City (2002), and most recently Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2004—organized by geographer Chris DeSousa in collaboration with the UWM Center for Urban Initiatives and Research).

Within the AAG, an informal network of interested geographers have organized panel sessions at the New York, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia annual meetings. An article by Platt summarizing the ecological cities perspective: “Towards Ecological Cities: Adapting to the 21st Century Metropolis” will appear in the June, 2004 issue of Environment.

For more information about the Ecological Cities Project, please visit: www.ecologicalcities.org or email ecologicalcities@cas.umass.edu.

Grants and Competitions
Fulbright Lecturing/Research Grants
The Fulbright Scholar Program offers lecturing and research awards in 140 countries for the 2005–06 academic year.

The application deadline for the Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grant is August 1, 2004, and for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea, and Japan for academic and international education administrators the deadline is November 1, 2004. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program has a rolling deadline.

For more information and registration and application guidelines visit www.cies.org, or call 202-686-7877.
Dawn Wright (Geography Program) and Jim Good (Director, Marine Resourement Management) of Oregon State University have been awarded $124,891 by the NOAA Coastal Services Center (CSC) to establish a new minority graduate fellowship program to attract African-American, Native American, Latino/Hispanic, students to marine geography, GIS, and coastal resource management. This seed grant will fund two outstanding students on graduate teaching and research assistantships towards completion of master of science degrees.

Shannon O’Lear, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was awarded a $148,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for her project titled, “Geography of Environmental Conflict: The Case of Azerbaijan”. In this two-year project, O’Lear will collect and analyze data from a national survey and in-depth interviews in Azerbaijan to examine patterns of environmental dissatisfaction, perceptions of the international oil industry, and political activity.

This year, the National Geographic Committee for Research and Exploration gave awards to three AAG members for their field-based scientific research. Yehua Dennis Wei, of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, received a $20,000 grant for “Local Capitalism in China: An Institutional and Network Analysis of Private Enterprises in Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province.” The objectives of the project are to better understand the evolution, structure, and networks of private enterprises, to explain the role of the local state and local entrepreneurs in industrial and regional development, and to discuss the theoretical implications of the Wenzhou model.

Jennifer Wolch, from the University of Southern California, received a $20,000 grant for “Conservation Communities: A Case Study of Harmony, Florida.” “Conservation communities” aim to minimize their ecological impacts, by saving open space, protecting the environment, and integrating town and country. In practice, they typically combine New Urbanist town designs with “green” building methods and generous provisions for habitat preservation.

John Rennie Short, from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, has received an $18,500 grant for “Measuring the Urban Impacts of Hosting the Summer Olympic Games.” The focus of this study is on measuring the urban consequences on five recent Olympic host cities: Los Angeles, Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta, and Sydney.

Gavin Bridge (Syracuse University) and Andrew Wood (University of Oklahoma) received $160,000 in funding from the National Science Foundation for their project “Mapping Globalization: Geographies of Knowledge in the Oil Exploration and Production Industry.” The three-year project examines how geographies of globalization are conditioned by the ways in which firms acquire, develop and mobilize different types of knowledge to operate in diverse geophysical and geopolitical environments. The study focuses on the Gulf of Mexico, Venezuela, and Sakhalin.

Walter A. Schroeder, associate professor emeritus of geography at the University of Missouri-Columbia, received the 2004 University Award for Scholarly Excellence presented by the University of Missouri Board of Curators. Schroeder was recognized for his book Opening the Ozarks: A Historical Geography of Missouri’s St. Genevieve District, 1760–1830. The book also received the 2003 Missouri History Book Award and a 2003 Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

Sarah J. Halvorson, assistant professor in the Department of Geography at The University of Montana, received the Helen and Winston Cox Education Excellence Award to Faculty Members in the College of Arts and Sciences. This cash award ($3,300 plus an additional $750 for the purchase of acquisitions for the Mansfield Library) is designed to encourage and reward junior faculty for their teaching excellence, accessibility to students, quality of out-of-class attention provided to students, and research contributions.

Doug Goodin and Shawn Hutchinson (Geography, Kansas State University) will play a major role in the 4-year project entitled, “The Impact of Rapid Anthropogenic Land Cover Change in the Chaco and Interior Atlantic Forest in Paraguay on Hanatvirus Ecology” by Jonsson, C.B., L. Allen, Y. Chu, R. Owens, D.G. Goodin, J.M.S. Hutchinson, E. Pontelli, D. Ranjan, S. Tran, and M. Almiron. The project received $1,857,996 from the National Institutes of Health.

Ling Bian, associate professor in the Geography Department at the University at Buffalo, is the third place recipient of the 2004 Leica Geosystems Award for Best Scientific Paper in Remote Sensing for her paper, “Retrieving Urban Objects Using a Wavelet Transform Approach” (PE&RS, 69-2, pp. 133-41).

Call for Papers

Applied Geography Manuscripts

The Pennsylvania Geographer, is soliciting manuscripts for the Fall/Winter 2004 edition on the topic of applied geography. The deadline for submitting material is August 15, 2004. Please send inquiries to editor William B. Kory at koryupj@pitt.edu.

Critical Human Geography

The deadline for paper/panel submissions to the 11th Annual Mini-Conference on Critical Human Geography is July 1, 2004. For more information contact Jay Gatrell, gejdg@isugw.indstate.edu or visit http://mama.indstate.edu/users/gejdg/2004mini.pdf.


Books Received continued


Award Deadlines

JUNE


JULY

1. PERISHIP Dissertation Fellowship Awards. Contact periship@riskinstitute.org.

AUGUST


SEPTEMBER

1. GENIP/Travelocity Award Nominations. Contact Sarah Bednarz at Department of Geography, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-3147.

15. AAG Honorary Geographer nominations. Contact Ehsan Khater at ekhater@aag.org.

OCTOBER


DECEMBER


1. Title VIII Research Scholarships. Contact Edita Krunkaityte at krunkaityte@wwic.si.edu.


Call for Nominations for AAG VP and National Councillor

The AAG Nominating Committee for the 2005 election is seeking nominations for AAG Vice President (one to be elected) and for National Councillor (two vacancies). Those elected will take office on July 1, 2005. Members should submit the names and addresses of each nominee and their reasons for supporting the nomination to any member of the committee no later than August 30, 2004. As part of your nomination statement, please confirm that your nominee is willing to be considered by the nominating committee for the position for which you are nominating her or him.

Committee members are: Mona Domosh, Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755, email domosh@dartmouth.edu; Sallie A. Marston, Department of Geography, Harvill Box 2, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, email marston@u.arizona.edu; Patricia F. McDowell, Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1251, email pmcd@uoregon.edu.

Lists of past and current AAG officers may be found in the Handbook section of the current issue of the AAG’s Guide to Geography Programs in North America.
UNITED STATES

*ALABAMA, AUBURN 36849. The Geography program of the Department of Geology and Geography at Auburn University. One-year temporary Instructor or Visiting Assistant Professor (75% appointment) beginning Fall Semester (mid-August). Ph.D. in Geography preferred; ABD in Geography considered. Teaching responsibilities include three courses per semester, including large sections of our Core Curriculum introductory course. Other areas of specialization in human-cultural geography, especially urban and economic geography, preferred. Candidates must submit a short letter of application describing their teaching experience, a curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three referees. Candidate must be currently eligible for employment in the United States, and must be able to communicate in the language of instruction. Review of applications will begin 01 June 2004 and continue until a candidate is recommended for appointment. Auburn University is an affirmative action-equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. JUN 04-80.

Apply to: Tom L. Martinson, Geography Search Committee Chair, Department of Geology and Geography, 108 Tichenor Hall. Applications may be e-mailed to martitl@auburn.edu, with copy to Phillip Chaney at chanepl@auburn.edu.

CALIFORNIA, REDLANDS. Educational Products Department Manager. Join the world leader in GIS: ESRI is recruiting for an Educational Products Department Manager to support and lead teams responsible for the development and delivery of technical educational content for users of ESRI's GIS software. Manage the day-to-day operations of a 30-person department and work closely with the Director of Educational Services to define new educational products and develop new business models. Be responsible for ongoing staff development and collaboration, work with clients to implement training solutions and negotiate contracts with third-party authors.

Successful candidates will possess a Master's degree in education, instructional technology, or a related field and a minimum of three years of management experience, preferably in the field of distance education/training for adults. Applicants must also have knowledge of instructional technology, design principles, and print and Web publishing techniques, experience with principles and methods for curriculum and training design, and knowledge of applications of GIS and ESRI software.

To apply, send your cover letter and resume to jobs@esri.com or apply online at www.esri.com. Please code all submissions AAG/TF: MAY 04-78.

*COLORADO, COLORADO SPRINGS 80940. United States Air Force Academy. The Department of Economics and Geography seeks an Instructor or Assistant Professor of Geography for a 10 1/2-month position beginning 12 July 2004. Teaching responsibilities are primarily introductory courses in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing. Position and salary dependent upon qualifications. A Master's Degree in a relevant field is required for Instructor level and the Ph.D. is required for Assistant Professor level.

Deadline 7 May 2004 for applications. JUN 04-81-W.

To view the complete listing of job requirements, qualifications, minimum salary, and application procedures, please navigate to: http://www.usafa.af.mil/dpc/EmplInfo/Empl_Info_Faculty.htm and then click on www.usajobs.opm.gov.

CONNECTICUT, STORRS 06269. The Department of Geography at the University of Connecticut invites applications for the position of department head with appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor, starting as early as 1 August 2004 and as late as 1 August 2005. Specialization open, but should be consistent with departmental strengths in urban, economic and population geography, geographical information science, spatial analysis, and an emerging expertise in areas of physical geography. Candidates must demonstrate a record of excellence in research, teaching, mentoring graduate students, and in competing for external research funds. Proven administrative/leadership experience is highly desirable. Candidates should also be open to interdisciplinary research initiatives in such areas as demography, environmental science,
urban studies, etc. The position will include a nationally-competitive salary, outstanding benefits package, and a reduced teaching load. The successful candidate will be expected to take Geography at the University of Connecticut to a higher level of national stature.

The Department of Geography currently has 9 tenured or tenure-track faculty and four instructors, along with over 20 graduate students. The department is over 30 years old, with long-time BA and MA programs, and a recently established Ph.D. program. In the coming years, the department expects to expand with new hires in geography, and through joint hires with other departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, where geography seeks to capitalize on linkages between the social and environmental sciences. The department is housed in new facilities that feature a state of the art GIS lab, and a spacious laboratory for physical geography teaching and research. These physical upgrades are a part of UConn 2000, a billion dollar commitment from the State of Connecticut to upgrade university infrastructure.

Applicants should send letters of application that review teaching experience, research accomplishments, research-funding history, and administrative experience. Applicants should also send a curriculum vita, other supporting materials, and contact information for three referees. Review of applications will begin May 1, 2004, and will continue until the position is filled. MAY 04-76.

Applying to Dr. Veronica Makowsky, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, 215 Glenbrook Rd., U-4148, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269. Email: veronica.makowsky@uconn.edu.

At the University of Connecticut, our commitment to excellence is complemented by our commitment to building a culturally diverse community. We actively encourage women, people with disabilities, and members of minority groups to apply.

MINNESOTA, MANKATO 56001. Minnesota State University Department of Geography invites applications for a one year fixed-term Assistant Professorship in Geography specializing in GIS, beginning August, 2004. Required: Ph.D. (ABD considered), doctoral or master's degree in geography or cognate field, ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in GIS, demonstrated research potential, ability to work with diverse populations. Other considerations: ability to teach remote sensing and/or GPS based mapping, ESRI certifications, previous college teaching experience.

MSU has a long-standing commitment to cultural diversity and is actively seeking to nurture and enrich its cultural, racial and ethnic communities. It is expected that the successful candidate will share this commitment. MSU strongly encourages applications from women, persons of color, and persons with disabilities.

Review of applications will begin April 19, 2004 and will continue until position is filled. Submit letter of application, curriculum vitae with names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references, transcripts, teaching evaluations and examples of research to the address below. MAY 04-74.

Apply: Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Minnesota State University, Armstrong Hall 7, Mankato, MN 56001-6026. Phone: 507-389-2617; FAX: 507-389-2980. Visit our web site at: www.mnsu.edu/dept/geog/MSU_GEOG.html.

AA/EOE and a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, HANOVER 03755. The Rockefeller Center for Public Policy seeks a Research Associate/Post Doctoral Fellow to direct a pilot Undergraduate Public Policy Research Shop, serving the state legislatures of Vermont and New Hampshire on issues of education, health care, and the environment. The appointment would run from August 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, with the potential for renewal. Administrative hours vary based on legislative sessions.

The successful candidate would hold an advanced degree (Ph.D. preferred) and have work in education, non-profit, public affairs, or public policy environment, with particular emphasis in research design and analysis. Applicants should have demonstrated ability in organizational development and leadership, excellent communication and interpersonal skills and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Compensation: $34,000 and Dartmouth College benefits. EO/AE: Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Send cover letter, curriculum vitae or resume, names of three references, and a writing sample, to the address below. MAY 04-73.

Apply: Christine Gex, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, 6082 Rockefeller Hall, Hanover, NH 03755. Review of applications will begin immediately.

NEW JERSEY, GLASSBORO 08028. Rowan University, Department of Geography/Anthropology – 3/4 Time Temporary position, beginning September 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. 1 year position teaching Geography of US & Canada (3 sections Fall, 3 sections Spring). Master’s Degree minimum requirement. Rowan University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Applicants should provide curriculum vitae, copies of transcripts, and, if possible, evidence of teaching effectiveness by June 15, 2004. MAY 04-72.

Apply to: Dr. David Kasserman, Chair, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, New Jersey 08028.

For inquiries about the position: (e-mail) ruthig@rowan.edu or (voice) (856) 256-4811.

NEW YORK, GENEVA 14456. The Environmental Studies Program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges (HWS) invites applications for an ongoing, fulltime Assistant Director at the Assistant Professor level, beginning in the Fall of 2004. We seek an interdisciplinary colleague with a commitment to cross-disciplinary (social science and science, humanities and science, etc.), public policy and land use planning, geography and local environmental history) teaching and research, a desire to initiate and integrate community service opportunities, and the ability and commitment to work with a culturally and socially diverse population. Teaching responsibilities include an introductory interdisciplinary Environmental Studies course and a group senior integrative experience each year, and other courses in the candidate’s field of expertise for a total of three courses per year. Administrative duties are student-centered and include oversight and development of the program’s community service opportunities (e.g., composting), student internships at area organizations, student advising, high-school outreach programs, and summer student research programs. Applicants should have a Ph.D., and complement existing expertise within the Environmental Studies program. The Colleges are located on the northwestern shore of Seneca Lake, the largest Finger Lake, maintain a well-equipped 65-ft research vessel, The William Scandling, and recently established the Finger Lakes Institute that is dedicated to the promotion of environmental research and education about the Finger Lakes and fostering environmentally sound land use and other practices throughout the region. See the program’s Web site at http://academic.hws.edu/envstud/index.asp for additional information.

The Colleges are committed to attracting and supporting a faculty of men and women that fully represents racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. Applicants must send a letter, teaching statement,
CV, and arrange for three letters of recommenda-
tion to be sent. Review of applications will begin 
on April 26th. Application materials, letters of 
recommendation and inquiries should be sent to 
the address below. MAY 04-71.

Apply: John D Halfman, Director, Environ-
mental Studies Program, Hobart and William 
Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY 14456 Voice: 315-781-3918, Fax: 315-781-3860, and E-mail: Halfman@hws.edu.

NEW YORK, PALISADES 10964. Senior posi-
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project—Search # LD 670 04 003. CIESIN is seek-
ing an individual with proven scientific and proj-
tect management abilities to lead a major poverty 
mapping project. Responsibilities will include 
production of a global poverty map utilizing sub-
national spatial data, preparation of a compendium 
of high-resolution poverty maps, and analysis of 
the relationship between the spatial distribution of 
poverty and biophysical features such as soil ferti-
licity, water availability, and transportation access. 
The work will be carried out in close collaboration 
with other partners will also be essential.

The successful candidate will be hired at one 
of two levels, depending on qualifications. The 
Senior Staff Associate position requires a mas-
ters degree in geography, economics, sociology 
or a closely related social science discipline, 
plus four years’ work experience carrying out 
spatial analysis of poverty or other development 
outcomes. The Associate Research Scientist 
position requires a Ph.D. in geography, eco-
nomics, sociology or a closely related social 
science discipline, three years’ work experience, 
and a proven ability to raise research funds. 
Both positions require proven experience 
integrating socioeconomic and biophysical 
spatial data, demonstrated oral and written 
communication skills, experience with major 
statistical analysis software (for example STATA, 
SPSS, SAS, S-Plus), experience with ArcGIS 
or equivalent spatial analysis software, and 
experience in the conception, design, imple-
mentation, analysis and reporting of complex 
research projects.

To apply, please submit by electronic format: 
a letter of application including position refer-
ence number 670 04 003, a C.V. that includes 
email address, a statement of research interest (1 
page) and career objectives (up to 3 pages), and 
contact information for three references to the 
address below. MAY 04-77.

Apply: personnel@admin.ldeo.columbia.edu with position number 670 04 003 also in the sub-
ject line. Screening will begin after the ad appears for 30 days.

Columbia University is an Equal Opportunity 
and Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities and 
Women are encouraged to apply.

OHIO, ATHENS 45701-2979. Ohio University: The Department of Geography invites 
applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor 
effective September 2004. The successful candi-
date shall have a strong teaching background in 
physical geography, meteorology and climatol-
ogy. Ohio University offers a competitive 
salary with full benefits. Ph.D. preferred. 
The completed application must include a letter of 
application, curriculum vitae, graduate 
transcript(s), three letters of recommendation, 
and evidence of established teaching skills. 
Ohio University is an affirmative action/equal 
opportunity employer. Women and minorities are 
couraged to apply. Completed application pack-
et must be received by 7 May 2004. MAY 04-69-1.

Apply: Dr. Ronald Isaac, Chair, Department 
of Geography, 122 Clippinger Labs, Ohio 
University, Athens, OH  45701-2979. Voice 
740-593-1138. Fax 740-593-1139. E-mail 
isaacr@ohio.edu.

PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY PARK 
16802. The Alliance for Earth Sciences, Engi-
neering and Development in Africa (AESEDA), 
in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at 
Penn State, invites applications for a tenure-
track position with a research and teaching focus 
on Geo-Resources and Sustainable Develop-
ment in Africa. The Alliance integrates physical 
sciences, engineering, and social sciences to 
develop human and institutional resources, while 
forming the stewardship of geo-resources (water, energy and minerals) and the protection 
of the environment in sub-Saharan Africa. The 
successful candidate’s tenure home may be in any 
of the diverse departments within the College (Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering, 
Geography, Geosciences, Materials Science and 
Engineering, Meteorology). Penn State is com-
mitted to affirmative action, equal opportunity 
and its missions.

Salary is competitive with an excellent fringe 
benefit package. Search begins immediately 
and continues until the position is filled. Those 
with a master's degree and a minimum of five 
years experience in a similar type research center 
may be considered. Further information about 
Glenmary, the GRC or the position can be found 
at www.glenmary.org. Please submit vita (or 
resume) to the address below. APR 04-6-3.

Apply: Search Committee, Glenmary 
Research Center, 1312 Fifth Avenue North, 
Nashville, TN 37208 or email documents as MS-
Word attachments to grc@glenmary.org or Fax to 
615-251-1472.

*VIRGINIA, NORFOLK 23529-0088. Old 
Dominion University invites applications for a 
one-year Visiting Assistant Professor (or Visiting Lecturer) specializing in GIS (beginning 
August 1, 2004. Teaching responsibilities are 
three courses per semester. Ph.D. in Geography 
required for appointment as Visiting Assistant 
Professor, ABD or Masters in Geography for 
appointment as Lecturer. Demonstrated ability 
to teach a combination of courses such as 
maps and Geographic information, cartography, 
introductory GIS, and advanced GIS.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, 
teaching evaluations, transcripts, and names and 
and phone numbers of three references to the address 
below. JUN 04-83.

Apply: Dr. Thomas R. Allen, GIS Search 
Committee, Department of Political Science and 
Geography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, 
VA 23529-0088. Voice 757-683-3846, Fax 
757-683-4763, e-mail TAllen@odu.edu. Review of 
applications begins immediately and will continue 
until the position is filled. Old Dominion Univer-
sity is an equal opportunity, affirmative action 
institution and requires compliance with the Immi-

TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE 37208. The Glen-
mary Home Missioners seek an experienced 
Ph.D. in sociology or related social science to 
direct the Glenmary Research Center. The cen-
ter focuses on applied research related to social, 
cultural and religious life in the rural U.S., partic-
ularly the South, with emphasis on parish, com-
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*CANADA, ONTARIO, LONDON N6A 5C2.
The Department of Geography at The University of Western Ontario (UWO) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in physical geography from candidates eligible for a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council University Faculty Award (UFA). The award is only available to women and aboriginal scientists who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada. The University of Western Ontario will sponsor the UFA application and the appointment is conditional upon acceptance into the UFA program and the awarding of an NSERC Discovery Grant. Interested candidates should consult the UFA program details and eligibility criteria at http://www.nserc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&flb=c7.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. degree at the time of appointment and will be expected to build a strong, externally-funded research program, including supervision of graduate and undergraduate research, in a field of physical geography that complements the department's existing research strengths. Further information about the department may be found at: http://geography.uwo.ca.

The appointment will be effective July 1, 2005.

Applications, including a statement of research and teaching interests, current curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, together with their e-mail, fax and telephone numbers, should be sent to the address below. JUN 04-79-1.

Apply: Dr. Roger H. King, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, Social Science Centre, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, N6A 5C2, Canada. Tel: (519) 661-3653, Fax: (519) 661-3750. E-mail: king@uwo.ca

Complete applications must be received by June 30, 2004. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants should have fluent writing and verbal communication skills in English. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity, welcomes applicants from visible minorities and persons with disabilities, but, in accordance with NSERC UFA eligibility, applicants for this position must be women or aboriginal scientists.

UNITED KINGDOM, HIGHFIELD, SOUTHAMPTON SO17 1BJ. (Ref: 03F0675)
The School of Geography seeks to appoint a Senior Lecturer/Reader in Human Geography, Continued on page 22
Jobs from page 21 — starting in September 2004, to join the Economy, Culture, Space research group.

The School invites candidates with an international research reputation in human geography and a strong record of research grant funding. An appropriately qualified candidate may be appointed at Readership level.

Further details are available from the School’s web-site (http://www.geog.soton.ac.uk) and informal enquiries may be made to Professor Peter Sunley (p.j.sunley@soton.ac.uk) or Professor Nigel Arnell (n.w.arnell@soton.ac.uk).

This appointment is available from 1 September 2004.

Salary will be in the range £36,464 - £41,333 per annum on the Senior Lecturer/Reader salary scale.

Application forms and further particulars are available from Human Resources (F), University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ, tel: +44 (0)23 8059 2750, email: recruit@soton.ac.uk, minicom: +44 (0)23 8059 5595 or website www.jobs.soton.ac.uk. Applicants should send an application form and full Curriculum Vitae (3 copies from UK applicants, and 1 from overseas), including the names and addresses of three referees, to arrive no later than 7 June 2004. Please quote the reference number above. MAY 04-75.

New Members

AAG welcomes these new members whose memberships were processed during the last month.

Al-Ali, Abdulrahman, Terre Haute, IN
Alnosayyan, Abdulrahman, Terre Haute, IN
Anderson, Kiel, Marquette, MI
Baird, Jonathan, Silver Spring, MD
Barkan, Joshua, Minneapolis, MN
Beardsley, Karen, Davis, CA
Beckford, Clinton, Windsor, ON, Canada
Bonanse, Bruno
Burns, Ryan, Richmond, KY
Caito, Anthony, La Mirada, CA
Church, Alan, Glendale, AZ
David, Manley, St Andrews, UK
Dobriner, Brent, Waterloo, ON, Canada
Dubayah, Ralph, College Park, MD
Durden, Amy, Shrewsbury, NC
Ehlers, Paul, Rhinelander, WI
Emili, Lisa, Naperilve, IL
Eunsuk, Chang
Farber, Steven, Toronto, ON, Canada
Franks, Shannon, College Park, MD
Hearn, Paul, Reston, VA
Helm, Sun-Hiee, Lakewood, WA
Howard, Sidley, Newark, OH
Hunter, Mark
Kai, Derek, Charleston, IL
Ke, Xiankun, Regina, SK, Canada
Kent, Richard, Tallahassee, FL
Kunz, Kathy, Portage, WI
Lapenis, Andrei, Albany, NY
Lichtenstein, Katherine, Seattle, WA
Lim, Kevin, Kingston, ON, Canada
Maclachlan, John, Hamilton, ON, Canada
Madeo, Marlow, Ashburn, VA
Marek, Rebecca, East Stroudsburg, PA
Martin, Cory, Huntington, WV
McBride, David
McKesson, Emily, Owings Mills, MD
McManus, Ruth, Dublin, Ireland
Miller, Ryan, Apple Valley, MN
Moore, David, Seattle, WA
Moore, Cary
Mulrooney, Timothy, Hanover, VA
Nikolas, Schiller, Washington, DC
Noble, Nathan, CO
Ochoa-Winemiller, Virginia, Wetumpka, AL
O’Keele, Robert, Calabasas, CA
Pacchioni, Isabella, Geneva, Switzerland
Passerello, John, Folsom, CA
Platt, Greg, Herriman, UT
Rainke, Aaron, Howell, MI
Rogers, Alisdair, Oxford, UK
Rubin, Eric, Washington, DC
Sakakibara, Chie, Norman, OK
Schultz, Sam, Mayodan, NC
Sharp, Duane, Charleston, IL
Spindler, Kurt, Herndon, VA
Taylor, Jonathan, Fullerton, CA
Taylor, Leslie, Springfield, PA
Taylor, Seth, Noblesville, IN
Thompson, George, Harrisonburg, VA
Troutman, Kevin, Albuquerque, NM
Turnbull, Ken, Littleton, CO
Vann, Barry, Andersonville, TN
Wenzl, Andrew, Seattle, WA
White, Ben, Manhattan, KS
Williams, Melissa, Hilliard, OH

Quarter Century

The June-July issue of the AAG Newsletter reported that during the AAG’s 75th Annual Meeting celebration 750 papers, 54 special sessions, 12 poster sessions (with 132 presentations), 14 workshops, 24 interest groups, 24 specialty groups, and 21 field trips were held. President Brian Berry announced the winners of the year’s election of officers: President—John Fraser Hart (Minnesota), Vice-President—Nicholas Helburn (Colorado), Councillors—Karl Butzer (Chicago) and Clarissa Kimber (Texas A&M). Past President Melvin Marcus delivered a past-president’s address entitled “Coming Full Circle: Environmental and Physical Geography in the 20th Century.”...James R. Shortridge, associate professor of geography, University of Kansas, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to conduct research on the cultural geography of the Middle West...Dennis Conway, assistant professor at Indiana University, Bloomington, project director of a joint research project with Nanda Shrestha (Indiana), Mohan N. Shrestha, associate professor (Bowling Green State University, Ohio) and Bal Kumar K.C., assistant professor (Tribhuvan University, Nepal), were awarded a $47,856 grant under the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations’ Research Program on Population and Development Policy for research on “Causes and Consequences of Rural-to-Rural Migration in Nepal”...George O. Carney of Oklahoma State University was awarded a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Committee entitled “Bluegrass: American Musical Tradition.”...The 279-page book The AAG: The First Seventy-Five Years, 1904-1979, was offered for sale for $10 to AAG members.
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AUGUST
12-15. IGU Commission on Political Geography Pre-Congress Workshop. Durham, UK. Contact igu-durham@durham.ac.uk.

SEPTEMBER
30 September-1 October. 15th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community. Stevens Point, WI. www.uwsp.edu/polisci/smallcity/Call_for_Papers.htm.
30 September–2 October. AAG Great Plain/Rocky Mountain Division Meeting. Eros Data Center, South Dakota State University, SD. http://geography.unco.edu/GPRM/.

OCTOBER
7-9. AAG West Lakes Division Meeting. Oshkosh, WI. www.geog.umn.edu/West_Lakes_AAG.
15-16. AAG New England St. Lawrence Valley Division Meeting. Portland, ME. Contact Cathleen McNenny at mcanneny@maine.edu.
15-16. AAG East Lakes Division Meeting. Department of Geography at Ohio University. Contact Tim Anderson at anderst1@ohio.edu.
21-23. Pioneer America Society, 36th Annual Meeting. Newtown, PA. Contact David Kimmerly at kimmerly@comcast.net.
29-30 AAG Middle States Division Meeting. Villanova, PA. Contact Keith Henderson at keith.henderson@villanova.edu.

NOVEMBER
10-13. AAG Southwestern Division Meeting. Nacogdoches, TX. Contact Darrell McDonald at dmcaldon@sfasu.edu.
21-23. AAG Southeastern Division Meeting. Biloxi, MS. Contact Clifton Dixon at 601-266-4729 or c.dixon@usm.edu.

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Mark your calendar for the 2005 AAG Annual Meeting!

The 2005 meeting pairs exciting sessions and special events with the magnificent backdrop of the Rocky Mountains.

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