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## Cutter Receives 2006 Decade of Behavior Award

Susan Cutter, Carolina Distinguished Professor at the University of South Carolina, was selected to receive the 2006 Decade of Behavior (DOB) Research Award. Cutter was chosen for the award both for the substance, quality, and innovation of her research, and for its public policy impact.

In conveying the award, the DOB noted that Cutter's research has produced an exceptional body of knowledge on natural hazards, disasters, risk, and vulnerability that has been influential both 1) in international academic behavioral science arenas through publications and professional service and 2) in the policy realm through extensive consultation with numerous federal agencies with millions of dollars in funded projects.

Cutter has led numerous NSF-funded projects including serving as co-director of the NSF/AAG



Cutter

research project and subsequent book, *The Geographical Dimensions of Terrorism* and as Principal Investigator for "Comparative Indicators of Hazards Vulnerability in Urban Areas." She also has undertaken important committee work since being appointed to the Advisory

Committee for the Division on Earth and Life Sciences of the National Research Council in 2001.

Cutter is Director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards Research Lab, a research and training center that integrates geographical information processing techniques with hazards analysis

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## 2007 AAG Annual Meeting Set for San Francisco

Join the AAG next year, April 17-21, 2007, in San Francisco, California, the home of the Golden Gate Bridge and Ghirardelli chocolate, where cable cars climb some of the hilliest streets in the country, and where Tony Bennet left his heart. We anticipate over 3,000 paper and poster presentations featuring the latest geographic research and scholarship, ranging across the full breadth of the discipline. The San Francisco region also offers opportunities for exceptional field trips on geographic topics from the physical to the human to the oenological.

Located on the beautiful San Francisco Bay, San Francisco is home to the Noe Valley, a colorful and pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare with pubs, outdoor cafes, and

superb restaurants; a 24-block Chinatown; Fisherman's Wharf, a waterfront marketplace and pier; the Golden Gate Bridge; Alcatraz Island, the San Francisco Zoo; world-renowned theatres and museums; and many more wonderful attractions.

Attendees can travel to San Francisco with ease from around the world. San Francisco International Airport, the area's largest airport facility, hosts twenty-two domestic airline carriers and twenty-seven international carriers.

Don't miss the chance to visit one of America's most popular cities. We look forward to seeing you there! The call for papers for the 2007 AAG Meeting will appear in the upcoming June issue of the *AAG Newsletter*. ■



San Francisco's famous Golden Gate Bridge.

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## PAIGH and AAG Cooperation

As part of the AAG's continuing international outreach focused on Latin America as well as other regions (see Richardson, "Reaching out to Latin American Geographers," July/August 2005, *AAG Newsletter*), the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Association of American Geographers signed a Memorandum of Understanding at a special signing ceremony during the March 2006 Annual Meeting of the AAG in Chicago.

In the memorandum, both organizations agreed to increase cooperation in numerous ways, including: establishing regular contact on topics of common interest; referring each other to commissions, committees, or working groups where appropriate; informing each other of programs of conferences, seminars, and workshops to enable participation; identifying opportunities to jointly organize seminars, workshops, or conferences; working together to advance international projects of mutual interest such as initiatives for joint research, educational exchanges, adoption and creation of national mapping programs, etc; and each inviting a representative from the other's

organization to attend respective general assemblies and conferences.

The AAG and PAIGH have several cooperative activities already planned for the coming months. The AAG and PAIGH will co-sponsor a workshop on natural hazards research, tentatively scheduled for December 2006, in Panama. Participants will include experts in natural hazards and vulnerability from throughout the Americas, and the workshop will help set the direction for some of PAIGH's future activities. Six months later, the two organizations will present the results of the December workshop at an international conference on geographic collaboration in education and research that will be held in La Serena, Chile, May 23-25, 2007, which the AAG will co-sponsor with the Universidad de La Serena and Texas State University. Also, at the 2007 AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco, PAIGH and the AAG will co-sponsor another session highlighting regional cooperation.

In addition to its activities with PAIGH, the AAG continues to pursue

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John Kelmelis and Patricia Solís look on as AAG Executive Director Douglas Richardson and PAIGH Secretary General Santiago Borrero sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations. From left to right: Kelmelis, Borrero, Richardson, and Solís.

## Geographers Leading Climate Change Studies

Climate change—the causes and consequences—is receiving elevated attention by the media and public, and geographers are at the leading edge of studies in three important ways: 1) understanding the fundamental processes of climate change, past and present; 2) examining the data record to document trends; and 3) describing, explaining, and predicting the impacts of climate change.

If you were going to follow just one person who is dealing with current climate change assessment, I would suggest Linda O. Mearns, Senior Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado and Deputy Director of the Environmental and Societal Impacts Group (ESIG). Linda holds a PhD in geography/climatology from UCLA. She has performed research and published in the areas of crop-climate interactions, climate change scenario formation, climate change impacts on agro-ecosystems, and analysis of climate variability and extreme climate events in both observations and climate models. Linda has particularly worked extensively with regional climate models. She has most recently published papers exploring the effect of different spatial scales of climate change scenarios on determination of agricultural impacts of climate change. Mearns has contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 1992, 1995, and 2001 Reports on the subjects of climate variability in general circulation models, regional climate change, and climate scenario formation. She is a member of the IPCC Task Group on Scenarios for Climate Impact Assessment, and was co-convening lead author for the chapter on Climate Scenario Development in IPCC Working Group (WG) I for the IPCC Third Assessment Report (2001), and a lead author on two other chapters in Working Groups I and II: one on Regional Projections of Climatic Change and the other (in WGII) on Scenarios. She has just completed an integrated assessment

project funded by the EPA, NASA, and USDA, on the effects of changes in climate variability on crop production in the Southeastern U.S. Linda's current projects include: an Integrated Assessment of Environmental Problems on the North Slope of Alaska (funded by NSF), Climate Change Effects on Crops in the Yangtze River Area of China (funded by NASA), and Uncertainty in Datasets used for Agricultural Assessments (NSF-MMIA). She served on the National Academy Panel on Climate, Ecosystems, Infectious Diseases, and Human Health from March 1999 to June 2001, and currently serves on the Institute of Medicine Panel on Emerging Infectious Diseases of the 21st Century. She also leads the NCAR Weather and Climate Impacts Assessment Science Initiative, which includes plans to form a climate/health research and educational program. She is also the lead PI for the recently funded North American Regional Climate Modeling Experiment.

Johannes Feddema at the University of Kansas recently published an article in *Science* on urban land cover in global climate models; Linda Mearns was a co-author. Feddema contacted NCAR and asked when they were going to start including land surface change in their global circulation models. NCAR responded by awarding Feddema the funds to begin building a global database, from existing data, on land surface change.

You may have noticed that some American academic programs in geography are adding paleoenvironmental scientists to their faculty, realizing the potential for better predictions if we can first understand the cause and effects of past environmental change. A number of people who have done great work in reconstruction of past climates—Pat "Bart" Bartlein at University of Oregon, Malcolm Cleaveland at

University of Arkansas, and Katie Hirschboeck at University of Arizona are studying various proxies for detecting climate change. Ellen Mosley Thompson (Ohio State University) has focused on paleoclimatic reconstruction from the chemical and physical properties preserved in ice cores. She has conducted ice core drilling programs in Antarctica and Greenland and along with her colleagues reconstructs paleoenvironmental conditions from the chemical and physical properties preserved in ice cores collected from Antarctica, Greenland, China, and Peru. These high resolution proxy records of dust content, atmospheric

temperature, chemical composition, and net accumulation provide unique histories, with emphasis on remote and underdeveloped regions of the Earth. Thompson's particular interests include the role of atmospheric dust and volcanic aerosols in the climate system, the reconstruction of abrupt changes in the environmental system, incorporation of ice core records into multi-proxy climate histories, and the impact of such environmental changes upon human activities.

Kam-Biu Liu at Louisiana State University has recreated past hurricane climatologies. His recent research on paleorecords of hurricanes represents breakthrough science that has taken on added meaning in the wake of hurricanes in 2005 along the Gulf Coast and in the southeastern United States. His published research prior to Hurricane Katrina seems prophetic now—warning of the likelihood of increased hurricane frequency and magnitude—and lends even more credence to the claim that we need to examine long-term hurricane patterns. It is entirely



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# AAG Joins NGS Geographic Literacy Campaign

The AAG recently joined together with the National Geographic Society and a collection of others to support the "My Wonderful World" campaign, a five-year public engagement and outreach initiative to promote geographic literacy.

The goals of this geographic literacy campaign are to increase geographic offerings and resources in the schools; to increase the number of students who take geography-related courses and engage in related activities at school; to generate local support for geography education in

schools; to show parents how to help their children learn about the world, and to increase the number of community organizations that engage young people in geography-related activities.

To pursue these goals, the campaign has created print and audiovisual materials including public service advertisements for the campaign as well as the website, MyWonderfulWorld.org.

The AAG will support the campaign in a number of ways including providing relevant AAG educational materials, online educational resources, and Web

links to AAG activities and programs. The AAG will also be report on upcoming events and conferences related to the campaign through the AAG website and AAG Newsletter.

Other members of the coalition include the U.N. Program, the 4-H Program, the National Council for Geographic Education, Sesame Workshop, Asia Society's Coalition for International Education, and the Committee for Economic Development. The "My Wonderful World" campaign is scheduled to begin in May 2006. ■

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outreach to Latin America in a variety of ways. This year, the AAG published the *Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas*, which for the first time included listings for thirteen Latin American and Caribbean programs. The *Guide* will continue to grow in the coming years to include more geography programs in the Americas. The AAG-administered "My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development (MyCOE) program continues to support university student projects on local sustainable development issues in the

Caribbean, Central America, and U.S. Gulf states. Finally, at next year's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the AAG will build on the success of its first-ever Spanish-only session that took place at the Chicago Meeting of the AAG in March.

PAIGH is an inter-governmental organization of a consultative and technical nature, comprising over twenty-one member states represented by their respective officers. PAIGH objectives are to encourage, coordinate, and publicize cartographic, geographic, geophysical, and historical studies as well as related

sciences of interest to the Americas; to promote and carry out studies, projects, and training in these disciplines; and to promote cooperation among the institutes of these disciplines in the Americas, as well as with related organizations.

We look forward to working together with PAIGH in the future and to developing similar collaborative relationships with other international organizations around the world. ■

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and management. Her most recent book, *American Hazardscapes*, for the Joseph Henry Press/National Academy of Sciences, chronicles the increasing vulnerability of the U.S. to natural disaster events during the last thirty years.

Cutter and three other DOB awardees for 2006 are invited to Washington, D.C.

to present their research at a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill, which will be organized by the AAG in coordination with the DOB.

The Decade of Behavior initiative involves more than seventy-five endorsing professional societies and academic affiliates from around the world, including the

AAG. Last year, AAG nominee William Clark received the 2005 DOB Award for his research on democracy, and was part of a May 23, 2005 congressional briefing on the "State of Democracy: Engaging a Changing Citizenry." ■

# AAG Washington Monitor

## Kempthorne Appointed to Take Over at Interior

On March 16, President Bush nominated Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne to serve as U.S. Secretary of the Interior. If confirmed, Kempthorne would replace Gale Norton, who announced her resignation on March 10. The Secretary of the Interior oversees the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the Federal Geographic Data Committee, and several other federal agencies and accounts critical to geography.

Kempthorne has served as Idaho's chief executive since 1999 and has spent time as Chairman of the National Governors Association, Chairman of the Western Governors Association, and President of the Council of State Governments. Prior to his service as Governor, Kempthorne was a member of the United States Senate. Earlier in his career, Kempthorne served as Mayor of Boise for seven years.

Kempthorne, who must be confirmed by the Senate, is likely to receive enough votes from his former colleagues, but he could face some tough questions on several Bush Administration environmental policies. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) has indicated his intention to put a hold on the nomination to ensure a "vigorous debate" on topics which could include endangered species protection, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and other proposals to expand domestic energy development. Meanwhile, we at the AAG have been working with our colleagues in the USGS Coalition to encourage Senators

to ask Kempthorne to discuss the importance of USGS research accounts and other activities.

## House Passes Higher Education Act Renewal

On March 30, the House of Representatives passed revamped legislation to renew the Higher Education Act (HEA) for five years by a mostly party-line vote of 221-199. When the bill (H.R. 609) was first brought up for consideration the day before, it was largely unchanged from when it was passed by the House Education and the Workforce panel last summer. The most significant changes to the bill included:

- Dropping a plan that would have radically reshaped the formula for distributing funds through the three "campus based" student aid programs, such as the Perkins Loan, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Work Study Programs. The programs would have been reshaped in ways that would have shifted funds away from many private colleges that have been in the programs for decades and toward younger institutions, like community colleges and for-profit institutions.
- Eliminating or easing several of the requirements for colleges that raise their tuitions significantly and repeatedly.
- Clarifying a provision that allows state agencies to accredit colleges by saying specifically that the agencies cannot require institutions in the state to be accredited by them.

David Ward, president of the American Council on Education and former president

of the AAG responded to the changes by noting that "In the past we had significant reservations about several parts of the bill that the House approved today. While some concerns remain, Chairman Howard P. (Buck) McKeon has made a significant number of positive modifications that will help minimize the regulatory impact on colleges and universities. We are grateful that Mr. McKeon was responsive." Many Democrats nonetheless voted against the bill because they felt it wouldn't do enough to make college affordable for low- and middle-income students.

## Clarification

In the March issue of this column, I reported that the United States Geological Survey's Geographic Analysis and Monitoring (GAM) Program "would receive a slight boost of \$155,000" in its Fiscal Year 2007 budget. While this is accurate, due to other budgetary actions, the overall budget for geographic research at the USGS is being reduced by two million dollars. Budgeted funds for the program are being cut by this amount, while funds that have historically supported geographic research from other programs are being transferred to the GAM Program, which has the result of masking the reduction. Thanks to Jonathan Smith and colleagues at USGS for pointing this out. ■

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## Nystrom Award



Peros

**M**atthew Peros of the University of Ottawa received the 2006 Nystrom Award for the excellence of research exemplified in his dissertation entitled, "Middle to Late

Holocene Environmental Change and Archaeology on the North Coast of Central Cuba."

Established by former AAG Executive Director J. Warren Nystrom, the annual award honors authors of papers based upon a recent dissertation in geography.

To be eligible, all entrants must present their papers at the AAG Annual Meeting.

As this year's Nystrom recipient, Peros received a check for \$1,000. Further information on the Nystrom award is available at [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/nystrom.cfm](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/nystrom.cfm). ■

# 2006 AAG Annual Meeting Registration Figures Chicago, Illinois, March 7-11

Summary	Regular Member	Student Member	Non-Member	Student NM	Retired	Companion	Total
US	1863	1661	528	153	86	81	4372
Canada	116	129	65	45	3	2	360
Other Int'l	204	79	330	107	9	10	739
<b>Total</b>	<b>2183</b>	<b>1869</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>5471</b>

US	Regular Member	Student Member	Non-Member	Student NM	Retired	Companion	Total
Alabama	21	10	2	1	0	0	34
Alaska	6	8	2	0	0	0	16
Arizona	36	56	2	2	4	0	100
Arkansas	6	2	0	3	0	0	11
California	138	146	34	6	13	5	342
Colorado	46	36	12	10	1	1	106
Connecticut	24	21	4	2	0	0	51
D.C.	41	20	15	0	0	1	77
Delaware	7	9	1	0	0	0	17
Florida	50	41	7	3	1	2	104
Georgia	34	23	5	2	1	1	66
Hawaii	4	6	0	0	1	0	11
Idaho	4	4	3	0	0	0	11
Illinois	115	70	95	8	9	1	298
Indiana	34	40	9	6	3	2	94
Iowa	19	20	3	3	1	0	46
Kansas	31	45	2	1	0	0	79
Kentucky	30	42	5	2	2	0	81
Louisiana	24	27	2	3	1	1	58
Maine	8	4	3	1	1	2	19
Maryland	52	25	34	5	1	3	120
Massachusetts	56	23	5	0	1	3	88
Michigan	70	60	15	6	4	1	156
Minnesota	43	56	13	3	2	1	118
Mississippi	16	6	1	2	0	2	57
Missouri	30	21	4	1	1	0	57
Montana	11	15	1	1	0	0	28
Nebraska	11	12	3	0	0	0	26
Nevada	8	14	3	1	0	0	26
New Hampshire	15	11	1	4	2	1	34
New Jersey	24	29	7	2	1	0	63
New Mexico	3	4	2	0	0	1	10
New York	105	97	47	17	4	1	271
N. Carolina	52	40	4	5	0	1	102
N. Dakota	4	3	1	1	0	0	9
Ohio	106	97	8	6	4	2	223
Oklahoma	17	27	0	4	2	0	50
Oregon	30	21	0	2	5	1	59
Pennsylvania	80	71	14	1	4	2	172
Puerto Rico	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rhode Island	1	1	3	0	0	0	5
S. Carolina	22	27	0	4	1	1	55
S. Dakota	33	9	6	0	0	0	48
Tennessee	30	30	6	3	0	0	69
Texas	79	89	7	5	4	1	185
Utah	18	16	0	0	0	0	34
Vermont	16	4	1	2	0	0	23
Virginia	81	19	38	2	4	1	145
Washington	32	51	7	1	2	1	94
W. Virginia	21	28	0	2	1	0	52
Wisconsin	76	89	14	9	5	0	193
Wyoming	7	4	2	1	0	0	14
Decline to disclose	35	32	75	10	0	42	194
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1661</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4372</b>

Canada	Regular Member	Student Member	Non-Member	Student NM	Retired	Companion	Total
Alberta	4	3	2	2	0	0	11
British Columbia	17	23	3	9	0	0	52
Manitoba	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newfoundland	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
NW Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	70	85	46	30	3	2	236
Quebec	16	13	5	0	0	0	34
Saskatchewan	3	2	3	1	0	0	9
Decline to disclose	3	1	5	2	0	0	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>360</b>

Other Int'l	Regular Member	Student Member	Non-Member	Student NM	Retired	Companion	Total
Australia	9	1	8	3	0	0	21
Austria	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Belgium	1	0	3	4	0	0	8
Brazil	2	0	2	2	0	0	6
Cameroon	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chile	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
China	1	0	5	3	0	0	9
Colombia	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	0	0	8	1	0	0	9
Finland	3	3	5	1	0	1	13
France	3	1	9	3	0	0	16
Georgia	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Germany	15	2	20	4	0	0	41
Ghana	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Greece	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Hong Kong	5	0	1	4	0	0	10
Hungary	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
India	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Indonesia	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ireland	8	5	3	2	0	1	19
Israel	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Italy	1	2	4	3	0	0	10
Jamaica	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Japan	14	4	5	2	0	0	25
Kenya	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kuwait							0
Mexico	2	3	4	0	0	0	9
Netherlands	7	1	7	4	0	0	19
New Zealand	5	2	5	1	1	0	14
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Norway	1	1	5	0	0	0	7
Panama	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Peru	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Philippines	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Poland	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Russia	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Saudi Arabia	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Singapore	4	2	1	1	0	0	8
Slovenia	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
South Africa	1	1	2	1	0	0	5
South Korea	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Spain	8	0	0	1	0	0	9
Sweden	4	2	4	5	4	4	23
Switzerland	6	5	3	1	0	0	15
Taiwan	2	1	6	3	0	0	12
Thailand	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
UAE	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
UK	87	37	204	54	4	4	390
Yemen	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>739</b>

## Counting Those Displaced by Hurricanes in the Gulf Coast

The Census Bureau will soon be releasing special data on Gulf Coast areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The bureau's new American Community Survey (ACS), launched at the start of 2005, was in effect when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August and data collection was continued as possible in these areas. While ACS data products are usually based on the average of data collection across the year, this special ACS data product will show population characteristics for 2005 divided into periods before and after Hurricane Katrina, in order to capture the unprecedented displacement of persons after September, 2005. The planned ACS data product will have two components: one representing the characteristics of Gulf Coast areas for the first

eight months of 2005 (January through August) and the other representing the characteristics of these areas for the last four months of 2005 (September through December).

Numerous Gulf Coast areas with populations under 65,000 would, under normal circumstances, require three to five years for ACS data to become available. For this special data release, these areas—with their corresponding small sample sizes—were combined to produce sufficient sample size to maintain the integrity of the results. The combining of these areas, often by county rather than by census tract, was carried out with guidance from leaders in the affected areas and aimed to join economically similar areas.

The release of Gulf Coast data, comes in response to a special request by the

President to all cabinet-level departments for support in Gulf Coast recovery efforts. The data is expected to be used by interested local officials and planners as well as federal agencies. Release is expected in early summer 2006, simultaneous with the release of standard data products for the ACS reflecting data collected in 2005.

The American Community Survey, is now sent annually to one of every forty addresses (2.5% of the population). As an annual survey, it is being used gather more up-to-date information on the U.S. populace and is slated to replace the long form in the upcoming 2010 decennial census. During 2000, the long form went to one of every six addresses.

For more information on the American Community Survey visit [www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html). ■

## Career Guidance Volunteers Sought

Students and job seekers need all the help they can get when it comes to finding the right job, and the AAG Career Guidance Program is designed to provide just that help.

Professional geographers have volunteered to answer questions about their respective careers and employers. These volunteer professionals answer occasional queries on topics such as what education is

needed for a job, what roles they perform, and what skills are needed to get hired. They have helped hundreds of students and job seekers better understand career pathways and the current job market. There is no obligation for career guidance volunteers to assist with specific job opportunities or offerings.

If you are interested in participating in the AAG Career Guidance Program, please email the AAG at [careers@aag.org](mailto:careers@aag.org) with the

following information: name, job title, employer, email address, phone number, fax number, employer website. Please also indicate whether you would be willing to conduct informational interviews at the AAG Annual Meeting. Your volunteer participation will help strengthen the discipline by providing an excellent resource for students, job seekers, and career changers interested in our field. ■

## AAG Welcomes New Employee Matt Koeppe



Koeppe

Matthew Koeppe joined the AAG staff in April 2006. Before coming to the AAG, he worked at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., helping to coordinate international cooperation on

scientific missions. Matthew earned a BA in Spanish and Latin American studies from the University of Arkansas, and an MA in Latin American studies and PhD in geography from the University of Kansas. His research has focused on environment and development in the Brazilian Amazon, especially related to the expansion of mechanized agriculture.

In addition to other projects, some of his work at the AAG will focus on the ongoing initiative to enhance connections with geographers internationally.

In his spare time, Matthew enjoys exploring the Washington, D.C. area and trying new restaurants with his wife Gail, and their friends. ■

understandable why his research has attracted enormous attention from the public and science media. He uses pollen and hurricane overwash sediments recovered from coastal lakes and wetlands to extend the records of hurricane landfall along the Gulf of Mexico coast. Other funded research includes a lake-coring project in the Tibetan Plateau to produce high-resolution pollen records of the long-term dynamics of the SW Indian monsoon since the Last Glacial Maximum, and a pollen study of ice cores from the Dundee Ice Cap of western China.

Fritz Nelson has been working in climate change science since 1985, when Canada's Atmospheric Environment Service used a mapping procedure by Nelson and fellow geographer Sam Outcalt with an early general circulation model (GCM) to examine the effects of climate warming on permafrost distribution. Nelson was also involved in collaborative field research in northern Alaska in the 1990s to document the flux of greenhouse gases in tundra environments.

Geographers are involved in studying the climate data record to separate signals from noise. David Easterling at the National Climate Data Center has published a number of good papers and is a co-author of a *Science* paper on changes in extremes. The AAG John Russell Mather and Sandra Pritchard Mather Climatology Knowledge Environment (see the January 2006 AAG Newsletter) has created a living memorial, an interactive online resource available to climate researchers, educators and students worldwide for the scrutiny of climate change databases. Continuing the Mather legacy at the University of Delaware, Cort Willmott and Kenji Matsuura have compiled data from a large number of stations, both from the Global Historical Climate Network and, more extensively, from the archives of David Legates and others.

A number of geographers are involved in research on climate change (current and potential future) impacts as part of the Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS) project (a NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments

program). Sara Pryor at Indiana University has looked at potential changes in circulation and wind regimes in a perturbed climate. Her work is strong and has been published in a wide array of journals. Some other active geographers who are in the news include Mark Serezze (University of Colorado, Boulder) for Arctic sea ice variability, Jason Box (Ohio State University) for Greenland Ice Sheet mass balance and accelerated melting, Bryan Mark (Ohio State University) for Andean glacier retreat. Harry Lins in the USGS Office of Surface Water is a major player in the Global Change Hydrology Program. This program began in 1990 to develop data, understanding, and predictive capabilities related to water and associated aspects of carbon and the greenhouse gases as they interact with global systems. The program is part of the USGS Global Change Research Program (Geochange) which, in turn, is an element of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP).

Working with a team of faculty and students at the University of Wyoming, we have found glaciers in the Wind River Range are particularly sensitive to climate warming. Half of the volume of Dinwoody Glacier disappeared from 1958-83, and half of what remained in 1988 had disappeared by 1995. Grasshoppers that ablated out of the ice have been carbon-dated at over 700 years old, thus revealing the ice as having formed during the Audubon Advance (c. 3000 yBP), not the more recent Little Ice Age. This is old ice that is fast disappearing. In the 1970s, the Wyoming State Legislature had considered funding a project that would have spread coal dust on these glaciers to accelerate melting and increase water supply. Although the measure was discarded, the coal dust was not needed as climate warming accomplished the same goal. In a remarkable reversal, Wyoming is now re-considering precipitation augmentation projects to increase winter snowfall over the Wind River Range!

The human dimensions of global change remain a focus of heightened interest. One multi-institution effort

worth noting is the Human-Environment Regional Observatory (HERO) Project. The study involves scientists at Pennsylvania State University, Clark University, the University of Arizona, Kansas State University, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The four human-environment regional observatories (HEROs) are located in the Southwest-Mexico border region, the High Plains of Kansas, central Pennsylvania, and central Massachusetts. They represent a diverse set of coupled human-natural environments for addressing land-use change, social and economic influences, and climate impacts. The project will contribute to human science and policy research related to human dimensions of global change and ideas of vulnerability and sustainability. This project builds on earlier work led by Bob Kates, Tom Wilbanks, Bill Turner, and other leading scholars in geography. Two bench mark volumes highlight this work, both published by Cambridge University Press: *The Earth as Transformed by Human Action* (1990) and *Global Change and Local Places* (2003). An update on the former volume would be welcomed.

All of the good work by geographers and other climate change scientists has led to a scientific consensus on climate change. Writing in the December 3, 2004 issue of *Science*, Naomi Oreskes reported the results of a survey of all 928 climate change papers published in refereed scientific journals between 1993 and 2003 (ISI database). Remarkably, none of the papers disagreed with the scientific consensus that human activities are heating Earth's surface and lower atmosphere. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) concludes: "This analysis shows that scientists publishing in the peer-reviewed literature agree with IPCC, the National Academy of Sciences, and public statements of their professional societies. Politicians, economists, journalists, and others may have the impression of confusion, disagreement, or discord among climate scientists, but that

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## MyCOE Seeks Student Proposals for 2006

The My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) Partnership invites proposals from students to conduct community-oriented research projects on sustainable development topics in the U.S. Gulf States, Wider Mississippi River Basin, and Greater Caribbean Region. Selected projects will use geographic methods and tools, such as GIS, and will utilize USDA data to approach a locally relevant issue on any aspect of sustainability. The proposals will enable a special learning experience that includes the opportunity to gain valuable workforce experience, practice skills, apply knowledge, and engage with local communities on real-world issues. MyCOE seeks to link research, education, and community outreach in a set of structured activities designed in part as an

internship or work-related practicum, in part as a fellowship for rigorous study and part life experience, dealing with hands-on issues in real communities. Awardees will receive modest stipends, be provided with expert mentoring resources, and will participate in international learning exchange with other student is in the region through the MyCOE network.

Eligible participants are students enrolled in related programs of interest (geography, environmental studies, agriculture, etc.) at an accredited institution of higher education (community colleges, liberal arts colleges, universities, etc.). Priority will be given to proposals by undergraduate students over graduate students. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Students will propose to work locally and on-site with USDA affiliated offices and/or related groups, and the MyCOE program will initiate and facilitate working relationships on behalf of the selected participants. Targeted sites are in the U.S. Gulf or Greater Mississippi River Basin as well as Fort Worth, Texas and Morgantown, West Virginia.

Proposals will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis throughout 2006 for projects running in 2006 and 2007. Please indicate the timeframe for the project, including proposed start and end dates.

For full project criteria, submission instructions, participation requirements and benefits visit [www.geography.org/sustainable](http://www.geography.org/sustainable) or email Patricia Solís at [psolis@aag.org](mailto:psolis@aag.org). ■

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impression is incorrect...there is a scientific consensus on the reality of anthropogenic climate change." Thus, one would expect the scientific consensus would be translated into government action and public policy. A number of barriers have prevented that from happening to various degrees around the world, but most especially in the United States. Brent Yarnel and Craig Colten belong to a group called New Dimen-

sions, which has the goal of developing "new models for interdisciplinary collaboration, where physical scientists, social scientists, and humanists work together with public agencies, the private sector, and communities to deepen our understanding of and develop effective responses to societal problems." The work of critical geographers will continue to shed light on the confounding factors that de-link science and public policy.

The AAG Council recently adopted a resolution addressing the current scientific consensus on climate change and urging action by the U.S. and other governments on the issue. The full text of the resolution is contained on page 21 of this issue of the *AAG Newsletter* as part of the Council Minutes. ■

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## Members of Note

AAG Vice President-elect **Thomas Baerwald** was interviewed by Spike O'Dell of Chicago's WGN Radio on March 13, 2006, about the AAG's 2006 Annual Meeting in Chicago. An audio file of the interview is available online at [www.wgnradio.com/weblog/podspike/](http://www.wgnradio.com/weblog/podspike/).

The *Chicago Sun-Times* ran an article by former AAG President **Alexander Murphy** entitled "Geographic Illiteracy Led us to be Hoodwinked into War." The article, which appeared March 18, 2006, discussed the reduction of geography

education in America and the geographically un-informed arguments used before the Iraq war. It is available at [www.suntimes.com/output/otherviews/cst-edt-ref181.html](http://www.suntimes.com/output/otherviews/cst-edt-ref181.html).

A letter written by **James F. Marran** in response to the above-noted article by Alexander Murphy was published in the *Chicago Sun-Times* on March 28, 2006.

The Scandinavian research project of **David R. Jansson**, Vassar College, was described in a January 12, 2006 article in one of Finland's Swedish language

newspapers, *Nya Åland*. The title of the article, "USA-professor undersöker ÅF" by Anna Björkroos, translates essentially as "USA professor studies [or investigates] Ålands Framtid [Åland's Future, which is a new political party on Åland, a Swedish-speaking archipelago in Finland]. The article discusses Jansson's research project on geographic identity on Åland, which begins with a case study of this political party, and its desire for independence from Finland for the archipelago. ■

## Where is the Middle East?

The plenary session devoted to Hurricane Katrina at the Chicago annual meeting was a truly educational experience for me, and my thanks to the AAG for organizing it. This two-hour session with expert geographers analyzing the catastrophe in a calm, measured pace powerfully emphasized the magnitude and urgency of the problems we face.

During the flight back home, I thought that it would have been neat if there had been such sessions devoted to the Middle East. After all, to declare that the Middle East is on the minds of the entire world will not be an overstatement by any means.

But, when planning my personal schedule at the meeting, I had limited options on sessions on the Middle East. At the interactive website that listed the conference program, a query on the keyword "Iraq" yielded links to six abstracts; keyword search for "Iran" yielded two; and a keyword search for "Israel" displayed eight possible papers. Clicking on the topic area "Middle East" returned a result of thirty abstract(s) total with the topic Middle East, out of the hundreds of presentations by hundreds of scholars. To give myself a proper perspective, I searched for the keyword "Australia": eight possible papers.

I do not think the small number of papers on the Middle East can be dismissed as a statistical outlier. In fact, it fits in well with some of the other trends within academic geography, and academia in general. If we use September 11, 2001 as the starting point, even after almost five years, academia has yet to effectively rise to the challenge of educating students about the Middle East.

Universities and colleges, big and small, have only marginally adjusted their curricula to reflect these shifting global urgencies. Yes, a few seminars are offered here and there, but those are few and far in between.

The university where I teach is a classic example. Our four-person department has yet to propose a formal course that is exclusively about the Middle East. Of course, such drastic changes in the curriculum are difficult to achieve when we are only a four-person department. Neither can we ignore our commitment to offer courses identified in the major and minor, nor can we ignore our commitment to various interdisciplinary programs.

Our department is housed within the Social Science Division, which includes history, political science, anthropology, and sociology. Interestingly enough, none of these departments has put together a course in these four-plus years to address the issues of the Middle East. In April 2004, when I introduced a discussion on this need, my colleagues across the division decided that the university should "hire a faculty member with that specialization, because knowledge of issues and language abilities are important." Subsequent hires in the division did not reflect the Middle East as a priority.

I suspect that this is a similar story at most other places too. My hypothesis is that it is the same "lack of expertise" that led to a metaphorical deafening silence on the Middle East at the AAG meeting.

Not wanting to give up, this term I offered a course on the Middle East, even though I am far from an expert on this area.

(The course materials are at [www.wou.edu/~khes/geog410](http://www.wou.edu/~khes/geog410).) I made it clear to the twenty-two students that in this course, more than in any other course, I was going to be their guide and not a teacher. I will not get the official evaluations for at least six more weeks, but some of them have already conveyed how much they appreciated the opportunity to learn a few things about the Middle East.

It was also sheer luck that this term our university hosted a visiting Fulbright scholar from Nigeria, whose research is on Islamic Fundamentalism. The class was excited when he came to address them, and there was no shortage of questions from the students.

This experience in guiding a class on the Middle East has convinced me that I need to do this next year too. But, such efforts are only piecemeal at best. We need an infusion of new faculty who have spent years educating themselves about the Middle East. Given that it is the research universities that train future faculty, I wonder whether the AAG meeting is an indication that there are not many Middle East geographers in the pipeline.

The nature of our discipline means that the public assumes that geographers know about the world, and the Middle East in particular. We need to rise up to these expectations, just as we are doing regarding Hurricane Katrina. ■

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## Geographic Centers

### The Graduate Center, CUNY, Geography Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Geography Program at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York is a newly-created specialization within the doctoral program in Earth and

Environmental Sciences. Faculty members are either based full-time at the Graduate Center or hold joint appointments with the undergraduate and master's programs offered at Hunter and Lehman Colleges within the CUNY system. The program has five core areas: geographic information

science, geography and social theory, physical geography, urban and regional dynamics, and geographic education. Further information is available at <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/Ees/home.html>. ■

## Cry, the Beloved Journal

As a past section editor (2000–05) of the *Annals*, who presently lives in the state that had the unfortunate distinction of being the first to pass a law (in April 1907) that permitted the use of involuntary procedures in a misguided attempt to eradicate the unfit, I find Zelinsky's concluding remarks disconcerting (*AAG Newsletter*, 2006, 41:3, 14). With its references to "the hoary ancestral boundaries of our field," and "outward extrusions on the part of the most sprawling and fissiparous of scholarly enterprises" that make "marginal use of geographic tools, or none at all," Zelinsky's commentary ostensibly appeals to utopian demands for a journal that promotes the theory, methods, and practice of geography without diluting "the geographic identity of its output." I submit any attempt on the part of the editors to excise, in the name of self-purification, that which they judge to be of a non-geographic nature from the pages of the *Annals*, would be detrimental both to the health of the journal and our discipline. Zelinsky bemoans the fact that the glue (his 'whiff of geography' or possibly, Kant's *Raum*) that holds the *Annals* together is deteriorating, and apparently he sees the current sections and their unified content as a threat to the journal's well-being. I caution against viewing our

Association's academic journals as playing fields on which geography can be codified and studied. Instead, I suggest that one might perceive the metamorphosis of the *Annals* as affording a conventionalist perspective on the perennial dilemma all academic disciplines face; namely, that because knowledge is so vast one must divide it in order to comprehend some part of it yet, because all knowledge is related, one must also try to comprehend the links and interactions between the component parts.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, I do not find it surprising that Zelinsky was engaged by many of the papers published in the *Annals* during the past five years or that, consistent with long-standing editorial policy,<sup>2</sup> some papers resonated with him more than others. As a past president of the Association (1972–73), Zelinsky also should be aware that AAG publications are vehicles which convey the results of individuals' inquiries to other geographers, and make them available to a wider audience, and that the editors, assisted by the peer review process, strive to maintain quality and integrity throughout the publication process. To this end, all submissions are given unbiased consideration, though it remains that the editors have sole responsibility for accepting or rejecting a

manuscript and, to facilitate communication across the discipline, they may take a proactive stance on occasion. Conversely, a manuscript may be deemed inappropriate for publication in the journal to which it has been submitted, but editors and reviewers generally are reluctant to compromise the intellectual independence of authors. Others have contemplated criteria for validating geographic content,<sup>3</sup> and geographers have a long tradition that tells us what, how, and why we study. But let us not use the desire to identify common themes and purposes in our work as an excuse for isolating an ethereal core in the pages of our flagship journals from research that is often on (and might redefine) the boundaries of our subject, and may overlap with, benefit from, and contribute to other disciplines.<sup>4</sup> ■

<sup>1</sup>These notions are not new and, for example, were expounded on, three decades ago, by J. Lewis Robinson, *Journal of Geography*, 75:9, 520-530.

<sup>2</sup>For example, see *Annals*, 54:3, 445.

<sup>3</sup>For example, see *The Professional Geographer*, 26:2, 137-139.

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## Call for Papers

### Geography and Terrorism

*The Pennsylvania Geographer* seeks manuscripts for the Fall/Winter 2006 edition on the topic of geography and terrorism. The deadline for submissions is **August 15, 2006**. Please send manuscripts and inquiries to Editor William B. Kory at koryupj@pitt.edu.

### Race, Ethnicity and Place

The deadline for abstract submissions for the Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, to be held November 1-4 in San Marcos,

Texas, has been extended to **June 30, 2006**. Visit <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu> or email [rep3@geo.txstate.edu](mailto:rep3@geo.txstate.edu) for full details.

### Cultural Geography

The editors of the *Journal of Cultural Geography*, a peer-reviewed, semiannual publication, are soliciting manuscripts for the Spring/Summer 2007 and Fall/Winter 2007 issues. They invite manuscript submissions on topics of interest to cultural geographers as well as academics

and professionals in cognate fields. More information about the journal and instructions for authors are available online at [www.geog.okstate.edu/users/culture/culture.htm](http://www.geog.okstate.edu/users/culture/culture.htm).

Please send manuscripts to Alyson Greiner, Editor, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, Oklahoma State University, Department of Geography, 225 Scott Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-4073. For additional information, email the editors at: [jcgpress@okstate.edu](mailto:jcgpress@okstate.edu), or call 405-744-9169. ■

# Call for Nominations for the 2007 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 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 (i) from the membership at large and (ii) from those members who have previously received AAG Honors (a list of previous honorees can be found in the AAG *Guide to Geography*

in the Americas and online at [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/aag\\_honors.cfm](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm)). 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 Jon Kilpinen by June 30, 2006. 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. Please send nominations to Jon by email ([jon.kilpinen@valpo.edu](mailto:jon.kilpinen@valpo.edu)), fax (219-548-7738), or by mail to: Jon T. Kilpinen, Valparaiso University, Department of Geography & Meteorology, Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493. ■

## Necrology

### Henry Michael

Dr. Henry N. Michael died February 19, 2006 at age ninety-two. Michael was widely known for his study of ancient pine tree growth rings, which helped resolve problems of radiocarbon dating. He was Chair of the Temple University Geography Department from 1965 to 1973.

Henry Michael was born in Pittsburgh and earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He was named an assistant professor at Temple University in 1959, around the same time he began his tree-ring studies. Dr. Michael studied the tree rings of ancient bristlecone pine trees in the White Mountains of California. He drilled samples from bristlecone pine trees, which can live 4,500 years or more, and with colleagues Elizabeth Ralph of the University of Pennsylvania and C. Wesley Ferguson of the University of Arizona, subjected rings of known age to radiocarbon testing. The research, partly conducted at the University of California,

San Diego, expanded the known record for radiocarbon testing by thousands of years, to create a reliable chronology for scientists. In the 1970's and 80's, Dr. Michael continued to hunt for even older samples of buried bristlecones and managed to match signature patterns from dead trees to living samples, eventually pushing back the limit of the radiocarbon record to 7,400 B.C. He successfully applied the dating method to timbers from Greece and to the cedars of Lebanon, and handed over his data to the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research at the University of Arizona in the 1990's.

While a professor of geography at Temple University, Dr. Michael studied Siberia and the cultures of the Eskimos and other Arctic people, and translated works from their Russian sources. He translated the legends of the Yupik Eskimos of Siberia and from 1959 to 1974, helped edit a series of books, *Anthropology of the North*, published by the University of Toronto Press. During the cold war, Michael maintained ties with Russian

anthropologists and translated and helped publish their articles. He also edited an account of an early exploration of Alaska and the Yukon, "Lieutenant Zagoskin's Travels in Russian America, 1842-1844."

Henry Michael was Chair of Temple's geography department from 1965 to 1973, and retired there in 1980. He was also a founder of the Delaware Valley Geographical Association (DVGA) and for decades the host of its twice-yearly council meetings, providing geographers from a dozen local, non-PhD institutions a professional network. In 2001 the DVGA presented Dr. Michael with its "Award of Distinction for Advancement of Geography in the Delaware Valley," an award that has been given only twice. Michael continued an active role in the DVGA until very recently. And up until 2005 he continued his studies at Penn, working at its Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology, where he was a senior fellow. ■

**Joseph Manzo**, professor of geography at Concord University, was honored with the 2006 Professor of the Year Award from the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia. The award comes with a \$10,000 prize. Professors in all disciplines at all public and private colleges and universities in West Virginia are eligible. Manzo is the first geographer to win the award.

**Barry Wellar and Mike Sawada** are part of a multidisciplinary research team at the University of Ottawa that received \$99,500 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for the project "Tools to Investigate the Relationship Between Spatial Inequalities and Health Disparities."

**Martin J. (Mike) Pasqualetti**, professor of Geography at Arizona State University, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Renewable Energy Task Force in Arizona in March 2006. The award was in recognition of his research, teaching, and service on behalf of renewable energy development in Arizona and in particular for his role in brokering partnerships between the state and solar energy developers. The award was given upon Pasqualetti's retirement from the chairmanship of the Arizona Solar Energy Advisory Council.

Pasqualetti also recently received a seed grant from the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to investigate environmental costs to Canada of supplying energy to the U.S. The emphasis in part of the research will be the landscape disruptions associated with developing the mammoth oil sands of northern Alberta, Canada. Interested individuals may contact [pasqualetti@asu.edu](mailto:pasqualetti@asu.edu).

The Eastern National Parks Association conferred its William Everhart Award to **Lary Dilsaver** and **William Wyckoff** for the best article on national parks published in 2005. The award, which includes a \$1,000 prize, was for the article, "The

Political Geography of National Parks," that appeared in the fall issue of *Pacific Historical Review* (vol. 74). The authors showed how boundary demarcation in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and Mojave National Preserve affected their future management and the ways the Park Service coped with resulting issues and conflict. This award comes three years after Dilsaver received a career service award from the National Park Service for his twenty years of research on park administrative histories.

The Penn State Commission for Women honored **Amy K. Glasmeier** with the 2006 Rosemary Schraer Mentor Award. Glasmeier, the E. Willard Miller professor of economic geography and John Whisman Appalachian scholar in the Department of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, was honored for her record of outstanding mentoring and her excellence in helping others recognize and achieve their potential.

**Mark W. Horner** of Florida State University received a grant of \$64,760 from the NSF Geography and Regional Science Program and the NSF Decision, Management, and Risk Sciences Program for a study entitled "Rethinking Representation in Discrete Spatial Modeling: Theoretical Developments and a Computational Study of Hurricane Disaster Relief." The eighteen month project will investigate strategies for mitigating error and uncertainty in spatial models used to facilitate efficient hurricane disaster relief goods provision.

The NSF CAREER Award for 2005 were conferred to **Martin Doyle** of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the 2006 CAREER Award went to **Rebecca Torres** of East Carolina University during the AAG Annual Meeting. The National Science Foundation's program for Faculty Early-Career Development (better

known as the CAREER program) recognizes and supports the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who are likely to become academic leaders of the twenty-first century. The awards include more than \$400,000 given to each of these early-career scholars to support their research and educational activities.

**Joseph Kerski** of the USGS received the 2005 GENIP Travelocity Award for Excellence in Geography Education. Kerski was recognized with this award for his creation and nurturing of educational partnerships among government agencies, nonprofit organizations, private industry, professional societies, universities, community colleges, and K-12 schools to support spatial literacy through the use of geospatial technologies in geography and science teaching and learning. The award includes a check for \$5,000.

**Sally Horn and Ken Orvis**, geography faculty and Co-Directors of the Laboratory of Paleoenvironmental Research at the University of Tennessee (UT), and **Claudia Mora** of the UT Department of Earth and Planetary Science, received a \$200,000 grant from the Geography and Regional Science Program of the National Science Foundation for a project entitled, "Holocene Climate and Environmental History in the Northeastern Caribbean." The investigators will examine lake-sediment cores from two areas of contrasting modern vegetation and climate in the Dominican Republic to develop proxy records of vegetation and hydrological changes. Research results and scientific knowledge of global change will be shared through a "Visiting Scientist" program that the PIs and students will develop in local schools in collaboration with the Tennessee Geographic Alliance. ■

**Nominations are now being accepted for 2007 AAG Honors. AAG Honors Awards are among the highest awards bestowed by the AAG. For nominations instructions visit [www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag\\_honors.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm) or see the last page of this issue. The deadline for nomination is June 30, 2006.**

### McCull Family Fellowship

The eighth McCull Fellowship is to be awarded for the year 2007. It consists of round trip airfare to any place in the world of the candidate's choosing. Other expenses are not included. The only obligation of the fellowship recipient is to write an article based on the visit abroad that is suitable for publication in *FOCUS on Geography* magazine and that is submitted to the editor within six months of returning from the trip.

One fellowship is offered each year. Applications consisting of the candidate's CV; a cover letter of no more than three pages that describes a) the proposed trip, b) the reasons for selecting that itinerary, and c) the candidate's particular competence for doing fieldwork in the area; and a statement of the sum requested, must be received by **October 16, 2006**.

Applications should be sent to: McCull Family Fellowship Committee,

The American Geographical Society, 120 Wall Street, Suite 100, New York, New York 10005-3904.

For further information contact Mary Lynne Bird at 212-422-5456 or [mlbird@amergeog.org](mailto:mlbird@amergeog.org) or visit [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org).

### Geographic Library Fellowships for 2007

The American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries, which includes the AAG Archives, welcomes applications for two short-term fellowship programs: the McCull Research Program fellowships and Helen and John S. Best Research fellowships.

McCull Research Program fellowships are short-term fellowships available to individuals who wish to communicate their geographical research results to a broad, educated general audience. Awards of \$3,000 for four-week fellowships will

be provided to support residencies for the purpose of conducting research that makes direct use of the library, and results in publication in a mutually agreed outlet.

Helen and John S. Best Research fellowships offer stipends of \$375 per week, for periods up to four weeks, and will be awarded to support residencies for the purpose of conducting research that makes direct use of the library.

The AGS Library (and AAG Archives) has strengths in geography, cartography, and related historical topics. Applications must be received by **October 20, 2006**. All fellowships are tenable in 2007. For further information, write, call or email the AGS Library, P.O. Box 399, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0399; Phone (414) 229-6282; email [agsl@uwm.edu](mailto:agsl@uwm.edu). Website: [www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL/fellowships.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL/fellowships.html). ■

## Award Deadlines

### MAY

15. Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program. Contact Ruth I. Shirey at [rishirey@iup.edu](mailto:rishirey@iup.edu).

### JUNE

30. Nominations for AAG Honors. See [www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm).

### AUGUST

31. AAG William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography, nominations due. [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marblediss.htm](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marblediss.htm).

### SEPTEMBER

15. Nominations for AAG Honorary Geographer. [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/index.cfm](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/index.cfm).

### OCTOBER

2. AAG William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography, submission of materials due. [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marblediss.htm](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marblediss.htm)

15. NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Proposals. [www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/grs/suppdiss.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/grs/suppdiss.jsp).

16. McCull Family Fellowship. [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org).

20. AGS Library Fellowships for 2007. [www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL/fellowships.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL/fellowships.html).

### DECEMBER

1. AAG Anderson Medal

31. AAG Research Grants and Dissertation Research Grants

31. AAG IGIF Student Travel Grant, Student Paper Award, and Graduate Research Award

31. AAG George & Viola Hoffman Award

31. AAG Anne U. White Fund

31. AAG Jackson Prize

31. AAG Meridian Book Award and Globe Book Award

31. AAG Glenda Laws Award

31. AAG Meredith F. Burrill Award

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## Copies of Semple's *Influence of Geographic Environment* Sought

**A**AG member Innes M. Keighren of the University of Edinburgh, seeks help in identifying annotated copies of Ellen Churchill Semple's 1911 volume *Influences of Geographic Environment*. As part of

PhD research into the reading and reception of Semple's book, he is conducting a survey of its extant copies—looking for those which contain marginalia (readers' comments, under-

lining, and graffiti). Members with access to Semple's book are asked to complete a short on-line survey describing any marginal contents: [www.geos.ed.ac.uk/homes/s9631102/bookcensus.html](http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/homes/s9631102/bookcensus.html). ■

## New Appointments

Augustana College, Instructor, Jennifer Horwath. PhD, University of Illinois-Champaign, expected.

East Carolina University, Assistant Professor, Jennifer Saleem Arrigo. PhD, Boston University, 2005.

Humboldt State University, Assistant Professor, Joy K. Adams. PhD, University of Texas, expected 2006.

Stephen F. Austin State University, Assistant Professor, William Forbes. PhD, University of North Texas, 2004.

University of North Dakota, Assistant Professor, Enru Wang. PhD, University of Washington, 2005.

University of Richmond, Assistant Professor, Mary M. Brook. PhD, University of Texas-Austin, 2005.

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

## Quarter Century

The May 1981 issue of the *AAG Newsletter* reported that the AAG Nominating Committee had submitted a slate of candidates for a special vice presidential election due to the death of James Anderson. Candidates submitted were John S. Adams, Gerard Rushton, and H. Jesse Walker...Harley E. Johansen was appointed as Professor and Department Head at the University of Idaho effective July 1981...the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) announced its upcoming international meeting to be held in October in Buffalo, New York...a NAS-sponsored study was released entitled "Population Redistribution and Public Policy." The study contained ten commissioned papers and was edited by Brian J.L. Berry and Lester P. Silverman. ■

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Each year AAG Specialty Groups (SGs) confer honors and awards on their faculty and student members. The following awards were given during the 2006 Annual Meeting of the AAG in Chicago, Illinois.

## Cartography SG

Heather Francisco of the University of Wisconsin-Madison received the Cartography Specialty Group's National Geographic Student Map Award for her map "Refugee Movements in Africa." She received \$1,200, a certificate, and National Geographic atlases.

## China SG

The China Specialty Group's Best Student Paper Award went to Jun Zhang (University of Minnesota) for "Self-Organization and Political-Construction: A Comparison of Internet Cluster Development in Beijing and Shanghai."

## Cultural and Political Ecology SG

Ryan E. Galt of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, received the Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group's Student Paper Award for "Export Farmers' Responses to U.S. Pesticide Residue Regulations: The Political Ecology of Regulatory Risk, Caution, and Local Interpretations in Costa Rica."



Meehan

The CAPE Field Study Award went to Katharine Meehan of the University of Arizona for "The Abject Commodity: Spatial Perceptions of Sewage in San Diego-Tijuana."

The Robert McC. Netting Award for distinguished research and professional activities that bridge geography and anthropology, went to William I Woods of the University of Kansas.



Davenport

## Cultural Geography SG

The Cultural Geography Specialty Group's Terry Jordan-Bychkov Student Paper Award (doctoral level) went to John Davenport of the University of Kentucky for "New Orleans Bywater Historic District."



Swobodzinski

went to Martin Swobodzinski of San Diego State University for "Route Calculation Constraints for an Indoor Navigation Service for the Blind." The award is \$200. Swobodzinski, along with Tatyana Schoenberg, SUNY at Buffalo, also each received EPBGSG travel grants of \$130.

## Ethnic Geography SG

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group's (EGSG) PhD Dissertation Proposal first place award went to Rini Sumartojo of Simon Fraser University for the dissertation "Place Attachment, Ethno-Cultural Identity, and



AAG President Richard Marston congratulates Sin Yih Teo

Multi-Culturalism: Indo-Canadian Youth Violence in Vancouver." The second place EGSG PhD Dissertation Proposal award went to Sin Yih Teo of the University of British Columbia for "Where is Home?: Return Migration and the Negotiation of

Citizenship Amongst Recent People's Republic of China Immigrants to Canada."

## Geomorphology SG

Kimberly Meitzen of the University of South Carolina received the Geomorphology Specialty Group's Student Research Awards at the master's level.

The Geomorphology SG's G.K. Gilbert Award for research excellence went to William H. Renwick of Miami University of Ohio and co-authors S.V. Smith, J.D. Bartley, and R.W. Buddemeier, for "The Role of Impoundments in the Sediment Budget of the Conterminous United States" (*Geomorphology* 71 [2005]: 99-111).

## Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography SG

The Saarinen Student Paper Competition Award of the Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography Specialty Group (EPBGSG),



Lippitt

University for "Incorporating Human Interaction Variables in a Non-Parametric Decision Support System to Predict Gypsy Moth Outbreak."

## Geographic Perspectives on Women SG

The Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Specialty Group's Glenda Laws Student Paper Award, PhD level, went to Ann Marie Murnaghan of York University for "Representing Nature in Elizabeth Posthumus Simcoe's Diary: An Examination of Toronto's Colonial Past." The Laws



Lee

Student Paper Award at the master's level went to Elizabeth Lee of the University of British Columbia for "Migrant Remittances and Gender Relations in the Transnational City." The undergraduate level award went to Jessica

Barnes of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for "A Space of Her Own: The Notion of Home in Chopin's *The Awakening*."

## Historical Geography SG

The Historical Geography Specialty Group gave awards in their Student Research Competition at the PhD level to Ezra Zeitler of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for "Migration of French-Speaking Walloon Belgians to Wisconsin's Door Peninsula" and at the master's level to Matthew Liesch for "Places of Opportunity, Places of Despair: Perceptual Geography and the Gogebic Iron Range of Michigan and Wisconsin."

## Indigenous Peoples SG

The Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group Graduate Student Paper Award went to Chie Sakakibara for her paper

"Tikiḡaq Ghost Stories: Contemporary Inupiat Identity and Place-Making in the Time of Climate Change."



Baletti

## Latin American SG

The Latin American Specialty Group (LASG) conferred their 2006 Doctoral Student Paper Award on Christopher Gaffney (University of Texas-Austin) for "Space, Race and Cultural Transformation in the Stadiums of Rio de Janeiro."

Brenda Baletti (University of Texas-Austin) received the LASG 2006 Master's Student Paper Award for "The Social Production of Urban Forests: Urbanization, Development and Conservation in the Eastern Brazilian Amazon."



Butler

## Mountain Geography SG

The Mountain Geography Specialty Group's (MGSG) Distinguished Career Award went to David R. Butler of Texas State University. The MGSG's Outstanding Recent Accomplishments Award went to Matthew Bekker of Brigham Young University for tree ring research documenting environmental change in mountain environments.

## Political Geography SG

The Dissertation Enhancement Award of the Political Geography SG (PGSG) went to Reece Jones of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for "Borders, Boundaries, and Identities: Narrating and Enacting Difference in India and Bangladesh."

The PGSG Student Paper Award went to Adam Moore of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for "Scale as a Geographical Category: Critique and Reformulation."



Wei

## Regional Development and Planning SG

The Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group's Distinguished Scholar Award went to Yehua Dennis Wei of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

## Regional Development and Planning SG and Asian SG

The Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group, together with the Asian Specialty Group conferred the A.K. Chakravarti Award for Best Student Paper on South Asia to two co-winners, Sya Buryn for "From Method to Movement: A Chipko Story" and Debarchana Ghosh for "Predicting Vulnerability of Indian Women to Domestic Violence Incidents."



Warner

## Remote Sensing SG

The Remote Sensing Specialty Group's Outstanding Contributions Award went to Timothy Warner of West Virginia University.



Thornburg

## Rural Geography SG

Gina Thornburg received the Rural Geography Specialty Group's Best Student Paper Award.

## Sexuality and Space SG

First place in the Sexuality and Space Specialty Group Student Paper Competition went to Sean Robertson of Simon Fraser University for "Spaces of Exception in Canadian Hate Crimes Legislation: Accounting for the Effects of Sexuality-Based Aggravation in *R. vs. Cran.*" Honorable Mention went to Andrew Gorman-Murray of Macquarie University in Australia for "Gay/Lesbian Identity Work at Home."

## Spatial Analysis and Modeling SG

The Spatial Analysis and Modeling (SAM) Specialty Group's Student Paper Competition award went to Jonathan P. Schroeder of the University of Minnesota for "Evaluating Uncertainty When Using Areal Interpolation for Temporal Analysis of Census Tract Data."

## Transportation Geography SG

Barry Wellar of the University of Ottawa received the Transportation Geography Specialty Group's Edward

Ullman Award for his significant contributions to transportation geography.



Ahmed

## Urban Geography Specialty Group

The Urban Geography Specialty Group's (UGSG) Student Paper Competition Award went to Waquar Ahmed of Clark University for "Neoliberal Utopia and Urban Realities in Delhi." The UGSG Dissertation Award went to Caitlin Cahill of the University of Utah for "Makes Me Mad! The Fed Up Honeys Investigate Stereotypes, Gentrification, and the Disinvestment of the Lower East Side."

## Water Resources SG

The Water Resources Specialty Group's (WRSG) Best Research Proposal Award at the doctoral level went to Laura Stroup of the University of South Carolina for "All Dried Up: Climate Change Impacts on Hydrology and Water Resources Management in the Platte River Basin."

The WRSG Best Undergraduate Paper Award went to Troy Hill of Clark University for "Adaptation to Climate Variability in Central Massachusetts: A Focus on Structure and Agency."



Merner

The Best Graduate Poster Award went to Tenny Bache of the University of British Columbia for "Environmental Covariates of *E. coli* and Total Coliforms in Ontario's Groundwater: A Land Use Regression Approach" and the Best Undergraduate Poster Award went to Laura Merner of Clark University and her co-authors for "Assessing Vulnerability to Drought in the Ipswich River." ■

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## Internships & Intern Host Sites

### AAG Internships

The AAG is now accepting applications for interns to work in our Washington, D.C. office. Interns will get a first-hand look at geography's leading professional association through assisting in daily operations and projects, attending meetings with government and private organizations, and working in a friendly office environment in the heart of the nation's capital.

Applicants should have strong written and verbal communication skills and have competency in Microsoft Office software. A modest monthly stipend is provided. Email a letter of interest, resume, and two

references to John Wertman (jwertman@aag.org).

### Bridges.org

Bridges.org has one to two openings for student interns to work on a project testing, studying, and raising awareness about the use of maps for development, with a focus on East and Southern Africa. The organization's mission is to promote the effective use of information and communications technology (ICT) in the developing world for meaningful purposes, such as better healthcare, education, and self-sustaining economic development. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Peters, [tmpeters@bridges.org](mailto:tmpeters@bridges.org).

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# Association of American Geographers Council Meeting Minutes

Chicago, IL  
March 5-7, 2006

**Attending:** Dick Marston, *President*; Kavita Pandit, *Vice President*; Vicky Lawson, *Past President*; Jon Kilpinen, *Secretary and Regional Councillor* (West Lakes Division); and Samuel Aryeetey-Attoh, *Treasurer and Regional Councillor* (East Lakes Division). *National Councillors:* Thomas Baerwald, Kirstin Dow, Carol Harden, Mei-Po Kwan, Ines Miyares, and Ann Oberhauser. *Regional Councillors:* Stuart Aitken (Pacific Coast Division), Kevin Blake (Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division), Martha Geores (Middle Atlantic Division), Paul Matthews (Southwestern Division), Tyrel Moore (Southeastern Division), Gregory Pope (Middle States Division), and Timothy Rickard (New England-St. Lawrence Valley Division). *AAG Staff:* Executive Director Douglas Richardson and Director of Research and Outreach Patricia Solís.

## PRELIMINARIES

President Marston convened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. on March 5 with a brief welcome. Council then adopted the agenda for the meeting.

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

### President's Priorities

Marston reviewed his main priorities: 1) Advancing Physical Geography, 2) Healthy Departments, 3) Collaboration within Geography and between Geographers and Other Disciplines, and 4) Geography and Public Policy. He especially noted the President's Plenary Session for the Chicago meeting on "Geography—The Original Integrated Environmental Science." Marston also commented on his involvement with AAG fundraising activities, including meetings in Chicago.

### Vice President's Priorities

Pandit reiterated her two main initiatives: internationalization in geography and healthy departments. She reminded Council of the next Healthy Departments Workshop, to be held in Athens, Georgia, June 9-11, 2006. She also hopes to encourage regional divisions to organize "healthy departments" sessions at their meetings in 2006-2007. To highlight internationalization in geography, Pandit will meet with counterparts from other countries at the IGU in Brisbane in July 2006 and during other overseas trips. She will also work more closely with the AAG's International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee on international matters.

### Past President's Priorities

Lawson thanked those AAG officers who have joined Council the last two years and continued many of her initiatives, especially the Healthy Departments project. She noted that the Healthy Departments' web page has been established and is growing. Summer workshops may go to alternating years after 2006. Lawson hopes to add some new members to the Healthy Departments Committee to continue its work. On the issue of diversity, the Diversity Task Force will meet in Chicago and submit a report to Council later in 2006. Lawson continues to work on funding for the Geography Prize for World Understanding. Finally, she mentioned that her Past President's Address later in the Chicago meeting will focus on "Geographies of Care and Responsibility."

### Review of Geography Programs

*East Lakes.* Attoh reported that geography is well in the East Lakes, with only minor changes in some departments. State-level issues, including transfer assurance guides in Ohio, have been mildly controversial, but few chairs are concerned about their impacts on geography. Subsidies for geography courses remain low in many departments, despite higher costs for GIS and environmental lab courses. Bowling Green State University is looking to establish a school of Earth, Environment, and Society to compete for more state support. Grand Valley State University is working on some international initiatives. Toledo is readying to submit its Ph.D. proposal to the Ohio Senate before final state approval.

*Great Plains-Rocky Mountain.* Blake reported that a slate of dates and locations is in place for the next three annual regional meetings (2006, 2007, 2008) and that the planning efforts for the 2006 meeting are going very well. He also reported on the state of geography in several departments in the region in which geography is combined with earth science or environmental studies. Geography is doing well in these departments in terms of faculty and student numbers; in a couple of instances geography is the sole focus of the department's programs and these departments are experiencing growth.

*Mid-Atlantic.* Geores reported that MAD-AAG held its annual meeting at the USGS this year as part of an effort to expand the involvement of public-sector applied geographers. The academic departments all seem to be in good stead. Students are declaring geography majors earlier than ever—a good sign of the health of the discipline. The fall meeting is going to be held in conjunction with SEDAAG at Morgantown, West Virginia.

*Middle States.* Pope reported that many departments report having high standing in their colleges,

being model departments, etc. Enrollment is generally stable, with Syracuse having major growth. Pennsylvania's state budget cuts have prevented faculty hiring there. Rutgers has a hiring freeze, but Montclair State has had hires the past two years. Slippery Rock University, Montclair State, and Syracuse have all enjoyed new buildings or infrastructure in recent months. Syracuse now has a "community geographer," who carries out outreach initiatives with the city. Pennsylvania's initiative for a State Geographer has been tabled, pending a resolution of the administrative home for the position. Middle States will hold its next meeting in New Brunswick, New Jersey in October.

*New England-St. Lawrence Valley.* Rickard reported that NESTVAL is set to meet at the University of Vermont in October 2006, the department there perhaps resuming its role as a regional leader. Rhode Island College is facing challenges in servicing its majors due to a hiring freeze.

*Pacific Coast.* Aitken reported only a few significant changes in the region since Fall 2005. He noted that the University of Idaho is doing well, having had a solid external review, an NSF grant, the addition of a new position, and increased graduate applications. The University of Arizona reported a record number of geography majors—about 350—this academic year and approval of a Graduate Certificate in GIS. The California State University system has seen new hires in geography at several schools, and geography at Cal State Longbeach has been designated a "growth pole" in the College of Liberal Arts, expecting to reach 200 majors in the next few years. The debut of Reno's Ph.D. program is slated for next year.

*Southeastern.* Moore reported good news on geography in SEDAAG. Budgets at many schools have improved. The department at the University of Kentucky is doing especially well with several current hires in progress and a new GIS teaching and research lab. The University of Tennessee is also doing well, with two new faculty positions and a growing number of majors. East Carolina University and the University of Georgia have enjoyed recent hires. One ongoing concern in the region involves membership, which is not as strong as in the past. SEDAAG hopes to work with the AAG to promote regional membership renewals.

*Southwest.* Matthews reported that SWAAG seems to be quite healthy, with no major changes since December. In New Mexico, the Department of Higher Education, a recent creation, has moved to create a core curriculum for higher education, though its implementation across the state seems unlikely. At the request of a SWAAG member, the George Carney situation was raised.

*West Lakes.* Kilpinen reported that plans for the joint West Lakes meeting with the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain division in Lincoln, Nebraska, are well under way. News from some of the larger West Lakes' departments indicated that geography is well even in the face of changes. The University of Illinois reported an impending inclusion of geography in a new School of Earth, Society, and Environment, with hiring priorities in interdisciplinary research areas. The University of Wisconsin-Madison reported new appointments in each of the last few years and a very successful GIS certificate program. Indiana University noted some challenges to replacing retiring faculty members, but remained very optimistic given the results of recent hires.

## Review of Topical Developments

President Marston requested that the National Councillors consider the role of petitions and resolutions in the AAG, including the process of bringing those petitions to Council. Marston and Baerwald reviewed the articles and by-laws of the AAG regarding established procedure. Baerwald pointed out that there are two broad questions: what is the broader role of petitions, and what are the mechanisms of the petition process?

The National Councillors noted that there are various levels of expression (individual members, Specialty Groups, and the AAG as a whole) and two kinds of petitions/resolutions: those addressed to Council to shape Association policy, business, or operations and those that speak on behalf of the AAG in a larger dialogue as a public statement. Our task with the latter type of resolution is to find the best way to have experts in our field express their views on various issues. Many agreed that geography's breadth gives it expertise in science fields and in social/political policy; it has the ability to connect these areas. Many also agreed that resolutions issued by the AAG on the advancement of science and sound policy represent an appropriate expression of the Association's mission, provided that these resolutions are well written, focused on a specific issue related to geography, and free from politically inflammatory language that could weaken the AAG's overall credibility. Councillors then thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of the process by which resolutions come to Council and are approved, especially the merits of resolutions that could emanate from a small number of individuals but hope to speak on behalf of all 9,500 AAG members. Many asked rhetorically if these kinds of Association statements should go to the membership for a vote. Ultimately, Marston charged the National Councillors with the task of reviewing the AAG's resolution procedures with the goal of issuing a set of recommendations to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Discussion then turned to a climate change petition forwarded to Council by John Paul Jones III and Robert Christopherson, signed by a number of AAG

members and supported by the Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Committee. Many Council members embraced the spirit of the proposed resolution, but several were concerned about its length and language. Marston circulated copies of a statement on climate change endorsed by, among others, the National Academy of Science. After much reflective discussion and editing, Council approved the following revised version of the resolution with five abstentions:

### *AAG Resolution Requesting Action on Climate Change*

*Whereas*, climate change is a process that constitutes a major threat to Earth's environment and to the well-being of people in all nations;

*Whereas*, geography is an integrative science that synthesizes and analyzes data regarding human-environmental relationships, thereby increasing understanding about global climate change and contributing to more informed policy decisions;

*Whereas*, members of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) petitioned the AAG Council to consider this issue;

*Whereas*, global scientific efforts established a substantial body of evidence and reached a scientific consensus on global climate change, including reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA), among others;

*Whereas*, the International Polar Year for science and research takes place from March 1, 2007 to March 1, 2009, focusing on the Polar Regions, which are affected by climate change at a greater rate than middle and lower latitudes; and

*Whereas*, eleven national science academies, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, issued a joint statement on June 7, 2005, that calls on world leaders to take prompt action to reduce the causes of climate change, adapt to its impacts, and include the issue in all relevant national and international strategies.

*Therefore be it resolved that*, the Association of American Geographers (AAG) affirms the international scientific consensus on climate change, including endorsement of the June 7, 2005, joint statement of the national academies entitled "Global Response to Climate Change;"

*Be it further resolved that*, the AAG urges the U.S. Government to take a leadership role in addressing climate change, support open scientific debate about the issue, and fully cooperate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA) of the Arctic Council, the national science academies, and other governmental and nongovernmental organizations, as well as with the international community of countries, to better scientifically understand climate change and to develop sound policies to attenuate greenhouse gas emissions;

*Be it further resolved that*, the AAG enjoins the U.S. Government to act upon commitments made by the U.S. in the UNFCCC, May 9, 1992, and ratify the

Kyoto Protocol and Rulebook that is presently international law;

*Be it further resolved that*, the AAG encourages geographers to continue to engage in climate change research, education, scientific assessments, policy discussions, and political action, as they deem appropriate; and

*Be it further resolved that*, the AAG, as an important representative organization of geographic science, direct its Council and President to establish a committee to draft a formal position paper as a reference document on global climate change.

Council agreed that the submission of the original petition was very valuable for raising an important scientific and policy-related issue and for highlighting the process of AAG resolutions.

Harden then moved, with Matthews seconding, that the Council appoint an ad hoc committee to participate in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change review process on behalf of the Association. Council approved the motion unanimously. Marston thanked the National Councillors for their thoughtful responses to the complicated matter of AAG resolutions.

## STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Finances

Richardson and Attoh reported that the AAG is on very solid financial ground with no debt, a fact confirmed by a recent audit. Net assets of the AAG increased by \$755,258 from FYE 2004 to FYE 2005. The Association's investment portfolio is also performing very well. The auditor was pleased that all previous recommendations of the firm had been followed. The Finance Committee reported discussing a number of issues, including the possibility of investing in socially conscious funds. The Finance Committee also voted unanimously in favor of increasing membership dues in 2007 in line with cost-of-living increases (this following the previous year with no dues increase). Attoh moved that Council adopt this recommendation, and Baerwald seconded. Council passed the motion unanimously. Richardson then outlined the proposed 2007 budget. The budget included no major changes from last year's budget. Baerwald moved approval of the proposed 2007 budget, and Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Richardson then provided a brief update on the Advancing Geography Fund, which continues to grow through the addition of recent gifts like the bequests of Sandra Mather and Duane Marble. Priorities for the Fund include the ongoing refinement of a planned-giving program at the AAG, further cultivation of relationships with several key foundations, pursuit of new corporate donations, and the development of a broadly engaging, fundable project to add visibility to the AAG's work.

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Richardson envisions hiring an AAG staff member in the future to assist in these efforts.

## Membership

AAG staff members Robert Andelman and Oscar Larson joined Council's discussion of membership and annual meeting issues. AAG membership in 2005, Andelman reported, hit a record high of 9,478 individual members. Richardson indicated that the AAG staff will examine whether the growth has been largely in the student or non-student category. Noting the link between membership growth and annual meeting attendance, Larson reported that nearly 5,300 people had registered in advance for the Chicago meeting. Both sets of numbers indicate that geographers are finding the AAG valuable and want to be associated with it. Council then discussed the results of a "lapsed member" questionnaire conducted by the Membership Committee. Richardson noted the many of those lapsed members had rejoined the AAG. Richardson introduced Ivan Cheung, the AAG's Director of GIScience Programs to the Council.

Council then discussed the ongoing role of the Membership Committee. The Committee has completed, in many ways, its charge of several years ago, given the increases in AAG membership. Richardson recommended continuing the Committee, but with a revised charge that includes coordinating its activities with the ongoing membership operations of the AAG staff more closely. Matthews moved to continue the Membership Committee with its new charge; Dow seconded. Council passed the motion unanimously.

## Publications

Richardson noted that the op-ed section in the *Newsletter* has been well received and will continue. Topics are not solicited; they are submitted by members. One or two pages of submissions are printed in the *Newsletter* each month, and all submissions are posted to the AAG website. The AAG staff will also be developing a Media Resources area on the website. Richardson noted that the AAG had recently published the 2005-2006 *Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas*, though with incorrect numbers for membership in the Specialty Groups. The AAG will mail errata sheets to purchasers of the *Guide* with the correct numbers.

Journals Manager Robin Friedman noted that the average turnaround time for both the *Annals* and the *PG* is less than 3.5 months. The debut of the new version of Manuscript Central has been delayed slightly. Several memorials are slated for coming issues of the *Annals*. Rickard raised the question of the recent increase in the decline rate for the *PG*. Friedman reminded Council that new submissions to the *PG* increased by 50 percent in 2005. Marston suggested having more editors' panels or sessions to

discuss "how to" aspects of article preparation and submission at annual meetings. Friedman reported that the AAG may not need the page increase in the *PG* that Council had discussed in previous meetings. Richardson praised Friedman's work on the journals as a major asset to the AAG.

Council then discussed the idea of adding a fifth issue to the *Annals*, reviewing several options from Blackwell. Originally, this idea was to facilitate publication of papers from the upcoming Geography and Drug Addiction Symposium. Subsequently, Springer approached the AAG to publish this work as a book. Kwan commented on the difficulty the *Annals* editors have had in meeting and discussing a fifth issue. Oberhauser relayed the Publications Committee's overall support for the idea despite some concerns about diluting the quality of the articles.

Oberhauser reported that Audrey Kobayashi has agreed to serve a second term as editor of the PPR section of the *Annals*. Council then considered additions to the editorial boards of both the *Annals* and *PG*. Baerwald moved and Pope seconded that Council approve an addition to the ES editorial board. Council approved unanimously. Attoh moved and Miyares seconded that Council approve an addition to the PPR editorial board. Council approved unanimously. Finally, Harden moved and Oberhauser seconded that Council approve an addition to the *PG* editorial board. Council approved unanimously. Oberhauser then reported that the Publication Committee recommended Jay Gatrell for the position of *PG* Book Review Editor. Baerwald moved and Blake seconded Gatrell's appointment. Council approved the appointment unanimously, Gatrell's term to be January 2007 to December 2010. Finally, Harden agreed to serve as Council's representative on the Publications Committee.

## Meridian Place Operations

Richardson mentioned the addition of new staff members in the past several months, the result of which is that nearly every usable space at Meridian Place has been filled. Most recently, this involved completing renovations in the attic for new offices. Richardson also discussed the ongoing search for a Deputy Director and an Executive Assistant/Writer. The Association will likely need to lease some ancillary office space in the near future to accommodate any additional staff or any new operations undertaken by the Central Office. He reiterated his pride in the professionalism and integrity of the AAG staff.

## Research and Outreach

Solis provided a summary of several recent projects. The Chicago meeting will provide a venue for a special panel on the ongoing "My Community, Our Earth" (MyCOE) initiative with featured

speakers from the USGS, ESRI, the U.S. Forest Service, the USDA, and USAID on efforts in the U.S., the Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean. The AAG is working to gain the support of the Inter-American Development Bank for a project on "Geographic Education, Science, and Technology in the Americas" (GESTA). This project will support the gathering and exchange of information about geographic educational programs, scientific endeavors, and the geographic technology industry toward improving competitiveness and facilitate regional collaboration around the use of geographic knowledge/technology for sustainable economic development.

Richardson reported on two specialty conferences will take place in conjunction with the Chicago meeting: the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse/AAG Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction and the Association of American Law Schools/AAG Geography and the Law Sessions. Work also continues to proceed on the Geography and the Humanities conference in February 2007 at the University of Virginia.

Solis reported that the Diversity Task Force will be meeting in Chicago principally to discuss production of a final report to Council that includes its recommendations. The AAG will make its Enhancing Diversity Award presentations at the Awards Luncheon.

Richardson continues to work to integrate several career-related initiatives into a more centralized career program at AAG. He noted that the AAG held two workshops with the Department of Labor to clarify the status of geography in labor statistics and job classifications. The AAG will also hold a series of career and graduate school-related sessions as part of the Chicago meeting.

John Wertman and other AAG staff continue to monitor legislation related to funding for geographic research and for geography education, as well as many broader policy issues. They have worked steadily with National Geographic Society staff members and others on behalf of geography in the impending reauthorization of No Child Left Behind in 2007. Wertman will also chair a session at the Chicago meeting on U.S. electoral geography.

Richardson discussed the AAG's recommendation to the National Research Council to list four subfields for geography in its Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs. He also commented on the publication with the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) of the *GIScience and Technology Body of Knowledge* book. Finally, Richardson and Solis provided details of a memo of understanding between the AAG and the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), to be signed in a special session at the Chicago meeting. Through this agreement, the AAG and PAIGH hope to cooperate on a variety of future activities.

## Educational Affairs

Michael Solem spoke to Council on the educational affairs of the AAG. He commented on how collaborative the staff work on the many education projects at AAG has been and the great synergy among all the projects at the AAG. He noted that NASA has agreed to fund Project Geo-START (Geo-Spatial Thinking Activities and Resources for Teachers) for \$92,834 to improve teacher quality in physical geography and earth system science. Three future projects are currently under development: one with Penn State on ethics in GIScience, one through the Carnegie Foundation's CASTL Leadership Program on the scholarship of teaching and learning, and one through NSF's GEO-Teach program for pre-service and in-service teacher training in the geosciences. Solem complimented the excellent work Jongwon Lee has done on behalf of the AAG's educational initiatives.

Richardson informed Council that he had been asked if the AAG would consider an affiliation with the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE), in light of its search for a new administrative home and executive director. Council discussed the pros and cons of such an arrangement, both for the AAG and the NCGE, as well as the logistical arrangements it would require. Considering the strong synergy of the organizations in the area of geography education, Council expressed interest in exploring the possibility. Miyares moved that Council authorize Richardson and Solem to develop a letter of intent, which, if successful, would result in their developing with the Executive Committee of a full proposal. If the full proposal is accepted by NCGE, the Council will make the final decision on any agreement. Blake seconded the motion, which Council passed with one abstention.

## CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS

### Annual Meetings

Richardson commented on the tremendous program assembled for the Chicago meeting, including the many special events and sessions, guests, and field trips. He also mentioned that planning for the San Francisco meeting, April 16-21, 2007, is already underway. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Boston in 2008 and Las Vegas in 2009. Council considered potential sites for the 2010 meeting, mentioning Baltimore and Miami as possibilities.

### AAG Committees and Council

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Kilpinen moved that Council establish an AAG Parliamentarian for the specific purpose of ensuring that the annual AAG Business Meeting follows appropriate procedures and protocols, this position to be appointed by Council for a term of three years. Pandit seconded the motion, which Council passed unanimously. Council then appointed

Darrell Napton to the position of Parliamentarian, his term beginning July 1, 2006.

Kilpinen also presented Council with a slate of candidates for vacancies on AAG Standing Committees. Harden moved that Council appoint two nominees to the Committee on College Geography, filling one fewer vacancy next year. Moore seconded, and Council passed the motion unanimously. Council then approved the Standing Committee appointments unanimously.

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Ines Miyares as AAG Secretary and Kirstin Dow as AAG Treasurer. For 2006-2007, Miyares and Dow will serve as co-chairs of the National Councilors, and Aitken will serve as chair of the Regional Councilors.

Current Membership Committee co-chairs Julie Winkler and Don Vermeer and member Bill Crowley met with Council and provided an overview of the Committee's recent work. Council shared its revised charge for the Committee. Vermeer raised the matter of a survey of the entire AAG membership. Winkler mentioned that the American Meteorological Society conducts such a survey every five years, which is valuable on topics like salary, diversity, and employment. Moore suggested that the AAG should think about establishing a procedure and a tentative survey interval in the short run before implementing such a survey. Moore agreed to serve as Council's representative to the Membership Committee.

### Honors and Awards

Council reviewed the recipients to be recognized at the Awards Luncheon, including AAG Honors, Enhancing Diversity Awards, book awards, and specialty group awards, as well as the Presidential Achievement Award recipients to be recognized at the Past President's Address. Council also discussed the Geography Prize for World Understanding. Before conferring this award, which is intended to be high profile, Lawson noted the need to work on fund raising for the prize.

### Specialty Groups

Baerwald reported on the status of the specialty groups, most of which continue to operate very well. On-line services have been very beneficial to the specialty groups. Many long-standing problems have been addressed, if not solved, by these new services. Richardson indicated that the AAG now handles the bookkeeping for most specialty groups.

### Other Business

Audrey Kobayashi, editor of the PPR section of the *Annals*, reported to Council. She indicated that the *Annals* are in very good shape. A small number of delinquent reviewers represent the largest problem. Members of the Editorial Board have begun consideration of the possibility of a fifth issue for

the *Annals*. A general discussion about special issues then followed. Kobayashi was highly complimentary of Robin Friedman's work. Council was pleased to hear of the cooperation between the editors and Friedman as a real team.

## Resolutions

Council approved the following resolutions unanimously:

Whereas, Victoria Lawson, as Vice President and President of the Association of American Geographers, has exercised exceptional leadership in assisting the Association in addressing the challenges facing the discipline of Geography and working to enhance diversity within the discipline, to engage the work of geographers with an ethic of social justice, to support early faculty career development, and to promote healthy academic departments in geography;

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of American Geographers, assembled in Chicago, Illinois, on the occasion of its 102nd Annual Meeting, heartily thanks Vicky for her leadership of the Association during the past three years, and especially for her efforts to improve the standing of the discipline and the profession, and for her role in promoting the AAG's Healthy Departments initiative.

Whereas, Councilors of the Association of American Geographers expend substantial time and effort advancing the causes of the Association and the discipline; and

Whereas, the Council of the Association of American Geographers has confronted numerous challenges and responded to many opportunities during the past three years,

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of American Geographers, assembled in Chicago, Illinois, on the occasion of its 102nd Annual Meeting, extends warm appreciation to Past President Victoria Lawson and retiring AAG Councilors Samuel Aryeetey-Attoh, Thomas Baerwald, Jon T. Kilpinen, Paul Matthews, Ann Oberhauser, and Gregory Pope, for the energy, time, and talent they have contributed to the Association during their terms on the AAG Council.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, President Marston adjourned the Council meeting at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. ■

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon T. Kilpinen  
AAG Secretary

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MAY 06-114.

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Storrs Campus. The applicant must demonstrate effective teaching, an active research program and the potential for attracting external funding.

Located on the coast in Groton, the Avery Point campus is less than an hour's drive from the main campus at Storrs. Presently the campus serves 800 students, includes graduate programs in marine sciences and an undergraduate program with interdisciplinary degree programs in Coastal Studies, Maritime Studies, and American Studies.

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Deadline: JIG announcements must reach the AAG *before the first of the month* to appear in JIG for the following month (eg: 1 January for February issue). Readers will receive their Newsletter copies between the 5th and the 15th of the month. Schedule job closing dates with these delivery dates in mind.

Format: Announcements should be sent as an attachment or in the body of an email to [jig@aag.org](mailto:jig@aag.org). No job announcements accepted by phone. Follow format and sequence of current JIG listings. All positions are full-time and permanent unless otherwise indicated. State explicitly if positions are not firm. Employers are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their listings. JIG will not publish listings that are misleading or inconsistent with Association policy. Employers should notify the Editor to cancel a listing if the position is filled. The Editor reserves the right to edit announcements to conform with established format. All ads must be in English.

Display ads are also available. Ads will be charged according to size: 1/6 page (2 1/4" x 5") \$335; 1/3 page vertical (2 1/4" x 10") \$475; 1/3 page square (4 3/4" x 4 3/4") \$475; 1/2 page horizontal (7" x 5") \$625; 2/3 page vertical (4 3/4" x 10") \$750; Full page (7" x 10") \$900. Display ads run for one month only.

Affirmative Action Notice: The AAG Affirmative Action Committee requires job listers to send to the JIG Editor the name, academic degree, sex, and rank of each person appointed as a result of an announcement in JIG.

\* Indicates a new listing

**\*DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.** **Bookkeeper** - The Association of American Geographers seeks a full-time or half-time entry level Bookkeeper to assist with A/P, A/R, payroll, and benefits. Must be detail-oriented, accurate, and highly organized. Experience with QuickBooks, Excel, and iMIS desirable. Spanish language proficiency a plus. Salary \$30-40K, excellent benefits. Send resume to Teri Martin at AAG by email at [tmartin@aag.org](mailto:tmartin@aag.org), or by mail at 1710 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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To apply, visit the U.S. Census Bureau website: <http://www.census.gov> and click on [Jobs@Census](mailto:Jobs@Census) or contact the Census Bureau's Recruitment Office at 1.800.638.6719. For specific questions about opportunities in the Population Division, please contact Jason Devine, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-8800; Phone: 301.763.6070; Fax: 301.457.2644; E-mail: [jason.e.devine@census.gov](mailto:jason.e.devine@census.gov) The Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau are Equal Opportunity Employers and encourage applications from all sources.

**ILLINOIS, CARBONDALE 62901.** Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Full-time, 12-month Lecturer position in Geography and Environmental Resources to begin July 1, 2006 as **GIS Lab Director**. Duties include: manage the computer network in the Spatial and Environmental Analysis Laboratory (SEAL), teach courses in Cartography, GIS, and Geospatial Imaging, consult in Information Technology for the

department, database management, web design, and provide technical support for computer applications in the Department. Three-year appointment that is renewable for an indefinite time period will be considered on the basis of performance. Qualified candidates must have broad experience in geoprocessing technology, a helpful approach, and an interest in and aptitude for teaching. Candidates must have a Master's Degree in Geography or related area and significant experience in teaching or applying cartography and GIS. Preference may be given to candidates who have earned an ABD or Ph.D. Candidates must have competence in cartography, imaging, programming languages, and GIS software packages including ESRI products, ERDAS Imagine, operating microcomputers and workstations, and networking capabilities. Skills in remote sensing or multimedia software are also desirable. Our department maintains a modern spatial analysis GIS lab and we focus on environmental analysis and problem-solving (see [www.geography.siu.edu](http://www.geography.siu.edu)). Application deadline is March 17, 2006 or until filled. Applications will only be accepted by mail. Applications must include an application letter describing geoprocessing experience and teaching philosophy, CV, copy of graduate transcripts, and list of three references. APR 06-97.

Please apply: Dr. Tonny Oyana, GIS Director Search Committee, Department of Geography and Environmental Resources. Mail Code 4514, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901. Phone: 618/453-3022; E-mail: [geog@siu.edu](mailto:geog@siu.edu). SIUC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer that strives to enhance its ability to develop a diverse faculty and staff and to increase its potential to serve a diverse student population. All applications are welcomed and encouraged and will receive consideration.

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The position will begin August 2006. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Geography or closely related field at the time of appointment. Review of applicants will begin May 15 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

IUPUI, a leader in urban higher education, is located in the center of Indianapolis, in close proximity to the centers and resources of state government. The IUPUI campus is home to the Indiana University School of Medicine, the second largest medical school in the United States, and has excellent facilities for health/medical research including opportunities for collaboration with faculty from the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and the Indiana State Department of Health. Four hospitals and the Regenrief Institute, a nationally recognized medical informatics organization dedicated to improving the quality of health care, are located on the IUPUI campus. IUPUI is also home to the Polis Center, a leading university-based center in applied GIS.

Applicants should provide a curriculum vita, statement of research and teaching interests, sample publications and teaching materials, and contact information for three references. Electronic submission of application materials is preferred. Applicants whose work incorporates a global perspective and demonstrated commitment to issues of diversity in higher education are particularly encouraged to apply. IUPUI is an AA/EO employer. MAY 06-109.

Applications to: Jeffrey Wilson, Chair, Department of Geography, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, 425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Phone: 317 274-8877. E-mail: [jeswilso@iupui.edu](mailto:jeswilso@iupui.edu). Web: <http://www.iupui.edu/~geogdept>.

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO 46383.** Valparaiso University. The Department of Geography and Meteorology invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in geography at the **Assistant Professor** level beginning August 2006. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in geography by the time of appointment, but ABD candidates will be considered. We seek a broadly trained geographer with a strong commitment to high-quality teaching and undergraduate education. Responsibilities will include **introductory and advanced courses in GIScience**, as well as additional offerings in the candidate's areas of expertise. The Department has particular needs in biogeography, environmental geography, international development, and non-U.S. regional geography, but will consider excellent candidates with expertise in any subspecialty.

The Department is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006, has recently moved into a new building, and just introduced an interdisciplinary geoscience major. Our geography program also collaborates closely with meteorology, environmental science, and various international programs. The University is located 15 minutes from the Indiana Dunes, which has been called the "birthplace of ecology," and is about an hour away from downtown Chicago. For more information about the Department, its programs and degree options, and its course offerings, visit the VU GeoMet web site at <http://www.valpo.edu/geomet/>.

Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three references as soon as possible. Evaluation of candidates will begin no later than March 20, 2006, and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should be interested in working in a university engaged in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. EO/AE. APR 06-94.

Apply to: Jon T. Kilpinen, Chair, Department of Geography & Meteorology. Internet [Jon.Kilpinen@valpo.edu](mailto:Jon.Kilpinen@valpo.edu).

**\*MASSACHUSETTS, WORCESTER 01602.** Instructor/Physical Geography in the Physical and Earth Sciences Department.

Full Position Description: Worcester State College, Department of Physical and Earth Sciences, invites applications for a one year full-time position in Physical Geography beginning in Fall 2006. Minimum requirements include a Ph. D. in Geography or a related discipline and undergraduate teaching experience. ABDs will be considered. The ideal candidate will be broadly trained in Physical Geography with a specialization in water resources.

The position involves teaching sections of physical geography, meteorology, and hydrology. The successful candidate will demonstrate potential for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Worcester State College is part of the Massachusetts state college system. The position carries full state benefits, and the contractual teaching load is 12-semester hours credit per semester. The department offers a B.S. in Geography.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, resume, three current, original letters of reference and original transcript (highest degree) to the address below. MAY 06-115.

Apply: Director of Human Resources, Worcester State College, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602-2597.

**\*MICHIGAN, MARQUETTE.** The Department of Geography at Northern Michigan University invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor in GIS/Cartography beginning August 2006. The successful applicant will teach introductory quantitative methods, cartography, geographic information systems, and spatial analysis, and will be expected to maintain an active agenda of scholarship. Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate a strong commitment and ability to provide excellent undergraduate instruction, and complement existing department programs.

Applicant must hold a Ph.D. in Geography or closely allied discipline at the time of their appointment. ABDs will be considered but will be given the initial rank of Instructor for one year prior to the completion of the Ph.D. All applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S.

Send a letter of application, CV, any evidence of teaching effectiveness, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails of three references to the address listed below. Review of applications will begin on May 22, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

NMU is located on Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, on the south shore of Lake Superior. The local environment offers outstanding opportunities for research and instruction as well as an exceptional way of life. For information about the University and Department of Geography visit [www.nmu.edu](http://www.nmu.edu). MAY 06-119.

Apply to: Dr. Robert Regis, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855.

NMU is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is strongly committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty.

**MINNESOTA, DULUTH.** The University of Minnesota Duluth invites applications for the following two positions:

**One Year Position, Assistant Professor/Instructor in Geography** to teach an introductory course in Economic Geography, and an upper level course in Development. Additional course assignments will include any combination from the following: Transportation, Global Resources, a non-North American, non-European regional specialty, GIScience applications in Economic Geography and/or Development, and courses in the candidate's specialty.

Ph.D. in Geography, or related field by 8/28/2006 desired. MA by 8/28/2006 essential.

Teaching at the university/college level essential. A demonstrated competency to teach introductory economic geography and an upper level course in development essential. A demonstrated competency to teach any combination of the following courses essential: transportation, global resources, a non North American—non-European regional course, GIScience applications in economic geography and/or development, and a course in the candidate's specialty. A demonstrated competency to teach a course in GIScience applications in economic geography and/or development strongly desired.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and complete contact information including name, address, phone and email for up to 3 references. Include available teaching evaluations. Review of complete applications will begin March 1, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

Apply to Olaf Kuhlke, Search Chair, Economic Geography Position, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Duluth, 329 Cina Hall, 1123 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

**One Year Sabbatical Replacement, Assistant Professor/Instructor in Geography** to teach a course in Environmental Conservation and a course in Weather and Climate. Additional courses assignments will include any combination from the following: Biogeography, Soils, Global Resources, Introduction to Environmental Studies, a non-North American, non-European regional specialty, and courses in the candidate's specialty.

Ph.D. in Geography or Environmental Studies/Science by 8/28/2006 desired. MA by 8/28/2006 essential. Teaching at the university/college level essential. A demonstrated competency to teach environmental conservation and weather and climate essential. A demonstrated competency to teach any combination of the following courses essential: biogeography, soils, global resources, introduction to environmental studies, and a non-North American—non-European regional specialty, or a course in their specialty.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and complete contact information including name, address, phone and email for up to 3 references. Include available teaching evaluations. Review of complete applications will begin March 1, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled. APR 06-91.

Apply to Olaf Kuhlke, Search Chair, Geography/Environmental Studies Position, Department of Geography, University of

Minnesota-Duluth, 329 Cina Hall, 1123 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

**\*NEBRASKA, LINCOLN. GIS Specialist,** School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Assist research teams at the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) in interdisciplinary projects on drought monitoring/risk tools and visualization methodologies (mapping and DSS). Compile data and information. Design and produce web-based reports, maps and geospatial and statistical analysis. Conduct outreach activities and train project personnel. BS/BA in geography, GIS, natural sciences, computer science, environmental science or related field plus 3 years GIS-related experience required. MS/MA degree preferred with Master's substituting for 2 years experience. Strong emphasis in web programming/mapping and decision support systems preferred; familiarity with computer programming languages and operating systems (NT, UNIX, and LINUX) desirable. Working

knowledge and analytical skills in GIS and proficiency with GIS software, including the ESRI suite and experience with database software and management – design, building, and implementation (RDBMS, MySQL, Oracle, MS Access) essential. Excellent benefits including staff/dependent scholarship program. Review of resumes will begin April 3. Position is grant funded. MAY 06-113.

Apply at <http://employment.unl.edu>. UNL is committed to EEO/AA and ADA/504. If you require accommodation, please call 402-472-8294.

**\*OHIO, AKRON 44325-5005.** The University of Akron. **Assistant Professor.** The Department of Geography and Planning invites applications for a full-time tenure track position to begin August 2006. The ideal candidate will have education and/or experience in both **geography and planning**. All specializations will be considered. However, the department is particularly interested in candidates with strengths in one or more of the following areas: land use planning, economic geography, quantitative methods, and geo-spatial techniques.

We seek a planner/geographer with a strong orientation towards research and the ability to teach courses in geography and planning ranging from introductory undergraduate geography courses to graduate seminars. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active program of scholarly research, publication, and external grant funding. Preference will be given to candidates with prior university-level teaching experience and scholarly publications. Ph.D. in geography or planning required at time of appointment.

The department has strengths in geographical and planning methodologies, cartography and GIS, urban/regional planning, and human and regional geography. It offers a BA degree in geography, BA geography/planning, BS degree in geographic information sciences, MA in geography, MS in geography/geographic information sciences, and MA in geography/urban planning. The department also has an active graduate internship program with local business, non-profits, and government agencies (<http://www.uakron.edu/geography/>).

Applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae with the names and addresses of three references. Review of applications will

**Position Announcement**  
Location Strategy Consultant



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KLG is a consultancy dedicated to helping companies optimize their geographic configuration in order to advance strategic business objectives (see [www.klgonline.com](http://www.klgonline.com)). We currently have an opening in our Location Strategy practice. The primary responsibilities of this position will include:

- Collection, maintenance, and analysis of data on key demographic, social, business, and economic factors for geographic locations across the globe. Data will be collected from standard public as well as proprietary sources, interaction with public sector officials and development agencies, and via on site fieldwork.
- Assisting KLG's senior consultants in the creation of analytical models and decision-making tools that use this information to guide the development of location strategies for our clients.
- Conducting independent research on emerging demographic, geographic and economic trends as well as collaborating on research reports aimed at helping corporate clients understand the major trends that will influence their businesses.

The ideal candidate will have an advanced degree (Ph.D. or Masters) in economic geography or another relevant discipline and be familiar with major primary data sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the World Bank. Very strong quantitative skills and superlative oral and written communications skills are necessary.

KLG offers a compensation package that is competitive with other top consulting firms, as well as full health coverage, a 401k plan, and opportunities for rapid advancement. Interested candidates should send a vita or resume, a cover letter describing research interests and career objectives, contact information for at least three references and any relevant supporting materials to Dr. Séamas Ó Scalaidhe ([so@klginc.com](mailto:so@klginc.com)). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

begin 3 April 2006, but applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. MAY 06-104-1.

Apply: Dr. Richard E. Klosterman, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-5005. Voice: 330/972-8037. Internet: klosterman@uakron.edu. Inquiries may be directed to the chair of the search committee. Electronic submissions will be accepted, but must be followed by hard copy.

The University of Akron is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity and to the principles of affirmative action in accordance with state and federal laws.

**OHIO, AKRON 44325-5005.** The University of Akron. **Assistant Professor.** The Department of Geography and Planning invites applications for a full-time tenure track position to begin August 2006. The ideal candidate will have education and/or experience in both **geography and planning**. All specializations will be considered. However, the department is particularly interested in candidates with strengths and interests in a combination of the following areas: community planning, community outreach and internships, regional economic development, and applications of geographic information science technologies.

We seek a geographer/planner with a strong orientation towards research and the ability to teach courses in geography and planning ranging from introductory undergraduate geography courses to graduate seminars. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active program of scholarly research, publication, and external grant funding. Preference will be given to candidates with prior university-level teaching experience and scholarly publications. Ph.D. in geography or planning required at time of appointment.

The department has strengths in geographical and planning methodologies, cartography and GIS, urban/regional planning, and human and regional geography. It offers a BA degree with a liberal arts track in geography and a track in planning, a BS degree in geography/geographic information sciences, a MA in geography, a MS in geography/geographic information sciences, and an MA in geography/urban planning (<http://www.uakron.edu/geography/>).

Applicants should submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae with the names and addresses of three references. Review of applications will begin 17 March 2006, but applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled. APR 06-92.

Apply: Dr. Linda Barrett, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning. Voice: 330/972-6120. Internet: barrett@uakron.edu. Inquiries may be directed to the chair of the search committee. Electronic submissions will be accepted.

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**\*PENNSYLVANIA, KUTZTOWN. Instructor or Assistant Professor, Department of Geography**

The Department of Geography invites applications for a full-time temporary position for the 2006-2007 academic year. Courses to be taught include introductory physical geography, geomorphology with a lab, and meteorology with a lab. Salary Competitive.

For full description, criteria and complete listing of vacancies, please visit our website at [www.kutztown.edu/employment](http://www.kutztown.edu/employment). Kutztown University is an AA/EOE member of the PA State System of Higher Education and actively solicits applications from women, veterans, persons with disabilities and minorities.

MAY 06-112.

**PENNSYLVANIA, KUTZTOWN.** Kutztown University of Pennsylvania is interested in hiring employees who have extensive experience with diverse populations. The following position is available: **Geography - Assistant Professor or Instructor.**

The Department of Geography invites applications for a full-time temporary sabbatical replacement position for the 2006-2007 year. Teaching responsibilities include introductory physical geography and advanced physical geography courses in area of expertise. Salary Competitive.

For full description, criteria and complete listing of vacancies, please visit our website at [www.kutztown.edu/employment](http://www.kutztown.edu/employment). Kutztown University is an AA/EOE member of the PA State System of Higher Education and actively solicits applications from women, veterans, persons with disabilities and minorities.

APR 06-96.

**\*PENNSYLVANIA, MANSFIELD 16933.**

**Watershed Management** – Mansfield University of Pennsylvania invites applications for a tenure-track, **Assistant Professor** position in the Geography & Geology Department beginning spring 2007. Lead faculty member in a new undergraduate concentration in Watershed

Management. Teach two courses in Watershed Management, and some combination of courses in Geography, Geology, Planning, or GIS/GPS. The teaching load is twelve contact hours per week (normally three different courses, with two sections of one course). Supervise student projects/internships and participate in a discipline-related student club. Advise students, serve on departmental/university committees, and develop/maintain collaborations with local/regional watershed professionals. Additional information: <http://geoggeol.mansfield.edu/watershed>.

Qualifications: Doctorate in Geography, Geology, Forestry, Watershed Science or a closely related field required. Exceptional ABD candidates will be considered, but must complete doctorate within 18 months of hire to continue in the position. Strong evidence of effective teaching required for tenure. Also required: background appropriate to teach Watershed Management courses; develop a Watershed Management program; and teach courses in at least one of the following subjects: Geography, Geology, Planning, or GIS/GPS. Successful college-level teaching and strong background in GIS/GPS preferred. Qualifications include completion of a successful interview (including a teaching demonstration) and criminal background check; excellent communication skills (verbal/written); and ability to teach, evaluate, and advise students. Competitive salary dependent on qualifications/experience. Excellent faculty benefits: <http://hr.mansfield.edu/benefits.html>.

Submit: letter of intent; resume; copies of undergraduate/graduate transcripts, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to the address below. MAY 06-118.

Apply: Search Committee, attn: Position F2006-02, Human Resources Department, 109 Alumni Hall, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933. Application review will begin: August, 2006. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A condition of employment is a complete set of official transcripts for all academic work. Completion of a faculty application required for interview candidates. AA/EOE. [www.mansfield.edu](http://www.mansfield.edu).

**\*PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA 19122. Lecturer.**

The Department of Geography and Urban Studies at Temple University ([www.temple.edu/gus](http://www.temple.edu/gus)) will appoint a full-time Lecturer for the 2006-07 academic year to teach a combination of courses including **Geography** of US and Canada, Economic Geography, and one or more courses

in the applicant's area of specialization. Geography & Urban Studies at Temple focuses on urban, regional, environmental, and international development with broad theoretical and methodological approaches. Ph.D. preferred. Screening of applicants will begin on April 16 and continue until the position is filled.

Please forward a letter of interest, CV, names and contact information for three references, and other supporting materials to the address below. MAY 06-110-1.

Apply: Robert Mason, Chair of Personnel Committee, Geography and Urban Studies, 310 Gladfelter Hall, 1115 W. Berks Street, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

E-mail applications accepted at: [rmason@temple.edu](mailto:rmason@temple.edu). Temple University is an Equal Opportunity employer.

#### TENNESSEE, OAK RIDGE. Postdoctoral Research Position—Transportation Geography Research (ORNL06-03-1-CSED).

The Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in East Tennessee seeks candidates for a postdoctoral position in transportation geography research with experience in GIS modeling and programming with transportation networks (railroad, highway, and waterway) and related social and economic data. Also important is knowledge of the U.S. railroad industry. Additional information about ORNL and GIST available at <http://www.ornl.gov> and <http://www.ornl.gov/sci/gist/>.

See full position description at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/postdoc/pdneeds.htm>. APR 06-101.

Apply at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/ornl-pd/ornlpdoc.htm> and send CV and references to: Paul E. Johnson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, P. O. Box 2008, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6472 or E-mail: [johnsonpe@ornl.gov](mailto:johnsonpe@ornl.gov). Please reference position title and number when corresponding.

Some positions require the ability to obtain and maintain a U.S. Department of Energy security clearance and, therefore, U. S. citizenship is required. The postdoctoral program is open to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or disabled veteran. ORNL, a multiprogram research facility managed by UT-Battelle, LLC, for the U.S. Department of Energy, is an equal opportunity employer committed to building and maintaining a diverse work force.

**VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.** The Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs invites applications for a **tenure-track position (rank open) in Transportation Policy and Planning**, commencing August 2006.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate in urban planning, public policy or a closely related field by the commencement of the appointment. Eligibility for membership in AICP preferred. Candidates must have a strong background in transportation policy and planning. Expertise in one or more of the following areas is also desired: critical infrastructure assessment and planning, capital improvements planning, hazard mitigation planning.

For a more detailed job description and the application process please visit VCU's faculty vacancy website located at <http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/>. These positions are listed under the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

APR 06-95.

**\*WISCONSIN, WAUKESHA.** Applications are invited for a **full-time contract faculty position in environmental science** at Carroll College in Waukesha, WI starting September 1, 2006. Ph.D. in Environmental Science or related field with an emphasis in Watershed Hydrology/Ecology/Physical Geography required. Preference will be given to candidates with a documented record of excellence in teaching. A research focus in water resources, surface hydrology or ecological restoration is desired. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae and a statement of teaching philosophy to [facapp@cc.edu](mailto:facapp@cc.edu). Final applicants will be asked to submit a writing sample, graduate transcripts and three letters of reference. For more information about this position please visit: <http://www.cc.edu/jobs>.

MAY 06-111.

#### INTERNATIONAL

**\*HONG KONG.** The Chinese University Of Hong Kong, Department of Geography and Resource Management, invites applications for the post **Associate Professor(s) / Assistant Professor(s) (Human Geography)** (Ref. 06/025(441)/2) (closing date: April 26, 2006) Applicants should (i) have a PhD degree and be

specialized in either resource management, resource analysis and resource policy or sustainable development, globalization and/or economic and industrial geography; (ii) demonstrated potential for teaching excellence; and (iii) preferably the ability to teach General Education courses. The appointees will (a) teach both introductory and advanced courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels; and (b) contribute actively to research programmes. Appointments will initially be made on a fixed-term contract basis for up to three years from August 2006, renewable subject to funding, performance and mutual agreement. Salary will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University offers a comprehensive fringe benefit package, including medical care; plus a contract-end gratuity for appointments of two years or longer, and housing benefits for eligible appointees. Further information about the University and the general terms of service for appointments is available at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel>. The terms mentioned herein are for reference only and are subject to revision by the University. Please send full resume, copies of academic credentials, a publication list and/or abstracts of selected published papers, together with names, addresses and fax numbers/e-mail addresses of three referees to whom applicants' consent has been given for their providing references (unless otherwise specified), to the address below. APR 06-103-W-1.

Apply: Personnel Office, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong (Fax: (852) 2603 6852) on or before April 26, 2006. The Personal Information Collection Statement will be provided upon request. Please quote the reference number and mark 'Application - Confidential' on cover.

#### GEOGRAPHER AVAILABLE

**GEOGRAPHER-ECONOMIST-SOCIOLOGIST:** Desires short-term position. Forty-three years senior level experience in government, university teaching (undergraduate-graduate), and NGOs. Specialty: public policy (sustainable development- environmental management-regional planning). Teaching competencies: physical, cultural, regional, methods-communications, geographic thought. Also experienced in international consulting, publications, community, and service. Available fall 2006. Send inquiries to: [jig@aag.org](mailto:jig@aag.org) with "Geographer Available" in the subject line.

The AAG welcomes the following new members whose memberships started in April

- Allen, Sara; Tampa, FL  
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 Belsky, Carissa; Austin, TX  
 Billups, Tina; Grand Forks, ND  
 Blacker, Ashley; Cheshire, CT  
 Blakemore, Erin; Denver, CO  
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 Boak, Patricia Lynne; Starbuck,  
 Manitoba, Canada  
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 Burns, Tom D.; Lawrenceville, GA  
 Calef, Monika; Albany, NY  
 Caplins, Laura; Boone, NC  
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 Chopra, Preeti; Madison, WI  
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 Connett, Steven; Lee Vining, CA  
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 Canada  
 Dunn, Clayton; Fairbanks, AK  
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 Hill, Nicholas; Platteville, WI  
 Hill, Stephanie; Prineville, OR  
 Hough, Claudia J.; Madison, WI  
 Houska, Terra; Lawrence, KS  
 Howerton, Heidi; Chicago, IL  
 Hoye, Jeffrey; Chantilly, VA  
 Huff, Russell; Boulder, CO  
 Huizar, Robert; Charlotte, NC  
 Hulbutta, Kalonie; KS  
 Jewell, Michael; Chicago; IL  
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 Katie, Janssen; IL  
 Kazmier, Robin; Evanston, IL  
 Kelley, Michael Joseph; Morgantown, WV  
 Kirkendall, Jeffery; MD  
 Knutson, Cody; Lincoln, NE  
 Kontgis, Caitlin; Goleta, CA  
 Kopsea, Amy; Osceola, IN  
 Kreag, Aaron; Flower Mound, TX  
 Kunze, Marshall; San Francisco, CA  
 La Sorte, Frank; Columbia, MO  
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 Li, Weimin; El Cerrito, CA  
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 Mandy, Mary; Vero Beach, FL  
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 McAuliffe, Lee; Los Angeles, CA  
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 McMillan, Sage; Mentor, OH  
 Meakins, Jennifer; Chicago, IL  
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 Milligan, Krista  
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 Olson, Aaron; Chetek, WI  
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 Patrick, Lesley Noel; Brooklyn, NY  
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**1-5.** American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing 2006 Conference. Reno, NV. [www.asprs.org](http://www.asprs.org).

**14-16.** Beijing Ten Years Later. University Park, PA. [www.womensstudies.psu.edu](http://www.womensstudies.psu.edu).

**30 May - June 3.** Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Thunder Bay, Ontario. [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/cag\\_annual\\_meeting.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/cag_annual_meeting.html).

### JUNE

**2-3.** Gypsy Lore Society Annual Meeting. Tucson, AZ. Contact Matt T. Salo at [mtsalo1@excite.com](mailto:mtsalo1@excite.com).

**8-10.** Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Forest Management: The role of traditional knowledge. Firenze, Italy. [www.forestlandscape.unifi.it/chsfm\\_2006.asp](http://www.forestlandscape.unifi.it/chsfm_2006.asp).

**16-17.** AGS Annual Meeting. New York, NY. [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org).

**19-22.** 11th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar. Columbus, OH. [www.gpr.osu.edu/](http://www.gpr.osu.edu/).

**25-30.** Summer Institute in Economic Geography. Madison, WI. Contact Kris Olds at [olds@geography.wisc.edu](mailto:olds@geography.wisc.edu).

**28-30.** Geomorphology & Earth System Science, BGRG International Conference. Loughborough, UK. [www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/gy/gess/index.htm](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/gy/gess/index.htm).

### JULY

**3-7.** IGU Regional Congress. Brisbane, Australia. [www.igu2006.org/](http://www.igu2006.org/).

**10-22.** GIS & Population Science Workshop. Santa Barbara, CA. [www.csiss.org/GISPopSci](http://www.csiss.org/GISPopSci).

**19-22.** 34th Institute of Australian Geographers Conference. University of New England, Armidale, Australia. [www.iag.org.au/](http://www.iag.org.au/).

**24-28.** GeoWeb Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. [www.geoweb.org](http://www.geoweb.org).

## AUGUST

**7-9.** Asian Conference on Permafrost. Lanzhou, China. [www.casnw.net/permafrost/index.html](http://www.casnw.net/permafrost/index.html).

**7-11.** ESRI International User Conference. San Diego, CA. [www.esri.com/ucpapers](http://www.esri.com/ucpapers).

**20-25.** International Conference of Historical Geographers. Hamburg, Germany. Contact [gajek@geowiss.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:gajek@geowiss.uni-hamburg.de).

**30-September 1.** RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2006. London. [www.rgs.org](http://www.rgs.org).

## SEPTEMBER

**6-9. AAG Pacific Coast Division Meeting.** Eugene, OR. [www.csus.edu/apcg/index.html](http://www.csus.edu/apcg/index.html).

**20-23.** GIScience 2006. Münster, Germany. [www.giscience.org/](http://www.giscience.org/).

**26-29.** URISA Meeting. Vancouver, BC, Canada. [www.urisaoc.on.ca/](http://www.urisaoc.on.ca/).

## OCTOBER

**5-7. AAG Joint Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division.** Lincoln, NE. <http://calmit.unl.edu/aag/>.

**5-8.** NCGE Annual Meeting. Lake Tahoe, NV. Contact Allison L. Newton at [anewton@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto:anewton@jsucc.jsu.edu).

**11-14.** Applied Geography Conference. Tampa, FL. Contact Montz, Burrell at [bmontz@binghamton.edu](mailto:bmontz@binghamton.edu).

**13-14. AAG Middle States Division Meeting.** New Brunswick, NJ. Contact Sean DiGiovanna at [digiovan@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:digiovan@rci.rutgers.edu).

**13-15. AAG New England-St. Lawrence Valley Division Meeting.** Burlington, VT. Contact Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux at [ldupigny@uvm.edu](mailto:ldupigny@uvm.edu).

**20-21. AAG East Lakes Division Meeting.** Toledo, OH. Contact Patrick Lawrence at [patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu](mailto:patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu).

**26-28. AAG Southwest Division Meeting.** Norman, OK. [www.swaag.net](http://www.swaag.net).

## NOVEMBER

**1-4.** Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference. San Marcos, TX. <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu>.

**6-10.** Measuring the Earth II: Latest Developments with Digital Surface Modeling and Automated Feature Extraction. San Antonio, TX. [www.mapps.org](http://www.mapps.org).

**16-18.** 53rd Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International. Toronto, ON. [www.narsc.org](http://www.narsc.org).

**19-21. AAG Joint Meeting of the Southeast Division and the Middle Atlantic Division.** Morgantown, WV. Visit [www.geography.vt.edu/sedaag/](http://www.geography.vt.edu/sedaag/).

**28-30.** Southeast Asian Geography Association Conference 2006. Singapore. <http://www.seaga.co.nr/>.

## 2007

### MARCH

**29-30.** 38th Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention. Brookings, SD. [www3.sdstate.edu/Academics/CollegeofArtsAndScience/Geography/Index.cfm](http://www3.sdstate.edu/Academics/CollegeofArtsAndScience/Geography/Index.cfm)

### APRIL

**17-21. AAG Annual Meeting.** San Francisco, CA. [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

### MAY

**29-June 2.** Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. [www.cag-acg.ca/en/](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/).

## SEPTEMBER

**21-22. AAG Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division Meeting.** University of Denver.

## 2008

**15-20. April. AAG Annual Meeting.** Boston, MA. [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

## 2009

**22-26. March. AAG Annual Meeting.** Las Vegas, NV. [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

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Committee Chair Amy Glasmeier at [akg1@ems.psu.edu](mailto:akg1@ems.psu.edu). If email is unavailable, mail to: Amy Glasmeier, 302 Walker Building Dept of Geography University Park PA 16802. The nominating letter should provide justification for the award and may include a proposed citation of no more than 200 words. Solicitation of support letters from additional nominators is welcome and should be limited to no more than five.

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