AAG Election Results

Tom Baerwald of the National Science Foundation has been elected President of the Association of American Geographers. John Agnew of UCLA has been elected Vice President. Their terms, as well as those of all newly elected National Councillors and Honors and Nominating Committee members, begin July 1, 2007.

Marie Price (George Washington University) and Audrey Kobayashi (Queen’s University) have been elected as National Councillors.

Newly elected AAG Honors Committee members are Edward J. Malecki of Ohio State University (Committee A), Barney Warf of Florida State University (Committee B), and Kelly Crews-Meyer of the University of Texas (Committee B).

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AAG Book Awards

The AAG recently presented awards to the authors of three outstanding geographic books published in 2006. The presentations took place at the AAG's Annual Meeting in San Francisco on Saturday, April 21 at the annual awards luncheon.

2006 AAG Globe Book Award

The 2006 AAG Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography was presented to Bruce D’Arcus (Miami University of Ohio) for Boundaries of Dissent: Protest and State Power in the Media Age (Routledge). D’Arcus’ ambitious and accessible book offers a subtle geographic reading of several key moments in recent North American history, from civil rights activism in 1968 to anti-globalization protests at the turn of the twenty-first century, and demonstrates how the mass media transformed local events into spectacles of national and even international significance. D’Arcus illuminates issues of citizenship and state power through a graceful examination of public space as the location and the medium for the definition, expression and contestation of dissent.

2006 AAG Meridian Book Award

The 2006 AAG Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work in Geography was awarded to Laura Pulido of the University of Southern California, for her book BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW, AND LEFT: Radical Activism in Los Angeles (University of California Press). Ethnographically rich and thoroughly documented, Pulido’s book develops a mix of geographically potent themes on urban America as it deals with intersecting issues of race, class, gender, place, politicization, and ethnicity. Both conceptually well-framed and deeply personal, this book is notable for its ability to

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San Francisco: Advancing Geography in Partnership with You

The entire AAG staff from the Meridian would like to thank all of you for making the AAG’s 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco a success. The theme of the meeting, “Advancing Geography in Partnership with You,” was realized at every event and interaction, from Jared Diamond’s opening keynote address, through the 4,700 presentations at the heart of the meeting, and the banquets, musical and other social events, to the awards luncheon on the final day of our gathering.

Over 6,700 geographers and friends from 58 countries registered for this year’s meeting, marking another milestone in attendance and internationalization. Thanks to all of you for helping to advance geography in your research, scholarship, and service throughout the year and at these annual meetings.

Those of us at the AAG headquarters have just returned from San Francisco exhilarated, exhausted, and heartened by the progress we are all making together to strengthen the AAG and our discipline’s standing in the university and its relevance to the world.

Following is a short photo montage of the San Francisco meeting, illustrating a few of the many ways in which geographers are “advancing geography in partnership with each other, and with many others from around the world.” Best wishes from all of us at the Meridian.

Doug Richardson and the entire AAG Staff
Internationalizing with Caution and Care

Several of my columns over the past year have focused on the values and benefits of internationalization of higher education and stressed the role that geographers could play in advancing internationalization on our campuses. Internationalization has been shown to promote the intercultural awareness of students, to better prepare them for the workforce, and, through the forging of collaborations across the globe, to enrich the quality of our research and scholarship. Geography’s long standing disciplinary traditions of regional studies and field work are centrally relevant in the effort to internationalize higher education and give us a natural advantage to serve as leaders in this effort.

My comments this month are sparked by a concern that internationalization, instead of being seen as a serious move in rethinking our curriculum and institutional practices, may become regarded as just the latest “fad” in higher education. In such a situation, there is a tendency for universities to rush to get on the internationalization “bandwagon” and forget the core educational missions that internationalization is intended to promote. Rather than internationalization, we may in fact promote the globalization of higher education. In the latter case, higher education becomes just another commodity that is traded internationally, a model that is neither appropriate nor sustainable. It is critical, therefore, that our efforts to internationalize are taken with care and that we never lose sight of how they fit in the context of the mission and goals of our university and program.

A recent reminder of the need to move with caution comes from a report “Internationalization of Higher Education: New Directions, New Challenges” released by the International Association of Universities, a UNESCO-based organization, in October 2006. The report summarizes the results of a survey of university leaders in 95 countries. Whereas the vast majority viewed internationalization positively, citing the growth of international knowledge, intercultural understanding, and the strengthening of research capacity and production as the most important rationales, they also pointed to several inherent risks.

A frequently cited risk was the commercialization and commodification of education as a result of internationalization. Many university leaders, especially in the Asia-Pacific region were concerned about the rise in “degree mills” as increasing numbers of western universities seek to establish branch campuses in their regions. This is of particular concern since the governments of many countries, particularly the developing countries, have been slow in establishing accreditation systems to ensure the quality of national programs of higher education. Another concern, expressed in particular by university leaders in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, was the possible erosion of national/local cultural identity. Brain drain was yet another risk of internationalization that was identified by national leaders of education. These concerns underscored the clear tension between the views of higher education as a public good versus a tradable commodity.

Although much of what the IAU report covers is most relevant for university leaders and national governments, it does serve to remind us of the importance of moving with care and deliberation at all levels in our efforts at internationalization. Here are a few areas of caution for us as we move to internationalize our geography departments and programs.

First, the internationalization of the curriculum should in no way imply a deemphasis of research and instruction on regional and local geographies of the United States. If anything, the trend toward internationalization gives a renewed importance to preserving indigenous knowledge and cultures. What it does imply, however, is that we begin to ask questions about the articulation of local economies, society, and cultures with the international arena. Also important is that in our effort to cultivate international diversity on our campuses, we not forget our commitment to increase the numbers of students (and faculty) from underrepresented domestic groups, particularly African Americans and Latinos. Having both sources of diversity is critical to the intellectual life in our departments and universities. We should advocate for sufficient resources to achieve the full spectrum of culture diversity and not permit substitution. A related responsibility we have is to orient our international students to the history of civil rights and race relations in the U.S. It is easy for international students, particularly those of color, to take for granted the reception accorded to them in the U.S. without necessarily recognizing the years of struggles for civil rights that have made this possible.

Finally, let’s take care in designing our study abroad programs. The appropriate design and operation of a study abroad program is a topic beyond the scope of this essay. Let me just emphasize here the importance of building programs outward from the core strengths of geography faculty and curricula rather than chasing what might be considered the trendy destination of the day. Assess the scholarly and regional strengths of your department and university, the composition of your students, and even the location of the campus. The most successful and sustainable international programs are those that are built on a foundation of prior interactions and programmatic strengths. Those that fail are often those that are set up in isolation from the broader direction of the department and university.

Ultimately, the internationalization of higher education is all about enhancing scholarly quality and excellence and widening the options for all students. Implemented without caution and care, internationalization can turn higher education into a globally traded commodity and can draw resources away from important local and national curricula and issues. Let us, as geographers, take the lead in our institutions to make sure we internationalize without losing sight of the core values of higher education.

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Nominations Invited for 2008 AAG Honors

The AAG Honors Committee invites nominations for AAG Honors to be conferred in 2008. AAG Honors are awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement or welfare of the profession in six categories: Lifetime Achievement Honors, Distinguished Scholarship Honors, Distinguished Teaching Honors, Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors, Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geography Education, and Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors.

The Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors is a new category approved by the 2006 AAG Council in celebration of the many years White served on behalf of his community, nation, and the world to better the human condition. An internationally-renowned geographer and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Russian Academy of Sciences, White was presented the National Medal of Science by President Clinton in 2000.

Note that the Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors are distinct from the AAG Ronald F. Abler Honors for Distinguished Service, which focus instead on service to the discipline of geography and to the profession.

Normally no more than one award will be made in each category of AAG Honors. No more than six individuals may be recommended for AAG Honors in a single year. In addition to honors, the committee may recommend a Publication Award and a Media Achievement Award each year. Normally no more than one award will be made in each category of Honors.

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Washington Monitor

Congress Debates Global Warming

Since its opening on January 4, the 110th Congress has become a key battlefield in the intense debate on global warming and climate change. New Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) signaled early on that climate change would be a key issue during her stewardship of the House, and she has since convened a Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.

Competition was fierce for seats on the global warming panel, which is chaired by Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA), but the Committee's jurisdiction is limited and certain legislative moves will have to be approved by House leaders or designated standing committees. Furthermore, the Committee has drawn limited attention to this point and gotten off to a slow start. Congressional leaders, on the other hand, had no problem drawing widespread attention when they brought former Vice President Al Gore before House and Senate panels on March 21 to discuss his work on climate change issues.

Gore, fresh off his win at the Oscars for his documentary film *An Inconvenient Truth*, was returning to Capitol Hill for the first time since he finished his term as Vice President in January, 2001. He told members of Congress that “Our world faces a true planetary emergency” and that it will take "uncommon moral courage" to pass corrective legislation without undue delay.

Gore specifically urged an immediate freeze on levels of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. He also discussed the need for sharp reductions in emission levels and proposed a tax on carbon emissions.

While Gore was met with great enthusiasm from Capitol Hill crowds, the media and most of his former Congressional colleagues, including a few prominent members, attacked his message. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), well-known as a global warming skeptic, criticized Gore for excessive carbon usage at his home in Tennessee.

Gore’s mansion has been the subject of widespread media coverage for its size and presumed energy consumption levels. The former vice president did not directly refute Inhofe’s attacks, instead indicating that he lives a “carbon-neutral” life. Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX) and Rep. Dennis Hastert (R-IL), Pelosi’s predecessor as Speaker of the House, both attacked Gore’s proposals, indicating that a carbon tax would harm average Americans and increase the cost of electricity. Barton went as far as to criticize the scientific basis of Gore’s arguments and the rationale behind *An Inconvenient Truth*. Hastert mainly conceded that he agreed with Gore’s assessment of climate change but differed as to potential remedies.

While the timing of the debate on Capitol Hill has clearly been influenced by the political shifts that took place in the 2006 midterm elections, there is also little doubt that geographic and climate science research from the last 15-20 years has helped push the debate on climate change to the fore as a political issue. Based on that research, the international Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has shifted its official position on climate change over the past two decades. In 1990, the IPCC asserted that there was no clear anthropogenic explanation for climate change. In 2001, the Panel stated that humans were “likely” at fault in global warming. In 2007, the IPCC has expressed near certainty that humankind is to blame for climate change. In each case, the IPCC has cited emerging research in the field and promoted the scientific evidence backing their position.

Supreme Court Rules on EPA

Washington has also been abuzz of late about the potential political ramifications of the Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision on April 2 that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) violated the Clean Air Act when it refused to regulate emission standards for new vehicles to control the pollutants that scientists say contribute to global warming. The decision has pushed Capitol Hill closer to passing comprehensive global warming legislation, something the Congressional leadership has promised to do by July 4. Key senators have already signaled that they intend to summon EPA officials to discuss how the Supreme Court’s decision will be enforced.

AAG Welcomes David Coronado

The AAG welcomes David Coronado, who recently joined the staff as Communications Director. An award-winning graphic designer with experience in community relations, David has led major web initiatives at the Round Rock Independent School District and the Scott & White Healthcare System in Texas.

David earned a bachelor’s degree in communication from St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas and will begin pursuing a master’s degree in public communication from American University this fall. His responsibilities at the AAG will include the redevelopment of the AAG’s web site, building media relations, and enhancing communication programs.

A fan of the arts, David enjoys live music, theater, film, and the occasional opera. He is currently cultivating a new found appreciation for spectator sports, including the Washington Nationals and the University of Texas Longhorns.
The three new members of the AAG Nominating Committee are Patricia McDowell, Fred Shelley, and Gary Gaile (the University of Oregon, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Colorado, Boulder, respectively).

Our appreciation goes out to all candidates and 2007 AAG Tellers Committee members Anne Chin (Chair), Lisa Benton-Short, Dawn Biehler, and Daniel Cole.

**AAG Announces New Gilbert F. White Honors**

The AAG Council has established a new award to honor the career of Gilbert F. White, the “father of floodplain management.” This new category of recognition will be named the Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors. To be awarded annually, these honors will recognize achievement in using geographic skills to affect public policy in ways that better the human condition.

Each year the AAG recognizes outstanding research, teaching, and lifetime achievement in geography with awards made in five categories: Distinguished Teaching Honors; Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors; Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geographic Education; Distinguished Scholarship Honors; and Lifetime Achievement Honors. The Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors forms a sixth category of honors for distinguished achievement. These honors will be distinct from the AAG Ronald F. Abler Honors for Distinguished Service, which emphasize service to the discipline of geography and to the profession.

Robert Hinshaw, Gilbert White’s biographer, wrote that “Commitment to science and application of its findings for the common good constituted the career of Gilbert White.” One of the most renowned geographers of the 20th century, White earned an international reputation for his devotion to improving the human condition. For his efforts, he was named a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Russian Academy of Sciences. In 2000, President Clinton presented White with the National Medal of Science.

Gilbert F. White’s long list of publications emphasizes the real world implications of research and the need for informed public policy. His list of publications may be found at www.colorado.edu/hazards/gwf/.
The AAG-led MyCOE partnership (My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development) has announced a new project that will use Geography and GIS to support basic math and science education in the Muslim World.

Supported by the U.S. Department of State, ESRI, the AAG and other partners, MyCOE will launch a one-year effort designed around three objectives: 1) translating of a core set of geography/GIS learning materials into Arabic; 2) conducting a one-week workshop for 25 master teachers from predominantly Muslim countries; 3) developing support activities, including mentoring services. Workshops will take place in Tunisia, the Philippines, and possibly India.

Long-term benefits of using geography and GIS to support basic math and science education include the potential for increased employment options for young men and women, increased professional development opportunities for teachers, local and regional economic development, and stronger collaborations between educational institutions in the United States and the Muslim World.

Activities may include, but are not limited to the following: 1) providing technical training in GIS&T tools and concepts for improving basic math and science education; 2) identifying local, national and regional educational needs in geography and GIS education; 3) serving as members of selection committees for choosing teacher participants; 4) serving as MyCOE Mentors to teachers in the Muslim World; 5) supporting and encouraging the implementation of active pedagogical and hands-on learning projects that use geography and GIS.

Geographers interested in participating in the project should contact Dr. Patricia Solís of the AAG. Experience working in regions with significant Muslim populations is preferred. Fluency in Arabic or other regional languages is highly desirable.

Interested persons should send an email to psolis@aag.org with the following items: 1) A letter of interest indicating those sets of activities in which the individual would like to participate and elaborating his/her potential contributions; 2) a biographical sketch highlighting expertise in the subject; 3) a full curriculum vitae. Priority will be given to those expressions of interest received by August 17, 2007.

MyCOE activities currently provide a working model for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, the Millennium Development Goals, and other global development targets. Through its innovative combination of using geographic education and technology within an inquiry-driven, hands-on pedagogy that involves youth with local projects, the My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) program supports educational organizations in their quest for quality education while promoting an ethic of global citizenship and environmental stewardship.

The MyCOE partnership was developed in concurrence with the set of global ideas championed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002. More information on MyCOE can be found at http://www.aag.org/sustainable/.

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AAG President Kavita Pandit has been named Senior Vice Provost in the Office of Academic Affairs for the State University of New York system in Albany, New York.

The SUNY system is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 417,000 students in 7,669 degree and certificate programs across 64 campuses.

As Senior Vice Provost, Pandit will report directly to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Risa Palm, also a geographer.

Pandit’s responsibilities will include contributions to overall academic planning, leadership development, management of an ongoing collaboration with China, innovation in new international initiatives, supervision of the SUNY Press, providing linkage to the governor’s commission on public higher education, supervision of student affairs, and oversight of an advising improvement project. Specific assignments will include oversight of the Mission Review Initiative, Program Review and Assessment, Academic Planning and Analysis, Opportunity Programs, Student Life, International Programs, and Faculty Award and Development Programs. Pandit will also serve as primary liaison to the Academic Standards Committee of the Board of Trustees.

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Kavita Pandit’s Presidential Plenary, “America’s Immigrants: New Geographies, New Debates” included distinguished speakers Anna Lee Saxenian, Mark Ellis, Rebecca Torres, and W.V.A. Clark.

Dick Marston delivered the Past President’s Address, “Land, Life, and Environmental Change in the Mountains” following the AAG Banquet.

Jan Monk and Doug Richardson congratulate Joe Darden (center) for being named recipient of the AAG’s Enhancing Diversity Award.

Rudy Persaud of the Federal Highway Administration is welcomed by Doug Richardson.

The dance floor was filled at the opening reception.

National Book Award winner and plenary speaker Barry Lopez signs copies of Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape.
Jared Diamond delivered the opening keynote address at the 2007 AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Soe Win Myint of Arizona State University receives the award for Best Paper for Early Career Scholars in Remote Sensing from AAG President Kavita Pandit.

World Geography Bowl team members from the Middle Atlantic Division confer during the tense final round.

Rebecca Solnit, Barry Lopez (right) and Doug Richardson at the Geography and the Humanities Plenary on “The Language of Landscape.”

The Joe Bagale Band provided local flavor to the AAG Party with San Francisco-style music.

Bill Carstensen both organized and served as host for the 2007 World Geography Bowl competition.
The AAG seeks capable researchers with interests and expertise in geographic information science and technology, transportation modeling, logistics networks, and related topics, to participate in the creation of a feasibility and design plan for a Latin American Center of GIS&T Innovation in Transportation and Logistics for Economic Development. The research center would apply the analytic power of GIS&T to problems of transportation logistics in Latin America.

Experience working in the Latin American region is preferred. We seek the broad participation of scientists and experts to conduct activities that may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Showcasing existing exemplary research and the “state of the art” in the field of GIS&T for transportation and logistics
- Providing technical training in GIS&T tools and concepts for transportation and logistics
- Identifying local, national and regional workforce needs in GIS&T throughout the Latin American region, including both supply and demand elements
- Designing appropriate GIS&T capacity building delivery approaches for faculty and students in Latin America
- Contributing to the development of a long-term GIS&T research agenda

The AAG is currently collaborating with Panama’s National Bureau of Science, Technology, and Innovation (SENACYT) on the project, which is supported by the Inter-American Development Bank’s “Knowledge Partnership Korea Fund for Technology and Innovation.”

The planning and operations made possible by an enhanced GIS&T cyberinfrastructure offer a unique opportunity to create sustainable social and economic development by channeling and maximizing productive growth and improving regional competitiveness, including a broad range of applications in transportation, forestry, city planning, utilities, environmental/natural resource management, water/sanitation, energy, agricultural/rural productivity, health, shipping/logistics, sustainable urban development, and other important themes.

Interested persons should send an email in Spanish or English to Dr. Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org along with the following items: 1) A letter of interest indicating those sets of activities in which the individual would like to participate and elaborating his/her potential contributions; 2) a biographical sketch highlighting expertise in the subject; 3) a full curriculum vitae. Priority will be given to those expressions of interest received by August 17, 2007.

Small research stipends and/or travel support to planning meetings may be provided to selected participants.
### AAG 2006 Nystrom Competition Papers

- Quantifying the Shapes of U.S. Landfalling Tropical Cyclone Rain Shields, Corene Matyas
- GIS and Field-Based Spatiotemporal Analysis for Evaluation of Paleo-Ice Sheet Simulations, Jacob Napieralski

### Articles

- The Relationship between El Niño and the Duration and Frequency of the Santa Ana Winds of Southern California, Jason Finley and Marilyn Raphael
- Journey-to-Work Patterns in the Age of Sprawl: Evidence from Two Midsize Southern Metropolitan Areas, Selima Sultana and Joe Weber
- Effects of Urban Growth Boundaries on Residential Development in Pierce County, Washington, Tom Carlson and Yonn Dierwechter
- Groundwater Depletion and Agricultural Land Use Change in the High Plains: A Case Study from Wichita County, Kansas, Nathan Kettle, Lisa Harrington, and John Harrington Jr.
- Derivative-Neural Spectroscopy for Hyperspectral Bathymetric Inversion, Anthony M. Filippi
- Unnatural Selection: An Analysis of the Ecological Representativeness of Natural World Heritage Sites, Helen Hazen and Peter Anthamatten

### Annals of the AAG (June 2007)

The following will appear in the June 2007 issue of the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*.

#### Environmental Sciences:

- Floodplain Development, El Niño, and Cultural Consequences in a Hyperarid Andean Environment, R. B. Manners, F. J. Magilligan, and P. S. Goldstein

#### Methods, Models, and GIS:

- Sharing Geographic Information: An Assessment of the Geospatial One-Stop, Michael F. Goodchild, Pinde Fu, and Paul Rich
- Object-Oriented Representation of Environmental Phenomena: Is Everything Best Represented as an Object?, Ling Bian
- Sequence Alignment as a Method for Human Activity Analysis in Space and Time, Noam Shoval and Michal Isaacson

#### Nature and Society:

- Biology and Beyond: The Science of “Back to Nature” Farming in the United States, Mril Ingram
- Local Conservation Practice and Global Discourse: The Political Ecology of Sea Turtle Conservation, Lisa M. Campbell

#### People, Place, and Region:

- Forum: Geographies of Fear and Hope Introduction: Geographies of Fear and Hope, Victoria Lawson
- Geopolitical Fears, Geoeconomic Hopes, and the Responsibilities of Geography, Matthew Sparke
- Geospatial Technologies and the Geographies of Hope and Fear, Brian Klinkenberg
- The Securitization of Fear in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka, Jennifer Hyndman

- Green Urban Worlds, Jennifer Wolch

#### Articles:

- No Borders, No Nations: Making Greece in Macedonia, John Agnew
- When Participation Meets Empowerment: The WWF and the Politics of Invitation in the Chimalapas, Mexico, David Walker, John Paul Jones III, Susan M Roberts, and Oliver R Fröhling

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The AAG Council seeks nominations for candidates to serve on the AAG Honors Committee and the AAG Nominating Committee. For details, see back cover.
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Quarter Century

The May, 1982 issue of the AAG Newsletter reported that the fifth annual applied geography conference would be held in the fall at College Park, Maryland, sponsored by Kent State University, the University of Maryland, SUNY-Binghamton, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The new Geographical Information and Documentation Center of Flanders opened on the initiative of the Association of Geography Teachers. The new Center was created to “answer questions about the geography of Flanders and the world.”

Harvard University’s Laboratory for Computer Graphics and Spatial Analysis, in the Graduate School of Design, was sponsoring “Harvard Computer Graphics Week.”

New Appointments

Ball State University, Assistant Professor, David Call. PhD forthcoming May 2007, Syracuse University.

Ball State University, Assistant Professor, Jill Coleman. PhD 2006, Ohio State University.

Ball State University, Assistant Professor, Elizabeth Vaughan. PhD 2003, Louisiana State University.

Bowling Green State University, Assistant Professor, Clayton Rosati. PhD 2005, Syracuse University.

Georgia Southern University, Assistant Professor, Thomas Chapman. PhD 2007, Florida State University.

Key: New institution, position, name. Degree, year degree granted, granting institution.
Ristow Prize
The Dr. Walter W. Ristow Prize recognizes academic achievement in the history of cartography. Competition is open to full or part-time undergraduate, graduate, and first year post-doctoral students attending accredited U.S. or foreign colleges and universities. In addition to a $1000 cash award and a one-year membership to the Washington Map Society, the Ristow Prize awardee will also have their winning paper published in The Portolan, the journal of the Washington Map Society. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2007. Additional information is available via e-mail at rgrrhodes@starpower.net or on the Washington Map Society’s web site at www.washmap.org.

Geomorphology and Land Use
Dynamics
The National Science Foundation’s Division of Earth Sciences seeks to support innovative research into processes that shape and modify landscapes. Deadline for full proposals is July 16, 2007.

For more details, see: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13690.

Humboldt Research Fellowship
The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation supports scholars of all nationalities and fields as they conduct research in Germany for a period of six to twelve months. Scholars design research plans and select hosts at German institutions. Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, i.e., the quality and feasibility of the proposed research and the candidate’s international publications. Applicants must be under forty and have a PhD. In addition to the monthly stipend, allowances are available for accompanying family members, travel expenses, and German language instruction. Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

For details, see: www.humboldt-foundation.de or contact the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at info@americanfriends-avh.org.

American Councils for International Education Fellowships
Fellowship opportunities for Spring/Summer 2008 study abroad in Southeastern Europe. Scholarships for language study on American Councils programs overseas:

Graduate students participating in the American Councils Eurasian Regional Language program or the Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies program are eligible for full or partial scholarships through American Councils from U.S. Department of State (Title VIII) program support. Undergraduates who intend a career in teaching are eligible for full or partial scholarships through American Councils from the U.S. Department of Education (Fulbright-Hays) grant support for their participation in the Eurasian Regional Language Program or the Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program. Applications for spring and summer 2008 programs are due October 1. Applications for fall and academic year 2008-2009 programs are due on January 15. For more information, please contact: Outbound Programs, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-7522, Email: outbound@american-councils.org. Website: www.acrussiaabroad.org; www.americancouncils.org.

Members of Note

Artimus Keiffer, Assistant Professor of Geography, Wittenberg University, and Chair of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group was interviewed extensively on World View, a program sponsored by the Global Center of Greater Cincinnati. World View airs on Sunday nights on WMKV 89.3 FM. On March 4, Keiffer was asked to comment on some of the cultural differences he observed during a trip to India in 2005. Three weeks later, Keiffer returned as a guest and producer of the program, focusing his expertise on Middle America and Caribbean immigration issues.

Thomas Schmidlin, Kent State University, was interviewed on the The Weather Channel’s Abrams and Bettes Show on March 15. He discussed his research on tornado safety for residents of mobile homes and the relative safety of being in a mobile home, a motor vehicle, or a ditch during tornadoes. Schmidlin’s research contradicts some official tornado safety recommendations regarding shelter. He explained the rationale for new tornado safety suggestions.

Timothy Mennel, who recently defended his dissertation at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, was interviewed in the March 30, 2007 Chronicle of Higher Education. Mennel discussed his unusual dissertation, Everything Must Go: a Novel of Robert Moses’ New York, a 1,600-page work of fiction that traces the life of legendary city planner Robert Moses and his interactions with one African-American family over a number of decades. Before entering graduate school, Mennel served an interesting apprenticeship by copy editing the work of Edwin Morris, the historian whose 1999 biography of Ronald Reagan imaginatively (and controversially) reconstructed the inner life of the former president.

Joe Wood has been appointed interim president at the University of Southern Maine, beginning July 1, 2007. Wood joined USM in July of 2000 after serving as vice provost for academic affairs and professor of geography at George Mason University, where he was founding chair of the department of geography and earth systems science.
AAG Council Meeting Minutes

Norman, Oklahoma
October 27-29, 2006

Attending: Kavita Pandit, President, Thomas Baerwald, Vice-President, Richard Marston, Past President, Ines Miyares, Secretary, Kirstin Dow, Treasurer. National Councillors: Kirstin Dow, Carol Harden, Mei-Po Kwan, Sallie Marston, Ines Miyares, Dawn Wright. Regional Councillors: Stuart Aitken (Pacific Coast Division), Craig Colten (Southwest Division), Donald Friend (West Lakes Division), Martha Geores (Middle Atlantic Division), Lisa Harrington (Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Division), Keith Henderson (Middle States Division), Tyrel Moore (Southeast Division), Timothy Rickard (New England-St. Lawrence Valley Division). AAG Staff: Executive Director Douglas Richardson and Director of Research and Outreach Patricia Solís. Excused: David Kaplan (East Lakes Division).

PRELIMINARIES

President Kavita Pandit convened the meeting on October 28 with a brief welcome of new National and Regional Councillors. Kevin Blake was acknowledged for his service to the AAG and his resignation as Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional Councillor for health reasons was accepted. Lisa Harrington was introduced as elected to complete his term. The agenda was adopted. Minutes from the Spring Council meeting were circulated previously, approved and published. President Pandit reported that the AAG Executive Committee met in Burlington, VT, October 14-15, 2006, to prepare and review the agenda for the Fall Council meeting. In attendance were Kavita Pandit, President, Thomas Baerwald, Vice-President, Richard Marston, Past President, Ines Miyares, Secretary, Kirstin Dow, Treasurer, and Douglas Richardson, Executive Director.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

President’s Priorities

Pandit reviewed her main priorities of continuing the Healthy Departments Initiative and promoting internationalization. Pandit reported a successful Department Chairs luncheon roundtable in Chicago. The Healthy Departments workshop in Athens, Georgia hosted 30 participants. Several AAG regional meetings are holding Healthy Departments workshops, expanding the idea at a regional level. Wright reported the positive impact on the Oregon State campus. Kennesaw State is developing geography in combined department. Friend reported similar positive impacts at Minnesota State. Pandit led a discussion around a potential reduced rate AAG membership program for geographers in developing regions. The AAG Central Office will explore further how to implement such a plan.

Vice President’s Priorities

Baerwald spoke about his interest in promoting Geography as interdisciplinary discipline and suggested several forums for such work: working with the journal editors to plan special issues, forums; encouraging specialty groups to continue to cross-promote and organize special sessions at meetings of cognate disciplines; broadening participation in the International Polar Year, and others. He expressed his support for continued promotion of previous initiatives, including the Healthy Departments Initiative, internationalization activities, implementation of recommendations from the Diversity Task Force, further development of geographic education programs and a potential new relationship with NCCE, and further involvement in public policy development and public discussions to which geographers can contribute.

Past President’s Priorities

R. Marston reviewed priority activities including efforts by the Advancing Physical Geography working group to increase subdisciplinary representation in journal publication, editorships, committees and activities at the AAG Annual Meetings. R. Marston discussed the role of geography at USGS – the smallest unit with the fewest PhD level scientists in the agency. He addressed the topic of the Healthy Departments Initiative, which is currently seeking input on a location for summer 2007. R. Marston’s Past Presidential Address at the AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco will relate to his work in Mountain Geography. R. Marston raised the need to find an appropriate way to honor Gilbert White and is focusing on continued fundraising for the Mel Marcus Fund, and other development activities.

Review of Geography Programs

Association of Pacific Coast Geographers

Aitken reported that despite declines in budgets, geography programs appear to be improving overall. California departments report increases in tenure track hires and Arizona departments report having more majors than can serve. Hawaii also reports improvements. Southern Oregon is a small department having difficulty replacing retirees. The APCR meeting in Eugene was well attended, one of biggest meetings. A chronic concern is that larger PhD programs do not participate in regional meetings. The California Geographical Society provides networks that have become very important for community colleges and K-12 teachers. This opened a discussion to be continued at the Spring AAG Council meeting concerning the importance of networking with state and other subregional geographical societies.

West Lakes Division

Friend reported that the West Lakes Division held its regional meeting jointly with The Great Plains Rocky Mountain Division in Lincoln, Nebraska. The region has no archive, instead relying on the institutional memory of long-time members. John Frazer Hart has offered his 40+ year library of programs with abstracts to begin an archive. As rural agricultural regions lose population and metropolitan areas grow, there is also a clear decrease in regional/rural high school grads. Thus regionally located colleges and universities are now developing plans to maintain enrollment levels by increased recruiting of urbanites which includes drawing “diverse” populations away from the city.

Mid-Atlantic Division

Georges reported that the geography program at UM-Baltimore County is targeted as a growth department, with a projected increase from 9 to 14 faculty. UM-College Park is moving away from a regular MA to an applied MA in GIS, with a shift toward just a PhD. The department has developed a new study abroad program. George Mason University is focused on physical geography and is now a program in Earth Systems. George Washington University and Frostburg State’s programs are doing well. The region hosts 550 AAG members who are non-academics, mostly in government positions. Programs in the region are heading toward earth science, but demand for human geography continues. Richardson added that USGS and the Census Bureau have organizational memberships.
Middle States Division

Henderson reported that the region recently held its autumn meeting at Rutgers University with roughly 75 paper presentations and approximately 130 in attendance. With the exception of Rutgers, the region has had difficulty attracting attendees from the larger Ph.D. Departments but students from Syracuse and Penn State have begun to attend again in the last few years. The main action item at their board meeting was to approve the transition of the 'Middle States Geographer' to an electronic journal beginning next year. Many departments in the region report continued growth and success, such as the award of a large NSF grant to Syracuse University to create an Integrated Spatial Analysis lab, an increase in the undergraduate program at Rutgers, new faculty, department chair, and new research programs at Penn State, a new online Master's program at California of Pennsylvania, and a new Provost in the SUNY system, Dr. Risa Palm.

New England - St. Lawrence Valley

Rickard noted that the NESTVAL Newsletter includes many departmental reports which show that Geography is increasingly strong in the region. There are significant achievements in the following areas: GIS, Geographic Education, environmental geography, grants and international outreach with several study abroad programs to Europe and the Caribbean. A Healthy Departments Workshop was held during the successful autumn regional meeting at Burlington, Vermont, which reflected the Society's increasing emphasis on student and service awards. The society is searching for a new journal editor.

Great Plains - Rocky Mountains Regions

This year's regional meeting was held jointly with the West Lakes Division and hosted by UN-Lincoln. Harrington reported that it was a good coordinated effort. GPRM is a large region so it is a challenge to get people there and PhD granting departments have limited involvement. Harrington is the first female regional Councilor from the division. BYU has furloughed its geography, grants and international programs are areas of growth, as are international programs. UT-Austin and Louisiana State University have developed an interdisciplinary focus. The University of New Orleans is still experiencing effects since the hurricanes of 2005.

Southwest Division

Colten reported that, unlike other regions, SWAAG has good participation by the larger PhD larger programs, and that they actually compete to host the meetings. Senior faculty enjoy the meetings. Students take paper competitions seriously. Departments support student to participate. Texas A&M will host in 2007. The region's journal is healthy. There are currently 16 faculty searches active. Departments have been able to replace retirements. There are growing numbers of majors, and small programs and programs on urban campuses are growing. Spatial analysis and mapping sciences are areas of growth, as are international programs. UT-Austin and Louisiana State University have developed an interdisciplinary focus. The University of New Orleans is still experiencing effects since the hurricanes of 2005.

East Lakes Division

Kaplan reported that, despite challenging budgetary environments in Ohio and Michigan, several programs are expanding their faculties and graduate programs. University of Toledo is in the process of developing a new, cross-disciplinary Ph.D. in spatially integrated social science. Western Michigan University has made progress towards establishing a Ph.D. program with a recommendation from its review committee and is pushing a graduate certificate program in GIS. Miami University has created a GIScience Certificate program which will be offered at the regional and main campuses. Several departments are working through potential realignments. The University of Toledo hosted the annual East Lakes Division Meeting in October, and the 2007 meeting will be hosted by Michigan State.

Richardson and Pandit reminded regional Councillors that elections should be held in a timely manner when the region's Councillor's term is coming to an end. New regional Councillors should be elected and in place by June 30 of the expiring term year. It was noted that AAG Bylaws call for mail ballot of elections. AAG Central Office will explore the possibility of internet-based voting.

Review of Topical Developments

National Councillors led a discussion focused on how can geography contribute to internationalization of universities from a departmental level. Dow opened by discussing the tension between interdisciplinary and disciplinary voices. She mentioned several areas of potential collaboration toward that goal— area studies interest groups, guest speakers, colloquium series – each of which can build toward collaboration and can focus on internationalization.

Wright described NSF partnerships for international research and education such as the partnership between Oregon State and the Scripps Institute focused on coastal mapping.

Additionally, departments can develop partnerships in graduate training with non-US institutions and participation in Fulbright programs such as the shorter-term senior specialist program where one only has to be away for 2-6 weeks. A third opportunity is to participate in International Working Groups and Research/Education Collaboration/Coordination grants where we can build collaborative networks, develop workshops, and/or student and researcher exchange opportunities.

Harden raised the need to always be ready to respond to significant global initiatives. Geographers need to be at the table when planning initiatives and need to be willing to serve. There is a need to refocus on area studies/region-al geography and to develop links between GIS and...
and area studies and rethink GIS applications courses and research to address global questions. Departments also need to document what they do for their universities in this area.

R. Marston raised the importance of knowing what the university wants and to be there to participate.

Kwan discussed the importance of developing relationships with language programs and international studies, as well as student exchange programs and visiting scholars.

Miyares reiterated the importance of involvement in area studies programs, language programs, and study abroad. One key problem is that university rewards systems may not value these activities.

Baerwald described numerous NSF initiatives that are examining the same question. The Office of the Director now manages international collaboration programs, including PIRE funding for collaboration to develop networks around central themes, although not just geography; OISE is examining who should serve on panels. He raised the question of how the SBE should be involved.

Additional discussion among the whole council focused on levels of engagement at departmental levels in curriculum – how aware are advisors of study abroad? Is it encouraged? Are regional courses part of general education requirements?

Concerning Regional Studies, it was noted that the State Department and other government agencies are in need of regional experts. It may be time to reword, retitle, or repack regional geography as Integrated Regional Analysis and Synthesis.

GeoAces raised the need to continue to support places where regional courses are no longer offered.

Richardson described related ongoing AAG international activities, including rejuvenating area studies, focusing on global perspectives that geography offers that many other area studies programs do not, the AAG’s several Latin American initiatives; Spanish language sessions at the AAG meetings; international travel and research grants; joint sessions with Canadian geographers on cross-border issues; IDB funding; the MyCOE programs; IGLI partnerships; a hazards conference now in the development stage; the Carnegie/ACE-funded Internationalizing the Disciplines project; reciprocal international membership programs, developing regions membership program; and many others.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Finances

The Council reviewed preliminary FYE 2006 financial statements. Dow and Richardson presented an overview of the robust financial health of the association, including an increase in net assets of over one million dollars ($1,106,205) in the past year alone (FYE 2006), strong fund raising through grants and contracts, building financial assets to protect the organization from future deficits and to sustain programs; and long-term plans and investments. Richardson described the current implementation and future needs of new management systems and appropriate technology at the central office. He has hired new staff with skills to handle redesigned workflow. The solid financial foundation that the AAG has achieved is helping to provide better membership services to increasing numbers of members. It also assures us we can continue and expand our work with other organizations to build geography, not just the AAG. Richardson reviewed plans for new projects and for external fundraising; and discussed the significance of the recent growth and dynamism of our annual meeting to the AAG’s future.

Dow reviewed the major categories of income and expense in the preliminary financial statement. The largest area of income source was the category “other,” referring to external sources such as grants, contracts, bequests, and donations. Membership dues represent 15% of the total AAG income. Not surprisingly, the largest expense category is for salaries and fringe benefits which represent 40% of total expenses. Costs are likely to grow over the coming year with anticipated added staff and infrastructure needs.

Richardson reviewed the investment portfolio, indicating that the major area of asset investment for the association currently is a conservative portfolio that includes a mixture of stocks, bonds, and CDs. The recommended balanced investment plan includes liquidating individual stock holdings to maintain value and reinvest in long-term managed securities and short-term annual CDs. SunTrust Bank is the AAG’s banking and investment company.

Concerning the AAG Advancing Geography fund, the committee and leadership have identified 11 areas of fundraising focus for the near term. Two of these areas are planned giving and foundation funding. Richardson has also successfully sought corporate donations. Several categories for donations have been identified and publicized, including those such as for diversity enhancement, community college scholarships, student research and travel grants, among others. Donors who make at least a $1,500 donation to the Advancing Geography Centennial Fund will be honored on a brick walkway at the AAG. A ceremony is planned at Meridian Place in Washington, DC on February 17, 2007 to lay the first of these bricks.

Membership

Richardson noted continued growth in membership and estimated that it would at least reach 9,700 by the end of 2006. Member services have similarly continued to improve, including a recent focus on increased online services, sustained membership solicitation/renewal, student recruitment, retired lifetime memberships, automatic membership renewal, support for specialty conferences and regional conferences, new affinity groups, e.g., the Stand Alone Geographers Affinity Groups, and programs to engage the talent and experience of the membership, such as the AAG Senior Associates Program.

In 2005, the AAG decided to forgo any annual increase in dues for 2006 because of the good financial picture of the association. The Executive Committee had discussed how over the long term, a continued pattern of not raising dues annual to adjust for inflation as the policy has historically been, could prove financially unwise for the association later. At present, much of the AAG income comes from grants and not dues, but in the future we may have less contract income. The bylaws state that dues can increase routinely up to the rate of increase of the national Consumer Price Index (CPI). As there was no increase in dues last year, the Executive Committee recommended an increase in dues of 3% for 2007. Harden moved to accept the recommendation of increasing membership dues for 2007 by 3%, below the currently projected CPI for this year. Friend seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Richardson and Solís provided a draft document for input and for consideration at the San Francisco Council meeting, regarding an AAG Developing Regions Membership program. The basic idea is to allow geographers and related professionals who live in regions of the world where incomes are much lower than in the US, to become members of the AAG at a substantially lower fee and receive most of the same membership benefits. For a reduced, subsidized
membership fee, these geographers would get online journal and newsletter access and receive other benefits such as reduced meeting registration rates. The Council expressed consensus supporting the idea and authorized the AAG staff to pursue a detailed plan for consideration at the next meeting.

Publications
Richardson described the healthy and active state of publications activities within the AAG. For the AAG Newsletter, the current format of production via offset press is increasing in cost. Changing to web press would have slightly higher costs, but would allow for increased content and more copies. Richardson has solicited price proposals for moving to web press. Web press mandates content in 16-page increments. Additional content production would also demand additional staff, maybe a .7 -time person who is a professional writer. The council discussed whether there is a demand for more content and whether the newsletter should include advertising. Baerwald made a motion that the council approve inclusion of advertising in the newsletter from publishers, software companies, academic institutions and research institutions, and other organizations related to geography or of interest to geographers. S. Marston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Executive Director offered to screen advertising to ensure that it is not inconsistent with the mission of the AAG.

The AAG Guide and Membership Directory now spans all of the “Americas.” The new edition will contain 25 Latin American listings. Submission of information can now be conducted online and can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese.

AAG has arranged for a site on Amazon.com for the sale of volumes produced or published by the Association. Richardson described new publications, including the GIS&T Body of Knowledge, developed by UCGIS and published by the AAG, for which an agreement is in process to translate into Chinese. The book, Geography and Drug Addiction, is in progress. That publication resulted from the joint symposium by AAG and NIDA. The AAG and NRC are also exploring funding for a symposium and book on The Earth Sustained.

The journals, Annals of the AAG and the Professional Geographer, are both available online and are produced on time. The total number of pages published has increased and the journals have strong editors. The newsletter is also available online and includes the table of contents for forthcoming issues of the AAG journals. Several optional third party journals are also available at discounted rates to AAG members.

Harden, the Publications Committee Chair, noted that the turnaround time for journal manuscripts is excellent. The environmental science section of Annals has a lower submission rate, and efforts are underway to increase submissions to this section. Manuscript Central, the online interface is working well.

Several topics concerning the possibility of a fifth issue of the Annals were discussed, including how such an issue would be edited. Initial discussions suggested papers could come from special conferences such as the one with NIDA, but those papers are now being published as a book. A fifth issue could be cost neutral but could affect the Citation Index in counter-intuitive way because of the number of articles published. R. Marston noted however, that special issues can often increase the citation index of those issues. Other ideas for content included papers that are cross-cutting or with special themes. A challenge is how to institute cross-cutting articles in the journals, especially the Annals. Kwan stated that the editors currently sort out which section a cross-cutting piece would go into and believe the process is working well and maintains quality of papers. Council discussed ways to encourage and support editors with cross-cutting papers and considered the possibilities such as guest editors to work with the other editors. Aitken expresses his support of special issues and guest editors. The Council reiterated their consensus for pursuing the possibility of a fifth issue. Richardson asked R. Marston, Aitken, and Harden to develop a written proposal for how the fifth edition might be concretely managed. Kwan agreed to provide input as an editor and Councillor.

Richardson pointed out that the publishing contract with Blackwell on the journals is up for renewal at the beginning of 2008. Other publishers have also expressed an interest in preparing a proposal to the AAG. Richardson noted the benefits of competitively bidding the journals, even if we decided to stay with the same publisher, in order to explore achieving stronger marketing services and better financial return, and to maintain quality and increase citation ratings, among other potential benefits.

Harden noted that Karl Zimmerer’s term ends in 2007, Sharmista Bagchi-Sen’s term ends in 2008, and Peter Muller’s term ends in 2008. Harden will contact Zimmerer to see if he wants to be considered for a second term. Editor Audrey Kobayashi submitted her editorial board for approval. Harrington moved to approve the editorial board as proposed. Colten seconded.

Meridian Place Operations
Richardson introduced the new members of the Central Office staff and described their roles. He reported on the AAG’s new wireless internet systems, upgraded IT infrastructure, and improvements in building infrastructure. At this point Meridian Place is at the maximum use of existing space and supplemental office space is essential. Richardson is looking into options.

The AAG is also developing improved information on the discipline through a Geography Disciplinary Data Initiative, designed to collect membership and departmental information. Staff is now in the process of evaluating what has been collected, sorting out what is essential to collect for the future, and incorporating federal agency and other third party data related to geography into an online resource for the AAG website. Progress has been made but a lot of work remains.

The association has hired a new law firm, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw and Pittman, LLP. H. Jacob, the AAG’s lead lawyer, is a nationally recognized general counsel on association law. The law firm is working with the AAG Executive Director on contract language related to annual meetings, in an attempt to reduce the AAG’s financial risk and liability. Richardson pointed to a recent newsletter article on union issues that elaborates and explains that the AAG has joined INMEX, an organization that provides information from hotel unions and on potential labor dispute status.

Annual meeting insurance costs have increased. The AAG also has an event cancellation policy to protect the association and the Annual Meeting, but if cancellation occurs because of the AAG’s decision, the insurance is generally not applicable.

Research and Outreach
Solís described three new initiatives under the My Community, Our Earth program, a long-standing AAG partnership. First, the US State Department will potentially provide resources to support Geography and GIS for supporting basic science and math education in the Islamic world. Geography materials will be translated into Arabic and master teacher-training workshops are being developed tentatively for Tunisia. The plan is disseminate this same model in South Asia, namely in the Philippines.

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Secondly, MyCOE is awaiting approval from USAID to extend work currently being done in Central America to 10 additional countries with a new focus on supporting university student projects on biodiversity. Third, a current project with support from USDA is forming constellations of students, faculty and extension personnel in land grant universities to design and conduct local sustainable development projects in geography. There will be a special session in San Francisco with presentations from competitively selected participants.

Richardson described activities that have been building from the joint conference with NIDA, and continued developing projects around GIS with a new part of NIH, namely the Office of Projects and Special Initiatives (OPASI). A GIS&T Cyberinfrastructure proposal has been submitted to NSF by the AAG together with Howard University and the University of California Santa Barbara. A GIS&T for development proposal has been submitted to IDB that will link US, Korean, and Latin American geographers to analyze workforce needs and skills in those areas and design a proposal for a new center of excellence in the region. The AAG was invited to submit a full proposal to the Teagle Foundation on Geography and Liberal Education and awaits a decision in the coming weeks, and has also developed proposals the NEH and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for funding of the upcoming AAG Geography and the Humanities Conference.

The AAG continues to co-sponsor special conferences and scholarly events. These include but are not limited to another successful Healthy Departments workshop held in June, the North American Land Cover Summit with USGS and the National Academies of Sciences held in Washington in September, and a recent Hazards Symposium also with USGS and the University of Pennsylvania. Richardson noted the AAG’s activities at the upcoming Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference in San Marcos, next year’s plans for a Geography in the Americas Conference in La Serena, Chile, and the Geography and the Humanities Conference for next year, co-sponsored by the AAG, the American Council of Learned Societies, the University of Virginia, and with support from the National Humanities Alliance’s Director Emeritus John Hammer.

The Diversity Task Force has submitted its final report and documented the significant progress that has been made on the 10 action-able items. The DTF has asked the council to continue support of ongoing actions. They also recommend that the Council form a standing committee on enhancing diversity by redesigning the Affirmative Action and Minority Status standing committee with a new charge to continue the work of the task force.

Work on careers and employment in geography is continuing. One project has aimed to improve the Department of Labor’s classification of jobs in geography. Additionally, there are improvements planned for the AAG’s Annual Meeting Jobs in Geography Center, including representation from more potential employers, a large number of posted available jobs and online employment resources, and new sessions and presentations related to employment in geography. Other activities include the design and distribution of careers materials, development of new online contacts, launching of the GIWIS system, and conducting of two workshops on employment. A major area of growth has been in web-based resources for careers in geography.

The AAG also is a member of the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI), a consortium of organizations that includes the AAG, URISA, NSGIC, and UCGIS, to address the GIS certification movement. The organization ‘MAPPs’ has recently filed a court case arguing that only certified engineers, architects, and surveyors should be eligible to bid on most US government contracts that involve nearly any type of mapping or GIS, with profound implications for the entire mapping community. AAG is analyzing this threat and considering options for responding.

The AAG continues to work in the public policy arena. Funding from Al Voorhees and his estate helped initiate and now supports part of the AAG’s public policy work. The AAG has also received some support from the Decade of Behavior through Distinguished Research Awards to WA V. Clark and Susan Cather, that also funded congressional briefings, and also a Distinguished Lecture Award that funded Jeffrey Sachs to come to a previous annual meeting. AAG Staff continue to monitor activities that affect the geography research and education community, including the effort to include geography funding and programs in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act. AAG also provided support in the case of the arrest of geographer Ghazi Falah, writing letters and making high-level contacts to support his release and the observance of human rights. The AAG’s Policy Office also works on a variety of scientific freedom issues. Richardson received many letters of support from members on all of these activities.

Richardson mentioned the press and media relations that the AAG is involved with for outreach purposes, including the regular column he writes for the ESRI ARCNews that reaches hundreds of thousands of readers worldwide, and numerous other interactions with the mainstream media, both print and electronic. The AAG is also considering holding another “Mapping the News” conference during the next year or two.

Richardson reported that the AAG provided recommendations to the National Research Council regarding the categories for geographic subfields in preparation for the new NRC PhD departmental rankings. While there are many ways to describe the discipline, AAG submitted four subfield proposals, in consultation with many members, and all were accepted by NRC and have been implemented in the rankings process.

Solís reviewed some of the additional international activities the AAG has been conducting, including two projects funded by the NSF: the AAMIGA program to facilitate relationships among geographers in the Americas and the Travel Grant program for US researchers to attend IGU meetings.

**Educational Affairs**

Richardson briefly reviewed the multiple education grants and contracts the AAG is conducting under the leadership of Solomon and others. These include the NSF funded EDGE project, Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education in Geography, the NASA funded Project Geo-START: Geo-Spatial Thinking Activities and Resources for Teachers to improve teacher quality and student outcomes in physical geography and earth system science; and the IPSE-funded Teacher’s Guide to Modern Geography, to provide geography teachers with a suite of high-quality training products.

The AAG continues to have a strong relationship with GENIP. Michael Solem, Roger Downs, Duane Nellis are representatives for the AAG. GENIP has developed a statement defining a “highly-qualified K-12 geography teacher.” Moore moved and Wright seconded a motion to endorse the statement provided by GENIP. The Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The NCGE is seeking another location and has approached the AAG to consider co-location. Solem and Richardson have developed proposals for possible co-location and financial support for NCGE. Working more directly with NCGE to improve K-12 geography education...
could have significant benefits for geography education broadly. Richardson and Solem presented proposals at the NCCE meeting in Lake Tahoe. Richardson reviewed the components of the proposals and how it would benefit both NCCE and affect the AAG. The future need for additional office space, the impacts on membership, the financial risks for the AAG, and other topics were all discussed among the council. A motion was put forward by Friend, and seconded by Harden that if requested to do so, Richardson and Solem are authorized by the council to move forward to enter into a memorandum of agreement with NCCE. The council voted unanimously in approval of the motion.

CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meetings

Attendance has been up each year since New Orleans and the San Francisco meeting is expected to set a new record. The dates for future Annual Meetings are San Francisco, April 17-21, 2007, Boston, April 15-19, 2008, Las Vegas, March 22-26, 2009. Dates are being considered for the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

AAG Committees and Council

The council continued their discussion of the need to update the standing committee structure. Awards committees have clear charges, but many others do not. Some committees may need to be consolidated with others, some need to have their charges clarified or brought up to date. Some committees have quasi-judicial charges that may place the AAG at legal risk.

Colten moved and Moore seconded a motion to task the Committee on Committees with examining the committee structure and developing a proposal for restructuring committees by the spring Council meeting. Concern was raised that some committee chairs need to be contacted in advance for their input in the process. The motion passed unanimously.

The charge of the Endowment Trust Committee was reviewed. The activities of the Endowment Committee have now been incorporated into the Finance Committee, and the need for a separate committee for the endowment fund is no longer current. The AAG Treasurer also sits on both committees. Richardson stated that this would streamline the process without diminishing its function. Baerwald moved and Colten seconded that the Endowment Trust Committee be decommissioned, as its functions are now vested in the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The slates for the Honors and Nominating Committees were reviewed. One more candidate was needed for Honors. A Miyares was empowered to invite an additional former honoree to stand for election for the committee. The slate of candidates for Vice-President and National Councillors submitted by the 2006 Nominating Committee were presented and unanimously endorsed.

Baerwald and Dow reviewed the ongoing Council discussion regarding the need to revise the resolution process in order to eliminate ambiguity currently present in the bylaws. There is also a need to clarify differences between a petition, a resolution and a public statement. Sections of the bylaws that may need to be clarified or revised were identified. A current white paper developed by Baerwald and Dow will be given to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review and then it will be reviewed by the AAG's attorneys. Once drafted, a plan would then be circulated among the membership for discussion. Various venues will be arranged for discussions on this, with the hope of a Council vote to implement a clear resolution process by the Boston meeting in 2008. R. Marston moved to send a revised draft of the white paper to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review and comment, then back to the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to proceed with a legal review. Baerwald seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

The Council had discussed earlier developing a white paper on climate change. Instead, since the Council has voted to endorse the IPCC report as its position, Dow proposed conducting a survey of the membership to identify contributors (individual geographers, specialty groups) to the IPCC report. This would provide the necessary information to demonstrate ways in which geographers play an important role in this process. It would also provide a list for AAG for press contacts and press releases to local media, as well as a newsletter article. R. R. Marston agreed to contact Annals editor Richard Aspinall about the possibility of a forum section focused on how climate change affects physical processes and on human impacts of climate change. S. Marston and Colten raised the need to involve the Political Ecology and Historical Geography Specialty Groups as members of these groups have been involved in research and activities on climate change as well.

Baerwald updated the Council on the status of the next Healthy Departments workshop to be hosted by Louisiana State University, possibly in Baton Rouge.

Honors and Awards

R. Marston recommended developing an award in honor of Gilbert White and submitted a proposal for an additional AAG Honors category called the Gilbert F. White Public Service Honors. S. Marston moved and Harden seconded the motion to create the Gilbert F. White Public Service Honors as a 6th category of AAG Honors. It was unanimously approved.

Jeffrey Sachs was selected as the 2006 Honorary Geographer. The 2006 Presidential Award will be co-awarded to Laura and Jack Dangermond and to James Knox. Joe Darden was unanimously endorsed to receive the Enhancing Diversity Award for 2006.

Specialty Groups

Richardson noted that most of the specialty groups (SGs) have requested that the AAG handle their bookkeeping, accounting, and check writing. The AAG provides this administrative and accounting service to the SGs at no charge. He also noted the difficulty of determining who is still a member of those SGs which have no membership fee for some of its members. It was suggested that SGs have a nominal annual membership fee of one dollar per member to aid in keeping membership numbers current and accurate. Pandit suggested contacting groups that have no fee, and that any new group would need to have a membership fee of at least $1. The council expressed consensus for the policy.

The Council reviewed the petition for and approved the establishment of the Paleo environmental Change Specialty Group (membership fee $5 for regular members, $1 for students).

Pandit reviewed the dates for upcoming Executive Committee and Council meetings.

Closed Session

Council met in closed session to review the Executive Director’s performance and compensation. Following discussion, Council commended Doug Richardson’s efforts as Executive Director and approved his salary and benefits for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pandit adjourned the Council meeting at noon on Sunday, October 29, 2006.
5th International Conference of Critical Geography

The conference welcomes a wide range of themes approached through politically critical perspectives from activist, social movement, and academic contexts. Abstracts for papers, posters, performance works, artworks, and session descriptions (posters, workshops, roundtable discussions, etc.) are due by June 30, 2007. Visit the conference website at www.5thiccg.org for more information.

Agents of Change: People, Climate, and Places through Time

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Apply: Luoheng Han, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Box 870322, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0322. Email: lhan@bama.ua.edu; for information about the Department visit our website at www.as.ua.edu/geography.

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APR 07-107

ARIZONA, TEMPE 85287.
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Applicants with comparable expertise in other aspects of planetary science will be considered. Approximately 50% effort will be devoted to mission support activities. The successful candidate must have the ability to work independently and at a high level of productivity under deadline constraints. We would prefer the successful candidate to start as soon as possible.

Apply: Applicants should send a curriculum vita with relevant list of publications and three references to the following address or email: Mark S. Robinson, Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University, PO BOX 871404, Tempe, AZ 85287-1404. mrobinson@asu.edu.

There is no firm application deadline and applicants will be reviewed weekly.

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APR 07-103

* ARIZONA, TUCSON 85721.
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Learn more about this position, explore other career opportunities in our Educational Services division, and apply online at www.esri.com/careers.

MAY 07-117

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON 20009.

The Association of American Geographers has a position available at the AAG’s office in Washington, D.C. Director of K-12 Programs. We seek an individual whose primary responsibility will be developing and administering projects in geography education, especially at the K-12 level. The successful applicant will have strong administrative and management experience, possess a strong command of issues in K-12 education, be an effective fund raiser, and have a vision for growing new programs in areas such as, but not limited to, the national geography standards, GIS education, teacher professional development, earth science and environmental education, and international education. Desirable skills include an ability to manage multiple projects and work effectively in a team environment.

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Apply: send letter of application, CV, and a list of three references to: Michael Solem, Educational Affairs Director, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or e-mail to msolem@aag.org.

APR 07-98

* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON DC 20009-3198.

The Association of American Geographers seeks candidates for the position of Editor/Writer.

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APR 07-111

GEORGIA, ATLANTA 30332.

Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Architecture, Center for GIS Research Scientist/Engineer I, II

The Georgia Institute of Technology, Center for Geographic Information Systems
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Apply: Applicant review will begin April 15, 2007 and continue until suitable candidates are found. The following materials should be submitted: (1) Cover letter describing your research interests and experience, (2) curriculum vitae, and (3) names and contact information for three references. Send application material to Steven P. French, Director, Center for Geographic Information Systems, Georgia Institute of Technology, 276 Fifth St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30332-0695. Fax: (404) 385-0450

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APR 07-99

*HAWAII, HONOLULU 9684801601. Fellow – Environmental Risk Management East-West Center

Fellow to conduct theoretical & applied research in areas related to scientific, policy and institutional issues of environmental and hazards risk management in the Asia Pacific. Issues examined include impacts of environmental variability and change on human welfare, the capacity of human societies to respond to change, and options of enhancing the resilience of governments, communities, businesses, and natural resources in the Asia Pacific region. Topics of interest include ecological, economic, and human health/welfare consequences of changes in climate, atmospheric pollution, biodiversity, land use/cover, and the availability/quality of freshwater. Additional topics include roles of institutions and information systems in improving the region’s environmental risk management capabilities; the state of crucial natural resources (water, land, forests, biological reserves); and the risks due to natural hazards, emerging diseases, and food insecurity.

Apply: See http://www.EastWestCenter.org/about-eo.asp for the full ad including application procedures. Applications received by June 15, 2007 will receive full consideration.

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MAY 07-113

*IDAHO, MOSCOW 83844-3021. Graduate Opportunities in Polar Remote Sensing at the University of Idaho. Two research assistantships (MS, PhD) are currently available to study Arctic and Antarctic clouds through funding from the National Science Foundation. The MS project will infer the seasonal cycles of cloud microphysical properties and cloud radiative forcing over Antarctica. The PhD project will be part of the International Polar Year and will increase fundamental understanding of both temporal and spatial variability of Arctic clouds by investigating: a) the macro- and micro-physical properties of clouds at various locations in the Arctic, b) how the spatial and temporal variability of Arctic cloud properties depend upon regional forcing parameters, and c) if satellite retrievals yield similar cloud properties and variability to coincident surface-based measurements. Familiarity with Linux and Matlab are desired, but not essential. Suitable candidates will have a solid background in geography, meteorology, or a related geoscience field. Students will have the opportunity to receive a degree in either Environmental Science or Geography.

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MAY 07-124

*LOUISIANA, BATON ROUGE 70803. Louisiana State University.

The Department of Geography and Anthropology invites applications for: Human Geography Instructor. The Department of Geography and Anthropology seeks a human geographer to teach multiple sections of world regional geography and upper division courses in area of specialty for the academic year 2007-2008. Will consider ABD or PhD for this temporary position and prefer individual with teaching experience.

Applications should include letter of interest, CV, teaching evaluations and names and contact information for three references.

Apply: mail applications to the Instructor Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-4105. Send email applications to gachair@lsu.edu, or fax to 225/575-4420, and for questions, 225/578-5942. Review of applications will begin May 1, 2007.

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MAY 07-125

*MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON 02215. The Department of Geography and Environmental Science at Boston University has an opening for a 1-year non-tenure track appointment to teach undergraduate physical geography and environmental science courses. The teaching load will be two courses per semester. Specific
courses will include (1) a freshman course in weather and climate, (2) a freshman course in geomorphology, soils, and vegetation; (3) an upper division course in atmospheric science; and (4) an upper division course in biogeography. The successful candidate will have a 9-month faculty appointment as a visiting assistant professor.

Apply: Applications should include a cover letter providing information related to the candidate's experience and suitability for the position, a detailed CV, and contact information for three references. Applications should be sent to: Mark Friedl, Department of Geography and Environment, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston MA 02215.

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MAY 07-115

MASSACHUSETTS, SOUTH HADLEY. The Department of Earth and Environment at Mount Holyoke College invites applications for a one-year sabbatical replacement to begin in August 2007 to teach courses in the geography program. The successful candidate will be expected to teach one course in GIS, one course in remote sensing, and two additional courses in the applicant's area of specialty. Applicants should hold a PhD in Geography.

The Mount Holyoke GeoProcessing Laboratory is a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility for remote sensing and GIS with full-time professional staff which will support the selected candidate's teaching and research interest. Mount Holyoke College is an AA/EO employer and is actively concerned with fostering diversity in its faculty.

Apply on-line at: jobsearch.mtholyoke.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=50521. Applicants must include a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of three references. We will begin reviewing applications April 15 and continue until the position is filled.

APR 07-109

MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO, 49008-5424. Western Michigan University seeks applications for an Assistant Professor of Geography (Tourism and Travel program) tenure-track position for Fall 2007, contingent on funding. The candidate is expected to serve as core faculty for the tourism and travel major, and will teach and/or develop undergraduate and graduate courses in the program. Courses will include introductory human/environmental geography, principles of tourism, tourism planning and development, and the United States and Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, or Europe, as well as others needed to revamp the major. On-going research (preferably through external funding) and publication as well as serving on M. A. theses committees are expected.

The candidate will also be expected to participate in Department, College, and University committees and activities. Qualifications and Experience: Ph.D. degree in Geography or related field such as Recreation, Hospitality, Planning, or Business, with specialization in tourism and travel. Regional focus on United States & Canada, Mexico & the Caribbean, or Europe, preferred. Proven teaching and research experience in tourism and travel preferred. Date of appointment August 13, 2007.

Apply: Send letter of application, vita, statement of teaching philosophy and capacity, graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference to: Benjamin Ofori-Amoah, Professor & Chair, Department of Geography, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, 49008-5424 (e-mail address: ben.ofori@wmich.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Western Michigan University has been placed among 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It has a large and diverse student population (ca. 26,000 students). In addition, to Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo is home to Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Located halfway between Chicago and Detroit, the greater Kalamazoo region has a population of more than 250,000. With a highly diversified economy, the city is the focus of many cultural and sports events. Western Michigan is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information about the department visit http://www.wmich.edu/geography.

APR 07-108

MONTANA, BOZEMAN 59717. Assistant Professor, Geospatial Analysis The Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University seeks a talented and enthusiastic individual for a tenure track faculty position who will provide leadership in the department's research and teaching programs related to geospatial analysis. The candidate should have research training in the integration of GIS and other spatial analysis approaches within the natural resources/environmental sciences fields.

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MAY 07-128

NEBRASKA, SEWARD 68434.
Faculty position in geography at Concordia University, Nebraska.

Qualifications: PhD or at least ABD in geography. Commitment to and evidence of excellence in classroom teaching. Commitment to the mission of Concordia University, Nebraska. Specific duties for this position: Teach introductory-level coursework, advanced systematic and regional courses and GIS. Additional General Faculty Responsibilities. Other possible opportunities with this position: Teach introductory economics courses (macroeconomics and microeconomics) and global issues. Depending on background and qualifications, academic leadership at the department level is possible. Projected start date will be the beginning of the next Academic Year 2007-08; August 1, 2007.

Apply: For a full job description and instructions how to apply please follow the application procedure outlined on our website: www.cune.edu.

APR-95-07

*NEBRASKA, WAYNE 68787.
Wayne State College
Assistant Professor of Geography Tenure Track

Wayne State College seeks a faculty member to teach Urban / Economic / Regional Geography. Ability to teach Introduction to World Geography and some or all of the following: Urban, Economic, Asian, Latin American, and / or European Geography. Background in GIS, Computer Cartography, or Remote Sensing a plus. Strong commitment to teaching in an undergraduate, interdisciplinary environment needed. Ph.D. in Geography required for tenure. Teaching load is 12 hours / semester (usually four classes, three preparations). Regular teaching of Introductory World Regional Geography in addition to above mentioned courses. Undergraduate academic advising expected. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Start date will be August, 2007. Competitive salary. Excellent benefits.

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MAY 07-126

*NEW JERSEY, GLASSBORO 08028.
The Rowan University Department of Geography and Anthropology invites applications for a one year full-time temporary faculty position to begin September 1, 2007 at the instructor [ABD required] or assistant professor [Ph.D. required] level. Renewal of the contract may be possible for an additional two years. The successful applicant will be a human geographer with a systematic specialization in population and political or economic geography. A regional specialty of the candidate’s choice is desirable. Teaching duties will include three sections of Cultural Geography per semester plus one upper-level course in the candidate’s systematic specialty.

Apply: Dr. Richard Scott, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028. [Telephone: (856) 256-4812]. Applications must include: letter of interest, curriculum vita, graduate transcripts, teaching evaluations and names and contact information of three references. Letters of recommendation must be furnished upon request. Review of applications begins immediately and will continue until we fill the position.

For information about Rowan University and the Department of Geography and Anthropology, please visit: www.rowan.edu and http://www.rowan.edu/colleges/las/departments/geography/index.html.

Rowan University is an Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, veterans and the handicapped are encouraged to apply.

MAY 07-121

*NEW YORK, WEST POINT 10996.
United States Military Academy. Assistant Professor: Cultural Geography.
The United States Military Academy invites applications for an Assistant/Associate Professor position within the Center for the Advancement of Language Proficiency, Cultural Awareness, and Regional Expertise, starting in the summer of 2007, with a reporting date of about 1 July 2007. This is a three-year term appointment with the possibility of renewal. We are seeking a Cultural Geographer with a background in human geography and experience developing assessment strategies. Teaching experience, language skills and research abroad are desirable. Proficiency is also expected in one or more technical areas, such as GIS, remote sensing, and cartography.

Primary responsibilities will include teaching in support of the Academy’s studies abroad programs and developing assessment strategies to support student mastery of cultural awareness. Specific duties will include research and development of cultural metrics, providing support to study abroad programs, and faculty development, with potential for teaching undergraduate courses in geography. Dedication to excellence in research and teaching is an essential requirement of this position. Individuals must have a strong commitment to the educational, military, physical, and ethical development of cadets.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in geography at the time of appointment. 

APPLY: Individuals interested in applying for this position should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a DD 214 (if claiming veteran preference) by May 25, 2007 to Dr Amy Richmond, Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996-1695. Telephone: (845) 938-3735, FAX: (845) 938-3339, e-mail: Amy.Richmond@usma.edu. The United States Military Academy is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

MAY 07-118-1

*NEW YORK, WEST POINT 10996.
United States Military Academy.
Assistant/Associate Professor: Regional Geographer.

The United States Military Academy invites applications for an Assistant/Associate Professor position within the Center for the Advancement of Language Proficiency, Cultural Awareness, and Regional Expertise, starting in the summer of 2007, with a reporting date of 1 July 2007. This is a **three-year term appointment** with the possibility of renewal. We are seeking a broadly trained Geographer with a background in regional geography and experience in curriculum development, administration, junior faculty development, research, and program administration. Experience with curriculum assessment and the development of assessment strategies is desirable. The candidate should have a strong teaching background in geography, a pattern of excellence in research, and a broad range of publications.

Primary responsibilities will include research and program development within the Academy’s Center for the Advancement of Language Proficiency, Cultural Awareness, and Regional Expertise and the development of assessment strategies to support cultural awareness. Specific duties will include the integration of research, administration, and program development within the Center, as well as the development of assessment strategies, curriculum development, planning of study abroad programs, faculty development, and oversight of the international affairs program. Dedication to excellence in research and teaching is an essential requirement of this position. Individuals must have a strong commitment to the educational, military, physical, and ethical development of cadets.

APPLY: Applicants must have a Ph.D. in geography at the time of appointment. 

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MAY 07-119-1

*OKLAHOMA, STILLWATER 74078-4073.
Oklahoma State University. The Department of Geography invites applications for a visiting assistant professor beginning Fall 2007. The appointment period is one academic year, with the possibility of annual renewal. The department is searching for a specialist in * Conservation/ Natural Resources. Ability to teach outdoor recreation and/or cartography also desired. A PhD or ABD in geography or closely related field is required.

OSU Geography is a growing, doctorate-granting department housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. There are currently 13 tenured/tenure-track faculty, 55 undergraduate majors, and 45 graduate students. OSU is a Land Grant University with a student population of approximately 23,000. Stillwater is an attractive community of 40,000 equidistant from Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Further information on the department is available at http://www.geog.okstate.edu.

Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references by June 29, 2007. Letters of reference will be solicited for short-listed candidates. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. EO/AAE.

Apply: Dr. Stephen Stadler, Personnel Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-4073. Voice: 405-744-6250. FAX: 405-744-5620. E-Mail: steve.stadler@okstate.edu

MAY 07-127

PENNSYLVANIA, KUTZTOWN 19530.
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Assistant Professor of Geography. The Department of Geography invites applications for a **full-time temporary position** for the 2007-2008 academic year in *Physical
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Apply: For full description, criteria, and complete listing of vacancies, please visit our website at 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 07-104**

**VIRGINIA, ALEXANDRIA 22314.** Virginia Tech and the School of Public and International Affairs invite applications for the position of Associate or Assistant Professor in the Government and International Affairs (GIA) program based in Alexandria, Virginia, beginning Fall 2008. We are interested in candidates who have broad international experience and take a comparative approach toward the systemic challenges created by the intersecting dynamics of globalization, geopolitical change, and governance.

We welcome candidates whose research at international or global levels of analysis has contemporary relevance for the theorization and practice of government and international affairs. Candidates should be open to working with students who have broad and diverse interests. For a more detailed position announcement and descriptions of the School and GIA please see our websites: http://www.spia.vt.edu and http://www.gia.vt.edu.


**MAY 07-114**

**VIRGINIA, HERNDON 20171.** United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation.

**Executive Director:** USGIF Academy & Academic Outreach

Become part of the first organization that brings together the many disciplines involved in the geospatial intelligence tradecraft through exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and promoting the education and importance of a national geospatial intelligence agenda.

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The USGIF Academy and Academic Director will: 1) maintain consistent and ongoing communication with board members on issues related to academic outreach and achieving the education goals of the Foundation; 2) serve as a principal liaison on behalf of USGIF to the members, academic institutions, government partners, and others; 3) draft and present an annual development plan for the USGIF Academy; 4) cultivate relationships that benefit academic-related goals of the Foundation.

Qualifications: Minimum B.A. degree and related experience, 4-5 years verifiable success in non-profit fundraising, excellent oral and written communication and marketing skills, experience working with non-profit boards of directors and the ability to act as liaison on behalf of the USGIF Board and Membership interest, ability to drive initiatives with little supervision and work successfully in close cooperation with others, university knowledge and experience, highly organized, knowledge of the geospatial intelligence tradecraft a plus, advanced computer skills including knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software. Salary: this is a full-time position. Competitive salary and performance incentives.

Apply: Please email cover letter, resume, and three references to jobs@usgif.org with “Academic Director” in the subject line or mail to USGIF, c/o Jobs, 2325 Dulles Corner Blvd., Suite 500, Herndon, VA, 20171.

**APR 97-07**

**VIRGINIA, NORFOLK 23529-0088.** Geography – Three (3) One-Year Faculty Positions

The Department of Political Science and Geography at Old Dominion University invites applications for three one-year faculty positions in its Geography Program beginning in August 2007. We seek environmental/GIS geographers who can teach some of the following courses: environmental geography, hazards, maps and information systems, world resources, GIS, advanced GIS, internet GIS, Latin America, marine geography, and cartography. A Master’s degree in Geography or related field is required; Ph.D. is preferred. Information on the geography program can be found at http://al.odu.edu/pols-geog/academics/geog/ We will start screening candidates on April 30 and continue until the positions are filled.

Apply: Submit a letter of interest, CV, statement of teaching philosophy, evidence of teaching excellence, and names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three referees or three letters of reference to Dr. Christine Drake, Director of Geography, Department of Political Science and Geography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0088.

Old Dominion University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution and requires compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act, 1986.

**MAY 07-120**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**CANADA, ONTARIO, KINGSTON.** The Department of Geography at Queen’s University invites applications for a one-year, non-renewable, appointment in human geography at the Assistant Professor level, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending 30 June 2008. We seek an excellent teacher. The successful applicant will carry a full teaching load of two courses in each of the Fall and Winter terms, for a total of four 12-week courses, from among the following: Gphy 101, Human Geography; Gphy 240, Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Geography; Gphy 250, The Geography of Canada; Gphy 229, Place,
Space, Culture and Social Life; and a third-year urban geography course. The courses selected will depend on both departmental need and the applicant’s qualifications. No administrative work will be expected of the successful applicant but she or he will be encouraged to take part in the life of the department.

Applicants can learn more about the department at: www.geog.queensu.ca. Applicants must either possess a Ph.D. or be ABD (all but dissertation, but close to completion). The salary offered will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applying: Applications should include a full curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio, a statement of research interests, and three confidential letters of reference to be sent to Dr. Anne Godlewska, Head, Department of Geography, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario Canada K7L 3N6 Tel: (613) 533-2903, Fax: (613) 533-6122. Review of applications will begin on 15 May and continue until the position is filled.

Queen’s University is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Academic staff at Queen’s University are governed by a collective agreement, the details of which are posted at www.queensu.ca/qufa.

KUWAIT.
Faculty openings for academic year 2007-2008.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is a new, private, co-educational university in Kuwait organized on the U.S. model of undergraduate liberal arts education. AUK is accredited by the Council for Private Universities of the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education. AUK also has a Memorandum of Understanding with Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire and is seeking U.S. accreditation.

AUK is seeking faculty in Environmental Science/Earth Science to teach introductory and intermediate courses in Environmental Science and associated laboratories to non-majors to help develop an interdisciplinary major in Environmental Science. PhD in Environmental Science or Earth Sciences required. Visit the AUK website (www.auk.edu.kw) to learn about the degree programs, university facilities, campus life, package and benefits, candidate interviews, and other details regarding the hiring procedures.

Applying: E-mail a letter of interest, including salary expectations and evidence of successful teaching, current CV, and names and e-mail addresses of three professional references to faculty@auk.edu.kw. Official transcripts and three current letters of recommendation are required before appointment.

APR-96-07

* NORWAY, BERGEN.

Full professor/associate professor in economic geography.

The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH) in Bergen, Norway, invites applications for a tenured position as Full or Associate Professor in economic geography. The Economic Geography Section is part of the Department of Economics with a full time faculty of 33, of which 4 in geography. The position demands high quality research, and involves teaching broad economic geography topics at the undergraduate level, and more specialized topics at the graduate level. Relevant specializations could be the geography of innovation, corporate geography including locational analysis, the geography of global economic transformation including environmental problems, locality and urban studies etc.

Applying: Applicants should have an interest in collaborating with other disciplines of the School. In Norway tenured positions as associate professor are sometimes given to very promising candidates who have only recently completed their Ph.D. Theses.


Information about the School: http://www.nhh.no/omnhh/organisation/NHH_brochure_small.pdf

A faculty member will be present at the AAG Conference 2007. If you would like to speak to him, please contact roger.bivand@nhh.no

MAY 07-123-1

Retired Life Membership

Are you a geographer who is currently retired or preparing to retire, but who wants to remain connected with your colleagues and active in the discipline without dealing with annual membership renewal? If so, please consider the AAG’s Retired Life Membership. This membership category is available to retired individuals and to those who will be retiring within the year. For a dues payment of $1,230, AAG membership will remain active for the life of the member, with no further dues payments to consider.

A Retired Life Membership makes a wonderful gift from geography departments or individual colleagues to a retiring colleague. If you are interested in such a membership for yourself or for someone else, please contact Robert Andelman at (202) 234-1450 or randelman@aag.org, or simply print and send in the AAG membership form posted online at www.aag.org/Membership/form.pdf. Be sure to select “Retired Life” in the AAG Annual Dues section when you fill out the form.
The AAG welcomes the following new members.

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1-3. AAG SouthWest Division Meeting. Texas A&M University. Bryan, Texas.


8-10. AAG West Lakes Division Meeting. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. www.geog.uiuc.edu/aag/.


16-17. AAG Middle States Division Meeting. Reading, Pennsylvania. Contact Steve Schnell at schnell@kutztown.edu.


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Call for Nominations for 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).

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 Councilor elections.

If you wish to nominate yourself or other qualified individuals for service on these committees, please contact AAG Secretary Ines Miyares by June 30, 2007. Nominations should include the contact information of the nominee, a brief bio-sketch, 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 Ines Miyares by email (imiyares@geo.hunter.cuny.edu) with a copy to Patricia Solís (psolis@aag.org) or fax to (202-234-2744), or by mail to: AAG Nominations, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C. 20009-3198.