Nora Volkow Named AAG Honorary Geographer

The AAG is pleased to announce that Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has been selected as its 2010 Honorary Geographer. The award recognizes excellence in research, teaching, or writing on geographic topics by non-geographers.

Dr. Volkow’s work has been instrumental in demonstrating that drug addiction is a disease of the human brain. As a research psychiatrist and scientist, she pioneered the use of brain imaging to “map” the toxic effects of drugs and their addictive properties, and these studies have resonated deeply with the geographic and health communities.

In her efforts to better understand how and why people become addicted to drugs and what can be done to stop it, Volkow has demonstrated a willingness to think creatively beyond the bounds of her own discipline. Working collaboratively with the AAG, she has increasingly focused on the ways that geographical context influences drug addiction, leading to a better understanding of its etiology, its diffusion, and its interaction with geographically variable social, economic, and environmental factors.

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Welcome to DC: an Unconventional Approach

Much has been written already about the history of Washington, D.C.: the L’Enfant Plan, the retrocession of nearly 1/3 of the District to Virginia in 1846, the vaunted Historic Preservation Movement in the city, and all that. Read earlier articles in the AAG Newsletter, which has been faithfully covering all the usual suspects in advance of the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting. Hereewith follows a less conventional treatment of the city’s many interesting resources.

Building Height

First, the Building Height Act.1 Nearly every cab driver will tell you that the law requires that no building be taller than the Washington Monument or the National Capitol. Pure nonsense. The Building Height Act was enacted by the Congress in 1910, after considerable debate, in protest against new buildings rising to ever greater heights thanks to the spread of steel frame construction, which was new at that time. This Act amended the original legislation, passed in 1899 as a response to the height of the new Cairo Hotel on Q Street, which stood 162½ feet above sidewalk level.

No buildings may exceed more than 160 feet along a very short stretch on the northerly side of

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Register for the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting
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Supporting Geography in Tough Economic Times

These are tough economic times. Why should geographers donate to the AAG? It is because having a strong, active AAG can help us all get through these tough times and to emerge from them even stronger. It can help geography to continue its recent growth in importance and relevance, both within the university and in society. It can enable us to position our discipline strategically, so that when the economy recovers, geography will be at the forefront of that recovery.

Donating to the AAG now will also support the continuation of the many new initiatives we have undertaken, and ensure our ability to move geography forward on a dozen varied frontiers. It will provide a means for us as a discipline to continue to enhance diversity, provide support for departments, strengthen scholarship, help attract top students, engage public policy, advance research, and develop new opportunities facing geography in both society and in the university.

Recent Progress and Long-term Needs

The past decade has been an outstanding one for geography and the AAG. This decade marked major steps forward at the AAG in establishing a solid financial and organizational foundation needed to meet the challenges our discipline faces in the future. Financially, the AAG formally retired all its debt in 2004 and posted many consecutive years of very strong financial performance, while at the same time initiating many new programs.

Our annual meetings have grown in attendance and international influence. There is something for everyone at these open, inclusive, and dynamic meetings—which is just the way it should be in a discipline as rich and diverse as ours.

Work has been completed on the new computerized online membership management systems and the online meeting registration and abstract submission system infrastructures at the AAG, and new applications and benefits of these online system infrastructures are now being realized across the board, from our publications to international outreach activities. Substantial cost savings and new efficiencies have also been achieved with these management systems.

Recent years also saw significant increase and reorientation of our educational and outreach efforts, through expansion of the “My Community, Our Earth – Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development” program, through continued support for and participation in a wide range of specialty conference and international exchange activities, as well as the AAG’s innovative Center for Global Geography Education program, and an array of new NSF and Department of Education funded projects and proposals, increasingly focused on higher education and graduate programs in geography, as well as on K-12 education.

A new AAG Office of Public Policy has been established, which means that geography now has eyes, ears and a voice on Capitol Hill and within the federal agencies whose policies can so directly impact our future. The building and training of a new AAG core staff with the professional and technical skills necessary for the 21st century has also progressed well, and internal work flows continue to be carefully analyzed and defined to increase efficiency and to enhance continuity of operations as normal staff turnover occurs in the future. I am also very pleased to report that our programs to increase AAG membership have produced record membership in our association of over 10,000 individual members.

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Our Dichotomies, Ourselves

O ur human experience is full of dichotomies: female/male, black/white, liberal/conservative. We dichotomize geography, too, creating such time-honored contrasts as physical/human, theoretical/applied, and qualitative/quantitative.

Strictly speaking, a dichotomy divides a whole into two parts that are mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive. You might, therefore, argue that the examples I posed are false dichotomies. You would be right, but I will suggest that, nonetheless, the work of trying to determine whether they are exclusive and exhaustive, and the discovery of what lies between them, can prove fruitful. One way of exploring a concept is to break it into end-member opposites. Two points define a line. Articulating two opposing points helps define their differences, and the end-member groups they represent provide distinct identities for their core practitioners. The good news, then, is that even imperfect dichotomies create structure and facilitate communication about the relationships between them.

I have observed that many geographers have eclectic interests, individually and collectively (that’s an understatement), and that our breadth of interests and close associations with colleagues in other fields lead us to discover and pursue fascinating realms of inquiry that fell “between the cracks” of disciplinary boundaries. Similarly, we are well suited to explore what lies between our dichotomous end points (see the Focus sections on critical quantitative geographies in issues 3 and 4 of the 2009 Professional Geographer for excellent examples).

Physical/Human

To me, one of geography’s strongest attractions is the juxtaposition of the physical and human core areas of the discipline and the interactions that result as we investigate relationships between the physical and human components of landscapes. Given the breadth of the field of geography, being able to say “I’m a physical” (or “I’m a human”) geographer is indeed a helpful shorthand way of beginning a conversation about research interests. Co-locating physical and human geography within an academic unit presents a wealth of opportunities for examining the world through new lenses or with new tools. Meanwhile, scholarship within the “poles” advances knowledge and strengthens the authority of geographers in those areas of inquiry.

In the absence of thoughtful interaction between human and physical geographers, we might find human geographers treating the physical earth as an inert platform or physical geographers treating people as “disturbance elements” that cause change to natural systems. What’s wrong with this picture? Treating people and the physical environment separately puts each end member in a box and limits our ability to advance our understandings of both or either.

In our daily lives, we see human impacts to natural systems in the form of exotic plants and animals, built landscapes, and water diversions (to name only a few!). If we face the other direction, do we see environmental impacts on people? Is it possible that our wholesale rejection of environmental determinism constrained our ability to observe people adjusting to their environments and adapting to environmental change? In this era of accelerating environmental change, we must be sure to be free of any such handicap. Interactions between physical and human systems, in both directions and as they evolve and re-evolve over time, continue to be fertile and socially important areas of research.

Theory/Application

The distinction between theory and application once seemed clearer than it does today. Today, the difference between them is predominantly one of scale. Applied work is generally more place-specific, but geographic theory, which must, by definition, be more generalizable, also depends on local case studies and real-world data. In the past, theoretical research has typically been given credit for having higher intellectual value than applied research, but theory and application have both changed.

Now, theory is apt to take the form of models—conceptual or computational. We use models to represent our understanding of relationships and to make and test predictions. We then adjust the model based on what we learn from its application. Thus, linkages between theory and application have become more iterative and less hierarchical. Applied research anchors theory in reality, motivates new theory, and produces new knowledge. It may challenge the researcher to develop new strategies, metrics, or tools, and it also connects the researcher more directly with issues of concern to the broader society.

Dichotomies as Cartoons

Occasionally, we find a dichotomy that contains, not just one pair of opposing poles, but a bunch of them. The liberal/conservative dichotomy, for example, tends to bundle together philosophies of government, approaches to fiscal management, religion, ideas about traditions, and miscellaneous other positions that aren’t necessarily related to each other and don’t define a unique line between them. While simpler dichotomies invite flexibility and exploration, multi-dimensional bundles are likely to muddle rather than help define relationships between the poles.

Of course, we recognize that our dichotomous divisions are overly simplified. Viewing them as cartoons reminds us of the potential benefits of humor and the need to remember that our “camps” have more connections and opportunities for interaction than we might see at first glance. Enjoy the humor and reach out across the divide.

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Editor Sought for
The Professional Geographer

The Association of American Geographers seeks applications and nominations for Editor of The Professional Geographer. The new Editor will be appointed for a four-year editorial term that will commence on January 1, 2011. The appointment will be made in spring 2010.

The Professional Geographer is a forum for timely debates on geography’s contribution to contemporary issues in the environment, in society, and the interplay between them. The Editor for this journal will solicit, review, and accept for publication articles, comments, research notes, and other items appropriate for publication in The Professional Geographer, within publication-space limitations that will be determined annually. The AAG Council expects that the new Editor will accept manuscripts from across the breadth and depth of intellectual activity in contemporary American geography. The Editor should be eager to act as an intellectual entrepreneur to attract the very best work being produced.

In support of these goals, each Editor candidate should possess a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, a broad perspective on the discipline of geography, respect and affection for its diversity, and an ability to work constructively with authors during the review process. Institutional support for the new Editor (especially some time released from teaching) is quite desirable, but not mandatory. The AAG will provide a modest stipend to be used for expenses and honorarium at the Editor’s discretion.

The Editor will work in coordination with the Managing Editor, located at the Meridian Place AAG office in Washington, D.C. The Managing Editor bears primary responsibility for the logistics of processing manuscripts and book reviews, and for assembling and coordinating the publication of each issue of the journal in collaboration with the journal’s publisher.

A letter of application that addresses both qualifications and a vision for The Professional Geographer should be accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted no later than January 1, 2010, and applications no later than February 1, 2010.

Send applications or letters of nomination to: Chair, AAG Publications Committee, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198. Nominations and applications may also be submitted electronically to profgeog@aag.org.

Book Review Editor Sought for
The Professional Geographer

The Book Review Editor for The Professional Geographer will select books for review in all subfields of geography and related specialties and edit The PG book reviews. She or he is expected to maintain close communication with the Managing Editor and The PG’s editor as well as arranging for the receipt of review copies of all appropriate books, finding and commissioning reviewers, submitting edited reviews to the Managing Editor, reviewing page proofs, and tracking all books received.

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Members of Note

Kurt Piepenburg has been named the Distinguished Richard W. “Bill” Miller Chair at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Miller Chair is named after Bill Miller, who founded the Carthage College geography program in the 1960s. Piepenburg recently stepped down as Vice President for Academic Affairs to return to the faculty.

AAG Grants and Awards Available

Each year, the AAG offers numerous grants and awards. These opportunities are listed below. Full descriptions are available on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards.

Anderson Medal
To recognize individuals or groups who have contributed significantly to the advancement of the profession in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service. Nominations due by December 1, 2009. http://agsg.binghamton.edu or www.aag.org/grantsawards/anderson_medal.cfm

Meredith F. Burrill Award
To stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups who have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research and practical applications or local, national, or international policy implications. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/burrill.htm.

Glenda Laws Award
To recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/glendalawsaward.htm.

Mel Marcus Fund for Physical Geography
To foster personally formative participation by students in field-based physical geography research in challenging outdoor environments. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/marcus.cfm.

AAG E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Award in Geography
To recognize members of the Association who have made truly outstanding contributions to the geographic field due to their special competence in teaching or research. Funding for the award comes from the estate of Ruby S. Miller. Members from all fields of geography are eligible for the award. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/miller.html.

AAG Research Grants
To support direct expenses of research or fieldwork that address questions of major import to the discipline (excluding master's or doctoral dissertation research). Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/generalresearch.html.

Anne U. White Fund
To support field research conducted by a member of the AAG jointly with her or his spouse, who is not required to have formal training in geography. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/annwhitefund.html.

Darrel Hess Community College Geography Scholarships
To support students from community colleges, junior colleges, city colleges, or similar two-year educational institutions who will be transferring as geography majors to four year colleges and universities. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/hess.html.

George and Viola Hoffman Award
To support student research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/hoffmanfund.html.

AAG International Geographic Information Fund
To support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems, through Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

AAG Dissertation Research Grants
To support direct expenses of master's or doctoral dissertation research for eligible individuals. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/dissertationresearch.html.

AAG 2009 Meridian Book Award

AAG 2009 Globe Book Award
For a book that conveys most powerfully the nature and importance of geography to the non-academic world. A list of previous awardees is available online. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/globe.cfm.

2009 John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize
For outstanding books about the United States that convey the insights of professional geography in language that is interesting and attractive to a lay audience. The 2009 award will be the 25th anniversary of the J.B. Jackson Prize. Deadline is December 31, 2009. www.aag.org/grantsawards/jackson_prize.cfm.

Award Deadlines Calendar
For the AAG Award Deadlines calendar, see page 31.

Renewing Your AAG Membership?

You can renew your AAG membership at www.aag.org/membership. Use the online application form or download the printable form and return it by mail or fax.
Volkow coordinated with the AAG to develop a special Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction, which took place in conjunction with the AAG Annual Meeting in 2006. These and many subsequent interactions between geographers and medical researchers have resulted in a recent book, Geography and Drug Addiction, published in 2008, which explores new terrain in the analysis of the complex processes of drug addiction, and treatment. Dr. Volkow’s work with the AAG has helped establish an extraordinarily fertile new field for geographic research, and has influenced research agendas at NIDA, and more broadly at NIH.

Volkow’s research also has documented changes in the dopamine system affecting the actions of frontal brain regions involved with motivation, drive, and pleasure and the decline of brain dopamine function with age. She has also made important contributions to the neurobiology of obesity, ADHD, and the behavioral changes that occur with aging. Volkow has published more than 380 peer-reviewed articles and more than 60 book chapters and non-peer reviewed manuscripts, and has also edited three books on the use of neuroimaging in studying mental and addictive disorders.

Born in Mexico, Volkow attended the Modern American School, and earned her medical degree from the National University of Mexico in Mexico City, where she received the Premio Robins Award for best medical student of her generation. Her psychiatric residency was at New York University, where she earned the Laughlin Fellowship Award as one of the 10 Outstanding Psychiatric Residents in the U.S.

Volkow’s professional career has been spent in large part at the Department of Energy’s Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in Upton, New York, where she held several leadership positions including Director of Nuclear Medicine, Chairman of the Medical Department, and Associate Director for Life Sciences. In addition, she was a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Associate Dean of the Medical School at the State University of New York (SUNY)-Stony Brook.

In addition to her many professional awards and honors, the value and impact of Volkow’s work has been recognized on a broad scale not normally afforded to research scientists. She was recently named one of Time’s “Top 100 People Who Shape our World,” and was included as one of the 20 people to watch by Newsweek in its “Who’s Next in 2007” feature. In 2000, Volkow was named “Innovator of the Year” by U.S. News & World Report.

Each year, the AAG Executive Committee selects one individual as AAG Honorary Geographer. Past recipients have included Stephen J. Gould, Barbara Kingsolver, Jeffrey Sachs, John McPhee, Charles Mann, and Paul Krugman.

Dr. Volkow will make a presentation on her research on April 14, 2010 at the AAG Annual Meeting, to be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit www.aag.org/annualmeetings.

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AAG Annual Meeting Volunteer Program

Donate some time at the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting as a conference volunteer. Student members and unemployed geographers who are AAG members are encouraged to apply for this unique program to help offset their meeting registration costs. All applicants must be registered and paid for the meeting to be chosen as a conference volunteer. Conference volunteers will receive $14.50 per hour in return for their time.

Unemployed geographers should also submit a brief letter certifying unemployment and financial need in order to secure a position as a conference volunteer. Several additional volunteer positions have been created for unemployed geographers and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

This program is only open to AAG members. Not yet a member? Visit www.aag.org/membership/member.html for membership rates and information.

Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2010. Keep in mind that this is a very popular program. We receive many more applications than we have available shifts. You should submit your application early to increase your chance of being selected. Once the schedule is fully staffed, names will be added to the conference volunteer waitlist.

Conference volunteers will receive reimbursement 6-8 weeks after the conference.

Application form and guidelines are available at www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/volunteers.htm.

Questions may be addressed to Stephanie Sydorko at ssydorko@conferencemanagers.com.

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Of Note

The American Geographical Society seeks applications and nominations for Editor of FOCUS on Geography. The new Editor is appointed for a three-year editorial term that will commence on January 1, 2010, with Volume 53.

Send applications or letters of nomination to: Executive Director, The American Geographical Society, 120 Wall Street, Suite 100, New York, NY 10005-3904. Nominations and applications may also be submitted electronically to ags@amergeog.org.
Neighborhood Change in Washington DC: Remaking U Street

Washington D.C. has a long history of legal and de facto segregation. Before the civil rights movement the city even had two ‘downtowns’ – one for white residents and tourists and another for the city’s African-American population. The heart of the black downtown was U Street, a bustling corridor with shops, restaurants, and jazz clubs frequented by Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, and Cab Calloway. The city’s black elite and a burgeoning black middle class filled-in the residential neighborhoods around the main drag, including Colombia Heights to the north and Shaw to the south and east.

On April 4th, 1968, the fate of D.C.’s black downtown, and the residential neighborhoods around it, would take a turn for the worse when civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. African Americans across the country were horrified. For many, the assassination in Memphis sent a clear message – white America would not abide black progress and would put a stop to that. Within hours, rioting broke out in black neighborhoods in cities across the country.

In the nation’s capital, rioting was concentrated at the corner of 14th and U Streets NW. A day after the assassination, 150 stores on the street had been affected by the violence. Unrest would continue for 4 more days and spread into other parts of the city, and more than 800 buildings would be set on fire. 13,600 federal and National Guard troops were called upon to restore order.

The following decade was not kind to U Street. Many stores looted or burned out during the riots never reopened, and many of those that did shuttered their doors soon after. Within a year, middle class people – black and white – began leaving the city. The 1980s saw further decline. The crack epidemic hit the city, and the surfet of vacant buildings became ideal places for shooting galleries, drug markets, and prostitution.

In 1986 the District’s then-Mayor, Marion Barry, attempted to spur redevelopment along the U Street corridor by investing $50 million in a new municipal building at the corner of 14th and U, the former epicenter of the violence that raged through the streets in 1968. To further spur redevelopment, the city opened a metro stop at the corner of 13th and U and then another in nearby Colombia Heights. Private retail and residential development followed. Many of the empty parcels in the area were purchased by developers who built new luxury apartments or retail space to house trendy boutiques, restaurants, and bars.

While there is much to like about the new U Street, it is less resurrection than new birth. No longer an ethnic enclave or cultural destination for African Americans, many longtime homeowners have left, “cashing out” when new buyers or developers came knocking. These homebuyers are just as likely to be white or Asian as black, and they are as likely to be single or DINKS (dual income, no kids) than families with children. Likewise, low income renters, who once found a surplus of affordable housing in the area, are now routinely outbid by young professionals in one of the city’s hottest rental markets.

As a microcosm, U Street says a lot about the city’s approach to revitalization. Writ large, new development has tended to be upscale, leaving many to wonder whether there will be a place in D.C. for minorities and immigrants, for middle and low income people. The type of development that has taken place – luxury one and two bedroom condos – also suggests that revitalization will come at the expense of families with children. Indeed, the city seems to have adopted what the Brookings Institution calls the “adult strategy” of revitalization – rebuilding Washington for people with “good incomes” and “without school-age children.”

Carolyn Gallaher
American University

Call for Papers

Applied Geospatial Research

The Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research (IJAGR) is soliciting submissions for upcoming issues. A quarterly, peer-reviewed journal, IJAGR specializes in studies from applied geography that interface with geographic information science and technology. Including both regular and special themed issues, this journal presents policy analysts, geospatial practitioners, and academicians with high-quality articles exemplifying various application domains within applied geospatial research. For more information visit: www.igi-global.com/IJAGR or contact Donald P. Albert, Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research, Department of Geography and Geology, LDB #332, Sam Houston State University, 1900 Ave I, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2148, USA. Phone: (936) 294-1453; E-mail: geo_dpa@shsu.edu.

Historical Materialism

Organizers have issued a call for papers for the Second North American Historical Materialism Conference, to be held at York University, in Toronto, May 14-16, 2010. Individual submissions as well as panel proposals are welcome. For individual papers, please send an abstract of no more than 250 words; for panel proposals send a 100-word panel abstract along with paper abstracts of up to 250 words each. Proposals may be submitted by email until January 8, 2010, by email to torontohm@gmail.com. Conference information is available at www.hm2010nyc.org.

2010 Prairie Summit

The Department of Geography at the University of Regina invites participation in the first joint meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), the Canadian Cartographic Association (CCA), the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group (CGRG) and the Canadian Remote Sensing Society (CRSS). Proposals are invited for special-theme sessions focused on any topic of interest, particularly those encouraging cross-disciplinary themes of the sponsoring associations. Deadlines include the following: special session proposals: February 1, 2010; abstract submission: March 1, 2010; author registration: April 1, 2010. Submission and registration information is available at http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca.

Preserving the Historic Road

The seventh biennial Preserving the Historic Road conference will be held in Washington, D.C., September 9-12, 2010. The planning committee is seeking paper abstracts. The planning committee invites papers that showcase issues related to historic roads and road systems. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2010. See www.historicroads.org for details including abstract submission guidelines.

Grants and Competitions

Woman Geographers

The Society of Woman Geographers (SWG) has announced two national fellowship programs for 2010-2011. Both are for women in geography and geographical aspects of allied fields and are funded by SWG’s Evelyn L. Pruitt Fund.

The SWG National Fellowship Committee invites applications from woman PhD candidates for the annual Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research Competition. SWG expects to make two or three awards of $8,000 to $15,000 for 2010-2011. Applications are due February 1, 2010.

The SWG invites applications also for the Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program. Women who are members of a minority group and who have been admitted to and plan to enroll or are enrolled in a Masters program in geography are encouraged to apply. It is expected that one or two awards of $1,000 to $5,000 will be made for 2010-2011. The application deadline is May 15, 2010.

Request application guidelines for either the dissertation or minority program from Dr. Ruth L. Shirey, Chair of the SWG National Fellowship Committee (rishirey@aux-mail.iup.edu) or visit the Society’s website at www.iswg.org.

Tribal Scholars Program

Full scholarships are being offered by the USDA to Native American students in any field of study pursuing a bachelor’s degree. The formal application, an official transcript, and two letters of recommendation are required and will be due by January 31, 2010. Contact: Velma Real Bird, USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Phone: (406) 638-3194.
Coburn Amendment Defeated; Repercussions for NSF Research?

For years, research advocates toiling on Capitol Hill have made the argument to members of Congress that decisions about which research projects to fund should be left to the expert review panels at the scientific agencies – including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the United States Geological Survey, and the National Institutes of Health, among others. This argument, however, has often failed to stop attempted mischief by a member or a group of members of Congress – and it seems that every few years battles have to be fought to preserve the right of the agencies to fund research as they best see fit.

This year, a more disturbing clash took place – one that pitted Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) against NSF advocates and supporters of political science. Coburn proposed an amendment to the NSF’s Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations bill that would have blocked the Foundation from using any funds to support its Political Science program. The battle was a return of sorts to the early 1980s – when Reagan Republicans attacked social science funding throughout the government.

Ultimately the amendment was defeated by a vote of 36-62 – and Coburn had even admitted before the vote that he stood no chance of winning. But the vote was nonetheless disconcerting to research advocates in Washington, and especially those supportive of the social sciences. Much credit for the outcome goes to the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) – who led the way in opposition to Coburn’s proposal. The AAG is a member of COSSA.

Five Democrats joined 31 Republicans in supporting the Amendment. Eight Republicans, conversely, voted with 54 Democrats to defeat the proposal. The Democrats voting “yes” were Max Baucus (MT), Evan Bayh (IN), Claire McCaskill (MO), Ben Nelson (NE), and Jim Webb (VA); and the Republicans voting no were Kit Bond (MO), Richard Burr (NC), Thad Cochran (MS), Susan Collins (ME), John Cornyn (TX), Judd Gregg (NH), Mike Johanns (NE), and Olympia Snowe (ME).

While the amendment was ultimately defeated handily, supporters of government funding for science will have to remain vigilant to beat back similar attacks in the future.

Also worth noting is that during the same debate, the Senate ruled an amendment by David Vitter (R-LA) on the 2010 Census non-germane – and refused to vote on it. Vitter’s proposal would have forced the Census Bureau to add a question to the 2010 form about citizenship status – and it would have blocked states from counting non-citizens when determining population levels. It was unclear whether Vitter would attempt to add the proposal to different legislation.

AmericaView Update

Following my article on the USGS AmericaView program, which ran in the October edition of this column, Dr. Rick Landenberger, AmericaView Executive Director, West Virginia University, contacted me to ask if he could provide an update. I am grateful for his contribution. Dr. Landenberger’s comments follow below.

As noted in the October “Washington Monitor,” legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate that would authorize a program at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) aimed at promoting “national remote sensing education, outreach, and research… to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of geospatial imagery for education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes in each state.” The program – known as AmericaView – would operate through grant-funded, state-level entities known as StateView programs. Senators Tim Johnson (D-SD) and George Voinovich (R-OH) are the original sponsor and co-sponsor of the bill – S. 1078. The House companion bill, H.R. 2489, is entitled “The National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act” and is sponsored by Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) and co-sponsored by Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-OH). The legislation passed in the House on October 27 by a vote of 379-33. While the language is somewhat different from S. 1078, both bills are bipartisan.

I am contributing this article to share the fact that AmericaView has already existed in a non-profit capacity since 2003 and has been effectively pursuing a joint mission in concert with the USGS during the last six years. Thus, enactment of the House and Senate legislation would not create AmericaView per se. We are here now, and are here to stay. Indeed, despite the fact that our funding has declined dramatically over the past six years, we now have over 350 academic, federal and state agency, commercial sector, and non-profit partners in 36 member states.

The AmericaView mission has been and continues to be focused on promoting the civilian uses of remotely-sensed imagery at the state and local level throughout the U.S. – through support of geospatial K-16 education, remote sensing professional development, training, data archiving and distribution, and applied environmental research.

The key point of S. 1078 and H.R. 2489 is that they would establish a Congressionally-authorized program to continue this important work, rather than an ad-hoc program whose funding has been unpredictable from year to year. In doing so, the bills recognize and codify the value of state-based efforts as integral within the broader USGS mission. Passage would help ensure adequate funding and significantly advance the benefits of geospatial technologies throughout the United States, including expansion of the existing program to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

The AAG is organizing several high-level Congressional panels for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Pennsylvania Avenue, or 130 feet along many other important wide avenues and streets. On other streets within the District, the designated height limit of commercial buildings is 90 feet. "Architectural embellishments" such as empty rings, domes, lighted boxes, and other fripperies don't count. Accordingly, Downtown Washington is festooned with odd-looking towers, spires, rotundas and curious vacant features atop tall buildings.

There is constantly someone seeking to raise the height limit so that Washington will look more like "such great cities as Houston, Denver, Boston, and Chicago." Good luck with this effort, which has consistently been opposed over the years by the Committee of 100 on the Federal City and others. This was meant to be a horizontal city – get it? Our Congress so decreed in 1910. Some form of height limits go back all the way to 1791.

**Lawyers, Guns, and Money**

Geographers who wish to rub shoulders with lawyers and lobbyists (some might actually wish to do this) need only walk westward from 16th along K Street to Washington Circle. Most of the buildings in this particular canyon have had stories added on to reach the 130-foot height limit that they feel is necessary now to accommodate the city's overdose of lobbyists and lawyers. Incidentally, no one claims to be a lobbyist, but many lawyers and self-important former public officials function as such. Wining and dining is their favorite sport, and Washington abounds in good restaurants with high prices to meet the lobbyists' needs. (Citronelle, Founding Farmers, Kinkead's, The Palm, and Vidalia, to mention a few) Buildings along K Street lacking adequate foundations have not been added onto, much to their owners' despair, although many have upgraded their lobbies in order to raise their tenants' rents.

**Rock Creek Park**

For non-urban types among the many geographers expected to attend, Rock Creek Park offers many rustic adventures and attractions. This, at 1,754 acres, is the second largest urban park in the U.S. (geographers should know which is the first) and was set aside as a pristine area in the center of the District of Columbia in 1890. It includes everything from riding, hiking, and biking trails, to historic Civil War forts and the National Zoo.

Regularly the focus of irate motorists who wish to cut across the park from the west or the east, it is often controversial. At present there exists a stand-off between the Montgomery County commuters who use the Park to get to work in downtown DC and those who argue against the commuters' speed, texting while driving, and obnoxious attitudes. Feel free to join the fray, but only after investigating both points of view. The National Park Service dutifully presents alternative plans for the Park from time to time. Incidentally, the Park includes a large number of arrogant deer who feed regularly on private property shrubs (they prefer yews, hostas, and peonies, liriope – personal experience). Recently, coyotes have migrated into the Park.

**Universities**

At the moment, George Washington University is the only university-level geography department within the District of Columbia. The Department has a full-time faculty of six, a part-time faculty of ten, and teaches over 1,000 students per semester, both undergraduate and graduate levels, in all geography subjects from migration trends to physiographic mapping. The Department is housed in Old Main, in the center of the GW campus, at 20th and F Streets, NW, and would welcome visiting geographers.

Other universities within Washington are aware of geography, but none actually offer degrees in the field. These include Georgetown, which has three geographers, Catholic University, which has none, American University, which has two, Howard University, which has none, Johns Hopkins University SAIS program (no geographers – mainly policy), and the University of the District of Columbia, which used to have a geography department.

Two large geography departments lie just outside DC – the University of Maryland, located in College Park, Maryland, and George Mason University, located in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Other Places of Interest**

There is much to see and do in 21st century Washington, but most visitors will not have time to see and do everything. For those familiar with Segway technique, machines may be rented to wheel about the Mall and other more-or-less level areas of the city, and many tours done on Segways are available. Also available to those who wish to walk less is the DC pedi-cab service, which allows two visitors at a time to view the Mall. For the less ambitious there are
open-topped, two-story buses that tour the key sites, and land-water vehicles (DUKWs) that explore picturesque water views of the city while also hitting the land-based sites. The AAG will be offering many field trips, as always, but private tour companies abound. Most visitors won't need a guide.

For more adventurous geographers, there is Anacostia. Properly speaking, Anacostia is but one of 11 neighborhoods across the Anacostia River from the rest of the District of Columbia. Old Anacostia (formerly Uniontown) was a subdivision that thrived as a white community with covenants against blacks and is now an essentially black community on the rise, with new development and young leadership emerging. The Anacostia Historic District, established in 1976, was the first in the District. Far Southeast Washington still lacks restaurants, theaters, and banks, but is likely to become the new home of the Homeland Security Department. There is much more to say, of course, but Anacostia will be discussed in more detail in an upcoming article in the AAG Newsletter, so I’ll leave it at that for now.

Other attractions for visitors include Adams Morgan, particularly Columbia Road/18th Street, NW, north of Florida Avenue; Tenleytown with its Metro stop and picturesque Fort Reno; Friendship Heights, in which high-end Mazza Gallerie stores compete with higher-end shops in Maryland directly across Western Avenue; the U Street corridor, with its famous Ben's Chili Bowl Restaurant (President Obama ate there during his first days in office) and its restored Lincoln Theater; the H Street NE corridor, a still-striving sector of the city yet to recover fully from the civil unrest of 1968, the 8th Street/Eastern Market, just east of the Capitol with its U.S. Marine Barracks; and the Capitol complex itself, including the Library of Congress, Supreme Court, and Union Station. Don't try to park on Capitol Hill, but there is ample paid parking available at the Union Station garage, and almost everything else is within walking distance.

So, welcome to DC, geographers – enjoy!

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But with the approach of a new decade, we cannot be satisfied with reflection on the successes of the past decade alone. We require plans and resolutions about the future as well. With your support, what might these resolutions be? As a new year, and a new decade approaches, here are a few of my suggested resolutions:

Let's do more to continue to strengthen our Association's membership, financial foundations, annual meetings, and publications, and let's all work together to improve these core programs at every opportunity. Let's find new ways to support geography's academic programs and to expand its outreach to society, to other disciplines, to policy makers, and to engage the larger intellectual enterprise of which we are an integral and essential part. Let's continue to represent the needs and interests of geographers from all corners of our diverse discipline. New efforts are already planned for programs to support physical geography and for exploring ways to foster a growing synergy between geography and the humanities. Bolstering geographic science and interdisciplinary geographic research programs at NSF, USGS, AAAS, and other leading science institutions will be a continuing priority, as will nurturing our many new AAG initiatives such as the Diversity Task Force, the Senior Associates program, the Healthy Departments Workshops, our public policy activities, and many others. Remembering to appreciate the hard work of our excellent staff at the AAG, and thanking our members for the wonderful opportunity to work with you all, however, will be at the top of my own list.

The AAG: also supporting others in need

Reasons for supporting the AAG extend beyond the benefits that will accrue for current AAG members, or for our discipline. We need to remember that even during these tight economic times in the US, Canada, and Europe there are many, both geographers and others, around the world whose hardship vastly surpasses our own. The AAG has taken leadership roles in a number of important efforts to recognize and act on these needs of others, in ways that are relevant to what geography has to offer. These programs rely on your support, both financial and otherwise, to thrive and succeed. I'd like to mention briefly two such AAG efforts, which I think are particularly worthy of our support.

AAG Developing Regions Membership Program

This new program will not only benefit those geographers from developing regions who wish to participate, but it also benefit our current membership. Greater international networking, information sharing, and interaction is becoming increasingly common—and necessary—in the work and lives of most geographers, both in so-called "developing regions" and in wealthier countries. As both the AAG membership and the attendance at our annual meetings have grown in recent years, international geographers' participation in the activities of the AAG has grown at an even faster rate than that of domestic U.S.-based geographers. With over 6,500 attendees already registered for the AAG Annual Meeting to be held in Washington, DC, next April
(2010), over 30% are from countries other than the U.S., up from approximately 15% several years ago.

Of course, supporting greater participation of geographers from the “developing regions” of the world in activities and networks of the AAG also enriches the experience, research, and scholarship of the AAG and its current members in myriad ways, providing both personal and professional benefits to us far exceeding the financial subsidies we might extend to our colleagues in some of the poorest regions of the world.

**Geography and Human Rights**

The AAG has played a leading role with the AAAS and a team of other scientific and professional associations to help develop the conceptual and organizational framework for a new international Science and Human Rights Coalition, hosted by AAAS. The AAG has been very active in making this Coalition a reality, and I currently serve as chair of its Steering Committee. The new Science and Human Rights Coalition, with a membership already of nearly fifty scientific associations ranging from physics to anthropology, works to promote human rights awareness and programs within scientific associations, and works together with human rights organizations to address human rights needs around the world.

As part of our work on human rights, the AAG also has developed specific “Geography and Human Rights” resources, including a bibliography of research on geography and human rights issues, an updated ethics statement, many sessions on these topics at our annual meetings, and the new AAG Geography and Human Rights Clearinghouse website (www.aag.org).

**Keeping AAG Costs Low**

Finally, the AAG has worked very hard to be cost-efficient in its activities and programs, and to keep costs as low as possible for AAG members. The AAG membership fees also are based on a sliding scale related to income, to support early career faculty as well as unemployed or underemployed members.

Both AAG membership and AAG annual meeting registration fees are a bargain compared to most other geography organizations. Additionally, the AAG has not increased either its membership fees or annual meeting registration fees for several years, in recognition of difficult economic times, despite substantial rising costs of doing business during this same time period.

We also have greatly expanded AAG funds to subsidize student travel and attendance at AAG meetings, special programs for retired members, and new programs to help members in special financial need. Your donations to the AAG help maintain and expand these services and programs during tight financial times.

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The Department of Geography at the University of North Alabama (www.una.edu/geography) invites applications for two full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor positions beginning in January 2010. A PhD is preferred but ABD will be considered, tenure requires the PhD. We are looking for assistant professors with a passion for teaching geography, the required teaching load is four classes per semester. The successful candidates will also be expected to be active in research and service. Successful applicants must also be student centered and eager to be a part of a dynamic and collegial department team. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled.

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Applications require electronic copies of a letter of application, curriculum vitae, contact information for three references, and teaching philosophy. Copies of transcripts are also required. Please send transcripts to: Director of Human Resources, Box 5043, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama 35632-0001. Applicants must apply separately for each position.

UNA seeks a wide range of applicants for these positions so that one of our values, ethnic and cultural diversity, will be affirmed.

DEC 09-180-1

*ARKANSAS, CONWAY.
The University of Central Arkansas, Department of Geography, invites applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor, tenure-track position in Geography with expertise in Community and Economic Development, beginning August 2010. The candidate must have completed a doctoral degree by the time of appointment. The person hired will direct an existing online Master’s Degree in Community and Economic Development (MSCED). Teaching responsibilities will be in area of expertise and courses in support of the MSCED program, e.g., a Seminar in Community and Economic Development, Community Development Policy Analysis, and Applied Research and Data Analysis. The person selected will have an educational background and experience in one or more of the following areas: economic, urban, and political geography or planning. A regional specialty in North Africa and the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, or South Asia would strengthen the application. Knowledge and use of geospatial technologies is required.

The Master of Science in Community and Economic Development is delivered online to provide both experienced practitioners and new students a comprehensive understanding of the theory and applications of state-of-the-art community and economic development tools and methods. Graduates will be prepared to act as catalysts for growth and change through a community development process.

The Department of Geography is interested in an enthusiastic individual with an active teaching and research interest in the geographic dimensions of community and economic development, is capable of administering the MSCED program, and is able to promote it across campus, the community, the state, and the nation. Salary is competitive.

Founded in 1907, the University of Central Arkansas is an accredited state-supported institution that awards the bachelor's, master's, specialist's and PhD degrees. The university has an enrollment of 12,000 students and a full-time faculty of more than 500. Conway, a community of 35,000, has three colleges and universities, and is located thirty miles northwest of Little Rock, the state capital. UCA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The Web site is www.uca.edu.

Applicants must send a cover letter providing information regarding their geographic specialty, administrative, online curriculum, and teaching experience; a detailed CV, official academic transcripts, and contact information for three references by January 29, 2010. Letters of reference will be solicited for short-listed candidates.

Apply: Dr. Brooks Green, Chair, Department of Geography, University of Central Arkansas, 301 Irby Hall, 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Arkansas, 72035. Voice: 501-450-5636. FAX: 501-852-2926. E-mail: brooksg@uca.edu. DEC 09-166
CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

The University of California, Berkeley invites applications for the 2010-2011 S.V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowships in Natural Resource Economics and Political Economy. The S.V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowships in Natural Resource Economics and Political Economy will be awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year to support advanced research at the University of California, Berkeley. For the purposes of this fellowship, natural resources are defined broadly to include environmental resources. The fellowship encourages, but is not limited to, policy-oriented research.

Applications are open to scholars from any social science discipline and related professional fields such as law and planning, who will make significant contributions to research on natural resource economics broadly defined. Preference will be given to proposals whose orientation is broadly institutional and/or historical, and which are conceptually and theoretically innovative. Proposals with a primarily statistical or econometric purpose are not eligible for consideration.

Application deadline is December 11, 2009. For more information, please visit: http://research.chance.berkeley.edu/page.cfm?id=184

NOV 09-134

*CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.*

UCLA seeks outstanding candidates for a tenure-track faculty position in the field of Energy and Environment, focusing on energy policy and technology. The appointment will begin effective July 1, 2010. The position is nominally at the rank of Assistant Professor, although appointment at a higher level may be considered. The appointment will be in the UCLA Institute of the Environment, a dynamic and growing interdisciplinary. A PhD degree is required. A strong commitment to interdisciplinary research is highly desirable. The successful candidate will have demonstrated the ability to publish and secure external funding. Engagement to increase participation in science or engineering by groups historically underrepresented in these fields is also highly desirable. A complete description of the position is available at www.environment.ucla.edu.

Apply: Please use job number: 2155-0910-01 in correspondence. Submit application as Word or PDF files online to energyposition@ioe.ucla.edu including a cover letter, curriculum vita, statements of research, teaching and interdisciplinary experience and interests, three exemplary publications, and the names and contact information for four references.

Applications submitted by January 1, 2010 will receive full consideration. For questions contact Ms. Eileen Sir, at esir@ioe.ucla.edu, 310-825-6999, or Professor Glen M. MacDonald, macdonald@ioe.ucla.edu.

Women and minority applicants are encouraged to apply, UCLA is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of faculty and staff diversity.

DEC 09-172

CALIFORNIA, SANTA CLARA.

The Environmental Studies Institute at Santa Clara University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Environmental Policy for Fall 2010. Applicants should have a PhD (completion required by the time of appointment) in environmental studies or related field. The successful candidate will conduct research in one of the following areas: U.S. environmental policy, international environmental policy, environmental justice, urban planning, agricultural policy or energy policy. See full job ad at: http://www.scu.edu/envs.

Apply: to ensure consideration, send (1) curriculum vitae, (2) letter of application articulating teaching philosophy, research interests, experiences working with people of diverse cultures and identities, (3) three letters of recommendation under separate cover, and (4) sample numerical evaluations to: Dr. Leslie Gray (Attention: Search Committee), Environmental Studies Institute, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053, by November 15, 2009.

This position is contingent upon the availability of funding.

OCT 09-119

*COLORADO, BOULDER.*

The Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado - Boulder seeks a Research Associate (post-doctoral position) for Wave 2 of the Matlab Health and Socioeconomic Survey, a long-term study of the effects of quasi-randomly placed health and human capital interventions in rural Bangladesh using 35+ years of household, community, and facility data. Requirements include strong interest in field research and PhD in demography, economics, sociology, geography, public health or related discipline. Some preference given to Bengali speakers. Three-year appointment begins as early as July 2010, with at least one year in Bangladesh at ICDDR,B and one year in Colorado. Screening begins January 1, 2010 and continues until position is filled.

Apply: see www.colorado.edu/ibs/jobs for a detailed job description and requirements.

The University of Colorado is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable EEO and affirmative action regulations.

DEC 09-174

*CONNECTICUT, HARTFORD.*

Trinity College in Hartford, CT seeks a geographer to fill the newly endowed chair for the Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professorship in Urban Studies beginning in fall 2010. We expect such a scholar to offer courses and conduct research in one or more of the following subfields: environmental geography, cultural geography and/or political geography. We are eager for a colleague who has a strong interdisciplinary and global orientation, even as s/he will probably have a strong investment in empirical work within one or more urban localities. This scholar is also expected to participate in the development of the urban studies curriculum.

Apply: All applicants for Raether Distinguished Professor in Urban Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, CT should submit the following materials to Vijay Prashad (George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian History) [vijay.prashad@trincoll.edu], c/o Center for Urban and Global Studies (www.trincoll.edu/CUG), Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106, by January 15, 2010: 1) A detailed application letter stating research and teaching interests and expertise; 2) A complete Curriculum Vitae; 3) A writing sample, such as the most recent book and/or a refereed journal article; 4) Names of three references; 5) Sample syllabi for two undergraduate courses that relate to and reflect the applicant’s research interest and expertise.

The search committee also includes Dr. Xiangming Chen (Dean and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies), Dr. Davarian Baldwin (Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of American Studies), Dr. Joan Morrison (Professor of Biology), and Dr. Beth Notar (Associate Professor of Anthropology).

Trinity College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applicants with disabilities should request any needed accommodation in order to participate in the application process.

DEC 09-155

*DELWARE, NEWARK.*

University of Delaware. The Geography Department in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position to begin Fall, 2010. The candidate must have a demonstrated application of Geographic Information Science in their research program and be able to contribute to and support our established interdisciplinary curricula. This department offers undergraduate degrees in Geography, Environmental Science, and Environmental Studies; graduate degrees in Geography with PhD concentrations in either...
Land-Surface Processes or Climatology, and a graduate-level certificate program in Geographic Information Science. Our research and teaching programs extensively interact with other units of the College and University, and we emphasize multidisciplinary collaborations and cooperation. We are looking for an outstanding scholar to complement and enhance our current degree programs, with potential for publication and extramural funding. A PhD in Geography or a closely related discipline is required at the time of appointment.

Apply. Please send a detailed letter of application outlining research and teaching interests, including discussion of GIS background and capabilities, along with a curriculum vitae and contact information for three referees to: Brian Hanson, Department of Geography, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716, USA.

Review of applications will begin January 11, 2010, and will continue until the position is filled. Email questions and applications may be sent to the search committee chair at hanson@udel.edu. Further information about our department and programs may be found at www.udel.edu/Geography.

The University of Delaware is located midway between Philadelphia and Baltimore, and is a Sea Grant, Space Grant, and Land Grant institution and a member of the UCGIS. The University of Delaware is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from minority group members and women.

*DELAWARE, NEWARK.*

Director, Disaster Research Center. The Office of the Provost at the University of Delaware invites applications for the position of Director of the Disaster Research Center (www.udel.edu/DRC). We seek an energetic scholar who has a strong appreciation for DRC’s history as the first center in the world focused on the social science aspects of disaster, while at the same time offers an exciting vision to lead the Center’s increasingly multi-disciplinary efforts.

DRC plays a leadership role in the international research network of research on disasters and crises. It was founded in 1963 and moved to the University of Delaware in 1985. DRC has received funding from various governmental and private agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the Sea Grant Program, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The DRC is a university-wide center that reports to the Senior Vice Provost for Research and Strategic Initiatives. The Center currently has 8 core faculty members from three departments, all of whom engage in ambitious collaborative research. The Director will both contribute to this research agenda and lead efforts to expand campus-wide participation in the Center.

The successful applicant will show evidence of a deep commitment to collaborative work in academe and with the community, as well as an appreciation for the importance of work that integrates multiple disciplinary perspectives and uses multiple methods. The applicant will demonstrate a distinguished record of scholarly accomplishments in the field of disasters appropriate for the award of tenure, significant administrative and grants-management experience, a solid record of teaching and service, and an active and innovative research agenda that shows success in obtaining funding from external government or private sources of funding. The successful applicant will be offered a tenured appointment in the appropriate department of her or his discipline.

The Director manages Center operations, supervises a staff that includes graduate research assistants and undergraduates, represents DRC with funding agencies and other constituencies, seeks external research support, and coordinates with efforts related to a new interdisciplinary graduate program in disasters. Because DRC core faculty members have appointments in a range of departments across campus, the Director also works actively to foster ties with other units. The appointment includes opportunities for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses related to disasters.

The University of Delaware is an equal opportunity employer which encourages applications from minority group members and women. The committee will begin reviewing applications on December 1, 2009. Applicants should send a detailed statement of interest with qualifications meeting the criteria outlined above, and a curriculum vitae in electronic pdf format. Additional information may be requested from candidates after an initial review of applicants. Applications and questions about the position can be directed to the search chair, Jeffrey A. Raffel, Messick Professor of Public Administration, at raffel@udel.edu.

DEC 09-182

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Association of American Geographers has an opening for the position of Senior Researcher at the AAG’s office in Washington, D.C.

We seek an individual with strong research and writing skills who can contribute to AAG research, education, and outreach projects, including new federally funded projects related to professional development, careers, and diversification. The Senior Researcher will participate in the development of research instruments and protocols, travel several times a year to collect data, lead professional development workshops, evaluate materials with students and faculty in participating departments, interact constructively with academic and non-academic employer organizations, assist in preparing manuscripts for publication, and assist with a variety of project management tasks. The Senior Researcher will also work closely with AAG staff to support other AAG initiatives, meetings, and proposals.

A highly qualified candidate will have a PhD in geography, possess strong skills in qualitative and quantitative methods in social science research, including interview and survey analysis, and knowledge of GIS and/or spatial analysis, possess outstanding written and verbal communication skills, be highly organized and able to meet deadlines on multiple projects, and have strong interpersonal skills.

This is an excellent opportunity for a junior scholar, but we will also consider applications from senior level researchers. Salary is commensurate with experience. The AAG is an equal opportunity employer and offers a highly competitive benefits package and a collegial working environment.

Apply. Please send a letter of application, CV, sample publications, and contact information for three references via email to: Megan Overbey at moverbey@aag.org.

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

OCT 09-121

*FLORIDA, MIAMI.*

Florida International University, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, invites applications for a tenure-track position in Human Geography at the Assistant Professor level beginning August 2010. PhD in geography required, but advanced ABID candidates will receive consideration. Specialization is required in a combination of some of the following fields: water resources, political ecology, environmental justice, and community/urban sustainability. Candidates with a global, transnational, or international perspective will receive top consideration. We seek scholars whose research interests intersect with one or more of the department’s three organizing themes: Inequalities and Identities, Migrations and Diasporas, and Nature-Society.

The Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies is newly formed and a key part of the recently inaugurated School of International and Public Affairs. The Department is comprised of geographers, anthropologists, and sociologists committed to interdisciplinary collaboration. The Department offers BA degrees in geography and...
and anthropology/sociology and MA and PhD degrees in Global and Sociocultural Studies. The successful candidate will contribute both to the expansion of the geography curriculum and to the Department's interdisciplinary mission, particularly in the doctoral program. FIU is a Carnegie-ranked Research University (High Research Activity) with 38,000 students and over 100 graduate programs.

Applicants should send a letter of application detailing research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, and writing samples, and arrange to have sent three letters of recommendation under separate cover. Review of applications will begin November 30, 2009, and applications will be considered until the position is filled.

Apply: Applications may be made through the following url: www.fiu.jobs, or mailed directly to: Prof. Gail Hollander, Search Committee Chair, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, DM 334, Florida International University, Miami, FL 33199. E-mail inquiries are welcomed at hollande@fiu.edu.

Florida International University is an Equal Opportunity /Equal Access/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

DEC 09-176-1

The University of Hawai`i invites applications for an Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies (Human Geographer) position #83190. Full-time tenure-track position to begin approximately August 2010, contingent upon funding. Applicants should have a PhD in Geography or related field from an accredited college or university at time of appointment.

The department is seeking a scholar with teaching and research experience in geographies of nature and society, sustainability studies, and development. Candidates must also have demonstrated potential to teach introductory and advanced undergraduate courses in human geography and environmental studies/science. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate additional expertise in some combination of the following: urban geographies, political ecology, land use planning and policy, resource management, environmental impact assessments, environmental justice, and regional interests in and Hawai`i, Pacific and Asian. The successful applicant may also contribute to the MS degree in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science. Full details on the required and preferred qualifications for the position can be found at http://workatuh.hawaii.edu.

Submit letter describing teaching and research interests and ability to meet job qualifications, CV, transcript(s) showing degrees and course work appropriate to the position (copies are acceptable, however official transcripts will be required prior to employment) and the names and addresses of three (3) references to the address below.

Apply: Dr. Kathryn Besio, Dept. of Geography and Environmental Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawai`i at Hilo, 200 W. K wili Street, Hilo, HI 96720-4091. (geogensc@hawaii.edu). Deadline: December 31, 2009.

UH Hilo is an EEO/AA Employer D/M/V/W.

DEC 09-164-1

ILLINOIS, CARBONDALE.

IGERT Trainees in Watershed Science and Policy. Southern Illinois University Carbondale is offering PhD fellowships under the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Integrative Graduate Education Research and Training (IGERT) program. Fellowships are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents in any water-, river- or watershed-related field of study, including Human or Physical Geography, and would pursue a PhD degree in Environmental Resources and Policy or other areas. Applicants should have a Masters-level degree in Geography, Geology, Hydrology, Environmental Science or similar area at the time of enrollment (Bachelor's possible in cases of exceptional merit) and should have grades, test scores, and research records commensurate with one of NSF's most coveted fellowship awards. Fellowship benefits include $30,000/year stipends, $10,500/year education allowances, student laptops, annual international travel, and support for research, conference travel, etc.

Apply online at: www.igert.siu.edu. Application deadline is January 15, 2010. For more information, please see www.igert.siu.edu or contact igert@siuc.edu.

NOV 09-150

*INDIANA, MUNCIE.

Assistant Professor/Land Management and Environmental Policy, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Tenure-track position available August 19, 2010. Responsibilities: teach courses in resource management and one or more sections each semester of an introductory course (Environment and Society) as part of University Core Curriculum, teach courses that contribute to a new concentration in NREM within the undergraduate curriculum, including one or more that may be developed based on the successful applicant's area of specialization, incorporate principles of natural resource management and environmental policy into a comprehensive extramurally-funded research program, collaborate with state and federal agencies and businesses or local community organizations, advise undergraduate and graduate students.

Minimum qualifications: master's degree and ABD in a field closely related to natural resources or environmental science/studies by August 1, 2010, at least one year teaching at the college or university level, demonstrated evidence of excellence in teaching.

Preferred qualifications: PhD completed in land management, environmental science or fields closely related to natural resources or environmental science/studies, demonstrated evidence of dedication to quality learner-centered teaching and being adept at motivating critical thinking, applied professional experience in land management, expanded research methodologies (quantitative, qualitative or mixed); research experience involving geographic information systems. Excellent benefits, including retiree health care and 100% pension contribution for eligible employees.

Apply: Send letter of application, current curriculum vitae, statements of personal teaching and research philosophies, copies of official graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Paul Chandler, Search Committee Chair, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306.

Review of applications will begin January 11, 2010, and will continue until the position is filled (www bsu edu/nrem).

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management seeks to attract an active, culturally and academically diverse faculty of the highest caliber. Ball State University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

DEC 09-165

IOWA, IOWA CITY.

The Department of Geography at the University of Iowa invites applications for a full-time tenure track appointment at the Assistant Professor level in the area of sustainability and water resources. The position is part of a significant university-wide sustainability initiative that seeks to build interdisciplinary faculty expertise in this emerging area.

We seek an individual with research interests in surface water resources who will broadly
complement one or more of the department’s existing strengths in geo-informatics, land use science, environmental policy, biogeography, or health geography. A particular interest in connections between sustainable water resources and either global climate change or sustainable energy production is desirable. The Department and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are strongly committed to gender and ethnic diversity; the strategic plans of the University, College and Department reflect this commitment.

The successful candidate must, to a degree commensurate with career stage, provide evidence of their ability to publish in leading academic journals and to secure external research support. The appointment will begin in August 2010. A PhD in geography or related discipline is required at the time of appointment. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. The University of Iowa is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. For further information please see www.uiowa.edu/~geog/water-resource and http://jobs.uiowa.edu, requisition number 57202.

Apply. Candidates must submit applications online at http://jobs.uiowa.edu (requisition #57202). Attachments to the application should include a letter of application and curriculum vitae. The letter of application should include: a statement of teaching interests, evidence of teaching ability, and a statement that describes current and future research activities. Three letters of recommendation should be mailed to: Dr. David Bennett, 316 Jessup Hall, Department of Geography, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

Screening of applications begins November 10, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding this position can be directed to Dr. Bennett (david-bennett@uiowa.edu or 319-335-0158).

NOV 09-148

IOWA, IOWA CITY.

The University of Iowa Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning anticipates an opening for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level beginning in August, 2010. The successful candidate must, at a minimum, have a PhD in planning or a related discipline, demonstrate substantial potential for scholarly research and publication, and be able to teach courses and publish quality research in environmental planning and policy. Initial review of applications will begin on December 1 for the August 2010 appointment. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. We especially encourage applications from minorities and women.

Apply. Please go to http://jobs.uiowa.edu and search under requisition number 37163. Charles E. Connerly, Director, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, 343 Jessup Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Phone: 319-335-0039. E-mail: charles-connerly@uiowa.edu. Homepage: www.urban.uiowa.edu.

The University of Iowa is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

NOV 09-127

KENTUCKY, LOUISVILLE.

The Department of Geography and Geosciences at the University of Louisville seeks a candidate with a PhD in geography for a tenure-track faculty position with the rank of Assistant Professor to begin Fall 2010. A specialization in the cultural and social impacts of globalization and diversity is required. The successful candidate must be willing to develop courses relevant to the area of specialization, articulate humanistic and qualitative research methodologies within the context of contemporary applied geography, and enhance students’ critical thinking skills through teaching and mentoring. Additional ability to work within current University programs focusing on major regions such as Asia, Latin America or Africa, as well as the Women and Gender Studies program, is desirable.

The PhD is preferred at the time of appointment, but ABDs will be considered. The department aggressively pursues excellence in teaching and research within the context of the B.S. and M.S. degrees in Applied Geography. The department’s physical facilities are excellent and opportunities to work with a variety of community organizations and governmental agencies are plentiful. A record or potential for teaching, research funding, and publication is required for consideration. Good interpersonal skills and effective oral and written communication skills are necessary.

The application deadline is February 15, 2010.

Apply. Applicants should submit their application and curriculum vitae through the University of Louisville’s www.louisville.edu/jobs website and reference job identification number 24604, then follow up (by mail) with a cover letter that details teaching and research interests, a curriculum vitae, a sample of teaching evaluations (if avail-
able) and contact information (including e-mail) for three references to Sharon O’Bryan, Department of Geography & Geosciences, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292.

The Department of Geography and Geosciences is committed to building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages women, African Americans, and other minorities to apply. For further information about the position, contact Dr. Carol Hanchette, Chair of the Search Committee at carol.hanchette@louisville.edu.

The University of Louisville is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, Americans with Disabilities Employer, committed to diversity and in that spirit, seeks applications from a broad variety of candidates.

NOV 09-139

*KENTUCKY, MURRAY.*

Assistant Professor, Physical Geographer, Department of Geosciences, Murray State University. Full-time, tenure-track position to begin August 2010. Qualifications: PhD required. ABDs with a documented plan of completion by appointment date will be considered. Excellent teaching skills including use of modern classroom technologies required. Must demonstrate research potential in Physical Geography as evidenced by publication or other scholarly activity. Experience with remote sensing and/or GIS methodologies required.

Responsibilities: Teach introductory courses in the geosciences and upper-level courses in the candidate’s area of expertise. Conduct research, pursue external funding, and supervise student research at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Application Deadline: Postmarked by January 15, 2010.

Apply: Submit a letter of interest, curriculum vita, statement of teaching and research interests, copies of transcripts, and three letters of reference to Dr. Haluk Cetin, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Geosciences, 104A Wilson Hall, Murray State University, Murray, KY 42071. Phone: 270-809-2085

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Murray State University is an equal education and employment opportunity, M/F/D, AA employer.

DEC 09-158

*MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.*

The Maryland Department of Planning is seeking an experienced and motivated professional to lead the agency’s parcel mapping efforts, specifically coordinating the development of a statewide parcel polygon geo-spatial dataset and associated database development and supporting MDPPropertyView. Responsibilities also include applying GIS resources to demographic, economic, and smart growth information to support the agency’s mission. The position will direct the daily operations in support of MDPPropertyView as well as develop new business models and revenue streams to support the product.

The position will manage a staff which includes field offices throughout the State. The position is also responsible for coordination, data exchange and data improvement with state agencies and local governments. The position will play a critical role in support of Governor O’Malley’s iMap initiative and will liaison regularly with other professionals and general management at the State and local levels. The individual must possess strong leadership, coordination, management, and GIS skills.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must possess a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Geography, Planning, and Engineering or close related field and nine years related professional GIS or planning experience. Four years of supervisory experience is required. Preferred Qualifications: GISP certification or AICP certification. Experience with GIS or cadastral data development or management. Master’s in Geography or Planning with seven years of GIS or planning experience with three years at management level.

Apply: Send cover letter and resume to: Maryland Department of Planning, Office of Personnel Services – Suite 1101, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, or to: mkemmerzell@mdp.state.md.us.

MDP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

DEC 09-185

*MARYLAND, SALISBURY.*

Salisbury University’s Department of Geography and Geosciences and the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative seek applicants for a non-tenure track Visiting Assistant Professor/GIS Manager beginning in March 2010. We are seeking a Geographer with a specialization in Geographic Information Science. This is a three-year position with the possibility for renewal.

Primary Duties: In addition to teaching GIS/geographic techniques part-time in the Department of Geography and Geosciences, the candidate will help oversee a staff of professionals, undergraduate and graduate students implementing practical GIS projects in the ESROC. Responsibilities: Include project management with considerable hands-on technical work assisting our GIS staff with projects for our Cooperative clients. The candidate will teach up to four courses/labs in GISscience or a related field at the graduate or undergraduate level each year as needed.

Minimum Qualifications: ABD in geography required (PhD preferred) with a concentration in geographic information science. Two years of professional GIS experience and with some supervisory experience and/or GIS teaching experience. Required Knowledge/Skills/Abilities: A detail-oriented individual with a proven ability to meet deadlines. Experience with the ESRI suite of products is necessary. Candidates with experience in programming or database management are preferred. Candidates must demonstrate effective teaching strategies that support a diverse student body.

Apply: Applications will be accepted via Salisbury University’s Online Employment Application System. Please visit our website www.salisbury.edu/HR/Jobs to apply online. See the FAQs of the Online Employment Application System for more information and instructions.

To be considered an applicant, you must apply online and submit the following: a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, transcripts and the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three professional references. If you have any questions about the position, please contact the search chair, Dr. Michael Scott at the email address listed below.

Note: If you have any documents that cannot be attached, please have these documents sent directly to Dr. Michael Scott via E-mail at msscott@salisbury.edu or via mail to his attention at Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD, 21801.

Applications received by January 15, 2010 will be given first consideration. The position will remain open until filled. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Appointment will be contingent upon verification of eligibility to work in the U.S. and is expected to begin March 1, 2010.

Founded in 1925, Salisbury University is one of 13 institutions that compose the University System of Maryland. Salisbury University is a selective undergraduate institution within the University System of Maryland. The University is close to ocean beaches and the Chesapeake Bay and 2-3 hours from the metropolitan areas of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Norfolk. SU has been sited nationally as one of the top ten public regional universities in the North according to the U.S. News and World Report, and has also been recognized by the Princeton Review and Kiplinger’s magazine. SU has 379 full-time faculty members serving a student population of approximately 8,000.

Salisbury University has a strong institutional commitment to diversity and is an Equal Oppor-
tunity/Affirmative Action employer, providing equal employment and educational opportuni-
ties to all those qualified, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation.

NOV 09-126

MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.
The Department of Geography & Environment at Boston University invites applications for two tenure-track assistant professorships specializing in the areas of 1) Energy and 2) Sustainability Science with a focus on the interface of human and environmental systems.

Position (1): Energy* We seek a scholar with research and teaching interests in topics related to energy. Specific research and teaching interests are flexible, but should cover either general energy, policy, and/or energy markets. The successful candidate will contribute to the Department’s Center for Energy & Environmental Studies and participate in efforts to integrate energy studies in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Management, and the School of Engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We encourage applications from candidates trained in a wide spectrum of social science disciplines including Geography, Economics, Political Science, Public Policy, and Management.

Position (2): Sustainability Science* We seek a scholar with research and teaching interests in topics related to environmental sustainability. Specific research and teaching interests are flexible, but the emphasis is on the social science dimensions of sustainability per se, public policy, and/or economic development. The successful candidate will contribute to a new departmental initiative in sustainability science and will have the opportunity to collaborate with a wide range of related programs across the campus including those in International Relations, Political Science, Economics, the African Studies Center, the Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer Range Future, and the Boston University School of Public Health. We encourage applicants from a broad spectrum of disciplines including Geography, Economics, and Political Science, as well as a variety of public policy programs.

Candidates should have a commitment to teaching and research, and a desire to work in an interdisciplinary setting. Applicants should submit a CV, a statement of teaching and research interests, a research paper or dissertation chapter, and contact information for at least three referees. Applicants with teaching experience are invited to submit teaching evaluations.

Apply: Electronic applications are encouraged and should be sent to ge@bu.edu, with the subject line “Energy Position” or “Sustainability Science Position” as appropriate. Hard copies will also be accepted and should be addressed to Department of Geography & Environment, Boston University, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

Boston University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

*Pending budgetary approval.

NOV 09-147

MASSACHUSETTS, CAMBRIDGE.
Environmental Fellows Program at Harvard University. Purpose: The Harvard University Center for the Environment created the Environmental Fellows program to enable recent doctorate recipients to use and expand Harvard’s extraordinary resources to tackle complex environmental problems. The Environmental Fellows work for two years with Harvard faculty members in any school or department to create new knowledge while also strengthening connections across the University’s academic disciplines.

Environmental Fellows may include people with degrees in the sciences, social sciences, law, government, public policy, public health, medicine, design, and the full array of humanities. The award: The fellowship will provide an annual stipend of $54,000 plus health insurance, a $2,500 allowance for travel and professional expenses, and other employee benefits. Environmental Fellows will begin work in September 2010.

Apply: Applications and all letters of reference must be received by the Center for the Environment by 5pm Eastern Standard Time, January 15, 2010. The Center will announce the awards in March 2010. Complete details can be found at environment.harvard.edu.

Harvard University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

OCT 09-110

*MICHIGAN, MOUNT PLEASANT.
The Department of Geography at Northern Michigan University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin in August 2010. The Department is seeking an Environmental Geographer with the ability to effectively teach three, 4-credit courses per semester at the introductory and upper level. Courses will include, but are not necessarily limited to, Introduction to Environmental Science, Maps, Introduction to Geographic Research, Biogeography, Environmental Policy and Regulation, or other courses that otherwise complement the Department’s existing areas of emphasis. The successful applicant will also be able to demonstrate an active research agenda that is broadly connected to Great Lakes regional environmental concerns, including issues linked to water science, mining-related development, and climate change.

Applicant should hold a PhD in Geography or closely allied discipline at the time of appointment. ABDs will be considered. Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate a strong commitment and ability to provide excellent undergraduate instruction, and complement existing department programs.

NMU is located on Michigan’s beautiful Upper Peninsula, on the south shore of Lake Superior. The local environment offers outstanding opportunities for research and instruction, as well as an exceptional way of life at a favorable cost of living.

Apply: visit https://employMe.nmu.edu for more information about the University and to apply for this position. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Candidates will be required to submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcript, research and teaching statements, as well as the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Applicant review will begin on December 18, 2009. The position will be posted until January 18, 2010.

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

DEC 09-168

*MICHIGAN, MARQUETTE.
The Department of Geography at Northern Michigan University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin in August 2010. The Department is seeking an Environmental Geographer with the ability to effectively teach three, 4-credit courses per semester at the introductory and upper level. Courses will include, but are not necessarily limited to, Introduction to Environmental Science, Maps, Introduction to Geographic Research, Biogeography, Environmental Policy and Regulation, or other courses that otherwise complement the Department’s existing areas of emphasis. The successful applicant will also be able to demonstrate an active research agenda that is broadly connected to Great Lakes regional environmental concerns, including issues linked to water science, mining-related development, and climate change.

Applicant should hold a PhD in Geography or closely allied discipline at the time of appointment. ABDs will be considered. Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate a strong commitment and ability to provide excellent undergraduate instruction, and complement existing department programs.

The Department offers a B.S. (major and minor) in Geography and M.S. in Geographic Information Sciences as well as Geography minors and majors for teacher education students. Computing facilities at the GIS Center are state-
of-the-art. Additional potential research opportunities are available through the Central Michigan University Research Corporation. Classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral research university, CMU is recognized for strong undergraduate education with a range of focused graduate and research programs.

Apply: send an application letter, curricula vitae, copies of all transcripts, statement of research, statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of reference to: Dr. Bin Li, Chair, Department of Geography, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Further information is available at www.geo.cmich.edu.

CMU, an AA/EO institution, strongly and actively strives to increase diversity within its community (see www.cmich.edu/aaeo). Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. DEC 09-153

*MICHIGAN, YPSILANTI.

**Geomorphologist.** The Department of Geography and Geology at Eastern Michigan University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level in process-based geomorphology, effective September 2010.

The candidate will be expected to be committed to excellence in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level and to conduct an active research program in process-based geomorphology. Instruction responsibilities include teaching upper-level undergraduate courses in geomorphology and glacial geology, as well as introductory-level courses, and directing undergraduate research projects. Additional assets would be the ability to teach soil science and developing and teaching a course for our new Master’s degree program in Earth Science Education.

An M.S. plus 18 hours is the minimum requirement, but a PhD is preferred. Applicants should send a letter of application that includes a statement of qualifications and teaching and research interests, a detailed curriculum vitae that includes education, publications, grants, and teaching experience, copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three references familiar with your teaching and research potential.

Apply: go to www.emujobs.com for information on how to apply for the position. The review of applications will begin January 5, 2010 and continue until the position is filled.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Eastern Michigan University is located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and is one of the largest producers of K-12 Earth Science teachers in the country. For additional information about the university see our website: www.cmich.edu.

EMU is an equal opportunity employer, and the institution is regularly recognized by U.S. News and World Report for its diversity. DEC 09-154

**NEBRASKA, LINCOLN.**

**Assistant Professor – Watershed Hydrology.** Applications are invited for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). We seek a highly motivated individual to take an active role in promoting research, education, and interdisciplinary interactions associated with water programs at the University. The successful candidate will be expected to conduct a rigorous, externally funded research program in watershed hydrology that includes process-based studies of the interactions of surface water with groundwater and/or the atmosphere. The successful candidate also is expected to participate in teaching and curricular development in hydrology and related fields at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The candidate should demonstrate strong potential for research and teaching and must hold a Ph.D. in engineering, geosciences, natural resources, or a closely related field at the time of appointment. Female and ethnic minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. This position is part of a campus-wide Program of Excellence in Water Resources, and the successful candidate may choose a tenure home in Biological Systems Engineering, Civil Engineering, Geosciences, or Natural Resources. Additional information on water related programs at UNL is available on the web at http://water.unl.edu/home.

Apply: go to http://employment.unl.edu requisition 090634 and complete the “faculty/administrative form.” Applicants must attach a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching interests, and names of at least three references via the above website. We will begin to review applications on 11/23/2009, but the position will remain open until it is filled.

The University of Nebraska has an active National Science Foundation ADVANCE gender equity program and is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers. Lincoln is a highly livable city with affordable housing and excellent schools.

For further information, contact Dr. Bruce Dvorak, Search Committee Chair at: bdvorak@unlnotes.unl.edu; 1-402-472-3431, The Water Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0979. DEC 09-169

**NEVADA, RENO.**

The Department of Geography at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Nevada, invites national and international applications for two tenure-track Assistant Professor positions, one in the area of Paleoclimate Modeling and the other in the area of Ecoclimatology. These positions will be initially funded through the current Nevada NSF-EPSCoR project entitled “Nevada Infrastructure for Climate Change Science, Education, and Outreach” (www.nevada.edu/epscor/nsf-overview.html). The appointments will begin August 1, 2010.

The successful candidates are expected to establish a widely recognized research program in climate change, supervise graduate students, and teach undergraduate and graduate courses. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience and education. For a full version of the position descriptions, and also to submit the required application materials by December 15, 2009, please visit the www.unrsearch.com website.

Apply: Applicants interested in both positions are required to submit a separate application for each job. For questions regarding the online application, please contact MS. Shari Baughman, E-mail: sbaughman@unr.edu or phone: (775) 784-6995.

For inquiries on the Ecoclimatologist search or position description (www.unrsearch.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=54135), please contact Dr. Franco Biondi (fbiondi@unr.edu). For inquiries on the Paleoclimate Modeler search or position description (www.unrsearch.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=54134), please contact Dr. Scott Bassett (sbassett@unr.edu). To learn more about UNR, visit us at www.unr.edu.

EEO/AA. Women and underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. NOV 09-152

**NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE.**

New Mexico, Albuquerque. **Chair, Tenured Associate or Full Professor, Department of Geography, University of New Mexico, starting August 2010.**

The Chair will assume a leadership position in a vibrant department, which seeks to enhance its regional and national reputation. Minimum qualifications are a PhD in geography or related field and a current appointment as a Professor or advanced Associate Professor with tenure. Preferred qualifications are demonstrated excellence in teaching and research, demonstrated or potential administrative and leadership skills in an active department with a graduate program, and the ability to teach courses and mentor graduate
students within the department’s focus areas. Candidates with these qualifications who are capable of teaching upper-level courses in GISc will be given special consideration.

Founded in 1889, The University of New Mexico occupies 600 acres along old Route 66 in the heart of Albuquerque, a city of more than 700,000 people. As New Mexico’s flagship university, UNM is committed to diversity and boasts a number of nationally recognized programs in multiple disciplines. UNM is the only institution in the country that has a Carnegie Very High Research Activity designation and a federal designation as a Hispanic-serving institution.

The department has recently expanded and revitalized. Five new faculty members have been added in the last three years, and the curriculum has been revised to reflect the department’s emphasis on Environmental Management, Nature and Society, GISc, and the Southwest. Preferred fields of specialization are within environmental geography broadly defined, including natural resource conservation and management, environmental planning and sustainability, natural hazards, rural and urban ecosystems, resource economics and policy, and landscape ecology. Individuals with other areas of specialization are also encouraged to apply.

Apply: Applicants please apply through UNMJobs at http://unmjobs.unm.edu under Faculty Positions, reference Posting # 0803295. Submit as separate attachments through UNMJobs 1) a letter addressing interest in the position and relevant experience, 2) a CV, and 3) a list of three references with contact information.

The University of New Mexico is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. For best consideration, applications should be submitted by January 30, 2010 and applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled. UNM’s confidentiality policy (Recruitment and Hiring, Policy #3210) which includes information about public disclosure of documents submitted by applicants, is located at www.unm.edu/~ubppm. UNM is building a culturally diverse faculty and encourages members of underrepresented groups to apply. Experience that contributes to the diversity of the college is appreciated. DEC 09-163

*NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE.*

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences is recruiting a tenure-track, Assistant Professor in landscape ecology and human-environment interaction for appointment in August 2010. Required qualifications include: 1) a doctoral degree in geography, ecology, environmental science or a related field at the time of appointment, 2) the ability to develop and maintain an externally funded research program, 3) the ability to teach geographical and environmental science courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, and 4) the ability to contribute to the department’s interdisciplinary mission.

The successful candidate will play a major role in the human-environmental component of the rapidly growing PhD in Geography and Urban-Regional Analysis. Candidates with research interests in global change and ecological sustainability of urban environments are especially encouraged to apply. Desired qualifications also include modeling of ecological processes in heterogeneous landscapes, particularly urban ecosystems, with technical expertise in the integration of field and GIS analytical methods. Preference will be given to candidates who strengthen bridges across Geographical and Earth Sciences curricula and research collaborations.

Review of applications will begin January 4, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. Applications must be made electronically at https://jobs.uncc.edu and must include: 1) letter of application describing teaching and research interests along with the applicant’s ability to contribute to the department’s mission, 2) a full curriculum vita, and 3) the names of three referees. The full job ad is available at www.geoearth.uncc.edu.

UNC at Charlotte is an AA/EOE. For additional information, contact Dr. Ross Meentemeyer at rkmeente@uncc.edu. DEC 09-175

*NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE.*

The Department of Global, International & Area Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applicants for a tenure track position in Development Studies, with a preferred concentration in Asia, at the level of Assistant Professor. The position begins Fall 2010, PhD in a discipline appropriate to Development Studies is required at the time of appointment.

Requirements for the position include training in the fields of political economy or economic geography. The successful candidate will have expertise in some or all of the following areas: environmentally and socially sustainable development, resource allocation and human-environment interaction, and alternative models of development. Desired qualifications are a commitment to multi-disciplinary approaches to scholarship and teaching and the ability to provide courses on global-scale issues that will enhance the undergraduate International Studies curriculum and help form a foundation for future graduate programs in International Affairs and Global Studies.

Faculty members in the Department of Global, International & Area Studies will be expected to maintain regular high-quality publication, seek external funding, and teach courses that service our global and area studies curricula. They are also expected to advise students, contribute to university and departmental governance, and participate in the development of future undergraduate and graduate programs.

UNC Charlotte is located in the state’s largest metropolitan area and is a growing Doctoral-intensive urban university with a commitment to interdisciplinary research and teaching. Established in 2009, the Department of Global, International & Area Studies currently offers multi-disciplinary majors in International Studies and Latin American Studies, as well as minors in those two programs, Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies, Islamic Studies, and Judaic Studies. The Department also offers a Master’s in Latin American Studies. The Department contributes to the university’s General Education program and has strong collaborative relationships with other interdisciplinary programs and academic departments. Its programs and student population reflect the diversity mission and goals of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information about our department, see: http://giass.uncc.edu.

Applications must be made on-line at: http://jobs.uncc.edu (click on “Faculty” under Vacancy Type). Please include a letter of application outlining your relevant experience for the position and your ability to contribute to the mission of the Department, a complete CV, relevant syllabi, and contact information for at least three refer-
OREGON, PORTLAND.

The Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor to start in Fall 2010. Candidates must have an earned doctorate (or be in the final stages of their degree) in city and regional planning, urban studies, economics, or a related social science, and a scholarly commitment to the field of urban planning.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach required and elective undergraduate and graduate courses in urban economics, sustainable economic development, and urban studies methods. School priorities include research, outreach, and practice interests in the sustainability dimensions of urban and regional planning and community development, international applications, and/or affordable housing and neighborhood development. Familiarity with both quantitative and qualitative methods and action research is desirable.

Full job description and application requirements are listed on our website at: www.pdx.edu/usp. Application reviews will begin January 15, 2010. For further information, please contact Dr. Karen Gibson, Search Committee Chair, gibsonk@pdx.edu or Dr. Connie Ozawa, School Director, ozawac@pdx.edu.

Portland State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and, in keeping with the President’s diversity initiative, welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.

NOV 09-146

*SOUTH CAROLINA, CLEMSON.

The Clemson University Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture seeks a Departmental Chair at the rank of Full Professor to begin August 2010. Candidates should be senior scholars with a doctorate or appropriate terminal degree and professional registration/certification credentials as well as a distinguished teaching, research/practice, and/or public service applied professional record.

The successful candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills and experience in academic strategic planning, fiscal and personnel management, consensus building, external funding and sponsored projects, communication with leaders in the private, public, and non profit sectors; capital and departmental fundraising; and alumni relations. Chairs will continue limited teaching, research/practice, and public service.

The Department is uniquely interdisciplinary in a highly diverse College. It offers a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA), Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP), Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA), Master of Science in Historic Preservation (MSHP), with the College of Charleston), a Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) and participates in the multidisciplinary PhD (Planning, Design & the Built Environment, PDBE). Currently, the department has over 20 faculty members and 230 students and has direct links to both the national leadership and SC chapters of APA, ASLA, ULI and other professional organizations.

For full consideration, applications should be received by December 1, 2009 although applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Salary will be competitive based on background and discipline.

Applicants should submit via email a letter of application that addresses the job description, curriculum vita, two samples of your best writing, statements of teaching and research interests, evidence of teaching effectiveness (including, but not limited to course syllabi and course evaluations), examples of scholarly research, and three letters of reference to Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424. Review of applications will begin November 30, 2009 and continue until the position is filled.

The College of Charleston is an AA/EO employer and strongly encourages women and minority candidates to apply.

DEC 09-167
SOUTH CAROLINA, CLEMSON.

The Department of History at Clemson University invites applications for a tenure-track position in Environmental Geography at the Assistant Professor level beginning August 2010. We seek a candidate with a broad knowledge of contemporary environmental issues, sustainability and human/land interactions. Preference will be given to candidates with research interests in environmental impacts of economic growth in developing countries, natural resource and policy interests, and land use/land cover change. Regional expertise in Europe or Asia desired. Additional strength in geo-spatial technologies would be an advantage. Primary teaching responsibilities include introductory world regional courses and advanced level courses in his/her area of specialization. Applicants should display promise of teaching excellence and strong evidence of scholarly potential. A PhD in Geography is required at time of appointment.

Located in the Upstate of South Carolina, Clemson University is a land grant public research university. The Department of History consists of 24/teacher/scholars, including 3 professional geographers, has over 250 undergraduate majors and offers a minor in geography. For additional information about the department see: www.clemson.edu/caah/history

Applicants should submit a letter describing their research and teaching interests, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and a current c.v. For full consideration please apply by November 10, 2009.

Clemson University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against any individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

DEC 09-159

SOUTH CAROLINA, CONWAY.

Assistant Professor of Geography. The Department of Politics and Geography at Coastal Carolina University is accepting applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. Appointment effective August 16, 2010. Successful candidate must be able to teach regional geography, as well as courses relevant for the anticipated addition of a Geography Minor and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) courses to the curriculum. PhD in geography or other relevant field required by the time of appointment.

Coastal Carolina University is a public mid-sized, comprehensive liberal arts-oriented institution. CCU is located in Conway, South Carolina, nine miles from the Atlantic coastal resort of Myrtle Beach, one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the nation. It has an enrollment of 8,400 students and is expected to have continued growth for the next several years. CCU is part of the South Carolina system of public higher education and has close ties with its founder, the Horry County Higher Education Commission. Teaching assignments at CCU may include evening/weekend courses and courses taught at off-campus locations.

Apply: submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references electronically at: http://jobs.coastal.edu. Also submit copies of transcripts, teaching evaluations if available, and letters from the three references listed above directly to Professor Alan Little, Search Committee Chair, Department of Politics and Geography, Coastal Carolina University, P.O. Box 261954, Conway SC, 29528-6054.

Review of applications will begin October 30, 2009 and continue until position filled.

For additional information please contact Professor Little at alittle@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2785, or Dr. Ken Rogers, Chair of the Department of Politics and Geography at krogers@coastal.edu or (843) 349-6507.

Coastal Carolina University is building a diverse faculty and encourages applications from women and underrepresented minorities. Coastal Carolina University is an EO/AA employer.

NOV 09-138

SOUTH DAKOTA, BROOKINGS.

Associate Professor or Full Professor, Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence, South Dakota State University. The Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence (GIScCE) invites faculty applications from scientists with research interests in quantitative remote sensing, large-area terrestrial monitoring and/or modeling. Specialization in one of the following areas is preferred: 1) land/atmosphere interactions and climate modeling, 2) active sensors (radar and/or lidar) for vegetation characterization, 3) modeling the dynamics of coupled human-environmental systems. We seek motivated, broad-thinking scientist-educators to establish vigorous research programs and provide intellectual leadership in their field. GIScCE faculty have 80% research, 10% service and 10% teaching loads.

The GIScCE is a collaboration with the USGS Center for Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS). For more information, visit http://globalmonitoring.sdsu.edu, for a list of required qualifications and directions for online application, visit https://yourfuture.sdsu.edu. For questions on the electronic employment process, contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128. Screening will begin December 21, 2009 and continue until position is filled.

SDSU is an AA/EEO employer and encourages applications from women and minorities. ADA Accommodations: (605) 688-4394.

NOV 09-143

*TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE.

The University of Tennessee Department of Geography seeks applicants for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in Urban Geography to begin in August 2010. PhD required at time of appointment. Candidates should have a strong commitment to research, be capable of securing outside funding, and be capable of quality teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The successful candidate will join a dynamic department characterized by strong mutual support, many shared research interests, and a tradition of internal and external collaboration. The department has a vibrant undergraduate program and strong MS and PhD programs. The candidate should submit a letter of application and a curriculum vitae, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to the chair of the search committee.

Apply electronically or by conventional mail to Dr. Ronald Foresta, Search Committee Chair (foresta@utk.edu). Review of applications will begin January 4, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled.

The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

DEC 09-160
TEXAS, DENTON.

The Department of Geography at the University of North Texas (UNT) invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in Human Geography specializing in Hispanic Studies starting September 1, 2010.

As a tenure-track member of the faculty, candidates will be expected to develop a record of scholarly research necessary to obtain tenure. Candidates will also be expected to effectively teach undergraduate and graduate students, supervise graduate students, and serve the department and university. The normal departmental teaching load is two courses per semester.

Minimum qualifications: (1) an earned doctorate, (2) research experience in US-Mexico relations, (3) regional expertise in Mexico, and (4) prior instructional experience.

Preferred qualifications: (1) knowledge of sustainable development, and (2) research expertise in additional region(s) of Middle/South America.

This is an outstanding opportunity to be part of a dynamic, interdisciplinary program addressing human/environment interactions of regional and global importance. The department exemplifies the university’s vision of a student-centered research institution emphasizing diversity, internationalization, and collaboration. We offer both bachelors and masters degrees in geography and are primary contributors to interdisciplinary masters and doctoral programs in environmental science. UNT is an emerging national research institution located in the vibrant and rapidly expanding Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. University enrollment is over 36,000 students.

Apply: applicants must apply at: https://facultyjobs.unt.edu. Submit all required materials, including: (1) cover letter, (2) statement of teaching philosophy, (3) statement of research interests, (4) complete curriculum vitae, and (5) names, mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers for three references. Review of applications begins November 15, 2009, continuing until the search is closed.

UNT is an AA/ADA/EOE committed to diversity.

NOV 09-141

VIRGINIA, BLACKSBURG.

Virginia Tech’s School of Public & International Affairs (SPIA) invites applications for tenure-track faculty positions in its Urban Affairs & Planning (UAP) program to start August 2010: a senior position at Blacksburg and junior position at the NCR campus. A doctorate is required by the start date in planning or a related field.

Apply: applications and supporting documents (except reference letters) must be submitted online at www.jobs.vt.edu (paper documents cannot be accepted), reference posting #090558 for the senior position or #090557 for the junior position. For a complete position announcement including necessary application materials and information on UAP and SPIA please visit www.uap.vt.edu and www.snia.vt.edu. Application review will begin November 1, 2009.

Virginia Tech is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

NOV 09-142

*VIRGINIA, FARMVILLE.

Environmental Scientist or Physical Geographer, Longwood University, Assistant Professor, Full-time, Tenure-track Faculty, (Position F0064). The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at Longwood University seeks applicants for a position in Environmental Science or Physical Geography with expertise in Geographic Information Systems. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong climatology background. This is a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning in August 2010 (contingent upon funding).

The candidate will have an earned PhD, a strong commitment to excellence and innovation in undergraduate teaching, the potential to develop a successful research program in an undergraduate setting, and a commitment to university service. The University will provide dedicated research space in the new Chichester Science Center, as well as modest start-up funding.

The candidate will contribute to the continuing development of GIS on campus and establishment of an environmental science program. Teaching responsibilities will include GIS and introductory earth science. Additional opportunities exist for teaching upper-level courses in areas of expertise. Complete applications will include a letter of application, vita, statements of teaching philosophy and research interests, unofficial copies of transcripts, and the names and contact information for three references.

Apply: submit application materials to: Environmental Scientist/Physical Geographer Search Committee, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Longwood University, 201 High Street, Farmville, VA 23909.

Email and fax submissions cannot be accepted. Review of applicants begins November 15, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Edward Kinman, Search Committee Chair, via email (kinmanel@longwood.edu).

A diversified workforce is an important part of our strategic plan. EOE/AA (10/08/09).

DEC 09-156

*WASHINGTON, ELLENSBURG.

The Geography Department at Central Washington University invites applications for a tenure-track Biogeographer position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level beginning mid-September 2010. Applicants are required to hold a PhD in geography or closely allied field at time of appointment, and have expertise in biogeography or landscape ecology with an emphasis on Western North American ecosystems.

Teaching responsibilities include introductory physical geography, and advanced courses in biogeography and geotechniques. Preference will be given to candidates with: 1) teaching and research interests in biogeography/landscape ecology with application to management of western North American ecosystems, 2) expertise and ability to teach courses in applied field and lab techniques, 3) commitment to high quality undergraduate and graduate teaching with potential for field-based curriculum, 4) ability to involve undergraduates and graduates in research while complementing existing departmental strengths, and 5) demonstrated potential for scholarly contributions and securing grant/contract funding.

Apply: Please submit application online at: https://jobs.cwu.edu. Screening begins January 15, 2010.

CWU is an AA/EEO/Title IX Institution.

DEC 09-173

WISCONSIN, MADISON.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks candidates for an Assistant Professor (tenure-track) position with a specialization in Hmong Studies or related highland societies in Southeast Asia and/or adjacent regions. Appointment to begin August 2010: PhD required.

Previous teaching experience at the college/university level desirable but not required. Duties include teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level, conduct scholarly research in area of expertise, and perform university and professional service as appropriate. The successful candidate will be expected to do collaborative work in the Center for Southeast Studies and participate in program activities. The tenure home for the appointment will reside in a department appropriate to the candidate’s discipline, i.e., social sciences or arts and humanities. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 1, 2009.

Apply: applications and three letters of reference, in PDF format, should be sent via email to: Dr. Michael Cullinane at mmcullin@wisc.edu and Professor Kris Olds at kolds@wisc.edu.

For additional information, see http://www.onh.wisc.edu/pvl/pv062881.html and http://hmongstudiesmadison.wordpress.com/.
The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minorities to apply. A criminal background check may be required prior to employment. 

NOV 09-135

WISCONSIN, OSHKOSH.

The Department of Geography and Urban Planning invites applications of Urban/Regional Planners with strong background in Geography or alternatively Geographers with strong background in Urban/Regional Planning for tenure-track Assistant Professor position. PhD in Urban/Regional Planning, Geography, or related discipline required. Additional interest in GIS/Remote Sensing and/or Economic Geography or Urban/Regional Economics is desirable. Teaching responsibilities include courses in Urban/Regional Planning and courses based on departmental needs and candidate’s area of expertise. Preference will be given to candidates with record of excellence in teaching and scholarship. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active research record, pursue extramural funding, and advise students.

Apply: Send letter of application, CV, transcripts (photocopies acceptable), 3 current letters of recommendation, and evidence of teaching and research quality to: Personnel Committee Chair, Department of Geography & Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901-8642.

Application deadline January 15, 2010. Employment requires criminal background check. AA/EOE. 

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WISCONSIN, PLATTEVILLE.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Geography Program invites applications for a tenure track position in Environmental Geography (either physical or cultural emphasis) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The position will begin in August of 2010 and be at the Assistant Professor rank. Successful candidates will be expected to teach introductory environmental geography and GIS courses, as well as upper level undergraduate courses in their area of specialization.

UWP Geography has a strong tradition of providing field experiences and mentoring undergraduate research. The ideal candidate will plan to continue those traditions in environmental geography and/or GIS. In addition, UWP requires scholarly activity and university and community service for retention and tenure. Qualifications for the position include: 1) PhD in Geography completed with transcripts no later than January 1, 2011, 2) specialization in Environmental Geography and GIS, 3) prior teaching and research experience in geography, 4) a commitment to or experience with undergraduate field-based research, and 5) a demonstrated commitment to or experience with racially diverse populations.

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of application including statements regarding their teaching philosophy and experience with or commitment to diversity, a current vita, and letters of recommendation from three references. Applications by e-mail are strongly discouraged.

Apply: Application materials should be sent to Dr. J. Elmo Rawling 3a, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Department of Social Sciences/Geography, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818. For more information contact Dr. Rawling at rawlingj@uwplatt.edu or (608) 342-1680.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville, an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, seeks to build a diverse faculty and staff and encourages applications from women and persons of color. The names of nominees and applicants who have not requested in writing that their identities be kept confidential, and of all finalists, will be released upon request. Employment will require a criminal background check and a formal transcript.

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WYOMING, LARAMIE.

The University of Wyoming (UW) invites application for an Assistant Research Scientist academic professional in the area of Ecological Informatics. This is a new position designed to build expertise across campus in both ecoinformatics and relevant disciplinary specialty as part of a university-wide ecology initiative supported by the NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Research support and research responsibilities shall include: 1) improving access to ecological data, information and computational services through data acquisition, data integration, and management activities, 2) developing and implementing analytic procedures, algorithms, modeling techniques and workflows, and 3) participation in the development of collaborative initiatives and programs between WyGISC, the UW Program in Ecology and the UW Department of Geography.

Minimum qualifications include: Postgraduate degree in an appropriate environmental science field, emphasizing work with large environmental databases or, a postgraduate informatics degree with relevant ecology experience; Demonstrated knowledge of both fundamental and advanced concepts in informatics and informatics research, demonstrated technical skills in database development & management or software application programming, Two years relevant experience working in an interdisciplinary collaborative team research environment.

Preferred qualifications include: Knowledge of state-of-the-art research and development in the field of ecoinformatics, including ecology-specific data collection techniques, metadata implementation, distributed sensor system and computing infrastructures, and workflow application development; Successful teaching and outreach experience related to ecological informatics, Knowledge and understanding of the fundamental concepts and principles in geographic information science; Advanced expertise in one or more of the following areas: distributed computing and data management, data mining and knowledge discovery, spatiotemporal analysis and modeling, information visualization, scientific workflow design and implementation.

Required application materials include the following: a brief cover letter indicating your interest in being considered and summarizing your qualifications for the position, a current curriculum vitae; and a two to three page statement relating your professional goals and experiences to the position and your view on how the position could support and advance ecology and geographic information science at the University of Wyoming.

Applicants are encouraged to explore background information on WyGISC, the Department of Geography, and the interdisciplinary Program in Ecology as well as other relevant programs on campus (see http://www.uwyo.edu/wygisc, http://www.uwyo.edu/PIE and http://www.uwyo.edu/geog). 

Apply: Applicants should submit all materials as PDF-format file attachments via e-mail with “ECOINFORMATICS POSITION” in the subject heading, and arrange for submittal of three reference letters (with phone and e-mail contact info) in the same manner to: Steven Prager (Email: sdpalger@uwyo.edu), Search Committee Chair, UW Department of Geography.

Screening of applicants will begin on January 8, 2010.

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CANADA, BURNABY.

Simon Fraser University, Department of Geography, Physical Geography: Atmospheric...
Science. The Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University, in Burnaby, British Columbia, invites applications for a tenure track faculty appointment in Meteorology/Climatology. We seek a physical scientist with research interests in atmospheric or climate science. Links to other branches of physical geography/earth system science, and the human impacts of climate change are desirable. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will begin September 1, 2010. For further application details please visit www.sfu.ca/geography/Employment.html.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. However, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and, persons with disabilities.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competition will be collected. For further details see the Collection Notice: www.sfu.ca/geography/Collection_Notice.html.

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CANADA, LONDON.

The University of Western Ontario, Director of the Center for Environment and Sustainability. Environment and sustainability constitute an interdisciplinary area at The University of Western Ontario, with principal participation from the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Social Science. An ongoing major initiative is the establishment of a centre for research and teaching in environment and sustainability. The University of Western Ontario now invites applications or nominations for a senior-level faculty appointment as the first Director of the Centre for Environment and Sustainability (CES).

The selected candidate will be appointed with tenure either as Professor or Associate Professor in an appropriate academic Department. The initial term of the Directorship will be for a period of 5 years. The starting date will be July 1, 2010 or thereafter.

The Faculty of Science (home page www.uwo.ca/sci) is host Faculty for the Centre, and the Faculty of Engineering (www.eng.uwo.ca) and the Faculty of Social Science (www.ssc.uwo.ca) are designated Participating Faculties. It is anticipated the appointment will be made in one of the departments in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, or Social Science. The Director will be expected to lead a vigorous and internationally competitive research program, to supervise graduate and undergraduate student research, and to participate in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels. In addition, a significant portion of effort will be directed to leading, developing, and administering the Centre for Environment and Sustainability.

A description of the Centre, program details, and other information can be found on the CES web site (www.uwo.ca/enviro/index.htm). The Director will be expected to coordinate and accelerate the development of comprehensive environment and sustainability programs in research, undergraduate education, and graduate studies at Western, to raise the profile of the Centre within Canada, and to advance the University's growth in internationalization by fostering collaborative international research and international student experiences in the area of environment and sustainability.

Applications are invited from all interested and qualified individuals. The successful candidate must have an excellent research record in a relevant area and demonstrate the high level of vision, leadership and resourcefulness appropriate to the position of Director.

Applicants should submit a statement of interest and intent, curriculum vitae, research plan, teaching dossier, and the names, addresses of at least three referees to: Professor David M. Wardlaw, Dean, Faculty of Science, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 5B7, Canada.

Consideration of applications will begin on November 15, 2009. This position is subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

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CANADA, CALGARY.


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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ABU DHABI.

New York University is establishing a campus in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and invites applications for one or more faculty positions at any level (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) in a multidisciplinary program called Urbanization.

We encourage applicants from any of the social sciences (economics, political science, sociology, anthropology, human geography), urban policy or planning. We are particularly interested in applicants with a global or comparative focus. The terms of employment are competitive compared to U.S. benchmarks and include housing and educational subsidies for children. Faculty may also spend time at NYU in New York and at its other global campuses. The appointment might begin as soon as September 1, 2010, or could be delayed until September 1, 2011.

NYU Abu Dhabi will be a partner campus of NYU, consisting of a highly selective liberal arts and sciences college, distinctive graduate programs, and a world-class Institute for advanced research, scholarship, and creative work. NYU Abu Dhabi is recruiting faculty of exceptional quality in teaching and professional accomplishment who will work closely with NYU colleagues. It will offer undergraduate and graduate degrees, and extraordinary opportunities for research and for creative work across the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Engineering. It will have the resources and commitment to become a leading center of intellectual pursuit, collaboration and impact.

NYU New York and NYU Abu Dhabi will be integrally connected, together forming the foundation of a unique global network university, actively linked to NYU’s study and research sites on five continents. NYU Abu Dhabi’s first class of students will arrive in fall 2010, its research and public programs have commenced this fall.

The review of applications will begin on December 1, 2009. Applicants need to submit a curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, representative publications and three letters of reference in PDF form to be considered.

Apply: Please visit our website at http://nyuad.nyu.edu/human-resources/open-positions. html for instructions and other information on how to apply. If you have any questions, please e-mail nyuad.urbanization@nyu.edu.

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The AAG offers numerous grants and awards. Visit www.aag.org/grantsawards for a full listing including detailed descriptions, deadlines, and application procedures.

NSF Grants and Competitions

Detailed information about NSF grants and awards is available at www.nsf.gov.

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31. AAG Meredith F. Burrill Award. www.aag.org/grantsawards.

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