Special Bilingual Workshop Presentation for Attendees of the
Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC 2010

Geography in the Americas: Publishing Across National, Institutional, and Linguistic Borders

Geografía en las Américas: publicando más allá de las fronteras nacionales, institucionales y lingüísticas

Wednesday, April 14, 12:30pm – 4:30pm
Cost/person: $15 (includes beverages and materials)
Room Cleveland 2, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC, USA

Organizers/Instructors:
- Osvaldo Muñiz, Texas State University, San Marcos and Patricia Solís, AAG

Special Guest Appearances of Renowned Editors:
- Audrey Kobayashi, AAG Annals Editor, other publications (Canada)
- Hildegardo Córdova, Revista Espacio y Desarrollo, others (Peru)
- Ana María Liberali, Centro Humboldt, various books and publications (Argentina)
- Lilliam Quirós, Revista Geográfica de América Central, others (Costa Rica)
- Stan Brunn, University of Kentucky, Former Editor of AAG Annals and the Professional Geographer (USA)

Studies reveal a relatively rich landscape of international research collaboration among Geographers of the Americas, however, joint authorship in scholarly publications is quite low. Co-written journal articles turns out to be a very poor measure of collaboration by a full degree of magnitude less than other indicators. These data point to the need for encouraging greater co-authorship of research that is being conducted in collaborative ways. This workshop thus seeks to support Latin American and collaborating scholars in understanding how to publish their collaborative research in academic journals, and explores best practices for joint publication across borders. This workshop is co-sponsored by the AAG, relative to its Geography in the Americas program and its NSF-funded AAMIGA Project and the EDGE Project.

Los estudios revelan un paisaje relativamente rico en la colaboración internacional entre Geógrafos de las Américas, sin embargo, la autoría conjunta en publicaciones académicas es bastante reducida. Artículos coescritos en revistas científicas resultan ser una pobre medida de colaboración comparada con otros indicadores. Este taller por lo tanto busca dar asistencia a académicos Latinoamericanos y en colaboración para entender como publicar sus investigaciones trabajadas en conjunto en revistas académicas, y explorar mejores prácticas para publicaciones conjuntas por sobre las fronteras. Este taller es copatrocinado por la AAG, con relación a sus programas, AAMIGA y EDGE, con financiamiento de la National Science Foundation de los Estados Unidos.
Format: Bilingual English/Spanish lectures, panel, group discussions, and interactive activities.

Content Overview:

Introduction and Rationale (12:30 - 1:00p)
Motivating Factors for Publishing in the North and South

Panelist and Instructional Topics:
Steps to Producing Academic Articles (1:00 - 1:45p)
- Identifying publishable research topics/problems
- Finding your audience / the scholarly conversation
- Identifying venues/where to publish
- Timing is Everything: when to publish

Best Practices for Joint Authors (1:45 - 2:30p)
- Deciding Authorship and order
- Finding the right rewards
- Identifying roles and tasks to strengths of team
- Communication – an issue beyond language barriers

brief break (2:30 - 2:40p)

At Submission: what happens next? (2:40 - 3:00p)
- Understanding Reviewers comments
- Working with Editors
- Revisions, especially in collaboration

After Acceptance (3:00 - 3:20p)
- Getting read
- Translations and Reprinting Considerations
- Retrieving respective rewards

brief break (3:20 - 3:30p)

Wrap-up Panel and Discussion (3:30-4:30p)