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AAG Presents Book Awards

The AAG has presented awards to the authors of three outstanding geographic books published in 2007. The presentations took place at the AAG's Annual Meeting in Boston on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the annual Awards Luncheon.

AAG Globe Book Award

The 2007 AAG Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography was presented to Trudy A. Suchan, Marc J. Perry, James D. Fitzsimmons, Anika E. Juhn, and Alexander M. Tait (U.S. Census Bureau); and Cynthia A. Brewer (Pennsylvania State University) for the *Census Atlas of the United States*, published by the U.S. Census Bureau Press.

This hefty and beautifully produced atlas of more than 300 pages and almost 700 maps is an authorita-



Globe Book Award recipients (L to R) Cynthia Brewer, Trudy Suchan, Marc Perry, and James Fitzsimmons.

tive compendium of social, demographic, historical, and economic geographic data, mostly displayed at

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Geographers Address Ethics of GIS&T

What are the ethical implications of an in-car navigation system that tracks individuals without their knowledge? How should you respond if your supervisor tells you not to include a key layer of data in your final GIS map? Does a police department's desire to map Muslim neighborhoods have ethical consequences? Do GIS professionals have any responsibility for how the works they create are interpreted?

These were some of the scenarios discussed at a recent workshop convened by geographers David Dibaise of Penn State University, Dawn Wright of Oregon State University, Francis Harvey of the University of Minnesota, and Michael Solem of the AAG. The workshop was part of the two-year project "Graduate

Ethics Seminars for Future Geospatial Technology Professionals," funded by the NSF Ethics Education in Science and Engineering program.

The PIs for this project met recently at the famed Cosmos Club in Washington, DC (founded by John Wesley Powell in 1878 and also the birthplace of the National Geographic Society in 1888). The purpose of the meeting was to develop a model curriculum for graduate seminars that will lead students to recognize and anticipate ethical issues posed by applications of geospatial technologies, while emphasizing students' engagement with practicing geographic information science and technology (GIS&T) professionals. Plans were also made for developing digital courseware embodying the model curriculum in such a way that it might be readily shared and implemented

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Las Vegas, the fastest growing urban area in the U.S., will host the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting.

2009 AAG Annual Meeting will take place in Las Vegas
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Boston: Traditions and New Directions in Geography

The 2008 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston was the largest gathering of geographers and associated scholars in the history of the AAG, and perhaps one of the most rewarding. I was particularly struck by the energy and excitement present throughout the meeting, from the large crowd that attended Jeffrey Sachs' opening address to the enthusiasm of Saturday's awards ceremonies.

The presentations and discussions in which I was involved (both formal and informal), and the many comments I overheard lead me to realize that geography's continuing progress is nothing short of remarkable. I would like to thank all of you for making the Boston meeting a great success and for working so hard to enrich geography's traditional strengths as well as to push the discipline along new and

promising pathways, advancing research, scholarship, teaching, and service to the discipline and the world at large.

This year, over 7,000 geographers and friends from 61 countries registered for the annual meeting, with approximately one-fourth of them from outside the U.S. That growth, coupled with the meeting's continuing successes on the ground, illustrate the progress we are all making to strengthen our discipline's standing in the university and increase its relevance to contemporary issues.

Following is a brief photo montage from the Boston meeting. Best wishes from all of us at the Meridian. ■

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The AAG's Doug Richardson conducts interview with Noam Chomsky during the Boston Meeting. The interview will be available on the AAG website.



Kavita Pandit presented the AAG Presidential Achievement Award to David Ward.



Jeffrey Sachs delivers AAG Keynote Address.

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A Very Promising Future

During the weeks immediately before the AAG Annual Meeting in Boston, I had two opportunities to take some looks at the future — and what I saw looked very, very good.

My first experience was participating in the South Dakota State Geography Convention. This event has been held in the early spring at South Dakota State University for 39 straight years. The two-day convention featured eight guest speakers, presentations by nine college students, a poster session, a geography bowl competition, an evening social hour, and a banquet. This year's convention also hosted the state geography bee, which brought hundreds of younger students and their parents to the student center on the SDSU campus.

The South Dakota State Geography Convention has a long-standing tradition, but it is not the product of seasoned faculty members. The convention is conducted by the Geography Club, a student organization, and club members proudly proclaim that their convention is the longest-running student-run geography conference in the nation. The students running this year's convention did an excellent job. Club President Nicole Siebrasse and her colleagues planned and conducted the convention effectively. Events were conducted on schedule, with cogent introductions and useful information provided at all times. Students gave talks that were thoughtful, well organized, and nicely illustrated. Many in attendance commented about how well the event was organized and conducted.

The South Dakota State Geography Convention helps give SDSU geographers a very strong sense of community. It encourages students there to connect with broader local, regional, and national networks. It also gives them experience at the kind of coordinated planning and operational teamwork that will be a valuable skill in many settings in the future. Seeing the way that the SDSU students rose to the challenge to conduct a first-rate convention is one reason why I am so positive about the future of geography.

A few days later, I had another glimpse of a positive future for our field when fellow NSF

Geography and Regional Science Program Directors Daniel Hammel, Kenneth Young, and I moderated the semi-annual GRS Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) Advisory Panel. Sixteen panel members drawn from all branches of our discipline and some related fields met to consider nearly 100 proposals from students at U.S. universities who were seeking up to \$12,000 to support costs directly related to their conduct of doctoral dissertation research.

The number of proposals was a record high for DDRI proposals considered by GRS in one round, but the increased number did not come at the expense of quality. On numerous occasions panel members said how interesting and exciting they found the projects, and they placed a majority of the proposals in categories that could justify funding by NSF. The major challenge for us as program directors will be to seek funding from other sources within NSF to enable us to support as many of the highest-ranked dissertation projects as possible.

Not long after the panel meeting ended, Ken, Dan, and I sat down and identified the reasons that we found so many of these proposals to be exciting. One thing that struck us was the wide range of topics to be studied. Because DDRI funds generally are used to cover field costs, data acquisition, and/or instrumentation, not all geographic subfields tend to seek support, but the breadth of topics that doctoral candidates wanted to explore was still significant. In addition to topic breadth, most students sought to conduct research that would enhance theoretical knowledge and also help one or more segments of society. Among major topics that different groups of students sought to explore were human health and well-being, energy supplies, environmental issues, resilience, and vulnerability.

Another noteworthy aspect of the proposals was the broad range of skills that individual students proposed to use. Research

projects using multiple methods have become far more common in geography and many other fields in recent decades, but the number of doctoral candidates who demonstrated the facility to use a range of different methods to conduct their dissertation research was especially impressive.

Many of the dissertation projects were planned for foreign locales, and in addition to their conceptual and methodological skills, a large number of these students also had learned to communicate in languages other than English. Many had also developed solid working collaborations with researchers and others in the countries where they planned to conduct their research.

The highest-ranked proposals came from a range of universities. The quality of many geography departments is readily evident in the high-quality proposals from many of their students, but a number of strong proposals come from students based in other fields or interdisciplinary programs. The prospects for geography being strengthened from outside as well as within therefore remain significant.

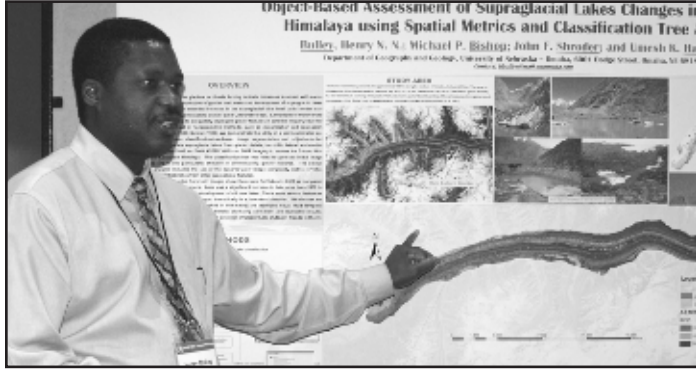
Over two decades of work at NSF, I've had the pleasure of recommending DDRI awards for hundreds of doctoral students. I long have thought that those awards give us the greatest "bang for the buck" of all of the awards we make. While they help conduct research that yields valuable new knowledge, they also provide support for the next generation of researchers at a critical time in their careers.

Looking back on the South Dakota State Geography Convention and the GRS DDRI panel, I feel that I have seen the future in the form of some outstanding students — and they make the future look very, very good. ■



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Henry Bulley discusses his research with attendees at the poster session.



USGS Director Mark Myers shares USGS science vision for the next decade.



AAG Honorary Geographer Charles Mann discusses his book 1491.



AAG Archivist Geoffrey Martin (left) and Wes Dow (center right) of the Geographers on Film project are recognized during a special session by Richardson and Fritz Nelson (right).



Michael Kaufman inspects the inflatable globe.



The Exhibition Hall remained busy throughout the meeting.



Jeffrey Sachs and Doug Richardson confer following the AAG Opening Session.



Larry Brown addresses the audience after receiving AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors at the Awards Luncheon.



A large crowd enjoyed the music of the Boston band "The Awesome" at the AAG Opening Reception.



Kavita Pandit delivering the Past President's Address following the AAG Banquet.



Employers were kept busy at the AAG Jobs in Geography Center.



Laura Pulido presents the Antipode Lecture.



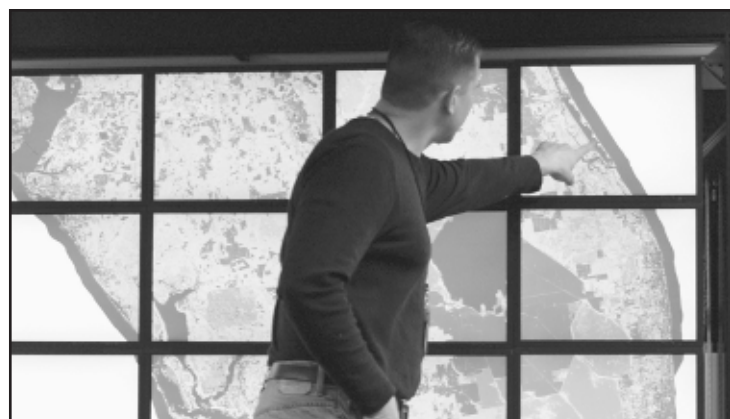
Chomsky surveys an appreciative audience following his conversation with Richardson.



AAG staff members (R to L) Gayathri Gopriam, Adam Thoche, and David Coronado assisting with the registration of over 7,000 meeting attendees.



The Middle States team won the World Geography Bowl.



The high tech USGS display in the Exhibition Hall engaged many visitors.



New 50-year AAG members Ladis Kristof (left) and Sanford Bederman (middle) are congratulated by AAG President Tom Baerwald.



The Annual Meeting provides a friendly atmosphere for families.



Vicky Lawson (left) with Richardson and Jenny Zorn at the AAG Banquet.

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Call for Nominations

2009 AAG Honors and Nominating Committees

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

Nominations for the Honors Committee can include persons (i) from the membership at large and (ii) from those members who have previously received AAG Honors (a list of previous honorees

can be found in the AAG *Guide to Geography in the Americas* and online at www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm).

Honors Committee members serve for two years and are responsible for making recommendations of awardees for various AAG Honors for Council consideration. Nominating Committee members serve for one year. The committee recommends to the Council the slate of candidates for the AAG Vice President, President, and National Councillor elections.

If you wish to nominate yourself or other qualified individuals for service on these

committees, please contact AAG Secretary Craig Colten by **June 30, 2008**.

Nominations should include the contact information of the nominee, a brief biosketch, and indication that the nominee is willing to be placed on the slate of candidates for election by the AAG membership. Please send nominations to Craig by email (ccolten@lsu.edu) or by mail to: Craig Colten, AAG Secretary, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, 227 Howe-Russell, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. ■

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AAG Developing Regions Membership Program Opens Bhutan to the World

A team of four geographers from the University of North Carolina Greensboro (Drs. Susan Walcott and Joe Morgan, students Mayur Gosai and Leanne Sulewski) recently traveled to the only geography department in the remote Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan on an NSF-funded Planning Visit to explore cooperative research projects.

This followed a week of working with the Department of Urban Development and Engineering Services in the capital city of Thimphu, constructing an accurate GIS map to assist with urban planning. After traveling two days over steeply winding mountain roads, through nine passes including one at 12,465 feet, the UNCG team was warmly received by the eight-person department.

News of the opportunity to join the Association of American Geographers at a greatly reduced rate under the new Developing Regions Membership Program generated special excitement. The language of instruction is English, and more than half of the department faculty has advanced degrees from universities in the United States, Australia, England or India.



Geographers from the University of North Carolina Greensboro recently traveled to the Himalayas, where they assisted geographers at Sherubtse College in Bhutan in joining the AAG under the new Developing Regions Membership Program.

The Bhutanese faculty eagerly gathered to complete the AAG online membership form. Due to convertibility issues with the local currency, they paid the fee in local currency in exchange for use of a Visa card charge in U.S. dollars. Between lunch and dinner, several faculty members downloaded articles of interest from AAG flagship journals, and excitedly shared their new global connectivity with the Sherubtse College Director. He exclaimed that he wished more departments could be like geography!

Students at the undergraduate institution are doing excellent, traditionally-oriented geography work such as studying regions

by gathering first hand interviews, physical sampling, and doing line map drawing.

The team delivered books and software generously donated by ESRI, but faculty are concerned by the isolated location of the campus and lack of funds for equipment and training. Membership in the AAG opened up a new way of experiencing "time-space distancing," connecting the Bhutanese with global geography research and offering publication possibilities for their research in this understudied, rapidly transitioning region.

We were very proud of the AAG's outreach efforts through the Developing Regions Membership Program, and honored to witness its effects on an eager young program striving to become a "Center of Excellence" assisting the training of a new generation of geographic skills in the last Himalayan Buddhist monarchy modernizing under challenging circumstances. ■

Susan Walcott
Joe Morgan
Mayur Gosai
Leanne Sulewski

AAG Developing Regions Membership Program

The AAG has established a new membership category for geographers from and residing in developing regions.

Those eligible can now join the AAG for the deeply discounted membership rate of only \$20 per year.

Benefits include, among others, online access to AAG publications, eligibility to participate in AAG research grants and awards programs, reduced registration fees (member rates) at the AAG Annual Meeting and other AAG-sponsored meetings, participation in AAG Specialty Groups and Listservs, and more.

For a detailed description of the program visit www.aag.org.

within institutional learning management systems nationwide.

The first in a series of GIS ethics seminars for graduate credit will be offered in the fall of 2008 by Penn State's John A. Dutton e-Education Institute as part of the online Professional Certificate in GIS, and also in a more traditional face-to-face mode by the University of Minnesota's Department of Geography. During the winter of 2008, the seminar will be offered by the Department of Geosciences at Oregon State University.

A consulting team of applied ethicists provided helpful advice and critique during the workshop: Michael Davis, Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions and Professor of Philosophy at the Illinois Institute of

Technology; Chuck Huff, Professor of Psychology and specialist in computing ethics at St. Olaf College, Minnesota; and Matthew Keefer, Chair of the Division of Educational Psychology, Research and Evaluation at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Activities centered on generating ethical case scenarios; devising the structure of the graduate seminars to be offered at Penn State, Minnesota, and Oregon State; finalizing the protocol for face-to-face interviews that students will conduct with local GIS professionals; and discussing the implications of the curriculum for the broader GIScience community at large, as well as the Geographic Information Systems Certification Institute (GISCI).

Society will rely upon future leaders of GIS&T professions to ensure awareness of ethical issues and compliance with codes of ethics and conduct, such as those established by the GISCI and other organizations.

The group thanks AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson for securing the Cosmos Club as a venue for the workshop, and AAG Deputy Director Rachel Franklin for contributing to fruitful discussions.

For more information on the Graduate Ethics Seminar Project please see: www.e-education.psu.edu/research/projects/gisethics. ■

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Oregon State University

the county scale. More than just a cartographic collection of interesting maps, the *Atlas* also contains thoughtful discussions in accessible language about maps in general and provides excellent analysis of the data. The *Census Atlas of the United States* serves as an intriguing and illustrative snapshot of the nation that looks backwards while simultaneously anticipating the future.

AAG Meridian Book Award

The 2007 AAG Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work in Geography was awarded to Diana K. Davis of the University of Texas at Austin, for her book, *Resurrecting the Granary of Rome: Environmental History and French Colonial Expansion in North Africa* (Ohio University Press/Swallow Press).

The book compellingly examines narratives of environmental decline in French colonial Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia and the role those narratives played in justifying acts of dispossession against indigenous peoples and other profound changes in the landscape. Its tight arguments draw superbly on a wide variety of sources, documentary and otherwise, integrating localized knowledge of social science with a historical perspective to catalog the troubled colonial past of the Maghreb and its environment. In so doing, it reframes conventional environmen-

tal thinking on North Africa and provides a persuasive historical reconstruction of the geographic imaginary of the region.



AAG President Tom Baerwald presents the AAG Meridian Book Award to Diana K. Davis.

Davis also received the 2007 George Perkins Marsh Prize for the best book in environmental history by the American Society for Environmental History, the first geographer to receive this honor.

AAG John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize

Eric D. Olson of the University of Wisconsin has been honored with the 2007 J.B. Jackson Prize for



Olmanson

his book, *The Future City on the Inland Sea: A History of Imaginative Geographies*, published by Ohio University Press.

Olmanson has written an intriguing story about the southern shores of Lake Superior and the distinct identity they came to represent in the minds of explorers, exploiters, and settlers. He recreates a series of encounters with the Chequamegon Bay area of northern Wisconsin by travelers, scientists, frontiersmen and developers as an evolving engagement between the perceptions and dreams of an incoming people and the idiosyncrasies of an only modestly accommodating natural world, showing this ongoing engagement as a struggle that shifted from the romance of discovery to the gritty reality of colonization and development.

The J.B. Jackson Prize rewards authors who write in an effective and engaging way for lay audiences while conveying the insights of professional geography, exemplifying the best work in the American tradition of cultural geography. Olmanson meets this challenge with a bold, imaginative account of the ways in which Americans shaped the cultural geography of a particular region and gave it social meaning. *The Future City on the Inland Sea* is an excellent geographic portrait of place-making in a challenging corner of the American Middle West. ■

Washington Monitor

Annual Meeting Session Highlights AAG Policy Outreach

On April 18, I chaired a session during the AAG Annual Meeting focused on the Association's efforts to support issues of importance to our membership. Joining me on the panel were Daniel Edelson, Vice President for Education and Children's Programs at the National Geographic Society (NGS), and Howard Silver, Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA).



Daniel Edelson and Howard Silver with the AAG's John Wertman in Boston.

In some introductory comments, I applauded Doug Richardson's leadership of the AAG and noted some of the advocacy efforts the Association has taken during his tenure as Executive Director. Primarily, I pointed to our outreach to both Congress and the AAG membership in support of winning dedicated funding for geography education as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (better known as No Child Left Behind).

As readers of this column are well aware, we have worked closely with our friends at GENIP (including NGS) in outreach to the House and Senate education committees and individual members of Congress who are well positioned to advance geography. We have also involved the AAG membership by asking those of you in the field to contact your elected representatives in support of this crucial endeavor. In my comments, I

also noted the AAG's support of funding for the National Science Foundation, the United States Geological Survey, and other federal programs of interest to our members.

In his remarks, Edelson pointed to the Teaching Geography is Fundamental (TGIF) legislation (S. 727, H.R. 1228), which is aimed at increasing the number of geography teachers. He noted that by championing the bill, the NGS has tried to step into a void left by the federal government, and he asserted that the Bush Administration has at times been "openly hostile" to geography education efforts.

Edelson also stated that while TGIF would provide \$15 million to support geography teacher training efforts, in reality "we need \$150 million to make a real difference." He closed by asserting that beginning in January it will be critical for the geo ed community to work with the new Administration to "institutionalize geography teaching in a federal program," most likely at the Department of Education.

Silver began by noting that the AAG was a founding member of COSSA in 1981 – when the Reagan Administration threatened wholesale cuts of social and behavioral science research programs. He also discussed our long-term involvement in the Consortium and pointed out that former AAG President Susan Cutter is currently serving in the same role with COSSA.

Silver also made some insightful comments related to the geography education discussion and shared that he had recently heard a keynote address by William Tate, President of the American Educational Research Association, entitled "The Geography of Education" – in which

Tate asserted that the quality of a student's education is heavily dependent on where the student lives. Silver also took time to mention a few new ideas and programs which will be potentially beneficial to geographers and social scientists of all types, including the DOD program discussed below.

Gates Proposes Expanded DOD Support of Social Science Research

On April 15, in a speech to the Association of American Universities, Defense Secretary Robert Gates – a former president of Texas A&M University and PhD historian – told higher education leaders that he plans to significantly expand Pentagon funding of social science and humanities research. Gates wants to do so under a program called the "Minerva Consortia" and he promised that the research funding will feature "complete openness and rigid adherence to academic freedom and integrity."

Gates also asserted that he is "interested in soliciting diverse points of view – regardless of whether those views are critical of the department's efforts. Too many mistakes have been made over the years because our government and military did not understand – or even seek to understand – the countries or cultures we were dealing with."

There would seem to be significant room under the program for geographers to seek funding. But some scholars – despite Gates' reassurances – have questioned whether they want their research to be reliant on a Pentagon grant.

We will keep you updated as the program develops – and as any controversies related to the funding source arise. ■

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Department Leadership Workshop June 20–22, 2008 • UCLA • Los Angeles

AAG members are invited to the 5th annual workshop devoted to department leadership and healthy departments. The 2008 workshop will be held on the weekend of June 20–22. Workshop sessions will take place at UCLA in Los Angeles on Saturday, June 21 and on the morning of Sunday, June 22. For those able to arrive a day earlier, a field trip entitled “Hollywood to the Sea” will be conducted by Dydia DeLyser on Friday, June 20 to give participants something of the flavor of Los Angeles.

An Excellent Opportunity to Learn from University Administrators and Experienced Department Chairs

The workshop is designed for all geographers who wish to make their departments stronger and more visible, but it is particularly well suited for those persons who have recently or who will soon assume positions of department leadership. The 2008 workshop will follow the format of previous workshops in having geographers who have served as department heads and university administrators start each session with comments regarding the session's focus but with most time devoted to question and answer and discussion among all participants. Time will be allocated for informal sessions in which participants can exchange ideas and experiences with guest panelists and among themselves.

Workshop Panelists

The following have accepted invitations to participate as panelists (subject to scheduling demands):

- Risa Palm, Provost of the SUNY System, Albany NY
- Jennifer Wolch, former Dean of Graduate Programs at the University of Southern California

- Michael Goodchild, former Chair, Department of Geography, University of California, Santa Barbara
- David Rigby, Chair, Department of Geography, UCLA
- John Agnew, former Chair, Department of Geography, UCLA
- Thomas Baerwald, Senior Science Advisor, National Science Foundation
- Sona Andrews, Provost, Boise State
- Andrew Bodman, former Provost, Western Washington
- Craig Colten, former Chair, Anthropology and Geography, LSU

Workshop Topics

A wide range of topics will be addressed during the workshop, including:

- Aligning the department with the goals of the college and university
- Building strong relationships within departments that enable departments and their members to function effectively in the larger institutional environment
- Engaging in effective strategic planning
- Helping a department define its mission and make the changes needed to succeed
- Evaluating and redesigning undergraduate and graduate curricula
- Broadening social and intellectual diversity in the faculty and student body
- Working effectively in a “hybrid” department
- Recruiting and mentoring new faculty
- Integrating GIS and other new initiatives into the department
- Identifying and acquiring resources to expand department activities
- Preparing faculty for department leadership



Other topics may be identified based on expressions of interest by workshop participants prior to the workshop.

Additional Information

The cost for the workshop is \$350. This includes all sessions, lunches both days, dinner on Saturday night and light refreshments during breaks.

For more information about the 2008 Department Leadership workshop visit http://www.aag.org/healthydepartments/healthy_content.cfm. You can register online for the workshop at this site.

Low hotel rates (\$113–\$118/night) are available at the Guest House on the UCLA campus for workshop participants. A block of rooms has been reserved, and will be available until May 19th, 2008. All reservations made under our block of rooms will need to be made through the AAG. Please contact Oscar Larson, olarson@aag.org, to let him know your arrival and departure dates. Rooms are available June 20th, June 21st and June 22nd.

If you have questions about the organization and content of the 2008 Department Leadership Workshop, contact AAG Vice President, John Agnew, at jagnew@geog.ucla.edu.

If you have questions about workshop registration or other logistical issues related to the Department Leadership workshop, contact AAG Conference Director, Oscar Larson at olarson@aag.org or 202-234-1450.

Nominations Invited for 2009 AAG Honors

The AAG Honors Committee invites nominations for AAG Honors to be conferred in 2009. AAG Honors are awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement or welfare of the profession in six categories: Lifetime Achievement Honors, Distinguished Scholarship Honors, Distinguished Teaching Honors, Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors, Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geography Education, and Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors.

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

may recommend a Publication Award and a Media Achievement Award each year.

Nominees must be AAG members if they are residents of the United States; if they reside elsewhere the membership requirement is waived. In some cases professionals from other disciplines or professions are eligible for consideration. Geographers or other professionals previously honored may be nominated again for distinction achieved since their first awards. The deadline for nominations is **June 30, 2008**.

To make a nomination, please submit a nominating letter and the candidate's CV to Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org (preferred) or by fax (202-234-2744) or mail to AAG Honors, Association of American

Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington DC 20009-3198.

2009 Honors Committee: Kenneth Foote, University of Colorado (Chair); Kelley Crews-Meyer, University of Texas at Austin; Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Colgate University; Allan James, University of South Carolina; Paul Knox, Virginia Tech; Wei Li, Arizona State University; Frank Magilligan, Dartmouth College; Edward Malecki, The Ohio State University; Barney Warf, Florida State University.

See the handbook section of a recent issue of the *AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas* for a complete list of past honors award recipients or consult the AAG website at www.aag.org/grant-sawards/aag_honors.cfm. ■

Call for Nominations: Vice President and National Councillor

The AAG Nominating Committee for the 2009 Election is seeking nominations for AAG Vice President (one to be elected) and for National Councillor (two vacancies). Those elected will take office on July 1, 2009.

Members should submit the names and addresses of each nominee and their reasons for supporting nomination to any member of the committee no later than

Monday, **September 1, 2008**. As part of your nomination statement, please confirm that your nominee is willing to be considered for the position.

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2. AAG Garrison Award in Computational Geography. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_garrison.htm.

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15. Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards in Geographic Science. For more information see http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_boyle.htm.
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Members Of Note

Derek H. Alderman (East Carolina University) was quoted in the *Washington Post* in an April 4, 2008 story, "The Other Side of the Mountaintop; Scholars Assess Nation's Progress Four Decades after King's Assassination." Alderman was also quoted in another newspaper article, "A Road in Search of a Dream," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 4, 2008.

Barry Wellar, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa, and Distinguished Research Fellow, Transport 2000 Canada, was featured in "Capital Commutes," a three-part series on transportation in Canada's national capital region that CTV aired March 17, 18, and 19, 2008.

James Wescoat will become an Aga Khan Professor in the MIT School of Architecture and Planning, beginning in the Fall of 2008. He will join the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, where he will offer courses on "Water, Landscape, and Urban Design," "Mughal Landscapes: History, Heritage, and Design," and comparative research on water resources issues in South Asia and the U.S., supplementing the program's graduate curricula at MIT and Harvard. ■

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Ristow Prize

The Walter W. Ristow Prize recognizes academic achievement in the history of cartography. The competition is open to full or part-time undergraduate, graduate, and first year post-doctoral students attending accredited U.S. or foreign colleges and universities. In addition to a \$1,000 cash award and a one-year membership to the Washington Map Society, the Ristow Prize recipient will also have his or her winning paper published in *The Portolan*, the journal of the Washington Map Society. Deadline for submissions is **June 1, 2008**. Additional information is available on the Washington Map Society's web site at www.washmap.org.

Garrison Award

The biennial William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography supports innovative research into the computational aspects of geographic science. The award is one of the activities of the Marble Fund for Geographic Science

of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The Garrison award consists of a cash prize in the amount of \$3,500 and a formal certificate of merit. Nominations are due by **September 2, 2008**. A full description including eligibility and nominating procedures is available at www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_garrison.htm.

Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards

These awards aim to recognize excellence in academic performance by undergraduate students from the United States and Canada who are putting forth a strong effort to bridge geographic science and computer science as well as to encourage other students to embark upon similar programs. Each award consists of a \$700 cash prize, a \$200 credit for books published by ESRI Press, and a certificate of recognition. Application period is **June 15 to October 15, 2008**. For application procedures and full description visit www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_boyle.htm.

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The annual McColl Family Fellowship, given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. McColl, consists of round trip air fare to any place in the world of the candidate's choosing.

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NSF Grants and Competitions

Detailed information about National Science Foundation grants and awards is available at www.nsf.gov. ■

Grants and Awards Received

Philip Townsend (PI), **Brenden McNeil** (science-PI) and **Keith Eshleman** (co-PI) have received a three-year, \$697,047 grant from the NASA Terrestrial Ecology Program to conduct research entitled, "Characterization of Forest Functional Types and their Role in Mediating Ecosystem Response to Environmental Change." The grant has been made to the University of Wisconsin-Madison with subcontracts to West Virginia University and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory. The study will use field spectroscopic and leaf chemistry measurements, AVIRIS, MODIS, and Landsat remote sensing imagery, as well as measurements

of forest productivity and stream water chemistry from sites in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Maryland, and New York to study the effects of tree species and forest perturbations on ecosystem services linked to carbon and nitrogen cycling.

Don Mitchell has been awarded the 2008 William Wasserstrom Prize for Outstanding Graduate Teaching. The award is presented each year to a full-time member of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty at Syracuse University.

A.L. Rydant (Keene State College) has been awarded the 2008 Award for Faculty Distinction in Research and Scholarship. The award is in recognition of scholarly research, distinguished teaching,

involvement in professional organizations, and leadership in the New Hampshire Geographic Alliance.

Iris Wilson, a junior majoring in Geography at Kansas State University, will receive a Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The recipient of the 2006 Huber Self Geography Scholarship at Kansas State, Wilson has interned with the National Park Service, where she created a digital database of lidar-derived maps for national parks in Florida. Wilson has also assisted with "Girls Researching Our World," a program to introduce pre-teenage girls to science, and has worked with the Human Environmental Regional Observatory research project at Kansas State. ■

Eastern Historical Geography Association/Pioneer America Society

The EHGA and the PAS will hold a joint meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 15-18, 2008. The conference theme will be "Landscapes at Risk." The organizers solicit papers that address the numerous threats to historic properties, but will welcome papers that fit within the broader scope of landscapes and historical geography. Deadline for abstract submissions is **July 11, 2008**. Authors should send digital abstracts to Craig Colten at ccolten@lsu.edu. Full details and registration forms are available at either: www.pioneeramerica.org or www.ga.lsu.edu/meeting.html.

Sixteenth International Seminar on Urban Form

The Sixteenth International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF 2009), co-hosted by South China University of Technology and Guangzhou Urban Planning Bureau, will take place in Guangzhou, China on September 4-7, 2009. The theme of the conference is "Urban Morphology and Urban Transformation." The organizers and the Council of ISUF invite participation in the Conference by interested academics and professionals. Proposals for

papers should take the form of abstracts of papers, in either English or Chinese, and must be received by **December 31, 2008**. Abstracts should be prepared in the following format: title of paper, author(s) name, affiliation, address, e-mail address, telephone number, key words and 250-word abstract, and should be addressed to Professor Yinsheng Tian, Department of Architecture, College of Architecture and Civil Engineering, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou 510640, P. R. China (e-mail: ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn). Enquiries and suggestions concerning the conference should be forwarded to Professor Yinsheng Tian (e-mail: ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn), or Dr. Kai Gu (e-mail: k.gu@auckland.ac.nz).

Geographical Bulletin

The Geographical Bulletin is currently soliciting manuscripts for upcoming issues. *The Geographical Bulletin* is a peer-reviewed journal whose primary mission is to provide an outlet for undergraduate and graduate student articles. Non-student submissions are also welcome. Many students who have gone on to graduate school in geography and related fields have had their first professional publication appear in the Bulletin. To foster and encourage student publication, a "Best Student Paper" award with a

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Pennsylvania Geographer

The Pennsylvania Geographer is currently soliciting manuscripts for the Fall/Winter 2008 edition. The general topic for the upcoming issue is "World's Energy Resources." Papers dealing with this theme, or any geographical topic, will be considered. Deadline for submission is **August 15, 2008**. Please send manuscripts and/or inquiries to: Dr. William B. Kory (Editor), or Drs. Gregory Faiers or Ola Jahansson (Associate Editors), *The Pennsylvania Geographer*, Geography Department, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA 15904. Phone: (814) 269-2994, 2990, or 2993. Email: koryupj@pitt.edu. The Editors welcome suggestions of topics for future issues of the journal. ■

New Appointments

Appalachian State University, Lecturer, Saskia van de Gevel. PhD forthcoming 2008, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Colgate University, Visiting Instructor, Jacob Brenner. PhD Forthcoming 2008, Clark University.

Northern Illinois University, Assistant Professor, C. Scott Smith. PhD Forthcoming 2008, University of California, Irvine.

Northwest Missouri State University, Assistant Professor, Matthew Engel. PhD 2007, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

San Diego State University, Assistant Professor, Maurizio Antoninetti. PhD forthcoming 2008, San Diego State University/University of California, Santa Barbara.

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

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Necrology

Mary Meader

Mary Meader, a well-known pioneer of aerial photography, died recently in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the age of 91. Born Mary Rachel Upjohn in April of 1916, she dropped out of Smith College in 1935 to marry the aviator Richard Light and partner with him on an unprecedented 35,000 mile journey across the Southern Hemisphere. She took flying lessons, learned Morse code, and became her husband's navigator, radio operator, and sometimes emergency co-pilot, but her primary mission was to capture the first aerial photographs of various remote or little-known places of the Earth. Mary and Richard Light would often risk their lives in a small Belanca monoplane lacking heat and pressurization in an effort to capture photographs from the sky. The effort took ingenuity as well as daring, and Mary Meader has often been credited with creativity and invention in certain technical aspects of her photographic work.

The 95-pound Meader built a sling from canvas and clothesline to hold her heavy Fairchild F8 camera in place as she took photographs out of an open window, often from heights exceeding 10,000 feet and

in freezing temperatures. In this way, the couple made the first aerial photographs of the Nazca lines in Peru, and they were the first to capture the stunning crater at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro on film as well as the peak of Mount Stanley. They later captured many of the Pyramids of Egypt

from an aerial perspective as well as surrounding settlements and urban areas. The journey was supported by the American Geographical Society. In 1941, their book, *Focus on Africa*, written by Richard and illustrated with Mary's photographs, was published, causing a sensation. Mary Meader's photographs have appeared in various exhibitions throughout the years, including at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

Mary and Richard Light divorced in 1961. She later married Edwin Meader, a professor of geography. She was one of 11 grandchildren of Dr. W.E. Upjohn, founder of the Upjohn Company, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical concerns. Mary and Edwin Meader became well-known philanthropists who gave generously to education and the arts.



Meader

In 2006, Mary Meader was asked to sign the Explorer's Globe at Western Michigan University in a special ceremony. The Globe includes the signatures of Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Neil Armstrong, Sir Edmund Hillary, and John Glenn, among others.

Lane J. Johnson

Lane J. Johnson, professor and former Chair of the Department of Geography and Urban Studies at Temple University, died following a long illness.

Johnson attended the University of Denver and later earned MA and PhD degrees in geography at Clark University. He arrived at Temple from Wayne State University in 1969 and retired after 28 years of dedicated service to the department and the discipline. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany in the early 1950s.

During his academic career, Johnson specialized in urban geography and was particularly focused on exploring the changing structure of American metropolitan regions. He was known as a clear and forceful writer and a skilled editor. Johnson helped imbue the Geography Department at Temple with a critical urban focus and helped facilitate a merger of the department with the Urban Studies Program. He was a 50-year member of the AAG. ■

AAG Council Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
November 10-11, 2007

Attending: Tom Baerwald, *President*; John Agnew, *Vice President*; Kavita Pandit, *Past President*; Craig Colten, *Secretary* (Southwest); Sallie Marston, *Treasurer*; Doug Richardson, *Executive Director*. *National Councillors*: Carol Harden, Audrey Kobayashi, Mei-Po Kwan, Marie Price, and Dawn Wright. *Regional Councillors*: David Kaplan (East Lakes), Lisa Harrington (Great Plains-Rocky Mountains), Molly Brown (Middle Atlantic), Keith Henderson (Middle States), Cathleen McAnneny (New England-St. Lawrence Valley), Tyrel Moore (Southeast), Donald Friend (West Lakes). *AAG Staff*: Patricia Solís (Director of Research and Outreach) and Rachel Franklin (Deputy Director).

PRELIMINARIES

Baerwald opened the meeting, welcomed new and returning council members, and led introductions. He introduced new agenda items and Moore moved to adopt the agenda with the changes, seconded by Harden. The Council approved unanimously. Colten reviewed the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held in Cambridge, Maryland on October 27-28. The Council reviewed the minutes from the Spring 2007 meeting held in San Francisco, California and approved them unanimously.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

President's Priorities

Baerwald discussed his presidential priorities around interdisciplinarity, explaining that we would continue to support seeking speakers from other fields and geographers who interact with other disciplines, encouraging scholars from other disciplines to publish in the *Annals*, and interdisciplinary research in education. Baerwald also pledged to continue the focus on priorities of his predecessors such as leadership training workshops (healthy departments workshops), chairs' luncheons, internationalization, diversity, engagement in public policy, and outreach to regional meetings. Richardson noted that the AAG Enrichment Fund is one way to support the attendance of

non-geographers at the AAG Annual Meeting. Price suggested inviting public officials to participate at meetings to help instill a geographic perspective, as was done in the San Francisco meeting and other meetings. Council discussed the challenges non-geographers face to publish in the *Annals* and council supported the expectation that non-geographers should become conversant in geographic literature.

Vice President's Priorities

Agnew indicated he will continue to support effective programs of predecessors and outlined his priorities. He noted that the AAG meeting has become the major international geography meeting and he will seek to maintain the international prominence of that meeting along with increasing its interdisciplinarity; he will emphasize themes that blend human and physical geography, and promote the competitive advantage that geographers have in human/environment discussions. Agnew aims to direct attention to the critical issue of funding for geography in public universities, as the health of the discipline is very much tied to the health of public universities.

Past President's Priorities

Pandit expressed her appreciation for being able to work with AAG officers and council, and looks forward to working with Baerwald and Agnew on continuing the focus on internationalization during the coming year.

Review of Geography Programs – Regional Councillors

West Lakes

Friend reported that the status of geography in the region was good. There is concern with budget cuts in the public universities. Most universities in the region report that an international focus and GIS are attracting students and that there are more majors at the freshmen level, due in part to Advanced Placement. Environmental awareness also helps attract students to geography classes. Challenges include cooperation between human and physical geography, realignments of departments, and a brain drain from the region.

New England-St. Lawrence Valley:

McAnneny reported that the regional meeting in New Haven was a success. The region is making headway with its new journal. Challenges for departments in the region include an upturn in majors without corresponding increases in faculty lines. Faculty in the region are its greatest asset and they are doing exciting research that interests students. There is an overall trend toward younger faculty, as universities replace retirees.

Middle States

Henderson reported that the overall health of geography departments appears to be strong. Most departments report growth. Increasing interest in geography is linked to at least three areas. In many departments geography is playing a larger role in interdisciplinary environmental programs. Majors, minors, or certificates in Environmental Studies and Environmental Science have geography at their core. As long as geography is in a position to control its own place within these interdisciplinary programs and not be usurped by them, this appears to be a positive trend. The use of GIS within the business community is opening the door for geographers to collaborate with business faculty, and to attract business students to geography classes. Finally, smaller programs are reaching out to primary and secondary education departments to renew or forge new links to the social science curriculum. These ties bring many more students into the classroom. Departments are able to replace retiring faculty. The only cautionary notes came from smaller state universities where state budget-conscious administrators are increasingly trying to raise graduation numbers to justify programs and funding requests are ranked by professional certification programs. Penn State, University of Delaware, and others reported Nobel Prize winners, geographers working on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

East Lakes

Kaplan reported a successful regional meeting in East Lansing. The region organized a panel on enhancing diversity at

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the meeting to follow up on the AAG national level initiative. Successes include the advancement of several geographers to prominent university administrative positions, including two presidents. No departments have been the target of cut backs, and overall there has been a positive trend in hiring. Departments report success with grants and lab upgrades. Undergraduate enrollment increases have been achieved through international and environmental programs, and online courses. Challenges include funding cuts at the university level and declining overall university enrollments, and stereotyping of geography as being only about computers. One concern is the possible impact of a new University System of Ohio and how that might play out.

Southwest

Colten challenged the other regions to follow SWAAG's lead and donate funds for a regional brick in the AAG's walkway. Departments in the region are finding themselves incorporating multidisciplinary activities including urban studies, environmental studies, and Atlantic studies. Enrollments are up especially in undergraduate programs. Several large departments have full-time undergraduate advisors which have proven effective in tending to the needs of large numbers of majors. Certificate programs or other special programs in GIS also are on the upswing. Departments are being prompted to reduce the number of total credit hours for graduation. This is forcing some small programs to fight to maintain their standing with the consequent reduction of Semester Credit Hours (SCH). Faculty hires were healthy across the region with departments replacing retiring faculty and in some cases adding new lines. Online courses are showing up with greater frequency. SWAAG met in Bryan, Texas with more than 200 in attendance. A key challenge remains how we effectively convey what geography is to students and administrators.

Middle Atlantic

Brown reported that the region has shifted its regional meeting to the fall and met at the Census Bureau in October. There are a large number of private and public sector geographers in the region

and the regional meeting allows an exchange between university and non-university based geographers. Departments in the region are healthy and several are adding lines. A goal of the MAD chair is to increase involvement of university programs in the regional meeting.

Great Plains – Rocky Mountains

Harrington indicated that departments reported a variety of challenges, opportunities, and assets. Challenges included increasing enrollments; space pressures; pressures on faculty for more teaching, research, and service; changing expectations of universities (to be a "research-oriented profit center" or to focus on "entrepreneurship"); faculty transitions with retirements and new hires; and funding issues. Opportunities include connections with alumni, collaborations within units and across campuses, and funding possibilities in research. Assets include good students, productive faculty members, location, and connections to regions. Other notable conditions and trends are increasing student numbers and interdisciplinary connections, although there is some concern about the development of competing programs that are geography-focused, but not geographer-populated. There were concerns about assessment standards and identification of model programs, and the meaning of NRC rankings.

Southeast

Moore reported that several states have serious budget concerns, but even in those states geography is alive and well. Departments are enjoying increasing enrollment and new initiatives. Degrees in GIS, meteorology, and planning are contributing to this trend. New faculty lines and success with external grants help departments maintain their university status.

Pacific Coast

Wilkinson reported that the state of geography was quite good. The Cal State system averted a strike and faculty will receive raises. Several departments reported new hires are underway; others reported new degrees or programs. Chairs sought AAG assistance in developing "best practices" to help deal with new environmental studies and geoscience

programs; they also seek comparative data to help sell the importance of geography; and others desire sample protocols and material for Student Learning Outcomes Assessments.

A discussion proceeded among Councilors relating to improving the inclusion of all types of departments in the AAG regional level meetings; suggestions included sharing a set of ideas and a guide for meeting organization and developing and exchanging techniques to promote regional meetings. Richardson offered to include an additional invitation for Regional Division meeting organizers to attend the Regional Division breakfast at the Boston meeting to discuss regional-level activities. Also, Council raised the issue of how to promote diversity in geography in the regions. Richardson encouraged re-thinking the important and changing roles that regional meetings might play in an era of electronic communication.

Topical Issues

Wright opened the discussion of geography and sustainability. She suggested making geography the place to go for sustainable practices and possibly forming a special committee on sustainability. Harden urged that geographers take the discussion of sustainability out of the academy and put it into practice; she noted AAG plays the role of promoting geography as a specialty with expertise in sustainability and partners with other organizations with interest in the topic; she emphasized that sustainability is critical for our food and fuel futures. Kwan encouraged geographers to develop ideas that blend environmental and economic concerns, how to sustain environment and economy; that geographers can integrate and should incorporate equity into sustainability discussions; and that geographers can also contribute by being sensitive to context and scale. Kobayashi stressed that geographers are well positioned to address the intersection of social and environmental justice and that without references to social justice and human rights there is something missing from sustainability discussions. Price called for geographers to align with university initiatives such as urban sustainability and to participate in the policy arena. Marston stated that the discipline can become a

leader in sustainability by reaching out to distant constituencies via electronic means and also by reducing our own carbon footprint; that the discipline needs to make a commitment to lead. Richardson noted that the meanings of sustainability vary and advocated a consistent use of the term. He pointed out that the AAG has several sustainability projects, many ongoing since before the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, that promote geography's contributions as a discipline to both understanding and practice in sustainability.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Richardson provided an overview of the Association's recent accomplishments and activities. Since the early 2000s, the Association's financial picture has improved dramatically. Membership services have increased through the use of technology. Publications remain a primary component and are now in a very advantageous situation with the new agreement. The Association has expanded its office space by renting additional space near Meridian Place in order to accommodate new staff and activities. Research and outreach have become more prominent and involve numerous international programs and specialty conferences and publications. The Association is watching for opportunities to protect geography through public policy (for example, currently through No Child Left Behind legislation and supporting defeat of the MAPPS lawsuit). Educational efforts include EDGE, GENIP, and cooperation with NCGE.

Richardson reviewed the Association's financial documents. The preliminary FYE07 balance sheet showed a net income of \$2.1 million and a total equity of \$5.7 million. This puts the Association in a much better position than in 2002. The AAG Treasurer presented the 2008 budget, explained that it was reviewed by the AAG Finance Committee, and recommended approval. The Council unanimously approved the 2008 budget. Given the positive current financial picture the Executive Committee recommended that the Council charge the Finance Committee with the task of examining options to protect the Association's assets for the long term while putting a portion of them to work. The Council supported moving the recommendation to the Finance Committee.

Richardson reported that the Association is seeking a new auditor, due to recent changes in the current auditor's offering of services toward consulting practice only. He requested Council's authorization to hire a new auditor in consultation with the AAG Treasurer, which was provided unanimously.

Advancing Geography Centennial Campaign

Richardson reported that the AAG continues to seek donations for the fundraising campaign. Although efforts have been largely opportunistic since there is no full-time development staff, they have been successful. Richardson currently handles most fundraising himself. Donations now total more than \$2.0 million, mostly from sources outside of the discipline. Estate planning is one area where the association has been active recently, and hopes to expand its efforts.

Membership

Richardson reported membership has climbed above 10,000, students constitute almost half the membership, and regular members just over half. Richardson indicated the AAG is in the process of rolling out the new Developing Regions Membership Program.

The Executive Committee recommended to Council to approve a dues increase at 1 percent less than the rate of inflation to be effective in 2008. Agnew reported an estimated rate of inflation of about 4 percent. Council unanimously approved a 3 percent dues increase effective in 2008. The Executive Committee also recommended to the Council that the AAG Treasurer begin a process to reconsider the details of the graduated dues categories. The current scale has been in place for some time and has no steps above the \$100,000 level. Council approved this recommendation to review dues structure unanimously.

Publications

The Council unanimously approved the following recommendations from the Executive Committee: (1) approach Clifton Pannell to write a memorial for Norton Ginsburg to appear in the *Annals*; (2) approve Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen to continue as editor of the *Professional Geographer* until the end of 2010; and (3) extend the term of Peter Muller as Book Review Editor of the *Annals* until

2010 and begin looking for a successor. Council unanimously affirmed the email vote on the approval of the editorial board of the Nature-Society section of the *Annals*. Kobayashi raised a question about establishing terms for editorial boards. Baerwald recommended that the Publications Committee consider that question in consultation with the editors. Richardson noted that he had increased the stipends for editors to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Richardson reported on the new publications agreement with Routledge. After extended negotiations with several publishers, Routledge provided the best proposal that will provide sustained and guaranteed income for the two journals. The agreement will also allow the publication of a fifth issue of the *Annals*, abstracts in Chinese and Spanish, extensive marketing of the journals, free full online access, and many other benefits. Council applauded Richardson's success at forging an extremely favorable agreement for the AAG.

MERIDIAN PLACE OPERATIONS

Richardson reported on new staff and interns and explained the matrix team management approach in which staff collaborate on projects. He introduced Dr. Rachel Franklin, who recently joined the AAG staff as Deputy Director. Regarding legal matters, Richardson and AAG staff invested considerable time in the effort to prepare an amicus brief in support of the government's position. The Federal Court rejected the MAPPS lawsuit that would have limited most federal contracting for mapping services to engineering, surveying, and architectural firms. This was a major victory for the mapping community, but one that will likely not end with this court decision. In other news, the AAG has also secured a nearby office suite to accommodate expanding staff. It is also in the early stages of revamping its web page.

Regional Division Funding

The Executive Committee recommended to the Council to increase contributions from the AAG to the AAG Regional Divisions from \$1.20 to \$1.40 per member. Council discussed the merits of raising the contribution even higher for the benefit of regions with small memberships. Kaplan offered a motion to make a

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flat contribution of \$1,000 to each region. He accepted a friendly amendment that modified the original motion allowing the AAG to make a flat contribution of \$1,000 to each region this year, while allowing regions with large memberships to select between the flat contribution of \$1,000 and the existing \$1.20 per member contribution, for this year only. The Council unanimously approved the motion as amended to make a flat contribution, with an option for regions to choose to receive the \$1.20 per member contribution for this year only in lieu of the flat contribution.

Research and Outreach

Solis and Richardson reviewed various programs that seek to advance the mission of the AAG and enhance the position of geography. Brown asked if AAG had a strategic plan for seeking grants. Solis noted that AAG Staff target grants that are in line with the AAG's broader strategic plan for the association and also the My Community, Our Earth Program. Baerwald indicated he was impressed with the strategic fundraising activities at the AAG. Council suggested several additional organizations that might collaborate with the AAG.

Solis provided updates on an upcoming program under the My Community, Our Earth Program to conduct a teacher workshop in Tunis that will now be held near the dates of the IGU conference. The AAG also has recently developed proposals to various foundations (Nippon, JRS, and Coca-Cola). AAG is working with the National Academy of Sciences and the George Perkins Marsh Institute to attempt to fund a publication, *Earth Sustained*, that will follow up to the series on *Man and Nature*, *Man's Role*, and *Earth Transformed* with an objective to point toward some solutions to environmental problems. A call for papers for contributions to the Geography and the Humanities conference publication were issued recently, after a successful conference event in Charlottesville. Richardson encouraged Council to have colleagues stay in touch with congresspeople on the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind legislation, noting that while geography has been identified as a core discipline, no federal funding was provided in the earlier passage of the act.

Richardson reported that an effort to move the Geographers on Film collection to the AAG from the Michigan State Library since they did not have the funds or staff to properly curate and distribute the collection. AAG is seeking to digitize the collection and make it more accessible. Richardson has appointed an ad-hoc committee of Wes Dow, Fritz Nelson, Alexander Murphy, Kent Mathewson, Rachel Franklin, and Richardson to coordinate effort. Richardson asked for Council approval of this committee. Council asked if experts in film preservation to be included. Richardson indicated such expertise is available to the committee. Council approved Richardson's formation of the ad-hoc committee.

Education

Richardson reported the AAG is moving into phase two of the Center for Global Geography Education under the direction of Michael Solem and continues its involvement in the Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE) and GENIP. It is also working with the Carnegie Foundation on the CASTL (Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning). The AAG's already strong education staff has been strengthened with the addition of Dr. Susan Gallagher as Senior Project Manager for Geography Education. Co-location of the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) with the AAG will facilitate additional coordination toward advancing K-12 and university geography education.

CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meetings

Attendance continues to rise since the 100th anniversary meeting in Philadelphia in 2004. Increasing attendance has created increased demands for space. Three hotels are necessary in Boston to accommodate the conference. A census of attendance in San Francisco indicated specialty group sponsorship tended to increase attendance at particular sessions. About a third of the sessions were "well-attended." AAG will conduct a data collection effort again this year for future planning purposes, but will reconsider whether to continue the practice after Boston. Future meetings to be held in Las Vegas (2009), Washington, DC (2010), and a West Coast site in 2011. Friend raised the question of whether

the AAG allowed commercial sponsorship of the tote bags. Council considered the discussion of this and other meeting expenses that may be offset by sponsors. Council encouraged Richardson to explore possible options.

Committee on Committees

Colten presented a field of nominees for the AAG Nominating Committee and the AAG Honors Committee. Pandit moved that the Committee on Committees narrow field and submit it to the Council for an email vote. Council unanimously approved the motion. The Secretary will send an email ballot for the Council to select the slate of candidates for the member ballot to choose these committees.

The Secretary reported the AAG Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers and National Councilors for the ballot.

Kobayashi raised a question regarding the AAG Enhancing Diversity Committee and the AAG Committee on the Status of Women – both concerned with gender. Richardson and Solis indicated that council had deliberated that point and current structure reflects input of those two committees. Council indicated it could reconsider if it becomes an issue.

Procedures for Council Resolutions

Baerwald presented a revised proposal on a clarified process for members to submit requests to Council for resolutions. Key points are: any member should feel free to request consideration of any issue related to the objectives of the AAG; a minimum number of 50 (rather than a percentage) is included to reflect a group action; and the group must affirm AAG membership of those signing petition. Discussion covered expanding the term "in writing" to include email and the need to clarify the meaning of a "majority of those who vote." Richardson indicated he would have the association's attorneys ultimately look at the proposal. Baerwald moved to have the AAG Constitution and By-Laws Committee to make a recommendation on the proposal. Pandit seconded moving it to the committee. Council unanimously voted in favor.

Healthy Departments

Agnew offered to host the next workshop in Los Angeles. Future events

will emphasize leadership development in addition to the past successful themes. Agnew will consult with the AAG Healthy Departments Committee to develop a new name that would reflect this focus.

Honors and Awards

The selections made by the AAG Honors Committee were disclosed to Council, but will remain confidential until announced to full membership. The Executive Committee recommended Charles Mann as Honorary Geographer for 2008. Pandit had proposed David Ward as recipient of the 2008 Presidential Award, which was approved by the Executive Committee. The AAG Enhancing Diversity Committee recommended Janice Monk and Jacqueline Meyer to receive the AAG Enhancing Diversity Award. Kaplan moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Wright. Council unanimously approved the recommendation. Richardson is working with the AAG History of Geography Specialty Group on a lifetime achievement award for Wes Dow and Geoffrey Martin. He requested that Council also present a special citation of appreciation for their contributions, which was accepted.

Specialty and Affinity Groups

Wright reported that most of the 58 specialty and affinity groups had submitted annual reports. Some requested that Council consider a sliding scale for annual meeting registration fees. Richardson noted there is an equity scale for association membership dues, and that Annual Meeting fees also already were prorated for students and by participation days. Council noted other AAG programs that offer support for annual meeting attendance, such as the AAG Conference Assistants Program and the AAG Enrichment Funds. They discussed the administrative burden of a sliding scale and decided no action was necessary. Specialty groups also reported seeking improved mechanisms for coordinating co-sponsorship of sessions. Richardson indicated that planned modifications to the registration web page will facilitate this. Specialty groups expressed an interest in bringing in high profile scholars from cognate fields to address annual meeting. Another specialty group advocated allowing sponsorship of poster sessions.

Executive Committee recommended the approval of an application received for the creation of a Cyberinfrastructure Spe-

cialty Group and the Council approved unanimously.

Richardson provided an update of Affinity Groups.

Future Council and Executive Committee Meetings

Council discussed the next Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Tucson, March 29-30, 2008, and the Council meeting to be held April 13-15, 2008 in Boston. Further planning hinges on securing dates of the regional meetings in the fall.

The Council met briefly in closed session.

Baerwald thanked Friend and the West Lakes Region for hosting the Council meeting. With business completed, Wright moved to adjourn. Harden seconded. The Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Colten
AAG Secretary

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Applicants should submit detailed curriculum vitae, letter of application describing professional experience and teaching interests, copies of transcripts, publications or examples of writing, available evidence of teaching quality, and the names and contact information of three references.

Apply: Applications can be sent to Dr. Philip Chaney at the Department of Geology and Geography, 210 Petrie Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 36849, or electronically to chanep1@auburn.edu. Applicants are encouraged to visit the AU website to learn more about Auburn University and the Geography program (http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/departments/geology_geography).

Review of applications will begin on April 1, 2008 and will continue until a candidate accepts appointment. Candidates who have ABD status by hire date will be appointed at the instructor level.

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APR 08-100

*ALABAMA, MOBILE 36688.

The University of South Alabama Earth Sciences Department invites applications for a tenure track **Assistant Professor** position in **Human Geography**. The successful candidate must have a PhD in Geography. While teaching other courses, the candidate is to assume responsibility for Human Geography and World Economic Geography. Preference will be given to candidates who can also teach Research Methods,

Urban or Environmental Planning, or Geography of Asia. The candidate will be expected to have an active research program and publications. The preferred starting date is August 15, 2008; if not filled in August, the starting date will be January 1, 2009.

Apply: Send a cover letter of application, curriculum vita, and brief statements of your teaching philosophy and research objectives to Dr. Roy Ryder, Earth Sciences Department, LSCB 136, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688.

Candidates should also arrange to have official transcripts and three original letters of recommendation sent directly to Dr. Ryder. Review of applications will begin on May 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

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MAY 08-113

*CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA 93117.

Publication opportunity in cultural geography with ABC-CLIO. Known for more than 50

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Apply: interested authors may contact Lynn Jurgensen, Editorial Manager, Geography, at ljurgensen@abc-clio.com.

MAY 08-123

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON DC 20009-3198.

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

Format: Announcements should be sent as an attachment or in the body of an e-mail to jig@aag.org. The announcements must be saved in Microsoft Word 5.0 or greater, or Corel WordPerfect 6 or greater. No job announcements accepted by phone. Follow format and sequence of current JIG listings. All positions are full-time and permanent unless otherwise indicated. State explicitly if positions are not firm. Employers are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their listings. JIG will not publish listings that are misleading or inconsistent with Association policy. Employers should notify the Editor to cancel a listing if the position is filled. The Editor reserves the right to edit announcements to conform with established format. All ads must be in English.

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

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istrative Specialist. The Administrative Specialist is responsible for responding to incoming queries via phone and e-mail; providing administrative support to AAG Project Managers and other staff as needed; assisting the AAG with research, correspondence, and special projects; fulfilling publication orders; processing meeting registrations; and updating database content. The ideal candidate will be highly organized, conscientious, and productive, with a strong customer-service ethic. Must also be able to communicate effectively with academic, government, and private sector professionals. Microsoft Office skills required; iMIS or QuickBooks experience desired. Spanish language proficiency and/or a degree in or familiarity with geography a plus. We desire applicants interested in long-term, stable employment with the AAG, which offers an excellent working environment and benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. The AAG is an equal opportunity employer.

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MAR 08-090

***ILLINOIS, MACOMB 61455-1390.**

Western Illinois University. The Department of Geography invites applications for a **one-year Visiting Assistant Professor** position beginning August 2008. PhD required by August 2008 for the position. Screening of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial copies will be acceptable at the application stage), recent teaching evaluations, e-mail address and contact information for three current references as well as your current email address for correspondence. In your letter, please list your areas of interest for teaching and research. Additional information about the department is available at www.wiu.edu/geography.

The successful applicant will demonstrate strong teaching and scholarly competence in geotechnique courses including advanced vector and raster GIS applications, and physical geography including Introduction to Landforms. Additionally, the individual will teach courses in her/his specialty. The normal teaching load is three courses per semester.

Apply to: Dr. Samuel Thompson, Chair of Geography Department, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

MAY 08-142

***MARYLAND, BALTIMORE 21216.**

Historical Geographer: The Department of History, Geography and Global Studies at Coppin State University invites applications for a full-time, tenure track position as **Chairperson at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor.** Serves as administrator of the department with 7 full-time faculty and 12 adjunct faculty members. Manages programs of study in Global Studies and in History with concentrations in African American, African, and United States History, and a developing program in Geography. Teach three courses per semester.

Qualifications: PhD degree in Geography preferred with experience teaching Historical Geography and familiarity with GIS. Experience as a Department Chair at a four-year liberal arts institution preferred. Proven excellence in teaching and strong scholarship.

Apply: Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae and a list of three (3) professional references that include addresses, e-mail, and telephone numbers. Unofficial transcripts from all institutions from which the candidate received a degree will be accepted at time of application. If an official offer of employment is rendered, official transcripts must be submitted. The application package must be sent to Dr. Sadie R. Gregory, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Coppin State University, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216-3698.

MAY 08-122

MASSACHUSETTS, CAMBRIDGE 02138.

Preceptor in Geospatial Analysis. Responsibilities: Design and teach introductory undergraduate and graduate courses in geospatial analysis, including geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing and related geospatial science and technology, primarily for students in the social sciences and environmental sciences. In addition, work in collaboration with faculty and the Center for Geographic

Analysis to develop GIS tools and geographic data for various courses in the social sciences, environmental sciences, and humanities. Start date is September 1, 2008. The position is renewable on a yearly basis up to eight years, based on performance, enrollments, and curricular needs.

Qualifications: MA or PhD in geography or other relevant fields. Knowledge of geospatial science and technology; familiarity with current major GIS, GPS and remote sensing software packages; proficient in at least one product suite in each category; experience in the customization and implementation of geospatial technology in at least one, preferably two or more disciplines; experience in course material development and classroom instruction; spatial modeling and spatial statistics expertise highly desirable.

Apply to: Letter of application, CV, and two letters of recommendation should be sent to GIS Preceptor Search, Center for Geographic Analysis, Harvard University, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge MA 02138. Email to: contact@cga.harvard.edu. Review of applications will begin on April 15, 2008, continuing until the position is filled.

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APR 08-098

***MASSACHUSETTS, FITCHBURG 01420.**

The Social Sciences Department at Fitchburg State College seeks to fill a full-time tenure-track position in **American Cultural Geography/Environmental History** beginning September 1, 2008. Full-time, benefited tenure-track **Assistant Professor** to teach courses in environmental history, surveys in U.S. history, cultural geography courses and courses appropriate to an American Studies program. Interest in contributing to the American Studies major and ability to assist secondary History education students with relevant competencies preferred. Teaching experience and evidence of scholarly activity required. PhD required in Geography, History, or Anthropology.

Apply: please visit our online jobsite at <https://jobs.fsc.edu> for detailed job description and to apply. Review begins immediately but remains open until filled.

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APR 08-093

*MASSACHUSETTS, WORCESTER 01610.

Clark University seeks to fill a full-time one-year teaching position at the **Assistant Professor** level in **Geographic Information Sciences** to begin September 2008.

The professor will be responsible for five GIS courses during the 2008-2009 academic year. One course will be an introductory Vector GIS course using ESRI software. Other courses will be based on the professor's areas of expertise. Knowledge of Raster GIS using the Idrisi software is a plus. Clark is especially interested in GIS professionals who can teach technical courses in: Advanced Vector Analysis, Spatial Database Development, Computer Programming for GIS, and Web-based GIS. Desirable areas of application include: Environmental Science, Community Development, International Development, Public Health, Public Participation, Humanitarian Assistance, and Business Management. This position is based in the Department of International Development, Community, and Environment (IDCE) and will serve the needs of both IDCE (www.clarku.edu/departments/idce) and Clark's School of Geography (www.clarku.edu/departments/geography).

A PhD or equivalent experience is expected. Applications will be reviewed as they arrive and the search will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

Apply: Send C.V., evidence of teaching excellence, names of three references, and statement of interest via email to: Ms. C. Irene Stefanakos (CStefanakos@clarku.edu), Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

AA/EOE Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

MAY 08-119

MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO, 49008-5424.

Western Michigan University seeks applications for a **one-year sabbatical replacement** position at the **Assistant Professor/Instructor** level for Fall 2008, contingent upon funding. Courses will include introductory physical geography, conservation and environmental management, map charts and air photo interpretation, water resources management, and environmental impact assessment and U.S. & Canada.

Candidates must have a PhD degree in Geography or ABD in Geography with specialization in physical or environmental geography. Regional focus on United States & Canada preferred.

Apply: Applicants should visit <http://www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu-htm> to apply and should send a letter of application, vita, statement of teaching philosophy and capacity, graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference to: Benjamin Ofori-Amoah, Professor & Chair, Department of Geography, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, 49008-5424 (e-mail address: ben.ofori@wmich.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Western Michigan University has been placed among 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It has a large and diverse student population (ca. 26,000 students). In addition, to WMU, Kalamazoo is home to Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Located halfway between Chicago and Detroit, the greater Kalamazoo region has a population of more than 250,000. With a highly diversified economy, the city is the focus of many cultural and sports events. Western Michigan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For more information about the department visit <http://www.wmich.edu/geography>.

APR 08-104

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55455.

Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts in the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455. The Department of Geography in the College of Liberal Arts, announces the availability of one 100%-time, nine-month, contract faculty appointment at the rank of **Assistant Professor** for three years in **Geographic Information Science** at the Twin Cities campus beginning Fall Semester 2008. Appointment will be for three years, with possible renewal for up to two additional years. The position requires teaching four semester-length courses per academic year in some combination of geographic information science, cartography/visualization and spatial analysis at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The successful candidate also will be expected to participate in student advising.

Preference is for a scholar with a broad background in GIScience and a strong record of research. The essential minimum

qualification is ABD in geography or a closely related field by the time of appointment. Preferred qualification is a PhD in geography or a relevant field. Salary depends on qualifications and experience and will be consistent with existing collegiate and University policies. Contract faculty in the College of Liberal Arts are expected to maintain an active program of scholarly research, develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses, advise undergraduate and graduate students, and contribute service appropriate for the rank of appointment to the department, college, and profession.

The Department of Geography at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities provides a multitude of opportunities to participate in GIScience activities including the 50-student Master of GIScience program, active UCGIS linkages among departments, and strong cooperation with local and regional bodies including the internationally recognized MetroGIS and Minnesota GIS/LIS. More information about the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, the Department of Geography, and the Master of GIS program is available at the following URLs: <http://www.umn.edu/twincities>; <http://www.geog.umn.edu>; <http://mgis.umn.edu>; <http://geospatial.umn.edu>.

Apply: Review of applications will begin on March 24, 2008, and continue until the position is filled. Submit a cover letter, CV, research statement, teaching statement, writing sample (dissertation chapter or published article), and syllabus sample to: employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=69847. Three letters of reference should be submitted directly to gsearch@tc.umn.edu. No hard copy application materials will be reviewed. Candidates will be assessed according to the overall quality of their academic preparation and scholarly work, evidence of research ability, evidence of commitment to teaching and skills as a teacher, and strength of recommendations.

Please direct any questions to: Dr. Francis Harvey, GIScience Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, 414 Social Sciences Bldg, 267 19th Ave So., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Internet: fharvey@umn.edu.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

APR 08-101

*MISSOURI, SPRINGFIELD 65897.

Missouri State University. The Department of Geography, Geology and Planning anticipates an opening for a 9-month, non-tenure-track **Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography** to begin in August 2008. M.S. in Geography or closely related field required at time of appointment; PhD (or ABD) preferred. Expertise and evidence of teaching effectiveness in the area of **Travel Geography and Tourism** required; commitment to and ongoing involvement in geographic research preferred. Teaching responsibilities will include upper-division undergraduate courses in travel geography and tourism plus selected sections of General Education course in World Regional Geography.

Apply: Applicants should submit a letter of application and current CV and arrange for three reference letters and copies of all academic transcripts to be submitted to: Chair, Geography Search Committee, Department of Geography, Geology and Planning, Missouri State University, 901 South National, Springfield, MO 65897.

The evaluation of applications will begin May 9 and will continue until a successful candidate is found. Further information about our department and programs can be obtained from our web site at geosciences.missouristate.edu, or call (417) 836-5800.

Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Employment will require a criminal background check at University expense. Email: Geography@missouristate.edu. EO/AA employer.

MAY 08-128

*OHIO, AKRON 44325-5005.

The University of Akron. The Department of Geography and Planning invites applications for a full-time tenure-track **Assistant Professor** to begin in August 2008.

The ideal candidate will be a **Planner/Geographer** with the ability to teach key program courses in community development, facilities/infrastructure planning, urban geography, and economic geography. Areas of secondary interest include international comparative and/or development planning as part of the university's new Global Studies Initiative. Interest in community outreach and internships would be a plus. We seek a planner with a strong orientation toward applied research. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active program of scholarly research, publication, and external grant funding. Candidates with prior university-level teaching, professional planning experience and scholarly publications are

especially encouraged to apply. A PhD in planning or closely allied discipline is preferred; an ABD nearing completion may be considered.

The department is a combined department of geography and planning with strengths in geographic and planning methods; cartography, GIS, and remote sensing; urban/regional planning; and human and regional geography. We offer master's and bachelor's degrees in planning, geography, and geographic information sciences.

Apply: Please send a letter of application and curriculum vitae and arrange for three reference letters to be sent directly to: Dr. Loren Siebert, Chair, Faculty Search 3895, Department of Geography and Planning, University of Akron, Akron OH 44325-5005. Electronic submissions in PDF format to siebert@uakron.edu will be accepted.

Review of applications will begin on April 18, 2008, and continue until the position is filled.

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MAY 08-120

*OHIO, AKRON 44325-5005.

The University of Akron. **Assistant Professor.** The Department of Geography and Planning invites applications for a full-time tenure track position in **Geographic Information Systems/Geotechniques** to begin August 2008. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research, including experience that illustrates a strong ability to teach upper level courses in Geographic Information Systems, GIS Database Design, GIS Programming and Customization, Global Positioning Systems, and Spatial Statistics. The ability to apply these techniques in an area of human geography will be a plus. Interest and/or aptitude in community outreach or internships is also desirable.

Candidates should be comfortable working across disciplines and teaching courses to students in both geography and planning and at both the masters and undergraduate levels. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active program of scholarly research, publication, and external grant funding. Candidates with prior university level teaching experience and scholarly publications are especially encouraged to apply. A PhD in geography or a closely allied discipline is required at time of appointment.

The department has strengths in geographical and planning methodologies, cartography, remote sensing, and GIS, urban/regional planning, and human and regional geography. It offers a BA degree with emphases in geography and planning, a BS degree in geography/geographic information sciences, an MA in geography, an MS in geography/geographic information sciences, and an MA in geography/urban planning (<http://www.uakron.edu/geography/>). The department also has an active graduate internship program with local business, non-profits, and government agencies. The department has a well-equipped geotechniques teaching lab and computing facilities, which are maintained by a full time manager of GIS research.

Apply: Dr. Linda R. Barrett, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning. Voice: 330-972-6120. Internet: barrett@uakron.edu. Inquiries may be directed to the chair of the search committee. Electronic submissions will be accepted. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference. Review of applications will begin April 24, 2008, but applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled.

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MAY 08-130-1

OKLAHOMA, NORMAN 73019.

The Department of Geography at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for a nine-month, tenure-track **Assistant Professor** position in **Physical Geography**, beginning August 16, 2008. PhD required at time of appointment. Salary commensurate with experience.

The Department of Geography seeks a broadly trained physical geographer with research interests in fluvial geomorphology, soils, or hydro-climatology. Research and teaching in environmental conservation with a regional interest in the Great Plains or other semi-arid regions preferred. The University and the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences provides collaborative opportunities with the School of Meteorology and National Weather Center programs, ConocoPhillips School of Geology and Geophysics, and Departments of Life Science. The candidate must engage in both graduate and undergraduate education programs, including introductory courses.

Letters of application should include a statement of teaching experience and goals and a C.V. and the names and contact information for three referees. Applicants must also provide an outline of their current and continuing research program including potential for extramural funding.

The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications will be reviewed immediately upon receipt. The position will remain open until filled.

Apply by email to: Dr. Bruce Hoagland (bhoagland@ou.edu), Committee Chair, Department of Geography, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019.

APR 08-097

*TENNESSEE, MURFREESBORO 37132.

The Geosciences Department of Middle Tennessee State University seeks applicants for a non-tenure track, **full-time instructor**, one year contract, renewable twice for a total of three years (position number 125170); minimum of Masters Degree in Geography required. Duties include teaching World Regional Geography, other geography courses as required, and Introductory Earth Science lecture/labs. Excellence in teaching, research/creative activity and service is expected for all positions. MTSU seeks candidates committed to using integrative technologies in teaching. Salary commensurate with qualifications. This is an instructional position (15 credit hours) with minor university/community service expected. Contract starts August 1, 2008

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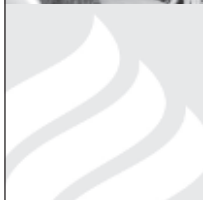
If you have questions, please contact Dr. Stallings at 615-898-5986. Review of applications will begin on April 28, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligibility for U.S. employment will be required prior to employment (Immigration Control Act of 1986). Clearly Act crime statistics for MTSU are available at http://police.mtsu.edu/crime_statistics.htm.

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The Department of History and Geography at West Texas A&M University invites applications for a tenure-track position as **Assistant Professor** of geography beginning August 2008. PhD required by September 1, 2008. The successful applicant must be broadly trained and able to teach a variety of courses including **United States Geography** and **Cultural Geography**. Research interest in the American West or Southwest is preferred. Applicants should have the ability to use and integrate GIS and other technologies in the classroom. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

Apply: Send letter of application, current curriculum vitae, copies of official graduate transcripts, and three recent letters of reference to: Dr. Wade Shaffer, Chair, Geography Search, Department of History and Geography, WTAMU Box 60742, Canyon, TX 79016.

Candidates are invited to visit our web site at <http://www.wtamu.edu/>. WTAMU, a Member of the Texas A&M University System, is an AA/EEO. Women and minori-

ties are encouraged to apply. Texas law requires that males, age 18-25, be registered with Selective Service.

MAY 08-126

***TEXAS, HOUSTON 77002.**

GIS Analysts. Designs moderately complex logical and physical databases, and coordinates database development as part of project team. Requires Bachelor's Degree and related experience. Send resumes to: Waste Management, Attn: LaTonya Haverly, 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000, Houston, TX 77002. Refer to job code BH0001 when applying.

MAY 08-138-P-1

***WISCONSIN, RIVER FALLS 54022-5001.**

The Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls invites applications for a full-time **GIS Lab Manager** beginning August 2008. M.A. required at time of appointment.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab Manager. Principal responsibilities will

include the management and maintenance of the department's GIS laboratory as well as instruction of two **Human Geography** courses per semester. The position is a full-time, one year appointment with the potential for renewal on a yearly basis. The successful candidate will play a key role in the development and dissemination of GIS project data at all levels of the University. The ability to work with campus Information Technology Services (ITS) staff to setup and maintain the lab's hardware, network resources, and software is essential. In addition, the individual will work directly with students as an advisor on GIS projects and internships.

The successful candidate will have a M.A. or M.S. in Geography or related field with demonstrated ability and training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Ability to support computer networks and software for GIS is essential. The successful candidate will have demonstrated awareness of, and sensitivity to, diverse student populations and ability to contribute to the University's commitment to enhancing student awareness and

appreciation of diverse ethnic and cultural heritages.

The department offers majors and minors in Geography and a minor in GIS and Cartography. The GIS and Cartography minor is a well-established and innovative program that draws students from disciplines across campus. A member of the University of Wisconsin system, UW-River Falls, with 6,400 students, is located in the scenic St. Croix valley 30 miles east of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Please submit a resume (or curriculum vitae) and letter of interest specifying: 1) qualifications, and 2) statement of experience, including ability to contribute to the enhancement of student awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures. Include an unofficial transcript (official copies will be required if hired) and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least three references who can specifically comment upon your ability to manage a GIS lab and teaching abilities.

Apply: Mathew Dooley, Search and Screen Committee Chair, Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 410 S. Third St., River Falls, WI 54022-5001. Phone 715-425-3264; Fax 715-425-0643; E-mail: geography@uwrf.edu.

Electronic applications are encouraged. PDF and DOC file format attachments only. Inquiries and electronic applications must include "GIS Lab Manager" in the subject line. Review of applications will begin on April 21, 2008 and continues until the position is filled.

UW-River Falls is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. All persons, especially women, persons of color, and people with disabilities, are encouraged to apply. The names of all nominees and applicants who have not requested confidentiality in writing, and identities of all finalists must be released upon request.

MAY 08-131

INTERNATIONAL

*CANADA, ONTARIO.

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 participation from the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Social Science. An ongoing major initiative includes the creation of a new centre for research and teaching in environment and sustainability. The University of Western Ontario now invites applications or nomina-

tions for a **senior-level faculty appointment** as **Director** of this new center. The selected candidate will be appointed either as Professor (with tenure) or Associate Professor (with tenure or tenure-track (probationary), as appropriate). The initial term of the Directorship will be for a period of 5 years. The starting date will be July 1, 2009 or thereafter.

The Faculty of Science (home page <http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>) is host Faculty for the new Centre, and the Faculty of Engineering (<http://www.eng.uwo.ca/>) and the Faculty of Social Science (<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/>) are participating Faculties. It is anticipated that the appointment will be made in one of the departments in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, or Social Science. Assigned duties will include the role of Director of the new Centre for 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. She or he 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.

Apply: Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, a research plan, and a teaching dossier and must arrange for at least three letters of reference to be sent to: Professor David M. Wardlaw, Dean

Faculty of Science, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 5B7, Canada. Consideration of applications will begin September 2, 2008.

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.

MAY 08-141-W-2

*CANADA, WATERLOO.

Lectureship in Geomatics. The University of Waterloo invites applications for a **three-year term appointment**, with the possibility of renewal, as a lecturer in Geomatics. Applicants must demonstrate excel-

lence, or the clear promise of excellence, in teaching introductory undergraduate courses in geographic information systems (GIS) and a course in photogrammetry. This is a teaching (non-research) position with a start date of July 1, 2008 or soon thereafter.

The position is in the Department of Geography, Faculty of Environmental Studies. For additional information see: <http://www.fes.uwaterloo.ca/>. The Department recently launched a specialized undergraduate program in Geomatics to complement its research strengths in the field.

Applications must include a statement of the applicant's approach to teaching and learning, a curriculum vitae, and the names (with contact information) of three referees. The first stage in the review of applicants will be based on the letter of application and the C.V. Referees will be contacted for those being considered in the second stage of the review. The review of applications will commence on May 2 and continue until the position is filled.

Apply: Applications should be sent to: Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1, CANADA.

The University of Waterloo encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, native persons, and individuals with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. This appointment is subject to the availability of funds.

MAY 08-115

*IRELAND, GALWAY.

National University of Ireland, Galway. Lecturer Below the Bar in Geography (Physical).

The Department of Geography at NUI, Galway invites applications for a permanent lectureship (below the bar). An active research profile and PhD is essential for the post, while appropriate teaching experience and engagement with policy-relevant, collaborative research practices are both desirable. The successful candidates will be expected to teach at all levels, to be involved in field classes and administration and to contribute to the research activities of the Geography Department, as well as to relevant research clusters across the University.

We should like to appoint to this post a geographer with a proven interest in environmental systems and modeling and spe-

cialized knowledge in one or more areas of physical geography.

All members of staff in the Department are involved in research activities funded by international bodies, ranging from the EU to a host of national, regional and local agencies.

For further information about the position, the Department and NUI, Galway please contact the Acting Head of the School of Geography & Archaeology, Prof Ulf Strohmayer (phone +(0)91-492373, e-mail ulf.strohmayer@nuigalway.ie) or consult the departmental web pages at www.nuigalway.ie/geography.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm Friday, May 16, 2008. Salary: € 41, 667 x 10 = € 59,098 p.a.

Further information is available from the HR Office: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/vacancies>; Email: hr@nuigalway.ie; Tel. 353 91 492151; Fax 353 91 494523.

Candidates should submit six hard copies of their application (i.e. cv, application form, covering letter), with the names and addresses of at least three and not more than five referees to: The Human Resources Office, National University of Ireland, Galway, Galway. Please note that applications by email or fax will be rejected.

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MAY 08-135

*IRELAND, GALWAY.

National University of Ireland, Galway. Lecturer Below the Bar in Geography (Human).

The Department of Geography at NUI, Galway invites applications for a permanent Lectureship in Geography (Human). An active research profile and PhD is essential for the post, while appropriate teaching experience and engagement with policy-relevant, collaborative research practices are both desirable. The successful candidates will be expected to teach at all levels, to be involved in field classes and administration and to contribute to the research activities of the Geography Department, as well as to relevant research clusters across the University.

In relation to this post, we should like to hear from human geographers with demonstrable expertise in approaches to environment-society relations. In particular, we seek to appoint a colleague with the ability critically to integrate major economic and/or social themes with environmental concerns in a globalizing world.

All members of staff in the Department are involved in research activities funded by international bodies, ranging from the EU to a host of national, regional and local agencies.

For further information about the position, the Department and NUI, Galway please contact the Acting Head of the School of Geography & Archaeology, Prof Ulf Strohmayer (Tel +353 91-492373, e-mail: ulf.strohmayer@nuigalway.ie or consult the departmental web pages at www.nuigalway.ie/geography.

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MAY 08-136

*NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND.

The School of Geography, Geology, and Environmental Science, University of Auckland, seeks to appoint a **Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Hydrology**. The School has a strong tradition in water/river science within programs in Physical Geography and Environment Science, and management applications of this science. The recent merger of Geology with Geography and Environmental Science into one School has created further opportunities for disciplinary collaboration.

We are seeking someone to complement existing research activities and to assist in promoting internal and external research collaborations. Applicants with the following interests are encouraged to apply: hydrology (with an emphasis on environmental processes), expertise in modeling hydrological systems under human impact, climatic variability and change and application of water/river science to support management decisions. Applicants should have a proven record of research output, be able to teach in the core areas at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, and supervise graduate students. Experience in attracting external research income is highly desirable.

Further information is available from Professor Glenn McGregor, School Director, by email to g.mcgregor@auckland.ac.nz. For further information go to www.opportunities.auckland.ac.nz.

Apply: Please send your application to cv@auckland.ac.nz. Applications close Sunday, May 25, 2008.

The University has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes applications from all qualified persons.

MAY 08-137

*SWITZERLAND, LAUSANNE.

Post of Professor in **Geography of Health in Urban Settings**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

To expand a centre of excellence in sustainable urban development in the Geography Institute, the Faculty of Geosciences and Environment of the University of Lausanne wishes to recruit a Professor of Geography in Health in Urban Settings. The successful candidate will contribute to interdisciplinary research on socio-geographical aspects of population health, especially from a public policy perspective. In addition to the development of a program of research of international standing, the workload will include undergraduate and masters level teaching as well as postgraduate training.

An appointment may be made at the level of **Full Professor or Assistant Professor** (tenure track) depending on the qualifications of the successful candidate.

Deadline for submission of applications May 31, 2008 with a preferred begin of appointment February 2009. International applications are encouraged. The University of Lausanne is an equal opportunity employer and promotes women in academia and hence strongly encourages applications from qualified female candidates.

Apply: Applications should be sent to the Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment, Université de Lausanne, Bâtiment Amphipôle, CH-1015 Lausanne, Switzerland by May 31, 2008. Applications should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and copies of 5 publications.

Additional information is listed on the faculty website: <http://www.unil.ch/gse>. Further information can be obtained from: Prof. Lukas Baumgartner (Lukas.Baumgartner@unil.ch), Dean of the Faculty, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

MAY 08-134-1

American-Russian Geography Book Available Online

Beyond Borders: The Real Geography of America and Russia is the title of a popular geography book authored by five American and four Russian geographers from Moscow State University just after the breakup of the USSR in the early 1990s. Inspired by Joel Garreau's approach to vernacular regions, the book project included travels by each pair of Russian-American authors to counterpart regions in both countries. The book never made it to print when the project was shelved after the publishing house was acquired in a merger, but it is currently available

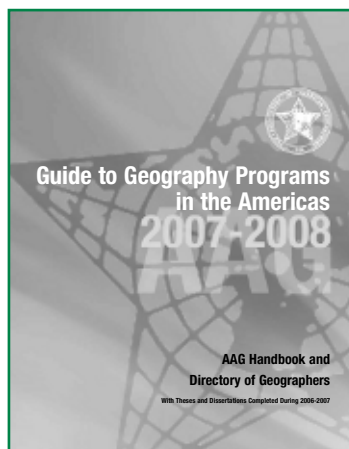
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16-19. Performing Tangier: Borders, Beats and Beyond. Tangier, Morocco. <http://interactive-worlds.blogspot.com/2007/04/performing-tangier.html>.

19-23. MyCOE Teacher Workshop. Davao, Philippines. For information contact Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org.

20-24. Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Québec City, Québec. www.cag-acg.ca/en/index.html.

JUNE

15-21. GFDA-AAG Workshop for Graduate Students and Early Career Faculty. Geography Faculty Development Alliance, Boulder, Colorado. www.colorado.edu/geography/gfda/gfda.html.

21-22. AAG Department Leadership Workshop. Los Angeles, UCLA. www.aag.org.

22-25. International Conference on Cultural Geography "Processes of Heritage Making in Geographical Space." Santiago de Compostela, Spain. cultural.approach@uni-jena.de.

28-29. 16th International Conference on Geoinformatics & Joint Conference on GIS and Built Environment. Guangzhou, P. R. China. <http://gp.sysu.edu.cn/geoinformatics2008>.

29 - July 3. Ninth International Conference on Permafrost. Fairbanks, Alaska. www.nicop.org.

JULY

1-4. Geoinformatics Forum Salzburg (GI_Forum2008). Salzburg University, Austria. www.gi-forum.org. Contact: office@gi-forum.org.

AUGUST

4-8. ESRI Conference. San Diego, California. www.esri.com.

12-15. MyCOE Teacher Workshop. Tunis, Tunisia. For information contact Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org.

12-15. IGU International Geographical Conference. Tunis, Tunisia. www.igu-net.org/.

27-29. Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference. London. www.rgs.org/HomePage.htm.

SEPTEMBER

12-13. Great Plains/Rocky Mountain AAG Regional Meeting. Grand Forks, North Dakota. www.und.nodak.edu/org/gprm/.

17-20. Tenth Crime Mapping Research Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/.

23-24. Critical Geopolitics 2008. Collingwood College, Durham University, Durham, UK. www.geography.dur.ac.uk/conf/criticalgeopolitics2008/.

OCTOBER

8-11. Pacific Coast AAG Regional Meeting. Fairbanks, Alaska. www.aag.org/Regions/Pacific.cfm.

8-11. North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) Annual Meeting. Missoula, Montana. www.nacis.org.

9-12. National Council for Geographic Education National Conference. Dearborn, Michigan. www.ncge.org.

15-18. Applied Geography Conference. Wilmington, Delaware. <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu>.

16-18. Pioneer American Society/Eastern Historical Geography Association joint conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Contact Craig Colten at ccolten@lsu.edu; www.ga.lsu.edu.

17-19. East Lakes AAG Regional Meeting. St. Catharines, Ontario. Contact Ronald Shaklee: rshaklee@ysu.edu.

23-25. Southwest AAG Regional Meeting. Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas. www.aag.org/Regions/Southwest.cfm.

31-Nov. 1. Nestval AAG Regional Meeting. Plymouth State University. Plymouth, New Hampshire. Contact: Bryon Middlekauff (bryonm@plymouth.edu).

NOVEMBER

2-8. DISCCRS IV Symposium. Saguaro Lake Ranch, AZ. www.disccrs.org/register.html.

6-8. Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference 2008. Coral Gables, Florida. University of Miami. <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu/html/highlights.htm>.

7-8. Middle States AAG Regional Meeting. Lancaster, PA. Contact Kathy Schreiber: kathleen.schreiber@millersville.edu.

13-15. West Lakes AAG Regional Meeting. Indiana University, Bloomington Campus. www.aag.org/Regions/west_lakes.cfm.

22-25. Southeast AAG Regional Meeting. Greensboro, North Carolina. Contact: Jeff Patton at jcpatton@uncg.edu. University of North Carolina at Greensboro. www.sedaag.org.

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22-27. AAG Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, Nevada. www.aag.org.

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13-18. AAG Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. www.aag.org.

AAG Newsletter Invites Op-Eds

The AAG invites brief opinion pieces highlighting the contributions of geographical analysis to the understanding of important public issues and events. Submissions are encouraged from across the full breadth of the discipline. These pieces reflect opinions of contributing AAG members and do not represent an official AAG position on any issue. Op-ed pieces must be consistent with the AAG ethics policy and will be published on a space available basis. Send submissions of no more than 750 words to newsletter@aag.org.

2009 AAG Annual Meeting Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-27

The AAG invites you to begin making plans to attend the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas and the surrounding area is a region rich in geographical variety that offers great opportunities for field trips, excursions, and exploration. The AAG welcomes field trip proposals from all AAG members and registered meeting participants.

A city with a unique historical geography and economic history, Las Vegas earned its name "the meadows" from Spanish explorers, appearing to them as a mysterious green expanse in the unfriendly Mojave Desert, fed by unseen artesian wells. Originally founded as a stopover for pioneers, Las Vegas was later established as a railroad town in 1905, and became incorporated as a city in 1911. With a population today in excess of two million, Las Vegas is one of the fastest growing urban centers in the United States. Current estimates suggest

that the metropolitan area will double in population over the next 17 years. That growth will be a serious challenge for city planners. The city is also home to one of the most mobile populations in the world.

In addition to the interest geographers will find in the city's urban, economic, and social challenges, its postmodern touristic landscapes, and its desire to both divorce itself from and trade on its colorful past, the area also features a fascinating and varied natural terrain of interest to geomorphologists and biogeographers.

Traveling to Las Vegas from anywhere in the world is easy. McCarran International Airport offers nonstop service to 135 domestic and international destinations, including Canada, Germany, Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Currently, more than 34 airlines and 1,100 daily scheduled flights operate through McCarran airport.

We look forward to seeing you there. ■



The Hoover Dam, located only 30 miles from Las Vegas, has helped power urban growth.

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The surrounding area provides a rich location for field trips involving endangered species, land use planning, and other topics.

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The fascinating historical geography of Las Vegas and its tourist economy will be the topic of an article in a future AAG Newsletter.

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