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Applications for consideration for the 2004 award must be received by the chairman of the Award Committee no later than **31 October 2003**. Applications should be limited to 2,500 words and should include: (1) a statement of the problem to be pursued; (2) methods to be employed, including field study; (3) schedule for the work; (4) competence in the language of the area; and (5) a bibliography of pertinent literature. Each application should be accompanied by a letter stating the professional achievements and the goals of the individual and a letter of support from a sponsoring faculty member. The funds available for this year will be \$500. Awards will be announced at the AAG Annual Meeting.

Submit applications to the chair of the Hoffman Award Committee: Michelle Behr, Western New Mexico University, behrm@cs.wnmu.edu. Other members of the Hoffman Committee are: William Doolittle, University of Texas, dolitl@mail.utexas.edu; Robert J. Kaiser, ex officio, University of Wisconsin-Madison, rjkaise1@facstaff.wisc.edu; Olga Medvedkov, Wittenberg University, Ohio, omedvedkov@wittenberg.edu; Vera K. Pavlakovich, University of Arizona, vkp@email.arizona.edu; Gundar Rudzitis, University of Idaho, gundars@uidaho.edu; and George White, Frostburg State University, gwhite@frostburg.edu.

### Glenda Laws Award

**Deadline: 15 December 2003\***

The Glenda Laws Award of the Association of American Geographers will be bestowed at the 2004 AAG Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. This award is administered by the Association of American Geographers and endorsed by members of the Institute of Australian

Geographers, the Canadian Association of Geographers, and the Institute of British Geographers. The annual award and honorarium recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues. This award is named in memory of Glenda Laws—a geographer who brought energy and enthusiasm to her work on issues of social justice and social policy. All scholars involved in geographic research on one or more social issues will be eligible for this award, with preference given to researchers who have received their Ph.D. within the last five years. Nominations should include two letters of recommendation from scholars or members of community organizations familiar with the research upon which the nomination is based, a curriculum vitae, and a scholarly paper based on original research. The award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the AAG Annual Meeting.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Glenda Laws Award is **15 December 2003**. Please forward nominations to committee chair: Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Colgate University, mhaysmitchell@mail.colgate.edu. Other committee members are Jennifer Hyndman, Simon Fraser University, Hyndman@sfu.ca; Stephen A. Matthews, Pennsylvania State University, matthews@pop.psu.edu; Doreen J. Mattingly, San Diego State University, mattingl@mail.sdsu.edu; Rachel Silvey, University of Colorado, silvey@spot.colorado.edu; Christopher J. Smith, SUNY-Albany, cjsmith@albany.edu; and Robert Wilton, McMaster University, wiltonr@mcmaster.ca. As with all AAG awards, the Award Committee may decline to make an award in any given year.

\*Please note: deadline printed in the July/August 2003 issue was incorrect.

### Honorary Geographer

**Deadline: 1 October 2003**

Every year the AAG designates an individual as that year's AAG Honorary

Geographer as a way of recognizing excellence in research, teaching, or writing on geographic topics by non-geographers. Nominations for the 2004 Honorary Geographer are now being solicited.

Nominations should include the complete name and address of the nominee and a concise (500 words maximum) yet specific description of the accomplishments that warrant the nominee's selection as an Honorary Geographer. Biographical and bibliographical information not included in the statement should not exceed three additional pages of text.

Nominations are due no later than **1 October 2003**. Digital submissions to ekhater@aag.org are preferred. Hardcopy nominations should be mailed to Association of American Geographers, attn: Honorary Geographer, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198.

### Meredith F. Burrill Award

**Deadline: 31 October 2003**

The Meredith F. Burrill Award was established to commemorate Meredith "Pete" Burrill's many and varied contributions to the profession of geography as an academic, senior government official, and officer of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). After serving as a professor of geography for 15 years, Burrill came to Washington, D.C. during World War II. He was soon appointed Executive Secretary of the United States Board on Geographic Names, and began a 32-year career that became global in scope. During those years, Burrill was a mainstay of the evolving AAG. He played a critical role in the transformation of the small, elite society into the open, dynamic organization it has become today, with a headquarters and full time staff in Washington. Burrill served as president of the AAG in 1965.

The purpose of the Burrill Award is to stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups whose accomplishments parallel the intellectual traditions Burrill pursued as a geographer,

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## 2004 AAG Research Grants

**T**he Association of American Geographers awards small grants to support research and fieldwork. Grants can be used only for direct expenses of research; salary and overhead costs are not allowed. The Research Grants Committee will not approve an award larger than \$1,000 for any single recipient. The committee will not approve awards for masters or doctoral dissertation research. No awards are made if funds are insufficient or if proposals are not suitable.

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to apply if you have been an AAG member for at least two years at the time you submit your application.

**Criteria:** The evaluation committee will support proposals that in its judgment offer the prospect of obtaining substantial subsequent support from private foundations or federal agencies and that address questions of major import to the discipline. No awards will be made in years when funds are insufficient or if proposals are not suitable.

**Applications and Deadlines:** Applications are available [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/researchgrant.pdf](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/researchgrant.pdf). Nine completed applications must be received at the AAG office, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, c/o Ms. Ehsan M. Khater, no later than **31 December 2003**. The

Association will announce awards on or about 31 March 2004.

**Reports and Acknowledgment:** By accepting an AAG Research Grant you agree to submit to the AAG Executive Director a brief (two-page) report that summarizes your results and documents the expenses underwritten by the grant. You should submit your report upon completion of your research. Please acknowledge AAG support in presentations and publications.

**Committee:** Members of the Research Grants Committee are Donald G. Holtgrieve, Karen Morin, Thomas L. Mote, Beverley Mullings, Darrell Napton, Bimal Kanti Paul, and Susy Svatek Ziegler. ■

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especially those concerned with fundamental geographical concepts and their practical applications, especially in local, national, and international policy arenas. The funds that underwrite the award come from a bequest by Burrill, a gift from his wife Betty, and donations in his memory from colleagues and friends. The AAG hopes to make the first award, consisting of a certificate and cash honorarium, at the Association's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

The Burrill Award Committee solicits nominations of individuals and teams that have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research in geography on the one hand, and practical applications or policy implications on the other. The committee shall give special consideration to research that addresses the basic role of geography in: 1) inter- and multi-disciplinary work on the interrelationships of significant cultural phenomena, 2) place

name standardization, especially with reference to maps, gazetteers, and other publications; and 3) promoting local, national, and international collaboration on such problems and topics. One award may be given annually; the committee may choose not to make an award in any given year at its discretion.

Nominations for the Burrill Award should be submitted to: Burrill Award Committee, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington DC 20009-3198. Digital submissions are welcome and should be addressed to [ekhater@aag.org](mailto:ekhater@aag.org). Please provide a curriculum vitae for the nominee as well as a nomination statement (two pages maximum) that describes the ways the nominee meets the award criteria. Up to three supporting letters from other individuals may also be submitted. Nominations and supporting materials are due at the AAG office no later than **31 October 2003**.

### Anderson Medal

**Deadline: 1 October 2003**

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 James R. Anderson Medal of Honor in Applied Geography is **1 October 2003**. The Anderson Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the AAG Applied Geography Specialty Group. It is awarded annually by the group's board of directors in recognition of highly distinguished service to the profession of geography. It may be awarded to individuals or groups who have contributed notably to the advancement of the profession in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service. The award is presented at the Awards Luncheon at the AAG Annual Meeting.

Guidelines for submitting nominations for the 2004 Medal may be obtained from the AAG Office. Submit nominations to Dr. John W. Frazier, Geography Department, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13901-6000, [frazier@binghamton.edu](mailto:frazier@binghamton.edu). ■

## 2004 AAG Dissertation Research Grants

**T**he Robert D. Hodgson Memorial Ph.D. Dissertation Fund honors an accomplished geographer who capped his long career with ten years of distinguished service as the geographer in the U.S. Department of State. An internationally recognized expert on geographic aspects of the law of the sea and maritime boundaries, Dr. Hodgson believed that broader understanding of geographic principles would reduce international conflicts. The fund provides financial assistance to candidates preparing doctoral dissertations in geography.

The Paul Vouras Fund was established by a generous gift from Dr. Vouras, who taught at William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey, until 1990. The fund supports doctoral dissertation research in geography. Preference is given to minority student applications.

The Otis Paul Starkey Fund was established by Dr. Starkey to support doctoral dissertations or research papers devoted to regional study or significant problem areas in the United States or its possessions. Professor Starkey was

an officer of the American Society of Professional Geographers. He taught at the University of Indiana at Bloomington for many years.

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to apply if you have been an AAG member for at least one year at the time you submit your application, you do not have a doctorate at the time of the award, and you will have completed all Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation by the end of the semester or term following approval of your award. Your dissertation supervisor must certify your eligibility.

**Criteria:** Proposals should demonstrate high standards of scholarship. The Research Grants Committee will observe the purposes and preferences noted above when evaluating proposals. The Research Grants Committee represents a broad spectrum of geographical specialties, and cannot be expected to be familiar with the jargon of all geographical topics. Awards rarely exceed \$500. Awards may not be made in years when funds are insufficient or proposals are not suitable.

**Applications and Deadlines:** Applications are available at [www.aag.org/Grants/awards/dissertation.pdf](http://www.aag.org/Grants/awards/dissertation.pdf). Submit nine copies of your dissertation proposal of no more than 1,000 words and nine copies of the completed application no later than **31 December 2003** to Ms. Ehsan M. Khater at the AAG, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. Your proposal should describe the problem you hope to solve, outline the methods and data you intend to use, and summarize the results you expect. Include budget items within the body of the proposal. The Association will announce awards on or about 31 March 2004.

**Reports and Acknowledgment:** By accepting an AAG Dissertation Grant you agree to submit to the AAG Executive Director a copy of your dissertation and a report that documents expenses charged to the grant. Please acknowledge AAG support in presentations and publications.

**Committee:** Members of the Research Grants Committee are Donald G. Holtgrieve, Karen Morin, Thomas L. Mote, Beverley Mullings, Darrell Napton, Bimal Kanti Paul, and Susy Svatek Ziegler. ■

## Call for Nominations for Vice President and National Councillor

**T**he AAG Nominating Committee for the 2004 election is seeking nominations for AAG Vice President (one to be elected) and for National Councillor (two vacancies). Those elected will take office on 1 July 2004. Members should submit the names and addresses of each nominee and their reasons for supporting the nomination to any member of the committee no later than **15 September 2003**; however, the Committee encourages nominations

well in advance of this deadline. As part of your nomination statement, please confirm that your nominee is willing to be considered by the nominating committee for the position for which you are nominating her or him.

Committee members are: Gregory W. Knapp, Department of Geography, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1098, email: [gwk@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:gwk@mail.utexas.edu); Lizbeth A. Pyle, Department of Geology and Geography, West

Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6300, email: [lpyle@wvu.edu](mailto:lpyle@wvu.edu); and Dawn J. Wright, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-5506, email: [dawn@dusk.geo.orst.edu](mailto:dawn@dusk.geo.orst.edu).

Lists of past and current AAG officers may be found in the Handbook section of the current issue of the AAG's *Guide to Geography Programs in North America*. ■

## WV Middle School Class Wins *PlacesOnLine* Best Website Award

Each year *PlacesOnLine* ([www.placesonline.org](http://www.placesonline.org)), a special collection of place-based Websites sponsored by the AAG, presents up to two awards for excellent sites that are added to the collection. The 2002 Best Website Award in the student category was presented to middle school students in Howie Mitchell's 7th and 8th grade science classes in War, WV for their McDowell County Flood Atlas: [www.hre.wvu.edu/tigers/emergencyresponse/mcdowell/index.htm](http://www.hre.wvu.edu/tigers/emergencyresponse/mcdowell/index.htm)

Information for this site was researched entirely by the students.

The Website evolved out a project in which the middle school students, in conjunction with TIGERS fellows from West Virginia University, documented the history, causes, and mitigation against local floods using an Internet-

based flood atlas. Highlights of the site include an interactive flood atlas linking digital orthophotos with pictures of flood damage, a 2 1/2 dimensional fly-through of War, student responses to the floods, a video of the flood, victim interviews conducted by students, and substantial information about local flood response and mitigation techniques. Michael P. Ferber of West Virginia University subsequently made this information ready for the Internet."

A sub-committee of the *PlacesOnLine* editorial staff judged entries. Normally, two awards would be presented, but the committee did not give a 2002 award in the non-student category because none of the entries met the criteria established for inclusion in the collection. Awards for Websites established (or significantly revised or updated) in 2003

will be presented at the awards luncheon at the Philadelphia AAG Annual Meeting in March 2004. Details for entering the 2003 competition will be announced later this year in the *AAG Newsletter* and on [www.placesonline.org](http://www.placesonline.org).

The Best Website awards are intended to encourage geographers and others to create high quality place-based Websites and link them to *PlacesOnLine*, thereby improving the geographic content of the Web. To examine the criteria for site inclusion in the collection, click the criteria for site selection link on the front page of the *PlacesOnLine* Website. For more information about the awards, and about *PlacesOnLine* in general, see page 8 of the April 2003 issue of the *AAG Newsletter* or contact one of the editors. ■

## Visiting Geographical Scientist Program

The Visiting Geographical Scientist Program (VGSP) welcomes applications for the 2003-2004 academic year. Funded by Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the International Geographical Honor Society, and managed by the AAG, the VGSP sponsors visits by prominent geographers to colleges and universities across the country. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in geography, especially in small departments that do not have the resources to bring in well-known speakers.

Participating institutions select and make arrangements with the visiting

geographer. The VGSP covers travel costs and provides a small honorarium; host institutions provide meals and housing.

The program is targeted for:

**Students** – to acquaint them with subfields that may not be available in course offerings at their institution, stimulate their interest in geographic research, and familiarize them with career opportunities available to geographers.

**Faculty members** – to encourage geographers in their own subfields of geography, to enrich their knowledge

of other subfields, to provide counsel on research and curriculum problems, and to inform non-geographers about current developments in the discipline.

**Administrative officers** – to acquaint them more fully with the nature, content and purpose of geography, assist them in understanding the unique spatial point of view that geography contributes to a liberal education, and provide counsel on the development of staff and curricula.

More information and applications are available from [VGSP@aag.org](mailto:VGSP@aag.org). ■

**To make a pledge to the Advancing Geography Centennial Fund,  
mail or fax the pledge form on page 7 to the AAG.**

## SEPTEMBER

15. Helen and John S. Best Research Fellowships from the American Geographical Society Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries. Contact the AGS Library at [agsl@uwm.edu](mailto:agsl@uwm.edu).

15. Climate SG Student Paper Competition. Contact Tony Vega at [avega@clarion.edu](mailto:avega@clarion.edu).

20. GIS SG Honors Competition of Student Papers. See [www.geog.ucsb.edu/~sara/html/research/gissg/](http://www.geog.ucsb.edu/~sara/html/research/gissg/).

29. Grosvenor Grant Program of the National Geographic Society Education Foundation. Contact [grosvenorgrants@ngs.org](mailto:grosvenorgrants@ngs.org).

30. CSG/GISSG/RSSG Student Illustrated Paper Competition. Contact Theresa Burcsu at [tburcsu@indiana.edu](mailto:tburcsu@indiana.edu).

30. Remote Sensing SG Student Paper Competition. Contact Theresa Burcsu at [tburcsu@indiana.edu](mailto:tburcsu@indiana.edu).

30. Daniel B. Luten and Earl Cook Awards from the Energy and Environment SG. Contact Mike Pasqualetti at [Pasqualetti@asu.edu](mailto:Pasqualetti@asu.edu).

## OCTOBER

1. Environmental Leadership Program Fellowships, [www.elpnet.org/fellowship\\_application.html](http://www.elpnet.org/fellowship_application.html).

9. J. Warren Nystrom Award. Visit [www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Nystromaward.html](http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Nystromaward.html).

15. McColl Family Fellowship travel grants for research abroad. Contact [AGS@amergeog.org](mailto:AGS@amergeog.org) or visit [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org).

31. American Academy of Arts and Sciences National Visiting Scholars Program, 2004-2005 Post-Doctoral and Junior Faculty Fellowships, [www.amacad.org](http://www.amacad.org).

31. AAG Meredith F. Burrill Award. Contact Sandra H. Shaw at [wjsshaw@msn.com](mailto:wjsshaw@msn.com).

31. NEH Summer Stipends. Visit [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html).

## NOVEMBER

10. 2004 International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship (IDRF) competition. Visit [www.ssrc.org](http://www.ssrc.org).

14. Cultural Geography SG Graduate Student Research Grant Competition. Contact Soren Larsen at [sclarsen@gasou.edu](mailto:sclarsen@gasou.edu).

## DECEMBER

15. AAG Glenda Laws Award. Contact Maureen Hays-Mitchell at [mhaysmitchell@mail.colgate.edu](mailto:mhaysmitchell@mail.colgate.edu).

15. Transportation Geography SG student research paper award. Contact Benjamin Zhan at [zhan@txstate.edu](mailto:zhan@txstate.edu).

31. Applied Geography Citation Award. Contact Barry Wellar at [wellarb@uottawa.ca](mailto:wellarb@uottawa.ca)

31. Ullman Award. Contact Benjamin Zhan at [zhan@txstate.edu](mailto:zhan@txstate.edu).

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### JANUARY

1. China SG Student Paper Competition. Contact Susan Walcott at [swalcott@gsu.edu](mailto:swalcott@gsu.edu).

1. Qualitative Research SG Student Competition. Contact Fernando Bosco at [fbosco@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:fbosco@mail.sdsu.edu).

23. Cultural Geography SG Student Paper Competition. Contact Soren Larsen at [sclarsen@gasou.edu](mailto:sclarsen@gasou.edu).

### FEBRUARY

1. Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography SG Student Paper Competition. Contact Jon Malinowski at [MAL@usma.edu](mailto:MAL@usma.edu).

1. Water Resources SG Student Competitions. Contact Roxane Fridirici at [rmf8dfa@inreach.com](mailto:rmf8dfa@inreach.com).

15. GORABS SG David E. Sopher New Scholar Award. Visit <http://gorabs.org>.

### MARCH

15. Indigenous Peoples SG Graduate Student Paper Competition. Contact Kate Berry at [kberry@unr.nevada.edu](mailto:kberry@unr.nevada.edu).

For detailed information about deadlines for AAG Grants and Awards, see pages 9-13. ■

## Social Science Ph.D.s—Five Years Out Survey

**P**h.D.s who earned their degrees in 1996, 1997, or 1998 in anthropology, business, communication, geography, history, political science, or psychology may soon be asked to participate in a national survey focused on job search, work/life choices and dilemmas, and doctoral program evaluation. The **Social Science Ph.D.s—Five Years Out** survey is

funded by the Ford Foundation. Five to seven years out is an ideal time to reflect on one's career choices and doctoral education because Ph.D.s have had opportunities to see how well their education has prepared them for their careers. AAG staff member Patricia Solis has been supporting the project, and ensuring that geography is represented. If you receive an invitation (January 2004) please complete the survey. The

information gathered from this survey will guide doctoral program re-assessment efforts across the country. The survey is administered by the Center for Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE), located at the University of Washington. For more information about the survey, visit CIRGE's web site [www.cirge.washington.edu](http://www.cirge.washington.edu). ■















































