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AAG Election Results

Kavita Pandit and Tom Baerwald have been elected as President and Vice President of the AAG. Pandit (University of Georgia) and Baerwald (National Science Foundation), as well as newly elected Honors and Nominating Committee members and National Councillors, will begin their terms on July 1, 2006.

Newly elected AAG National Councillors are Sallie A. Marston of the University of Arizona and Dawn Wright of Oregon State University.

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Baerwald

AAG Book Awards

The AAG recently conferred honors on the authors of several geographic books published in 2005. The awards were made during the March 11 awards luncheon ceremony at the AAG's Annual Meeting in Chicago.

2005 AAG Globe Book Award

The 2005 AAG Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography was awarded **Dydia DeLyser** for her book *Ramona Memories: Tourism and the Shaping of Southern California* (University of Minnesota Press).

The Globe Award is an annual prize for a book that conveys most powerfully the nature and importance of geography to the non-academic world.

DeLyser's *Ramona Memories* reflects the author's personal fascination with the story and ripple effects of one specific nineteenth-century novel, but the scope of her well-crafted study and its potential audience, is much larger. Written in a professional and highly accessible style, *Ramona Memories* distills over a decade of creative research to ably articulate the connections between cultural geography and popular history. In tracing the fascinating and occasionally bizarre afterlives of Helen Hunt Jackson's heroine, DeLyser explains how one book, and one character, profoundly



DeLyser

influenced both the material and symbolic spaces of Southern California. The fictional Ramona, who spawned a multifaceted tourist industry that lives on today, also, in a much broader sense, embodies an influential way of remembering California's past. Not only is this study an original addition to our knowledge of a particular region then, but DeLyser's key contribution is to give the "Ramona myth" historic and geographic weight and thus demonstrate the importance of social memory to the definition and development of landscape. Just as Helen Hunt Jackson wrote the story of Ramona to call attention to the culture and social issues of Southern California, DeLyser not only informs readers about Ramona, but also guides them through a geographical exploration.

2005 AAG Meridian Book Award

The 2005 AAG Meridian Book Award was awarded to **Allen J. Scott** for his book, *On Hollywood: The Place, the Industry* (Princeton University Press). The Meridian Award is an annual prize for a book that makes an unusually



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important contribution to advancing the science and art of geography.

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Chicago: Advancing Geography in Partnership With You

The entire AAG staff from the Meridian would like to thank all of you for making the AAG's Annual Meeting in Chicago an outstanding success. The theme of the meeting, "Advancing Geography in Partnership with You," was realized at every event and interaction of the meeting, from Bill Cronon's superb opening session keynote address, through the 3,400 papers and poster presentations at the heart of our meeting and the banquets, musical and other social events, to the awards luncheon on the final day of our tribal gathering in Chicago.

Over 5,470 geographers and friends from 49 countries attended this year's meeting, marking another milestone in attendance and in the internationalization of our meetings. Thanks to all of you for helping to advance geography in your

research, scholarship, and service throughout the year and at these annual meetings.

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

Following is a short photo montage of the Chicago meeting, illustrating a few of the many ways in which geographers are "advancing geography in partnership with each other, and with many others from around the world." Best wishes from the Meridian.

Doug Richardson and
the entire AAG Staff



Vicky Lawson delivered the Past President's Address following the AAG Banquet.



Doug Richardson (center) with AAG President-elect Kavita Pandit (left) and current President Richard Marston (right).



Doug Richardson and Yonette Thomas, Chief of NIH's NIDA Epidemiology Research Branch, co-hosted the AAG/NIDA Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction at the Chicago meeting.



AAG's Opening Session: Attendance at the AAG meeting set a new record with over 5,470 attendees.

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Mountains of the World: A Global Priority...More Now than Ever

The title of this column emanates from a book edited by Bruno Messerli and Jack Ives (Parthenon Publishing Group, 1997), and the title is even more apt today. Concerns over sustainability and vulnerability have been replaced in some mountain regions by concerns for security and economic globalization [for a riveting study in political-military geography of mountain regions, read the latest (2002) edition of *War at the Top of the World—The Struggle for Afghanistan, Kashmir and Tibet*]. It is difficult to imagine landscapes where opportunities for geographic understanding are as great—and as urgent—as in the mountain regions of the world. The imposing physical landscapes and incredible adaptations of mountain inhabitants continue to attract the attention of scholars across the breadth of the discipline. Physical geographers cannot traverse mountains without being impressed by the cultural diversity and heritage. Human geographers cannot help but notice the in-your-face assemblage of landforms, vegetation zones, microclimates, and water paths. The AAG Mountain Geography Specialty Group has grown in numbers (since being founded at the 1999 Honolulu Meeting) and has provided a variety of forums where geographers of all backgrounds (physical, human, techniques) integrate and synthesize knowledge, techniques and theories to provide especially stimulating exchange of ideas and experiences.

Mountains cover 52% of Asia, 36% of North America, 25% of Europe, 22% of South America, 17% of Australia, and 3% of Africa—24% of the terrestrial earth surface as a whole. In mountains are found the deepest river gorges, steepest hillslopes, and some of the world's largest and most erosive rivers. Mountains provide critical habitat for many species of wildlife, mineral deposits, timber resources, hydropower potential, plus dramatic scenery. With great expenditure of human

energy, terraced agriculture turns steep land environments into productive cropland with long-term sustainability. Where principles of terrain evaluation have been ignored, human occupation of mountains leads to inevitable encounters with natural hazards: earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, slope failures, lightning, wildfires, high winds, and extremes of temperature and radiation. Mountains have been described as the "water towers of earth" by geographer Martin Price because they provide about one-half of the world's water supply. In Wyoming, for example, only 15% of the land area is situated within mountains that experience an annual water surplus; runoff from these mountains supplies the remaining 85% of the state situated in water-deficient lowlands.

Mountains are popular destinations for recreation and tourism but also home for a disproportionate number of the world's poorest peoples. The issues surrounding sustainable development in mountains led to the United Nations declaring 2002 as the International Year of Mountains. The challenges that face mountain inhabitants have led to intervention by governments and NGOs at a scale exceeding that in most other ecoregions. *The Key Issues for Mountain Areas* were outlined nicely in a 2004 book by that title edited by Price, Jansky, and Iatsenia and published by the United Nations University Press. The following nine policy suggestions have been identified by U.N. agencies networking with the world's mountain scholars: 1) strengthening of knowledge about the ecology and sustainable development of mountain ecosystems; more research and monitoring to identify knowledge gaps, needs and constraints; 2) development capacity for mountain populations (600 million worldwide) and minorities to counteract margin-

alization; 3) maintenance and development of cultural diversity; 4) holistic and interdisciplinary management schemes for environmental conservation and sustainable development; 5) dissemination of more realistic and accurate information through the mass media; 6) greater attention to urban aspects of mountain issues; 7) empowerment of local communities, especially women; 8) more attention to conflicts and resulting destruction of mountain ecosystems and livelihoods; and 9) promoting integrated watershed development and opportunities for alternative livelihoods.

Several initiatives of interest to mountain geographers are underway. Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, will soon start offering an undergraduate minor in mountain studies. The nearby, not-for-profit Mountain Studies Institute facilitates academic study, field research, database development, experiential learning, and provides facilities and support. Their workshops have involved many geographers from North America and Europe. The U.S. Geological Survey is currently funding a fairly large Western Mountain Initiative (WMI), involving geographers Steve Walsh, Dave Butler, George Malanson, Tom Veblen, Lisa Graumlich, Dan Fagre, to mention a few. A Consortium for Integrated Climate Research in Western Mountains (CIRMOUNT), is underway to study climate change in the mountains of western North America; geographers Glen MacDonald and Franco Biondi are in the middle of this multiagency research community effort to tackle problems of climate change in mountains of western North America. Bishop and Shroder believe that examining the scientific



Marston

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Scott's book offers a richly empirical story of Hollywood's shifting historical and economic geographies since the early twentieth century. He also succeeds in casting the story in a larger theoretically informed narrative that explores how this key center of innovation has shaped both the evolution of American culture and the globalization of the motion picture industry.

2005 John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize

The John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize for 2005 was awarded to **Craig E. Colten** of Louisiana State University for his book *An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature* (Louisiana State University Press). The Jackson Prize encourages and rewards American geographers who write books about the United States which convey the insights of professional geography in language that is interesting and attractive to a lay audience.

Colten's book is a timely and richly researched study of the social and environ-

mental geography of a city beset by a history of poor decision-making and by nature. It exemplifies the finest in cultural historical geography and good geographical writing and is likely to be read by scholars and a general audience for generations to come.



Colten

Colten offers a fascinating look at the processes that helped shape this unlikely city between the years 1800-2000. He portrays an urban region in constant flux that defied its wetland location through visionary boosters' desire to make it the Queen City of the Gulf. In the finest traditions of cultural and historical geography, Colten weaves together themes concerning the high potential for flooding, disease, and the creation of isolated zones of poverty in a fragile environment through a dramatic

story that anticipates the eventual destruction of much of what was created. He also examines the federal government's failure to solve the problems brought on by the city's dependence on a levee system designed to hold back water from its inner core and surrounding neighborhoods—an effort, in effect, to protect New Orleans from itself. Laying bare the failure of the broader political process that placed tens of thousands of residents at grave risk is one of the book's key contributions.

An Unnatural Metropolis is not only spectacularly timely and well documented, it is also highly readable. It presents a well-rounded and penetrating geographical interpretation of an American city struggling with its environmental limitations in a scholarly tradition that late J. B. Jackson encouraged and applauded.

Further information on AAG Book Awards may be found at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

Additional AAG Awards

In addition to previously published news of AAG Honors, Presidential Achievement Awards, and the designation of Honorary Geographer, the following awards were recently conferred during the awards luncheon at the AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The **Glenda Laws Award**, recognizing outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues, was awarded to **Michael Brown** of the University of Washington for his research focusing on the intersection of political, cultural, urban and health geographies, and particularly for his leadership in geographies of sexuality and the body. He received a certificate of recognition and a check for \$500.



Brown

The **Meredith F. Burrill Award**, recognizing talented individuals and groups whose accomplishments are concerned with fundamental geographical concepts and their practical applications in local, national, and international policy arenas, was awarded to **William Graf and the NRC Platte River Committee**. The award especially recognizes Graf's work along with the NRC Platte River Committee for the project and book titled *Endangered and Threatened Species of the Platte River* (National Academies Press) the primary purpose of which is to address the habitat requirements of federally protected species of birds. He received a certificate of recognition and cash honorarium of \$500.



Graf

The **George and Viola Hoffman Award** which supports student research toward a

master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe, was awarded to **Micheline van Riemsdijk**, a doctoral student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. van Riemsdijk's dissertation focuses on international migration of healthcare professionals, examining the case of Polish nurses in Norway. The Hoffman Award funds will be used to support fieldwork to gather qualitative and quantitative data in Poland, including personal interviews, and participant observation. She received an honorarium of \$500.



van Riemsdijk

The AAG sponsors numerous awards and grants each year. For a full list of grants and awards and detailed descriptions of each, visit www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

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Newly elected AAG Honors Committee members are Kenneth E. Foote of the University of Colorado at Boulder (for Committee A) and Allen James of the University of South Carolina and Wei Li of the Arizona State University (for Committee B).

New AAG Nominating Committee members are Susan W. Hardwick of the University of Oregon, Kathleen C. Parker of the University of Georgia, and Joseph S. Wood of the University of Southern Maine.

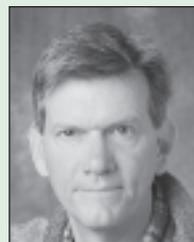
Our thanks go out to all the candidates and also to 2006 AAG Tellers Committee members Jon Campbell, Daniel G. Cole, Menglin Jin, Kelley J. O'Neal, Karl Wurster, David Mowbray, Lee De Cola, Megan Lang, and Ramala Basu.



Sallie Marston,
National Councillor



Dawn Wright,
National Councillor



Ken Foote,
Honors Committee A



Allen James,
Honors Committee B



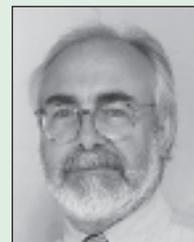
Wei Li,
Honors Committee B



Susan Hardwick,
Nominating Committee



Kathleen Parker,
Nominating Committee



Joseph Wood,
Nominating Committee

Call for Nominations for the 2007 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 Jon Kilpinen by **June 30, 2006**. 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 Jon by email (jon.kilpinen@valpo.edu), fax (219-548-7738), or by mail to: Jon T. Kilpinen, Valparaiso University, Department of Geography & Meteorology, Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493.

Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference

The third international Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, November 1-4, 2006.

Geographers at Binghamton University (SUNY) conceptualized and hosted the first Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference in 2002. The AAG and Howard University joined Binghamton University to host the 2004 conference and now partner with Texas State University to plan the third biannual event with the support of a number of co-sponsors. This international conference will include nationally distinguished public speakers, scholars of various disciplines from throughout the world, and students from across the continent who will discuss contemporary diversity and equity issues, particularly those affecting Latinos and African Americans. Important conference themes that touch people of all racial and ethnic heritages will be quality education, healthcare accessibility, affordable housing, and immigration.

To register or submit paper/poster/session abstracts for the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference III, visit its website at <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu>. Deadline for abstract submission for paper presentations is **April 30, 2006**. For additional details, email rep3@geo.txstate.edu.

Conference highlights include:

- The latest research on the connections of race/ethnicity and place
- Interdisciplinary setting bringing together geography and other disciplines with participation by academic scholars, researchers, professionals, and students
- Concurrent sessions include papers, posters, panels, workshops, and an ethnic art show
- Free registration to student participants
- Dining includes a welcome BBQ with entertainment, two breakfasts, two lunches, and a closing dinner with entertainment – All free to first 300 registrants

- Workshops – Free on first-come, first-served basis:
 - Diversity Workshop
 - GIS Workshop on Race and Ethnicity
 - Measuring Race/Ethnicity Disparities
- Five fieldtrips throughout Central and South Texas – Free on first-come, first-served basis:
 - Groups of the Texas Hill Country
 - Ethnic Landscapes of the San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers of Texas
 - Ghettos, Enclaves, and Citadels in Austin
 - Hispano San Antonio
 - A Taste of Hill Country German Culture
- Free transportation from/to Austin and San Antonio Airports and Free shuttle service from/to San Marcos conference hotels.

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2006 AAG IGIF Awards and Grants

The AAG International Geographic Information Fund (IGIF) Committee has announced its selections in the 2006 student paper award and student travel grant competitions.

Students **Guiyun Zhou** of Louisiana State University and **Katarina Doctor** of Foothill College received \$400 and \$750 respectively in funding for travel to the 2006 AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The 2006 AAG IGIF Student Paper Award (this year a total of \$275) goes to **Jian Liu** of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for her paper "Mapping with Words – A New Approach to Automated Digital Soil Survey."

The AAG International Geographic Information Fund (IGIF) offers three types of awards: Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. These awards are intended to support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a duly accredited and recognized college, university, or other educational institution located within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems (SA/GISS).

The AAG IGIF has been financially supported by a generous gift from Laura



Doctor



Liu

and Jack Dangermond and the Environmental Systems Research Institute to establish an AAG IGIF Endowment for this unique grant program. Full details on the program are available at www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

AAG Washington Monitor

AAG Urges Increases for Geography and Related Fields at NSF

Feeding off the momentum of the State of the Union Address, in which President Bush urged funding increases for science education and research, Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN), Ranking Member on the House Science Committee, has been pushing a trilogy of pro-science bills he recently introduced.

One of Gordon's bills, the *Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act* (H.R. 4596), calls for a ten percent increase per year in funding for basic research in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences at federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation. The bill would provide up to 200 new awards per year to early-career researchers and would create a graduate fellowship program for individuals pursuing studies in areas of national need.

Gordon recently held a briefing on his bills for Washington-area scientific community leaders, which was attended by representatives of the AAG. While many of those present were supportive of Gordon's legislation, some were concerned by the excessive focus on the physical sciences. Accordingly, AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson and I sent a letter to Gordon to praise his efforts on behalf of science, but also to stress the need to provide substantial increases for the social and behavioral sciences. We noted that:

The Foundation's Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) supports fundamental research on human cognition, behavior, social structures and social interaction, as well as studies on intellectual and social contexts that govern the development and use of science and technology. Research supported by SBE over the past decades has resulted in substantial advances in our under-

standing of human and social development, and of key social and economic institutions and indicators.

Within SBE, the Geography and Regional Science Program encourages research into the nature, causes, and consequences of human activity and natural environmental processes across a range of scales. The program also supports cutting-edge research in the geographic information sciences, which the Department of Labor recently designated one of the three most important emerging and evolving high growth industries in the United States. In addition, several geographers have received funding from NSF for rapid response research on the Hurricane Katrina disaster and the affected Gulf Coast areas.

Science funding is expected to remain a hot topic on Capitol Hill this year. We will keep you apprised of any key developments.

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processes taking place in the highest mountains in the world could not only reduce tensions between India and Pakistan, but also advance science and benefit the people of South Asia. So they have organized an international Karakoram Himalaya "Science-for-Peace" workshop that will bring together geoscientists from the Americas, Pakistan, India, and other countries.

New technologies in geography have helped overcome the difficulties of access to remote stepland environments. Recent breakthroughs in geospatial analysis have allowed earth scientists to study mountain environments in new ways. Some of this exciting work is highlighted in a book titled *Geographic Information Science and Mountain Geomorphology*, edited by Mike Bishop and Jack Shroder (Springer, 2004). The book presents thorough coverage of exciting topics in the physical geography of mountains using GIScience concepts and geospatial techniques: digital terrain representation, remote sensing, geostatistics, artificial intelligence, cartography and visualization, mountain hazards, surface hydrology, snow and

ice, regional climate, and tectonic geomorphology and landscape evolution.

Some of the highest rates of erosion ever measured on our planet have been reported for mountain regions, in particular the Nanga Parbat Massif in Pakistan, by combining field data with geomorphometry of DEM data sets, remote sensing, and process modeling. Some major disasters in mountain settings could have been avoided had geospatial analyses been applied. Advances in field-based GPS (global positioning system) and remote sensing techniques, such as LIDAR (light detecting and ranging), provide a wealth of new data to be incorporated in GIS analysis of mountain regions. William Bowen, retired professor of geography from California State University in Northridge, has generated a stunning collection of computer-generated panoramas of mountain landscapes that are readily available on the web.

It is clear from the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment* and other reports that mountain ecosystems are especially fragile and degrading rapidly. Both poverty and ethnic

diversity are higher in mountain regions and people are more vulnerable than populations elsewhere. Mountains often represent political borders, restrict access to narrow corridors, and serve as refuges for minorities and political opposition. Sustainability of both upland and lowland peoples depends on greater understanding of highland-lowland linkages. As mountain geographers addressing the key issues facing mountain areas identified in this column and elsewhere, we should take strength in the words of Junko Tabei who, after becoming the first woman to climb Everest in 1975, said "Technique and ability alone do not get you to the top; it is the willpower that is the most important. This willpower you cannot buy with money or be given by others...it rises from your heart." Mountain peoples deserve our respect and assistance as best offered through our scholarship and meaningful assistance through government and NGOs.

Richard A. Marston
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Dawn Wright of Oregon State University received a \$45,000 grant from the NSF Office of International Science & Engineering to partner with the Coastal & Marine Resources Centre of University College Cork, Ireland on the development of two workshops to examine state-of-the-art developments in coastal mapping and informatics. Workshop #1 will be held in Cork, Ireland in July 24-28, 2006, bringing together key research experts from the US, Ireland, UK, and Canada. Workshop #2 will be held in Corvallis, Oregon in the summer of 2007 with the primary goal of developing guidelines for coastal/marine mapping professionals and managers in their quest for organizing coastal spatial information.

The African Studies Association awarded **Heidi Nast**, associate professor and geographer in the International Studies Program at DePaul University, the Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize for her work *Concubines and Power: Five Hundred Years in a Northern Nigerian Palace*. The prize is named for Ghanaian writer, University of Ghana English professor, and former Minister of Education Ama Ata Aidoo and for American Margaret Snyder, founding director of UNIFEM, author, and a former Fulbright scholar.

In October 2005, **Peirce Lewis**, professor emeritus of geography at Pennsylvania State University, was honored with a Distinguished Scholar Award and the E. Willard Miller Lifetime Achievement Award from the



Byers

February 2006. The award is given annually to a person who has made important contributions to the protection of mountain environments and whose active personal role deserves public recognition. Byers is a mountain geographer who has worked for more than thirty years to protect mountain ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of mountain people in the U.S., China, Nepal, India, Mongolia, Africa, South America, and the Caribbean.

Chris Lukinbeal (PI), assistant professor of geography at Arizona State University, John Paul Jones III (co-PI), professor and chair of geography, University of Arizona, and Christina Kennedy (co-PI), professor of geography at Northern Arizona State University received \$95,807 from the Arizona Board of Regents for their project, "Mediated Geographies: Critical Pedagogy And Geographic Education." For more information visit <http://geography.asu.edu/lukinbeal/mediated.html>.

Laurence C. Smith of UCLA and **Rick Forster** of the University of Utah received a

Pennsylvania Geographical Society.

Alton C. Byers, Director of Research and Education at the Mountain Institute, received the David Brower Conservation Award from the American Alpine Club in

three-year, \$427,000 grant from NASA entitled "Understanding ice-sheet elevation change: How much goes to the Ocean?" The project will use advanced radar remote sensing and numerical modeling to better understand how elevation changes on the Greenland ice sheet translate to global sea level rise. The investigators are seeking one or more talented graduate students or postdocs to work on the project and may be contacted at lsmith@geog.ucla.edu and rick.forster@geog.utah.edu.

Allen MacEachren received an Honorary Fellowship from the International Cartographic Association for 2005.

Darla Munroe and **Ningchuan Xiao**, assistant professors of geography, and Catherine Calder and Tao Shi, assistant professors of statistics at Ohio State University, received \$621,550 from the NASA Land-Cover/Land-Use Change (LCLUC) program for the three-year project "A Comprehensive Statistical Analysis System to Associate Local Land-Cover/Land-Use Change and Regional Aerosol Composition and Concentration." This study will develop a Bayesian hierarchical statistical framework coupled with an atmospheric transport model to identify the space-time associations between biomass burning and regional carbonaceous aerosols using MISR and MODIS data in mainland Southeast Asia.

Call for Papers

Border Research Proposals

The Nijmegen Centre for Border Research (NCBR), department of Human Geography, Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands seeks Junior Researcher and Postdoc Research Proposals. NCBR offers assistance to the best proposal for competition submission and offers membership and a working space at the Nijmegen Centre for Border Research if the proposal is granted.

The NCBR seeks a recently graduated student who wishes to submit a research

proposal (that fits to the NCBR research program), for the 'Witte Raven Plan' of the Nijmegen School of Management. This is a research grant competition for a two year contract as a **junior researcher** for excellent (summa cum laude) young post-graduates. Proposals are welcome during the whole year.

The NCBR is also seeking promising **post doc researchers** who wish to submit a research proposal (that fits to the NCBR research program) to the Dutch national

research institution that is currently organizing a research grant competition. The best research proposal will be submitted to the competition. There are two possible grants for which proposals can be submitted. Deadline for submission is **September 5, 2006**.

For information on the Nijmegen Centre for Border Research see www.ru.nl/ncbr/ and for full details on Border Research Proposals see www.ru.nl/ncbr/content/researchproposals.html.



William Cronon delivered the keynote address at the AAG meeting's opening session.



Suzanne and Doug Richardson confer with Carl Monk, Executive Director of the American Association of Law Schools about the Geography and the Law sessions jointly held this year at the AAG Chicago Meeting and the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.



AAG Staff (from left to right) Nicholas Schiller, Michael Solem, Ivan Cheung, John Wertman, Doug Richardson, Beth Schlemper, and Mark Purdy.



Saul Cohen (left) received the AAG's Enhancing Diversity Award at the AAG Awards Luncheon. He is accompanied here by his wife Miriam. At right, AAG Honors recipient Bob Kates and his wife Eleanor.



AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson speaks with Hugo Romero (right) and Fausto Sarmiento (center) at the AAG's International Reception.



Laura Washington of DePaul University and a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times also spoke at the AAG opening session.



The energetic and gutsy blues of the Big James band got many people dancing.



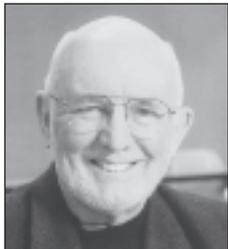
Attendees dance at the AAG welcome celebration.

The AAG welcomes the following new members whose memberships started in March

- Aber, Jeremy, Manhattan, KS
 Adams, Jeremy, Michael, Eugene, OR
 Aguilar, Thomas, Davis, CA
 Ahn, Junghwa, Madison, WI
 Ait-Laoussine, Nadir, Arlington, MA
 Akitobi, Esther, Chapel Hill, NC
 Alexa, Christopher, Greenwood, IN
 Andelin, Eric, Anthem, AZ
 Archer, Reginald, Goleta, CA
 Arrigo, Jennifer, Worcester, MA
 Atkinson, Christin, Austin, TX
 Austin, Jon, Portland, OR
 Austin, Susan, North Bethesda, MD
 Bailis, Robert, New Haven, CT
 Barker, David, Middlebury, VT
 Barker, Kezia, London, UK
 Barnes, Jessica, R, Platteville
 Barnes, Matthew, Auburn, AL
 Barrow, Joel, Tulsa, OK
 Bauer, Carl, J, Washington, DC
 Bieber, Susanneh, Fresno, CA
 Bilbe, Lauren, Austin, TX
 Bishop, Manitou, College Station, TX
 Borruso, Megan, Kirkwood, NY
 Bowen, Kristin, Chicago, IL
 Boyd, Jennifer, Akron, OH
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Members of Note



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Brian J.L. Berry, Dean of the University of Texas at Dallas School of Social Sciences and geography's 2005 Vautrin Lud Laureate, has been

amed a Fellow of

ners. He will be inducted into the College of Fellows at the AICP-American Planning Association annual meetings scheduled for April in San Antonio.

Jon T. Kilpinen, Chair of the Department of Geography and Meteorology at Valparaiso University, has been named Dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2006.

Alex Papadopoulos, associate professor in the Department of Geography at DePaul University, was honored with the St. Vincent de Paul Distinguished Professorship in May 2005 in recognition of his demonstrated dedication to high quality undergraduate education.

Necrology

Virgil Baker

Virgil Baker died January 13, 2006 in Port Angeles, Washington at the age of ninety-one. He was born April 24, 1914 in North Platte, Nebraska.

Baker earned his bachelor's (1936) and master's (1940) in geography from the University of Nebraska, and a PhD in geography (1954) from the University of Utah. Though he taught at Bowling

Green, Westminster, and Fresno State College, Baker spent the bulk of his career teaching at Arizona State University (1954-61 and 1966-78).

He was a trained as a physical geographer.

Richard E. Zeller

Richard Eugene Zeller, aged fifty-six, a senior-management analyst for the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in Tallahassee, Florida, died on April 4, 2005.

Zeller earned a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University (1970) and a master's and doctorate from Ohio State University (1972 and 1978).

Zeller was an AAG member from 1972 until his death.

University of Nevada, Reno, New PhD Program

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) announces a new PhD program in geography. The first PhD students will be welcomed in the fall of 2007.

The graduate program at UNR emphasizes human-environment interactions. The curriculum and research specialize in the study of desert and mountain landscapes, focusing on the integration of human and physical geography, while employing the use of geospatial technologies.

The Department of Geography is housed in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering within the recently-created College of Science. There are ten full-time faculty and eight affiliated faculty. In the past three years alone, UNR geography has added four new faculty positions to enhance departmental expertise in cartography, GIS, arid lands, climatology, and land use planning and there are plans to add two more positions in the near future.

Geography maintains close ties with academic units in the Mackay School and the College of Science, and with research programs at the Desert Research Institute, including the Western Regional Climate Center and the National Weather Service. The department is also home to the Nevada State Climatologist, a dendrochronology lab, pollen analysis lab, GIS research lab, and two GIS instructional labs. In addition, the department is an active participant in newly-created campus-wide research centers, including the Academy for the Environment.

Currently, the department offers nine teaching assistantships and seven research assistantships, and gives nearly \$20,000 in scholarships annually.

For further information contact: Gary Hausladen, Department of Geography/154, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557; hausl@unr.edu.

University of Massachusetts- Boston, GIS Core Research Facility

The University of Massachusetts Boston has opened a "Geographic Information Systems Core Research Facility." The GIS research facility will support campus researchers, colleges, and centers and institutes with a wide range of services.

The mission of the center is to reach out to investigators in all disciplines and all departments and lend technical expertise for pursuing new avenues of research funding; to engage external partners in research projects; advise on GIS related research; acquire, develop, and evaluate data sets; and design and produce maps.

The GIS Core Research Facility's website is www.gisrcf.umb.edu.

Oxford University, Centre for the Environment, Drylands, Science and Management

The Oxford University Centre for the Environment (OUCE) is offering a new masters course in drylands, science and management—with applications now being accepted for an October 2006 start date. This course introduces students to the background science relevant to dryland environments, as well as to their management issues and challenges and develops both theoretical understanding and practical experience, with a key component being a field course in North Africa. The new Drylands, Science and Management course replaces the old MSc in Environmental Geomorphology.

Further details are available from OUCE webpages: www.ouce.ox.ac.uk/news/articles/051220.php and www.ouce.ox.ac.uk/graduate/msc-dsm/.

Pennsylvania State University, Regional Visualization and Analytics Center

Pennsylvania State University was recently named one of five Regional Visualization and Analytics Centers (RVAC) by the Department of Homeland Security's National Visualization and Analytics Center (NVAC). The NVAC consortium is intended to bring academic expertise to the nation's efforts to discover information that may warn government officials of a terrorist attack. Penn State's RVAC is coordinated through the GeoVISTA Center in the Department of Geography.

The NVAC consortium aims to provide scientific guidance and coordination for the research and development of new tools and methods that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires for managing, visually representing, and analyzing enormous amounts of diverse data. RVAC researchers will address three core challenges related to visual representation and analysis of diverse information. They hope to develop methods for deriving and exploiting information, such as place and time, from a variety of data forms; link this information with stored knowledge and analytical reasoning practices to yield usable intelligence; and provide cognitive readiness and collaboration support enabling individuals and teams to assess situations, interpret evidence, make decisions, and execute actions.

Further information on the NVAC program is available at <http://nvac.pnl.gov/>.

Award Deadlines

2006 APRIL

20. ESRC-SSRC Collaborative Visiting Fellowship. www.ssrc.org/fellowships/esrc/.

MAY

15. Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program. Contact Ruth I. Shirey at rishirey@iup.edu.

JUNE

30. Nominations for AAG Honors. Send to Amy Glasmeier at kgl1@ems.psu.edu.

SEPTEMBER

15. Nominations for AAG Honorary Geographer, www.aag.org/Grantsawards/index.cfm.

OCTOBER

15. Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Proposals. www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/grs/suppdiss.jsp.

Grants and Competitions

ESRC-SSRC Collaborative Visiting Fellowship

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) are offering fellowships for U.S. and Canadian scholars to visit and engage in collaborative activities with members of ESRC-supported projects in Britain, or for British scholars at ESRC-supported projects to visit collaborators in the U.S. or Canada, between June 2006 and September 2007. Approximately ten research fellowships of up to \$8,500 will be awarded.

The deadline for applications to arrive at the SSRC is noon, **April 20, 2006** (UK time). For full requirements and application procedures, please visit www.ssrc.org/fellowships/esrc/. If you have specific questions about the ESRC/SSRC fellowships, please contact Samip Mallick at migration@ssrc.org.

NSF Grants and Competitions

Visit www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5410.

AAG Grants and Competitions

Visit www.aag.org/Grantsawards/index.cfm.

New Appointments

Carthage College, Assistant Professor, Wenjie Sun. PhD, expected 2006, Indiana University.

Colgate University, Assistant Professor, Jessica Graybill. PhD, expected 2006, University of Washington

Ohio University, Assistant Professor, Elizabeth Edna Wangui. PhD, 2004, Michigan State University.

Ohio University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Thomas A. Smucker. PhD, 2003, Michigan State University.

University at Buffalo, Assistant Professor, Trina Hamilton. PhD, 2006, Clark University.

University at Buffalo, Assistant Professor, Jared Alstadt. PhD, 2006, University of California, Santa Barbara.

University of Toronto at Mississauga, Assistant Professor, Nathan Basiliko. PhD, 2004, McGill University.

University of Utah, Kathleen Nicoll, Assistant Professor. PhD (Geosciences), 1998, University of Arizona.

University of Utah, Ikuho Yamada, Assistant Professor. PhD, 2004, University at Buffalo.

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

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Association of American Geographers Council Meeting Minutes

West Palm Beach, FL
November 19-20, 2005

Attending: Dick Marston, *President*; Kavita Pandit, *Vice President*, Vicky Lawson, *Past President*, Jon Kilpinen, *Secretary and Regional Councillor* (West Lakes Division); and Samuel Aryeetey-Attoh, *Treasurer and Regional Councillor* (East Lakes Division). *National Councillors:* Thomas Baerwald, Kirstin Dow, Carol Harden, Mei-Po Kwan, Ines Miyares, and Ann Oberhauser. *Regional Councillors:* Stuart Aitken (Pacific Coast Division), Kevin Blake (Great Plains-Rocky Mountains Division), Martha Geores (Middle Atlantic Division), Paul Matthews (Southwestern Division), Tyrel Moore (Southeastern Division), Gregory Pope (Middle States Division), and Timothy Rickard (New England-St. Lawrence Valley Division). *AAG Staff:* Executive Director Douglas Richardson and Director of Research and Outreach Patricia Solís.

PRELIMINARIES

President Marston convened the meeting at 8:32 a.m. on November 19 with a short welcome, introducing new members to Council. After a brief review, Council adopted the agenda for the meeting.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

President's Priorities

Marston outlined four main priorities: 1) Advancing Physical Geography, 2) Healthy Departments, 3) Collaboration within Geography and between Geographers and Other Disciplines, and 4) Geography and Public Policy. He will seek to engage physical geographers in AAG affairs, including editorial positions, awards, and various committees, as well as encourage a Physical Geography reception at AAG Annual Meetings. He will also monitor and cultivate geography's place in the USGS. Marston co-organized the Summer 2005 Healthy Departments workshop with Alec Murphy in Portland, Maine, and he will work with Vice President Pandit on the Summer 2006 workshop in Georgia. Marston is organizing the President's Plenary Session for the Chicago meeting on "Geography—The Original Integrated Environmental Science." Finally, he will highlight

contributions of geographers to public policy through several Newsletter columns.

Vice President's Priorities

Pandit outlined two major focus areas for her Vice Presidential year. First, she will continue the Healthy Departments initiative, in part by organizing the Summer 2006 workshop in Athens, Georgia. She hopes to promote this during the chairs luncheon at Chicago by organizing a round-table format with various discussion topics solicited from chairs in advance of the meeting. She would also like to invite non-geographer chairs from joint departments to the 2006 workshop and hold more breakout sessions like those held in Maine in 2005. Second, Pandit wants to emphasize internationalization in geography. Pandit will include a session on the topic next summer at the Healthy Departments workshop. In Chicago, she will also highlight the International Reception and promote and participate in international sessions, including one on graduate students and one on Fulbright opportunities. Through both of these initiatives, Pandit will work to broaden the reach of geography to encourage geographers from all walks of life to participate in the AAG.

Past President's Priorities

Lawson commented on the dynamics and energy of many of the AAG's recent initiatives, including the Healthy Departments initiative. For her part, Lawson plans to continue to work on diversity issues during her Past Presidential year, including the Diversity Task Force. She has tried to encourage underrepresented students to attend the AAG meeting in Chicago, which the AAG has supported by reserving some Conference Assistants slots expressly for that purpose. She also noted that panels by the Diversity Task Force are in the works for Chicago. Lawson also plans to continue her initiative on geography and social justice. Geographies of care and responsibility will be the theme of Lawson's Past President's address in Chicago. Papers from the President's Plenary session last year in Denver, 'Geographies of Fear and Hope,' are currently under review as a possible *Annals* forum.

Review of AAG Regions

East Lakes. Attoh reported that East Lakes met in October at Bowling Green State University, with

Vice President Pandit present at a meeting of department chairs from the region. Chairs reported no major problems in their departments, but they discussed the issue of classification of geography courses where state funding is concerned. The chairs also discussed the idea of organizing themselves to educate state legislatures on the importance of GIScience, physical geography, and human geography. Next year's East Lakes meeting is slated for Toledo, and there is the possibility of a joint meeting with the Ontario group in 2008.

Great Plains-Rocky Mountains. Blake reported positive news from GPRM, including strong faculty numbers in many departments. Efforts continue within the region to get relatively inactive departments to host meetings in the near future. Student participation in GPRM meetings is significant. He mentioned the possibility of an on-line journal or newsletter.

Mid-Atlantic. Geores reported that the MAD-AAG is healthy, with tremendous GIS programs at George Mason, Salisbury, and Maryland, but not as much human geography. George Washington is smaller, but more balanced, and frequent Geography Bowl champions. Student enrollments are strong. At Maryland, many new majors have come out of introductory courses. There has been good participation in conferences, including international conferences. The division felt a great loss with the death of Bill Wood.

Middle States. Pope reported that New Jersey is looking forward to a capital improvement initiative in the state. Pennsylvania has seen an initiative to create a "state geographer" position. In New York, there has been a sweeping overhaul of general education requirements. Physical geography now fulfills a science requirement. Regional courses are in high demand. Some departments have noticed declining enrollment in physical geography due to a shift in environmental science towards a biological point of view. Faculty numbers, however, are stable to improving. The Middle States journal is doing well and should soon appear on the region's web page.

New England-St. Lawrence Valley. According to Rickard, NESTVAL is very excited about geography's return to Harvard. Despite continued strong attendance numbers, the regional meeting has seen a decline in the significance of its traditional banquet.

The NESTVAL *Proceedings* is still in some flux with too few submissions, but a publication is viewed as necessary. Perhaps the most important question in the region concerns strategies to replace retiring faculty members. Rickard recommended that the Healthy Departments workshop examine this concern.

Pacific Coast. Aitken reviewed faculty, student, and budget levels at Pacific Coast schools. Budget numbers are down a bit. There is some decline of geography majors in the California state system. San Diego State University has seen a decline in majors, but this may relate to the department's emphasis on the Ph.D. program. Reno's Ph.D. program will be up and running next year. The region met recently in Phoenix hosted by Arizona State. The region requests that the AAG provide more data on enrollment/staffing/budget trends in geography and more publicity, perhaps even a short video on the AAG website on career opportunities. The University of Alaska reports that the department may be rebuilding geography in Alaska, possibly adding an MA/MS program.

Southeastern. Moore reported that SEDAAAG was honored to host the AAG Council's Fall meeting at a very successful meeting in West Palm Beach. Reports to the Division's Steering Committee meeting revealed that, with few exceptions, state funding concerns had eased since previous year. As is the case in other AAG divisions, SEDAAAG is seeking greater participation from Ph.D. programs at the regional meetings. Membership in the region is on the rebound but remains a priority, particularly in the Division's regular faculty membership category. A new Ph. D. program focused on environmental geography - land use/land cover impacts and monitoring, geospatial applications and Latin America was launched in Fall 2005 at the University of Southern Mississippi. Another Ph.D. program in Geography and Urban and Regional analysis is pending approval for implementation in Fall 2006 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Southwest. Matthews reported that SWAAG met last week, and departments across the region seem to be doing extremely well. Many are adding new faculty members. Northeastern State University, in Oklahoma, which was under some administrative pressure, is doing well and will host the regional meeting in 2008. The University of New Orleans still has not been able to get back on campus.

West Lakes. Kilpinen reported that West Lakes held a very successful meeting in November in Iowa City, focused in part on the theme of geography and public policy. The region will hold a joint meeting

next year with the GPRM division in Lincoln, with the University of Illinois hosting the following meeting in 2007. Members in the region expressed interest in creating a Liberal Arts Affinity Group. They also expressed concern about overly lengthy articles in the *Annals* and the cost of AAG journals at a time of contracting library budgets.

Review of Topical Developments

President Marston asked the National Councillors to identify possible constraints that might prevent physical and human geographers from working together and geographers in general from working with other scholars.

The National Councillors noted that while superficial constraints exist between physical and human geographers in their subdisciplinary language, jargon, and terminology, more important philosophical differences often exist between subfields on methods. There are also institutional constraints, with few schools providing incentives for this kind of collaboration. If departments buy into a change in culture with greater collaboration, it can start with students as a bottom-up approach, while simultaneously a top-down approach could start with NSF, etc., to encourage collaboration. Hurricane Katrina has certainly highlighted opportunities for physical/human researchers to come together. Good partnerships, the Councillors noted, emerge from common concerns or goals. Common objectives for geographers include scale—spatial, temporal, organizational, etc.—and the nature of change (and its implications). We could all benefit from a greater openness to other approaches in our work, recognizing contributions from fellow geographers in other specialties, as well as scholars in cognate fields. We should look to engage scholars from other fields who are doing geographic work and to publish and promote our broadly conceived work.

After further discussion among Council at large, Marston thanked the National Councillors for their responses to his question.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION Finances

Richardson provided an overview of AAG finances. He noted especially the initiation or outright completion of many of the items he outlined in his 2002 article in the *AAG Newsletter*. There will certainly be opportunities for the future, but he noted the need to consolidate our recent gains.

Richardson showed the Association's change in net assets since 1999, highlighting the AAG's improved financial condition during this time, with

no current debt. Treasurer Attoh reported that the current financial statements confirm the financial health of the AAG, thanking Darrell Napton for his work last year as Treasurer. Our investments are conservative enough to protect our interests, but diverse enough to generate healthy income. A full audit of our financial statements is scheduled for December, 2005. At Marston's urging, Council thanked Richardson with a round of applause for his efforts and those of his staff to manage the AAG's finances.

The Advancing Geography Fund has now topped the \$1 million mark in pledges, with more than \$700,000 received. Within this umbrella fund, there are numerous specific funds on targeted projects to which donors can now contribute. Council members suggested adding examples of specific projects supported by these funds in a *Newsletter* column or on the AAG website, perhaps akin to "your tax dollars at work" ads. Discussion with Council also indicated that a subcategory targeted to students is desirable. Richardson is also working on cultivating relationships with several major foundations that could contribute to the AAG in the future.

Richardson proposed that the AAG not raise next year's membership dues. Pandit moved accordingly, and Miyares seconded. Attoh, as Treasurer, expressed support for increasing dues modestly, along the lines of 2 percent, in the spirit of fiscal conservativeness. Council **approved** the motion to hold membership dues steady for one year, with one abstention.

Membership

Richardson reported that membership should be around 9,300 at the end of this year, based in part in much improved member benefits, including online services, new membership options, new affinity groups, and services for regions and specialty groups. Members now also have the option to receive several optional third-party journals at discounted subscription rates.

In the category of enhanced member services, Richardson noted that the AAG recently added an automatic membership renewal option and has featured the retired life membership. AAG now offers listserv and on-line access to lists of officers and annual reports for specialty groups. Along these same lines, he highlighted the AAG's response to Hurricane Katrina as a service to those members and geography departments along the Gulf Coast affected by the disaster.

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Publications

Richardson indicated that the AAG's publications are strong and professional, and many are available on-line to members. The *AAG Newsletter*, for instance, has expanded in recent issues, accommodating the fall influx of job listings as well as many new features. The *Newsletter* has thus improved as a recruiting tool and as a vehicle to provide information on geography to university administrators and to scholars in other fields. The new op-ed section will allow for the raising of meaningful issues within geography and the AAG. Similarly, as part of our outreach to Latin America, the *Guide to Geography Programs* has been expanded to provide coverage to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Richardson noted an increase in submissions to the *PG* since 2004 and a turnaround time of under four months for both the *PG* and the *Annals*. He updated Council on the status of the AAG's agreements with Blackwell. For the *PG*, this will mean an increase of 160 pages for the 2006 volume. The possibility of publishing a fifth issue of the *Annals* is being explored. An upgraded version of Manuscript Central will debut on January 1, 2006, making manuscript submissions to both journals easier and more user friendly. Finally, all issues of the *Annals* and the *PG* are now available electronically through Synergy.

Council then discussed the terms of AAG journal editors. Baerwald moved, and Miyares seconded, that Kobayashi be offered a second term as editor of the PPR section. Council passed the motion **unanimously**.

Discussion then turned to the *PG* Book Review editor. Council voted to extend the deadline to February 15, 2006.

Council next considered the proposed editorial boards for the MMGIS and ES sections of the *Annals*. Baerwald moved to accept the MMGIS editorial board. Moore seconded, and Council **passed** the motion. Harden then moved and Miyares seconded that the board for the ES section be accepted. Council **passed** the motion. Kilpinen and Baerwald offered a motion as follows: In forming their editorial boards for approval by Council, editors should nominate individuals who do not serve as editors of either the *Annals* or the *PG*. Matthews seconded the motion. Council **passed** this motion.

Meridian Place Operations

Richardson offered an overview of staff and facilities issues related to Meridian Place. He noted the recent installation of a new computer and

telecommunication operations system, upgrades to the heating and air-handling system, general maintenance of the building and grounds, and the initiation of renovations in the attic for some new office space. He spoke of future plans for other interior upgrades and exterior repairs. Richardson also noted the recent hiring of Ivan Cheung as AAG Director of GIScience Programs, Beth Schlemper as full-time Research Fellow in Geography Education, and Jongwon Lee as Education Fellow. Richardson lauded the abilities and performance of the AAG staff.

Research and Outreach

Richardson and Solís summarized recent Association projects in research and outreach. The AAG continues to serve as the Secretariat for the "My Community, Our Earth" (MyCOE) initiative, which seeks to engage young people around the world in local projects that use geographic methods and technologies to investigate sustainable development. The project is focused on the current United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, 2005-2014. Other current AAG projects include an NSF grant providing travel money for conference attendance in Brisbane. The AAG is concluding work with an American Council on Education proposal to the Carnegie Foundation to promote internationalization of teaching and learning at U.S. universities through collaborative efforts.

Richardson then updated Council on AAG specialty conferences, mentioning especially the Geography and Humanities conference. This symposium, scheduled for February 2007, involves AAG partnership with the American Council of Learned Societies and the University of Virginia. Funding is being sought from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Humanities Alliance.

Richardson also reminded Council of the Geography and Drug Addiction Symposium, jointly sponsored by the AAG and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and scheduled for March 8, 2006, in conjunction with the AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Besides these conferences, Richardson mentioned a third Race, Ethnicity and Place conference in November 2006 in San Marcos, Texas, to be co-sponsored by the AAG, and a collaboration with the Association of American Law Schools on "Geography and the Law." All of these events evidence the efforts of the AAG to highlight the importance of geography to allied fields.

Solís provided an update on the Diversity Task Force, circulating minutes from recent meetings. She reminded Council of the launching of the AAG's online Diversity Clearinghouse, which represents a searchable database of information on diversity within the field of geography. The Task Force also forwarded to Council a request for the creation of an AAG Enhancing Diversity Award. Attoh moved that Council create this award, and Lawson seconded. Council **unanimously** approved the motion. Following the recommendation of the Task Force, Miyares moved, and Lawson seconded, the nomination of Don Deskins and Saul Cohen as recipients of the 2006 Enhancing Diversity Award. Council **unanimously** approved this motion, as well.

Council then shifted to the AAG's public policy initiative. Richardson reiterated the AAG's concern for policy issues that affect geography, including federal funding in several key areas, and provided Council with an update from John Wertman, the AAG's Director of Public Policy. The AAG has sent several letters to Congressional members and federal agencies on the issue of scientific freedom and on behalf of federal funding for geography education, among other topics. The AAG has also organized congressional briefings on topics like building geographic management systems. Information from these activities is then distributed via the *Newsletter* to all AAG members.

Richardson then discussed the recent culmination of a long-running initiative to bring geography back to Harvard. Working with Peter Bol, Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard, the AAG provided support and information as Harvard University officials established a new Center for Geographic Analysis. Support for this initiative reached to the upper levels of Harvard's administration, suggesting a long-term commitment to the Center and perhaps to a geography program at Harvard in the future.

Finally, Richardson updated Council on the AAG Senior Associates Program, designed to engage retired geographers in ongoing activities and to make their considerable talents and experience available to the AAG and its ongoing projects on research, public policy, and education. AAG Past President Jan Monk helps coordinate the Senior Associates Program.

Educational Affairs

Richardson circulated and summarized a written report from Michael Solem, Director of Educational

Affairs, and Educational Fellows Jongwon Lee and Beth Schlemper. He indicated that the AAG is emphasizing higher education in geography, as that reflects the majority of the membership, but has launched initiatives at the secondary level as well.

Recent efforts in this area include an NSF-funded project called "Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education" or EDGE. This is a three-year study of the process of professional development in graduate-level geography. EDGE has supported two on-line resources: the AAG Guide to Careers in Geography and the Geographic Sciences and 2) the AAG Healthy Departments website. Another AAG educational project includes a three-year grant from the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) to develop a "Teachers Guide to Modern Geography." Lee joined the AAG staff to work as a post-doctoral fellow under this project.

Two education-related proposals are currently pending. First, in September 2005, a proposal went to the NSF for Geospatial Resources for Secondary School Teachers. If funded, this \$1.2 million project will support workshops and professional development resources for integrated math, science, and geography education for four years. Second, NASA has awarded the AAG a one-year planning grant for Project Geo-START (Geo-Spatial Thinking Activities and Resources for Teachers of Geography and Earth Science). This project will improve teaching and student learning in physical geography and earth system science through resources using GIS datasets and NASA earth-observing remote sensing imagery.

Richardson emphasized the remarkable contributions to AAG initiatives in the educational affairs area by Michael Solem. The development of resources and materials that geography teachers can

use in their classrooms through the AAG's educational projects is a remarkable achievement, one Solem deserves considerable credit for spearheading.

CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meetings

Richardson reviewed the planning and preliminary schedule for the Chicago meeting, scheduled for March 7-11, 2006. Early indications point to yet another meeting with more than 5,000 attendees. Richardson also noted the exciting variety of field trips that members had already submitted for the Chicago meeting.

Future AAG meetings will occur in San Francisco (2007), Boston (2008), and Las Vegas (2009). Council discussed several possible sites for the 2010 meeting, including cities in the central United States, but reached no decision on the matter.

AAG Committees and Council

Kilpinen provided Council with nominees for the Honors and Nominating Committees. Following discussion, Council selected the final slates for these committees, the candidates' names and biographical materials to appear in the January 2006 AAG *Newsletter*.

Honors and Awards

The Honors Committee forwarded its selections for AAG Honors to Council, these to be announced at the Chicago meeting in 2006. Marston announced that Barbara Kingsolver, noted author and activist, has accepted the 2006 Honorary Geographer Award. Lawson then discussed the 2006 Presidential Achievement Award, indicating that she would circulate the names of nominees to the Executive Committee for approval in the coming weeks. Finally, Richardson reported that a

committee to seek funding for a "Geography Prize for World Understanding" will consist of Lawson, Richardson, and Harm de Blij.

Specialty Groups

Baerwald highlighted the status of Specialty Group annual reports, important issues, and requests. Specialty Groups expressed gratitude for the support provided by the AAG central office. Pandit asked about the issue of moribund Specialty Groups and whether the Specialty Groups had discussed this issue and how to address it. Council requested a status report of the World-Wide Web Specialty Group, which has not reported to Council in a while.

Matthews moved that Council confirm that the procedure for establishing and maintaining Affinity Groups be identical to that for establishing and maintaining Specialty Groups. Harden seconded, and Council approved the motion **unanimously**.

Kilpinen discussed the possible creation of a Liberal Arts affinity group.

Closed Session

Council met in closed session to review the Executive Director's performance and compensation. Following discussion, Council commended Doug Richardson's efforts as Executive Director and approved his salary and benefits for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Marston adjourned the Council meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon T. Kilpinen
AAG Secretary

Quarter Century

The April 1981 AAG *Newsletter* informed AAG membership that **Robert Aangeenbrug**, professor of geography at the University of Kansas was appointed by the National Research Council to serve as a member of the U.S. National Committee for the IGU as a representative for ACSM from January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1984...AAG Research Grants were given to **Paul A. Kay** (Utah) for "Late-Pleistocene and

Mid-Holocene Fields of Annual Precipitation," **Colin E. Thorn** (Illinois) for "Spatial Stratification of Geomorphic Processes in the Alpine by Tundra Plant Communities," **Marilyn A. Brown** (Illinois) for "The Impact of Public Programs on Residential Energy Conservation," **William C. Johnson** (Kansas) for "Reconstruction of Late Quaternary Vegetation at Natural Trap Cave, Wyoming," **Lydia M. Pulsipher** (Tennessee) for "The Historical Archaeol-

ogy of Galways Plantation, Montserrat, West Indies," and **John D. Tremont** (Anchorage, Alaska) for "A Geographical Investigation of Arctic Frontier Road Development Policies"...**Stanley D. Brunn** and **Gyula Paure** joined the faculty of the University of Kentucky...the **University of Illinois** established new graduate programs in regional science and geomorphology.

Jobs in Geography

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA, TUCSON 85721-0076. University of Arizona. The Department of Geography and Regional Development (GRD) invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant/Associate** position in **physical geography**. We seek an outstanding geographer who will bring an innovative research agenda to campus, and who will be successful in obtaining external funding, work well on collaborative projects and with graduate-student supervisory committees, and teach a variety of graduate seminars and undergraduate courses in physical geography. The substantive areas of contribution are open, but may include climatology, biogeography, hydrology, or earth system processes.

The Department is seeking an individual who is able to work with diverse students and colleagues, and who has experience with a variety of teaching methods and curricular perspectives. GRD is housed within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (see www.geog.arizona.edu). Faculty members in GRD specialize in physical geography, human-environmental relations, regional development, and critical human geography.

Earth sciences and environment is one of four areas of focused excellence at the University of Arizona, and GRD encourages and maintains interdisciplinary cooperation with a score of allied university departments and research units. For further information contact the chair of the search committee, Professor Stephen Yool, via email at yools@email.arizona.edu.

Appointment will be subject to final budgetary approval. Anticipated start date is

August 2006. The Ph.D. degree is required at the time of appointment. MAR 06-84

To apply, visit the University of Arizona job webpage at www.uacareertrack.com, and complete an online application for Job No. 34277. Applicants should be prepared to attach a CV, letter of interest, statement of research and teaching interests, and the names and addresses of three referees. Additional materials, such as a teaching portfolio and research articles, may be subsequently requested by the search committee. The position is open until filled, with applications reviewed on a continual basis beginning March 1, 2006. As an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer, the University of Arizona recognizes the power of a diverse community and encourages applications from individuals with varied experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds. The University of Arizona is an AA/EEO Employer-M/W/D/V.

***CALIFORNIA, REDLANDS 92373.** Proposal Development Manager. Join the world leader in GIS! ESRI's Sales Division is seeking an experienced, results-driven professional to lead its proposal team. This position is responsible for the development and delivery of proposals that comply with solicitation requirements and clearly convey ESRI's proposed business strategy to achieve highest possible probability of win. This individual will read and interpret solicitation documents (RFIs, RFPs, and RFQs) to identify critical content items required for a compliant response. The Proposal Development Manager is also responsible for managing a team of qualified writers and editors.

Successful candidates will have a B.S./B.A./M.S. degree or higher along with a minimum of five years of experience writing and editing complex proposals in response to RFIs, RFPs, and RFQs. Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated experience in managing and leading teams of creative individuals is also required. APR 06-89.

To apply, send your cover letter and resume to jobs@esri.com or apply online at www.esri.com/careers. Please code all submissions AAG/CB.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON DC. Program Officer

National Academies of Sciences (NAS) is a private, non-profit society of scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research. We perform an unparalleled public service by bringing together experts in all areas of scientific and technology.

We have an immediate opportunity at NAS for a Program Officer in our **Board on Earth Sciences and Resources (BESR)** division. The Program Officer will manage the Geographical Sciences Committee that deals specifically with scientific, technical, and policy matters related to spatial data—and other duties as assigned. The primary responsibilities will include developing, administering, and executing technical studies, including securing funding and working with experts from a wide variety of fields.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will possess a Ph.D in Geography, Environmental Science, Public Policy or a related field is required. Five years experience with knowledge and experience of using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) techniques. Excellent written and oral communication skills are required.

"Jobs in Geography" lists positions available with US institutions who are Equal Opportunity Employers seeking applications from men and women from all racial, religious, and national origin groups, and occasional positions with foreign institutions.

Rates: Minimum charge of \$150. Listings will be charged at \$1.25 per word. Announcements run for two consecutive issues unless a stated deadline permits only one listing. The charge for running an announcement more than twice is one-third the original charge for each subsequent listing. We will bill institutions listing jobs after their announcements appear in JIG for the first time.

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 email to jig@aag.org. 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.

Affirmative Action Notice: The AAG Affirmative Action Committee requires job listers to send to the JIG Editor the name, academic degree, sex, and rank of each person appointed as a result of an announcement in JIG.

* Indicates a new listing

To apply on line please visit our website at http://nationalacademies.wfrecruiter.com/jobs_details1.asp?Job_id=61006&Page_Id=0&Published=1 and go to the careers section and search for the current opportunity, reference position number; 060017-5. EOE, M/F/D/V. MAR 06-85.

***FLORIDA, BOCA RATON 33431.** Florida Atlantic University, **Instructor/ Geosciences.**

The Department of Geosciences at Florida Atlantic University invites applicants for a renewable, multi-year contract Instructor position, beginning August 2006. The successful candidate will teach an introductory cartography /GIS course, a Field Mapping and Surveying course oriented towards civil engineers, and lead or participate in the instruction of Geology Field Camp courses. In addition, it is desirable that the instructor be able to teach one or more courses in areas such as physical geography, earth science, or environmental studies, and be able to offer an existing distance learning earth science course. The instructor should possess GIS, GPS, and field geology skills/experience and be able to integrate these skills in the classroom, lab and field teaching environments. Ideally, the successful candidate should have teaching experience in both the classroom and field. Candidates for this position should submit: 1) a letter of application including a statement of teaching interests, 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) the names and addresses of four professional references. These items should be submitted to the address below. APR 06-98-1.

Apply: Dr. David Warburton, Instructor Search Chair, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Application deadline April 15, 2006. No e-mail applications will be accepted. A Masters degree with significant experience or a Ph.D. in Geosciences or a related field is required at the time of appointment.

Florida Atlantic University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access Institution.

***ILLINOIS, CARBONDALE 62901.** Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Full-time, 12-month **Lecturer** position in Geography and Environmental Resources to begin July 1, 2006 as **GIS Lab Director**. Duties include: manage the computer network in the Spatial and Environmental Analysis Laboratory (SEAL), teach courses in Cartography, GIS, and Geospatial Imaging, consult in Information Technology for the department, database management, web design, and provide technical support for computer applications in the Department. Three-

year appointment that is renewable for an indefinite time period will be considered on the basis of performance. Qualified candidates must have broad experience in geoprocessing technology, a helpful approach, and an interest in and aptitude for teaching. Candidates must have a Master's Degree in Geography or related area and significant experience in teaching or applying cartography and GIS. Preference may be given to candidates who have earned an ABD or Ph.D. Candidates must have competence in cartography, imaging, programming languages, and GIS software packages including ESRI products, ERDAS Imagine, operating microcomputers and workstations, and networking capabilities. Skills in remote sensing or multimedia software are also desirable. Our department maintains a modern spatial analysis GIS lab and we focus on environmental analysis and problem-solving (see www.geography.siu.edu). Application deadline is March 17, 2006 or until filled. Applications will only be accepted by mail. Applications must include an application letter describing geoprocessing experience and teaching philosophy, CV, copy of graduate transcripts, and list of three references. APR 06-97.

Please apply: Dr. Tonny Oyana, GIS Director Search Committee, Department of Geography and Environmental Resources. Mail Code 4514, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901. Phone: 618/453-3022; E-mail: geog@siu.edu. SIUC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer that strives to enhance its ability to develop a diverse faculty and staff and to increase its potential to serve a diverse student population. All applications are welcomed and encouraged and will receive consideration.

***INDIANA, VALPARAISO 46383.** Valparaiso University. The Department of Geography and Meteorology invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in geography at the **Assistant Professor** level beginning August 2006. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in geography by the time of appointment, but ABD candidates will be considered. We seek a broadly trained geographer with a strong commitment to high-quality teaching and undergraduate education. Responsibilities will include **introductory and advanced courses in GIScience**, as well as additional offerings in the candidate's areas of expertise. The Department has particular needs in biogeography, environmental geography, international development, and non-U.S. regional geography, but will consider excellent candidates with expertise in any subspecialty.

The Department is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2006, has recently moved into a new building, and just introduced an interdisciplinary geoscience major. Our geography program also collaborates closely with meteorology, environmental science, and various international programs. The University is located 15 minutes from the Indiana Dunes, which has been called the "birthplace of ecology," and is about an hour away from downtown Chicago. For more information about the Department, its programs and degree options, and its course offerings, visit the VU GeoMet web site at <http://www.valpo.edu/geomet/>.

Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three references as soon as possible. Evaluation of candidates will begin no later than March 20, 2006, and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should be interested in working in a university engaged in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. EO/AE. APR 06-94.

Apply to: Jon T. Kilpinen, Chair, Department of Geography & Meteorology. Internet Jon.Kilpinen@valpo.edu.

***MICHIGAN, EAST LANSING 48824.** Research Associate – Department of Geography.

The Department of Geography at Michigan State University announces a research associate position, focused on grant-writing, in the geospatial technology field. The position will be housed in the Remote Sensing and GIS Research and Outreach (RS&GIS) program within the Geography Department (<http://www.rsgis.msu.edu/>). Appointment will be on an annual basis for one year with opportunity for multi-year extensions.

We seek applicants with experience in grant writing and an understanding of competitive grant funding programs at the national level. A background in remote sensing, GIS, GPS, statistics, or other spatial technologies is desired. Applicant must be willing and able to interact with faculty, staff, and students in Geography and related departments to develop interdisciplinary research proposals. This position provides opportunity for creative thinking and engagement with active researchers from across campus.

A completed PhD in Geography or a closely related discipline is required. Salary is competitive. Apply with hard copies of a cover letter, a statement of interest, a current curriculum vita, and the names and contact information for at least three references; send materials to the address below. APR 06-99-1.

Apply: Jessica Moy, RS&GIS Director, Department of Geography, 215 Geography Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 48824; or e-mail materials to moy@rsgis.msu.edu. Review of applications will begin March 15, 2006, and continue until the position is filled. Michigan State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Minority and women candidates are encouraged to apply. Handicappers have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

***MINNESOTA, DULUTH.** The University of Minnesota Duluth invites applications for the following two positions:

One Year Position, Assistant Professor/Instructor in Geography to teach an introductory course in Economic Geography, and an upper level course in Development. Additional course assignments will include any combination from the following: Transportation, Global Resources, a non-North American, non-European regional specialty, GIScience applications in Economic Geography and/or Development, and courses in the candidate's specialty.

Ph.D. in Geography, or related field by 8/28/2006 desired. MA by 8/28/2006 essential. Teaching at the university/college level essential. A demonstrated competency to teach introductory economic geography and an upper level course in development essential. A demonstrated competency to teach any combination of the following courses essential: transportation, global resources, a non North American—non-European regional course, GIScience applications in economic geography and/or development, and a course in the candidate's specialty. A demonstrated competency to teach a course in GIScience applications in economic geography and/or development strongly desired.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and complete contact information including name, address, phone and email for up to 3 references. Include available teaching evaluations. Review of complete applications will begin March 1, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

Apply to Olaf Kuhlke, Search Chair, Economic Geography Position, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Duluth, 329 Cina Hall, 1123 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

One Year Sabbatical Replacement, Assistant Professor/Instructor in Geography to teach a course in Environmental Conservation and a course in Weather and Climate. Additional courses assignments will include any combination

from the following: Biogeography, Soils, Global Resources, Introduction to Environmental Studies, a non-North American, non-European regional specialty, and courses in the candidate's specialty.

Ph.D. in Geography or Environmental Studies/Science by 8/28/2006 desired. MA by 8/28/2006 essential. Teaching at the university/college level essential. A demonstrated competency to teach environmental conservation and weather and climate essential. A demonstrated competency to teach any combination of the following courses essential: biogeography, soils, global resources, introduction to environmental studies, and a non-North American—non-European regional specialty, or a course in their specialty.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and complete contact information including name, address, phone and email for up to 3 references. Include available teaching evaluations. Review of complete applications will begin March 1, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled. APR 06-91.

Apply to Olaf Kuhlke, Search Chair, Geography/Environmental Studies Position, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Duluth, 329 Cina Hall, 1123 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

NEW YORK, OSWEGO 13126. Assistant Professor, Geographical Information Systems, State University of New York at Oswego.

The State University of New York at Oswego invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in geography, or related fields in the natural or social sciences with GIS expertise. Appointment will be in an academic department appropriate to the candidate's area of specialization and will begin Fall 2006. A Ph.D. at time of appointment is required. The successful candidate must be able to develop and teach a core curriculum in GIS for students in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, and information science, as well as upper-level courses in his or her specialty, and must show promise as an effective teacher and scholar and be committed to educating students to live in a multicultural and global community.

SUNY Oswego is a public comprehensive university with strong programs in the sciences (including Biology, Meteorology, and Geology), the social and behavioral sciences (including a large program in Public Justice), and Schools of Business and Education. The university emphasizes excellence in teaching, service and collabora-

tive research involving students and faculty. Ongoing research projects at Oswego include projects in environmental science and Great Lakes issues.

Candidates should submit a letter of application (which should include a statement of teaching and research interests), a curriculum vitae, copies of official college transcripts, and three reference letters to the address below. MAR 06-78.

Apply :Dr David A. Bozak, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, Chair of the GIS Search Committee, 601 Culklin Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, New York 13126. Or email: dab@oswego.edu.

Review of applications will begin February 27, 2006 and continue until finalists are chosen.

SUNY Oswego is an Affirmative Action Employer.

***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 to begin August 2006. The ideal candidate will have education and/or experience in both **geography and planning**. All specializations will be considered. However, the department is particularly interested in candidates with strengths and interests in a combination of the following areas: community planning, community outreach and internships, regional economic development, and applications of geographic information science technologies.

We seek a geographer/planner with a strong orientation towards research and the ability to teach courses in geography and planning ranging from introductory undergraduate geography courses to graduate seminars. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active program of scholarly research, publication, and external grant funding. Preference will be given to candidates with prior university-level teaching experience and scholarly publications. Ph.D. in geography or planning required at time of appointment.

The department has strengths in geographical and planning methodologies, cartography and GIS, urban/regional planning, and human and regional geography. It offers a BA degree with a liberal arts track in geography and a track in planning, a BS degree in geography/geographic information sciences, a MA in geography, a MS in geography/geographic information sciences, and an MA in geography/urban planning (<http://www.uakron.edu/geography/>).

Applicants should submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae with the names and

addresses of three references. Review of applications will begin 17 March 2006, but applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled. APR 06-92.

Apply: Dr. Linda 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.

The University of Akron is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity and to the principles of affirmative action in accordance with state and federal laws.

OKLAHOMA, STILLWATER 74078-4073. Oklahoma State University. The Department of Geography invites applications for a **Visiting Assistant Professor** beginning Fall 2006. The appointment period is one academic year, with the possibility of annual renewal. The department is searching for a specialist in **Conservation/Natural Resources**. Ability to teach cartography and outdoor recreation desired. A PhD in Geography or closely related field is required. A commitment to excellence in teaching and a developing research program are expected.

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

Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references by May 1, 2006. Letters of reference will be solicited for short-listed candidates. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. EO/AE. MAR 06-88.

Apply: Dr. Dale Lightfoot, Head, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-4073. Voice: 405-744-6250. FAX: 405-744-5620. E-Mail: drlight@okstate.edu.

***PENNSYLVANIA, KUTZTOWN.** Kutztown University of Pennsylvania is interested in hiring employees who have extensive experience with diverse populations. The following position is available: **Geography - Assistant Professor or Instructor**.

The Department of Geography invites applications for a full-time temporary sabbatical

replacement position for the 2006-2007 year. Teaching responsibilities include introductory physical geography and advanced physical geography courses in area of expertise. Salary Competitive.

For full description, criteria and complete listing of vacancies, please visit our website at www.kutztown.edu/employment. Kutztown University is an AA/EOE member of the PA State System of Higher Education and actively solicits applications from women, veterans, persons with disabilities and minorities. APR 06-96.

PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY PARK. A **postdoc position** is available immediately at Penn State for research funded by the NSF to integrate ethics into graduate training in the Environmental Sciences. Program areas will include **environmental and natural resource economics, environmental sociology, geosciences, and meteorology**. Ethical issues related to climate science and policy analysis will be a major theme. For a full list of duties and application information see <http://rocketethics.psu.edu/postdoc.htm>.

Consideration of candidates will start immediately and will continue until suitable applicants are found. The position will be filled as a Research Associate and will be eligible for employee benefits.

Penn State is committed to AA/EO, and the diversity of its workforce. MAR 06-73.

***TENNESSEE, OAK RIDGE.** Postdoctoral **Research Position—Transportation Geography Research** (ORNL06-03-1-CSED).

The Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in East Tennessee seeks candidates for a postdoctoral position in transportation geography research with experience in GIS modeling and programming with transportation networks (railroad, highway, and waterway) and related social and economic data. Also important is knowledge of the U.S. railroad industry. Additional information about ORNL and GIST available at <http://www.ornl.gov> and <http://www.ornl.gov/sci/gist/>.

See full position description at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/postdoc/pdneeds.htm>. APR 06-101.

Apply at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/ornl/ornl-pd/ornlpdoc.htm> and send CV and references to: Paul E. Johnson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, P. O. Box 2008, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6472 or E-mail: johnsonpe@ornl.gov. Please reference position title and number when corresponding.

Some positions require the ability to obtain and maintain a U.S. Department of Energy security clearance and, therefore, U. S. citizenship is required. The postdoctoral program is open to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or disabled veteran. ORNL, a multiprogram research facility managed by UT-Battelle, LLC, for the U.S. Department of Energy, is an equal opportunity employer committed to building and maintaining a diverse work force.

TEXAS, COLLEGE STATION 77843-3147. Texas A&M University. The Department of Geography (<http://geog.tamu.edu>) invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor** position specializing in **Human-Environment Relations** to begin in September 2006 or January 2007. We seek a human geographer researching political ecology, poverty, gender and/or development studies and their interactions with natural systems. Regional expertise in Latin America would be an advantage. This position is one in a number of faculty hires in a College of Geosciences' environmental program initiative. The successful candidate will collaborate with faculty across the department, but will primarily join a human-environment research group with interests in political ecology of natural resources, environmental policy, conservation and land-use science. Outstanding opportunities exist for collaboration with other departments, research units, and interdisciplinary initiatives within the College of Geosciences (e.g., the departments of Atmospheric Sciences, Oceanography, and Geology and Geophysics, the Sustainable Coastal Margins Program, <http://geosciences.tamu.edu>), and the University (e.g., the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, and the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Agriculture & Life Sciences). The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to quality teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels and demonstrate the potential to initiate and maintain a vigorous externally funded research program. The Ph.D. is required at time of appointment.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses (including e-mail addresses) of three referees to the address below. MAR 06-82.

Apply: Professor Andrew Millington, Search Committee Chair (millington@geog.tamu.edu). Review of applications will begin on April 1st, 2006. It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the first two weeks of May. Texas A&M University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic community committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We strongly encourage applications from women, underrepresented ethnic groups, and individuals with disabilities.

TEXAS, SAN MARCOS 78666-4616. Texas State University-San Marcos. **Associate or Full Professor**, beginning Fall 2006, with expertise in **Geographic Education**. PhD required in Geography or closely related field, with proven experience in several of these fields: theories and methods in geographic education; geographic curriculum; standards and assessment in geography; spatial graphics in geographic education. Demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research commensurate with senior status at the university is essential, including successful mentoring of graduate students and funded research. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. This individual will play a major role within the Department's PhD and Master's programs in Geographic Education. Typical teaching load for PhD core faculty is two courses per semester. The department has 29 tenure/tenure-track faculty members serving BA, BS, MS, Master of Applied Geography, and PhD programs.

Review of applications will begin on April 1, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants are to submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications, and a summary of recent teaching evaluations. Also, please arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to the Chair. Texas State is an equal opportunity educational institution and as such does not discriminate because of race, color, creed or religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental handicaps, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran. Texas State is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty. Texas State University-San Marcos is a member of the Texas State University System. MAR 06-87.

Apply: Dr. Philip W. Suckling, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography. Voice: 512-245-2170. Fax: 512-245-8353. E-mail: ps33@txstate.edu.

***VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.** The Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs invites applications for a **tenure-track position (rank open) in Transportation Policy and Planning**, commencing August 2006.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate in urban plan-

ning, public policy or a closely related field by the commencement of the appointment. Eligibility for membership in AICP preferred. Candidates must have a strong background in transportation policy and planning. Expertise in one or more of the following areas is also desired: critical infrastructure assessment and planning, capital improvements planning, hazard mitigation planning.

For a more detailed job description and the application process please visit VCU's faculty vacancy website located at <http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/>. These positions are listed under the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. APR 06-95.

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***CANADA, ONTARIO, HAMILTON.** The School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University invites applications for a tenure track position at the **Assistant Professor** level beginning July or September 1, 2006 in **Environment and Health** (Environment and Health is a priority for the University, linked to McMaster's Collaborations for Health initiative (see

The successful candidate must have a PhD in geography or a related field in hand at time of appointment. The applicant is expected to develop a strong program of externally-funded research in the human health-environment area. In addition, the candidate will have experience in applying GIS/spatial analysis and will develop research linkages with physical scientists in the School. The applicant should have a strong commitment to undergraduate/graduate teaching and supervision.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities.

The evaluation of candidates will begin as applications are received and will continue until the position is filled.

Applicants should send a cover letter outlining their research interests, a copy of their *curriculum vitae*, a brief teaching dossier including a statement of teaching philosophy (max. 2 pp.) and evidence

of teaching effectiveness, contact information for three referees (address, phone number and e-mail) and copies of no more than three reprints or works in progress to the Chair of the search committee. Electronic applications will not be accepted. MAR 06-80.

Apply: Dr. Hok Woo, Chair, Search Committee, School of Geography and Earth Sciences, Burke Science Building, room 235, McMaster University, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4K1. Tel: (905) 525-9140, ext. 23526. Fax: (905) 546-0463. Email: .

HONG KONG. Institute of **Space and Earth Information Science**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong invites application for an academic position for its newly-established Institute of Space and Earth Information Science (ISEIS). The rank of the position will be from **Assistant Professor or Associate Professor or Professor**.

Applicant must have a PhD degree in Earth Science, GeoInformation science, Oceanography, Geography, Environmental Science, or related filed at the time of appointment, with expertise in one or more of the following areas: geological science and natural hazards and/or ocean environmental monitoring and modelling. In addition, experience in radar remote sensing and geographic information science is essential for the position. The successful candidate is expected to develop his/her independent research program and show strong leadership. Besides research and administrative service, the appointee is expected to teach courses in GeoInformation Science and supervise post-graduate students.

Appointment will initially be made on a fixed-term contract basis for up to three years, with prospect for renewal or re-appointment on a longer-term basis thereafter subject to mutual agreement.

Salary will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University offers a comprehensive fringe benefit package including a contract-end gratuity for an appointment of two years or longer. Please send full resume, copies of academic credentials, a publication list and/or abstracts of selected published papers, together with names, addresses and fax numbers/e-mail addresses of three referees to whom applicants' consent has been given for their providing references (unless otherwise specified), to the address below. MAR 06-74.

Apply: Director, Institute of Space and Earth Information Science, Room 615, Esther Lee Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong on or before April 15, 2006 (Fax: (852) 2603 7470).

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APRIL

2-6. 19th Annual Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems. Seattle, WA. www.eegs.org/sageep/.

6-7. 37th South Dakota State Geography Convention, Brookings, SD. www3.sdstate.edu/Academics/CollegeofArtsAndScience/Geography/Index.cfm.

19-22. Western Social Science Association 48th Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. <http://wssa.asu.edu>.

28. Delaware Valley Geographical Association Meeting. Norristown vicinity, PA. Contact Denyse LeMaire at lemaire@rowan.edu.

MAY

1-5. American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing 2006 Conference. Reno, NV. www.asprs.org.

14-16. Beijing Ten Years Later. University Park, PA. www.womensstudies.psu.edu.

30 May - June 3. Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Thunder Bay, Ontario. http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/cag_annual_meeting.html.

JUNE

2-3. Gypsy Lore Society Annual Meeting. Tucson, AZ. Contact Matt T. Salo at mtsalo1@excite.com.

8-10. Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Forest Management: The role of traditional knowledge. Firenze, Italy. www.forestlandscape.unifi.it/chsfm_2006.asp.

19-22. 11th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar. Columbus, OH. www.gpr.osu.edu/.

25-30. Summer Institute in Economic Geography. Madison, WI. Contact Kris Olds at olds@geography.wisc.edu.

28-30. Geomorphology & Earth System Science, BGRG International Conference. Loughborough, UK. www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/gy/gess/index.htm.

JULY

3-7. IGU Regional Congress. Brisbane, Australia. www.igu2006.org/.

AUGUST

7-9. Asian Conference on Permafrost. Lanzhou, China. www.casnw.net/permafrost/index.html.

7-11. ESRI International User Conference. San Diego, CA. www.esri.com/ucpapers.

20-25. International Conference of Historical Geographers. Hamburg, Germany. Contact gajek@geowiss.uni-hamburg.de.

30-September 1. RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2006. London. www.rgs.org.

SEPTEMBER

6-9. AAG Pacific Coast Division Meeting. Eugene, OR. www.csus.edu/apcg/index.html.

20-23. GIScience 2006. Münster, Germany. www.giscience.org/.

26-29. URISA Meeting. Vancouver, BC, Canada. www.urisaoc.on.ca/.

OCTOBER

5-7. AAG Joint Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division. Lincoln, NE. <http://calmit.unl.edu/aag/>.

5-8. NCGE Annual Meeting. Lake Tahoe, NV. Contact Allison L. Newton at anewton@jsucc.jsu.edu.

11-14. Applied Geography Conference. Tampa, FL. Contact Montz, Burrell at bmontz@binghamton.edu.

13-14. AAG Middle States Division Meeting. New Brunswick, NJ. Contact Sean DiGiovanna at digiovan@rci.rutgers.edu.

13-15. AAG New England-St. Lawrence Valley Division Meeting. Burlington, VT. Contact Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux at ldupigny@uvm.edu.

20-21. AAG East Lakes Division Meeting. Toledo, OH. Contact Patrick Lawrence at patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu.

26-28. AAG Southwest Division Meeting. Norman, OK. www.swaag.net.

NOVEMBER

1-4. Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference. San Marcos, TX. <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu>.

6-10. Measuring the Earth II: Latest Developments with Digital Surface Modeling and Automated Feature Extraction. San Antonio, TX. www.mapps.org.

16-18. 53rd Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International. Toronto, ON. www.narsc.org.

19-21. AAG Joint Meeting of the Southeast Division and the Middle Atlantic Division. Morgantown, WV. Visit www.geography.vt.edu/sedaag/.

28-30. Southeast Asian Geography Association Conference 2006. Singapore. <http://www.seaga.co.nr/>.

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17-21. April. AAG Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. www.aag.org.

2008

15-20. April. AAG Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. www.aag.org.

2009

22-26. March. AAG Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. www.aag.org.

Nominations Invited for AAG Honors

The Honors Committee of the AAG invites nominations for AAG Honors to be conferred in 2007. AAG Honors are given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement or welfare of the profession in five categories: Lifetime Career Honors, Distinguished Scholarship Honors, Distinguished Teaching Honors, Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors, and Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geography Education. Normally no more than one award will be made in each category. 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. See the handbook section of a recent issue of the Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas or http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm for a complete list of past honors award recipients. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2006.

Send six copies of the nominating letter and the candidate's CV via email to the Honors

Committee Chair Amy Glasmeier at akg1@ems.psu.edu. If email is unavailable, mail to: Amy Glasmeier, 302 Walker Building Dept of Geography University Park PA 16802. The nominating letter should provide justification for the award and may include a proposed citation of no more than 200 words. Solicitation of support letters from additional nominators is welcome and should be limited to no more than five.

Other members of the Honors Committee are: Jerome E. Dobson (dobson@ku.edu), Elizabeth A. Pyle (lpyle@wvu.edu), Susan Roberts (geg207@uky.edu), Stephen Walsh (swalsh@email.unc.edu), and Cort J. Willmott (willmott@udel.edu).

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