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AAG Election Results

John Agnew of the University of California, Los Angeles has been elected President of the Association of American Geographers. Carol Harden of the University of Tennessee has been elected Vice President. Their terms, as well as those of all newly elected National Councillors and Honors and Nominating Committee members, will begin July 1, 2008.



Agnew



Harden

(Committee B), and Frank Magilligan of Dartmouth College (Committee B).

Leslie Duram (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) and William Moseley (Macalester College) have been elected AAG National Councillors.

Newly elected AAG Honors Committee members are Paul Knox of Virginia Tech (Committee A), Maureen Hays-Mitchell of Colgate University

The three new members of the AAG Nominating Committee are Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach (George Mason University), James Shortridge (University of Kansas), and Elizabeth Wentz (Arizona State University).

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From Ivory Towers to New England Noir

Ambivalent Screen Images of Boston

A trip to the Boston metropolitan area can be seen as a trip into discursive space where representations of an imagined landscape create particular spatialities, mobilities, scales, narratives and networks consisting of a variety of actors—human and otherwise. Most noticeable about this “space” is that powerful oppositions are mobilized. These include town versus gown, East versus West, WASP versus working class, nature versus culture, and mind versus heart. Below we discuss a few of the films that have helped to define Boston's discursive terrains.

Boston and Film Narrative

Love Story (1970, Paramount Pictures), surprised its viewers by its attempt to show the clash

between the Boston Brahmin, WASP world and the working class, Italian Catholic world. As Oliver Barrett IV falls in love with, marries, and eventually loses Jennifer Cavilleri he discovers a healthier emotional life than that of his parents, so the social poles that are revealed in the film are also reconciled through the development of his character.

In *The Paper Chase* (1973, Twentieth Century Fox), the protagonist, metaphorically named “Hart,” may or may not have the strength of will to escape the heartless confines of Harvard Law School. The university folds in upon itself like a labyrinth threatening to drag him down into heartlessness, but Hart gains insight when he trespasses on the home office of the dreaded Professor Kingsfield and when he reads Kingsfield's old notebooks in a locked section of the library. Hart hurls his grades into the wind at the end of the movie, a defiant assertion that there

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The Departed, starring Jack Nicholson, offers a noir-ish film portrait of Boston's many intersecting geographies. See story at right.

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Archiving and Accessing Geography's History

Histories of geography abound, and depending on the era and one's perspective, they range from the sacred to the blasphemous. Accounts of our history have been seen variously as carefully researched or cleverly construed; inclusive or exclusive; top-down or bottom up; serious or irrelevant; magnanimous or self-serving; penetratingly insightful or just plain nasty; too provincially American or too provincially British; the efforts of gatekeepers at their worst or of the barbarians at their best; and in many other ways.

Whatever your analysis of the history of our discipline, there is probably one thing we can all agree on, and that is the need to collect, preserve, and make accessible to all the historical documentation of our discipline.

That is why I am so pleased to announce that during this year's AAG Annual Meeting in Boston, three distinguished members of our Association will be honored and celebrated for their exceptional life-long efforts to record, archive, and pass on to future generations important components of the history of American geography. The sustained archival contributions of Maynard Weston Dow and Nancy Freeman Dow, creators of the "Geographers on Film" series, and of long-time AAG Archivist Geoffrey J. Martin, will be the focus of numerous featured sessions in Boston, as well as of awards and special citations of appreciation from the AAG Council and the AAG History of Geography Specialty Group. All three will receive the "American Geographical History Award," authorized by the AAG Council and awarded by the AAG Archives and Association History Committee.



Richardson

AAG and the Geographers on Film Collection

I am also pleased to announce that the AAG will now play a central role in managing, archiving, digitizing, and – most importantly – disseminating one of the recently "hidden" treasures of our discipline's history, the "Geographers on Film" collection, created by Wes and Nancy Dow over the past forty years. Comprising over 300 filmed interviews, the project provides insight into the thought, opinions, circumstances, and lives of many of our discipline's leading scholars and researchers, and is a valuable resource for teaching, scholarship and research within our discipline and beyond it.

The format of the series, plus its depth and time span, makes "Geographers on Film" one of the richest disciplinary archival oral history resources in the academy.

Most interviews of geographers gathered by Wes and Nancy Dow, now known collectively as the "Geographers on Film" (GoF) series, had been bequeathed to Michigan State University's Vincent Voice Library, where they had been stored for several years, awaiting digitization and public distribution. However, unexpected funding and staffing constraints had created uncertainty about when or if the collection would be digitized, and how it would be made available for broad distribution. Finally, after many constructive discussions over a year's time among the librarians at MSU, Wes Dow, Fritz Nelson, and myself, discussions meant to determine how best to "free the films," it was decided to move the tapes from MSU to the AAG's main offices in Washington DC, where the AAG will undertake the

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In Pursuit of Strategic Directions

When you're up to your derriere in alligators, it's hard to remember that the initial objective was to drain the swamp! Most of us have heard some variant of that phrase, and just as many probably have felt it applied to them on a number of occasions. We all live in a "just in time" world that seems to place increasing demands on us and force us to focus most of our attention on those tasks with the most pressing deadlines. When many near-term tasks demand our attention, it's difficult to take a wide-ranging, longer-term view. But an ability to periodically refocus from the most immediate tasks and examine the broader framework can be essential for longer-term success.

Strategic planning is a mechanism used to "take the long view," with a vision, mission, and objectives providing the framework for strategies that will help the organization attain its goals. Three times in recent decades, I have participated in long-range planning efforts by professional organizations, twice with the AAG and once with the National Council for Geographic Education. I recognize my bias, but I believe those planning efforts were critical to the evolution of the AAG and NCGE to be more effective vehicles for collective action by geographers and geographic educators.

The process of examining and shaping the longer-term prospects of something as wide ranging and amorphous as an entire discipline is far more challenging. A decade ago, a National Research Council study committee published *Rediscovering Geography: New Relevance for Science and Society*. This book was prepared by a 16-member committee chaired by Thomas Wilbanks. *Rediscovering Geography* argued for recognition of the growing importance of geography for scholarly inquiry, education, and practical use by decision makers and others. The book assessed the value of geographic approaches and perspectives and geography's contributions for scientific understanding and decision making. The book also offered a set of rec-

ommendations aimed at improving geographic understanding, literacy, and institutions. Sale of more than 17,000 copies of the book testified to its impact. (More information about *Rediscovering Geography* is accessible at http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=4913#description.)

While many of the recommendations in *Rediscovering Geography* have been realized to some degree and overall trends for geography have continued to be positive over the last decade, the NRC's Geographical Sciences Committee has convened a new committee to undertake a major new study titled "Strategic Directions for the Geographical Sciences in the Next Decade." The new study committee's prospective chair is former AAG President Alexander Murphy, and the committee is expected to include about ten other members. Support for the committee has been provided by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Geographic Society, and the AAG.

The Strategic Directions committee has been charged with conducting a strategic planning effort for the geographical sciences. The committee is expected to prepare a relatively short (60- to 80-page) report that will identify a limited number of priority research questions and directions that show how the geographical sciences can contribute to science and society in America over the next decade. The report should express and reflect the power of geographic inquiry, and it will be written so that it is readily understood by scholars beyond geography as well as policy makers, journalists, and the literate public.

In an effort to make the report as broadly representative as possible, the NRC tried to bring together members with a range of experience as well as topical breadth. To conduct its work, the committee will hold a series of meetings to review past statements

of strategic directions in geography and gather suggestions for questions and strategic directions from experts in all major sub-fields of geography and related disciplines. The committee also will solicit input from the all interested people and groups via a web-based questionnaire.

The Strategic Directions committee will incorporate the feedback it receives from all sources into a final group of strategic directions as well as recommendations regarding how to pursue those directions. The committee expects to conduct its work within 18 months. The final report of the committee will undergo external review and be published by the NRC. (More information about the committee, its membership, and its work is available at the committee's

website at <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=48903>.)

To begin the process of engaging others in its work, the NRC Strategic Directions committee will sponsor a session at the AAG Annual Meeting in Boston. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 3:10 PM in the Fairfield Room of the Marriott. Alexander Murphy will lead the session, where you can learn more about the study and hear presentations from invited speakers regarding a range of research questions that the committee will consider.

Based on the past record of major geographic studies conducted by study committees associated with the NRC Geographical Sciences Committee, the Strategic Directions committee will have a powerful impact on our field and the broader set of communities within which we operate. Take time to learn more about the committee, and begin now to make constructive contributions to its work. ■

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Specialty Group Session Highlights

AAG Specialty Groups are voluntary associations of AAG members who share interests in regions or topics. Below we list some of the many highlights from special sessions sponsored by AAG Specialty Groups at the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston.

Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group

1613. Indigenizing Spaces: Deep-Spatial Perspectives on Place

Tuesday, April 15, 4:20pm to 6:00pm

Simmons Room, Marriott, 3rd Floor

(Paper Session)

Organizer: R.D.K. Herman (National Museum of the American Indian)

Chair: Jay T. Johnson (University of Nebraska)

Presenter: Daniel R. Wildcat (Haskell Indian Nations University)

Africa Specialty Group

1630. Africa's Economic Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges: In Memory of Professor Konadu-Agyeman

Tuesday, April 15, 4:20pm to 6:00pm

Orleans Room, Marriott, 4th Floor

(Paper Session)

Organizers: Padraig Carmody (Trinity College Dublin), Francis Owusu (Iowa State University)

Chair: Francis Owusu (Iowa State University)

Presenters: Padraig Carmody (Trinity College Dublin), Kefa M. Otiso (Bowling Green State University), Peter A. Kyem (Central Connecticut State University), Chris Benner (University of California, Davis), Jairus Rossi, Penn State University)

Discussant: Jim Murphy (Clark University)

Ethics, Justice and Human Rights Specialty Group

2517. Plenary Lecture: Just carbon: Emissions trading, offsets, and the ethics of climate policy (Sponsored by Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, Climate Specialty Group, Ethics, Justice, and Human Rights Specialty Group)

Wednesday, April 16, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Grand Ballroom Salon B, Marriott, 4th Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizer and Chair: Monica Varsanyi (Arizona State University)

Panelists: Diana M. Liverman (University of Oxford)

Hazards Specialty Group

2569. The Gilbert F. White Award Symposium: Social Vulnerability, Environmental Inequality, and Childhood Asthma in Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, April 16, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Conference Room 6, Sheraton, 5th Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizer and Chair: Ron R. Hagelman (Texas State University)

Panelists: Deborah Thomas (University of Colorado, Denver), Jayajit Chakraborty (University of South Florida), Jerry T. Mitchell (University of South Carolina), John P. Tiefenbacher (Texas State University), Sara Grineski (University of Texas at El Paso)

China Specialty Group

3124. Understanding China's Changing Economic Geography

(Sponsored by Economic Geography Specialty Group, China Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group)

Thursday, April 17, 8:00am to 9:40am

Grand Ballroom Salon I, Marriott, 4th Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizers: George Lin (University of Hong Kong) and Alana Boland (University of Toronto)

Chair: Henry Wai-Chung Yeung (National University of Singapore)

Panelists: Eric Sheppard (University of Minnesota-Minneapolis), Clifton W. Pannell (University of Georgia), James W. Harrington (University of Washington), Yehua Dennis Wei (University of Utah), Peter W. Daniels (University of Birmingham), Shuguang Wang (Ryerson University)

Population Specialty Group

3126. Population SG/Ethnic Geography SG Joint Plenary Session: John Logan

Thursday, April 17, 8:00am to 9:40am

Grand Ballroom Salon K, Marriott, 4th Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizer: Wei Li (Arizona State University)

Chair: Thomas J. Cooke (University of Connecticut)

Panelists: John Logan (Brown University)

Sexuality and Space Specialty Group

3470. Sex and Gender in Election 2008: The Scene so Far

Thursday, April 17, 1:00pm to 2:40pm

Room: Fairfax A, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizer and Chair: Robert Vanderbeck (University of Leeds)

Panelists: Glen Elder (University of Vermont), Laurie Essig (Middlebury College), Claire Elaine Rasmussen (University of Delaware), Richard L. Morrill (University of Washington), Lawrence Knopp (University of Minnesota-Duluth), Joni Seager (Hunter College)

Urban Geography Specialty Group

3513. Urban Geography Plenary Lecture

Thursday, April 17, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Simmons Room, Marriott, 3rd Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizer: Robert W. Lake (Rutgers University), Eugene McCann (Simon Fraser University)

Chair: Robert W. Lake (Rutgers University)

Discussants: Rachel Slocum; Susan Craddock (University of Minnesota)

Panelists: Michael P. Brown (University of Washington)

Transportation Geography Specialty Group

3564. Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography

Thursday, April 17, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Room: Exeter, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

(Paper Session)

Organizer and Chair: Richard L. Morrill (University of Washington)

Introducer: John Bowen

Presenter: T. R. Lakshmanan (Boston University)

Discussant: Kingsley E. Haynes (George Mason University)

Study of the American South Specialty Group

3618. Latinos in the American South: New Southerners in a New South?

(Sponsored by Study of the American South SG, Southeastern Geographer, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group)

Thursday, April 17, 5:20pm to 7:00pm

Room: Grand Ballroom Salon C, Marriott, 4th Floor

(Panel Session)

Organizers: Derek H. Alderman (East Carolina University), Rebecca Torres (University of Texas at Austin)

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Chair: Rebecca Torres (University of Texas at Austin)

Panelists: Sarah A. Blue (Northern Illinois University), Altha J. Cravey (University of North Carolina), Anita Drever (University of Tennessee), Jeffrey Popke (East Carolina University), Heather Anne Smith, (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Jamie Winders (Syracuse University)

Cartography Specialty Group

4324. Impacts of Internet GIS and Virtual Globes on Cartographic Research

(Sponsored by Geographic Information Science and Systems Specialty Group, Cartography Specialty Group)

Friday, April 18, 12:20pm to 2:00pm

Grand Ballroom Salon I, Marriott, 4th Floor (Paper Session)

Organizers: Ming-Hsiang Tsou (San Diego State University), André Skupin (San Diego State University)

Chair: Michael P. Peterson (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

Presenters: Brandon S Plewe (Brigham Young University), Ming-Hsiang Tsou (San Diego State University), Barbara Poore (United States Geological Survey), Bruce Ralston (University of Tennessee), Joshua Streufert (University of Tennessee), Katarina Zsoldos Doctor (George Mason University, United States Geological Survey)

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group

4333. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Distinguished Scholar Lecture: Ceri Peach

Friday, April 18, 12:20pm to 2:00pm

Vineyard Room, Marriott, 4th Floor (Panel Session)

Organizers: Wei Li (Arizona State University), Carlos Teixeira (University of British Columbia, Okanagan)

Chair: Carlos Teixeira (University of British Columbia, Okanagan)

Discussants: Ron Johnston (University of Bristol), David Ley (University of British Columbia)

Panelists: Ceri Peach (Oxford University)

Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group

4342. Susan Hanson's 45 years in geography I: Feminism and geography post-collision

(Sponsored by Economic Geography Specialty Group, Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Urban Geography Specialty Group)

Friday, April 18, 12:20pm to 2:00pm

Room: Essex North-West, Westin, 3rd Floor (Panel Session)

Organizer: Marianna Pavlovskaya (Hunter College)

Chair: Victoria A. Lawson (University of Washington)

Panelists: Janice Monk (University of Arizona), Geraldine J. Pratt (University of British Columbia), Sara McLafferty (University of Illinois), Sophia Bowlby (University of Reading), Robert W. Lake (Rutgers University), Valerie A. Preston (York University), Susan Hanson (Clark University)

Economic Geography Specialty Group

4413. Roepke Lecture in Economic Geography

Friday, April 18, 2:30pm to 4:10pm

Simmons Room, Marriott, 3rd Floor (Paper Session)

Organizers: Yuko Aoyama (Clark University), Sara McLafferty (University of Illinois)

Chair: Jamie Peck (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Introducer: Kevin R. Cox

Presenter: Michael Storper (London School of Economics)

Discussants: Gilles Duranton (University of Toronto), Anders Malmberg (Uppsala University)

Communication Geography Specialty Group

4429. The Infosphere: can it be managed?

Friday, April 18, 2:30pm to 4:10pm

Hyannis Room, Marriott, 4th Floor (Panel Session)

Organizer and Chair: Paul C. Adams (University of Texas at Austin)

Discussant: Philip E. Steinberg (Florida State University)

Panelists: Robert Kitchin (National University of Ireland), Daniel Z. Sui (Texas A&M), Paul C. Adams (University of Texas at Austin)

Developing Areas Specialty Group

4436. Development Geography and the Human Dimensions of Environmental Change I: Conceptual Connections

(Sponsored by Developing Areas Specialty Group, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group)

Friday, April 18, 2:30pm to 4:10pm

Vermont Room, Marriott, 5th Floor (Panel Session)

Organizers: Ed Carr (University of South Carolina), Brent McCusker (West Virginia University)

Chair: Brian King (University of Texas at Austin)

Panelists: Billie L. Turner (Clark University), Anthony J. Bebbington (University of Manchester), Ed Carr (University of South Carolina), Brian King (University of Texas at Austin)

Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group

4439. Special Session to Honor Manfred M. Fischer's Contributions to Geography: Spatial Analysis and Modeling I

Friday, April 18, 2:30pm to 4:10pm

Room: St. George B, Westin, 3rd Floor (Paper Session)

Organizers: Suchi Gopal (Boston University), Arthur Getis (San Diego State University)

Chair: Arthur Getis (San Diego State University)

Presenters: Manfred M. Fischer, Thomas Scherngell, and Martin Reismann (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration); Arthur Getis (San Diego State University); Luc Anselin (Arizona State University); Myunghwa Hwang (Arizona State University); Jean-Claude Thill (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)

Discussant: Harvey J. Miller (University of Utah)

Military Geography Specialty Group

4516. The Geopolitics of American Empire

Friday, April 18, 4:40pm to 6:20pm

Grand Ballroom Salon A, Marriott, 4th Floor (Panel Session)

Organizers: Joseph P. Hupy, Steven Oluic (USMA)

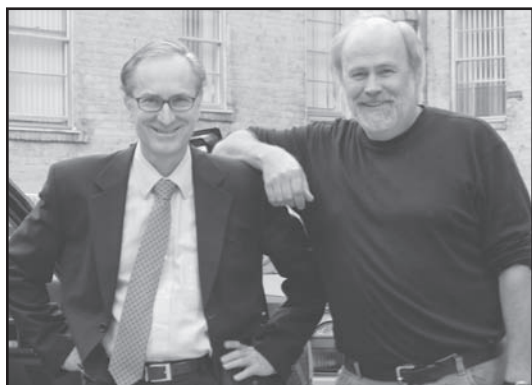
Chair: Joseph P. Hupy

Panelists: James A. Tyner (Kent State University)

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digitization and active distribution of the collection in several formats.

Wes formalized the mutual agreement among all parties in a letter stating that, "As a result of conversations with Fritz Nelson and Doug Richardson of the AAG and the opportunity for GOF to garner more exposure may I suggest we terminate the relationship between GOF and MSU. To wit I would like to nullify our agreement of 2002...in order to set in motion the opportunity for the AAG to provide the umbrella and resources to afford more extensive circulation of the series." (Letter of 6-13-07 from Wes Dow to MSU Library).



Doug Richardson with Fritz Nelson (right), who stopped by the AAG to deliver the *Geographers on Film* series.

Shortly thereafter the tapes arrived safely at the AAG (in the back of Fritz Nelson's pick-up truck; thank you, Fritz!), and are now almost completely inventoried. We have begun the process of digitizing some of the films and video tapes, and have a

pilot project underway to distribute some of these via the Internet, as well as on DVD. The AAG has also formed a GoF advisory committee, comprised of Wes Dow, Kent Mathewson, Chris Baruth, Alec Murphy, Rachel Franklin, Fritz Nelson, and myself, to assist in moving the project forward and to ensure that these rich historical resources receive the attention they deserve. As the films and tapes are digitized, copies will be archived at several major libraries, including at Michigan State University and at the AAG Archives at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, to ensure their preservation.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and leadership of Frederick "Fritz" Nelson, Chair of the AAG Archives and Association History Committee, with whom I have worked closely on the GoF and Archival matters, and whose leadership of the Committee has been extraordinary. Thanks again, Fritz.

Special Sessions in Boston

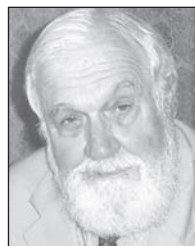
Several special sessions devoted to "Geographers on Film" and to Geoffrey Martin's archival research and writing contributions to Association and disciplinary history have been organized for the AAG's Boston meeting. The sessions feature numerous excerpts from the GoF collec-

tion and will include discussion of Martin's wide-ranging archival research program and the voluminous and original archival materials he has compiled and organized over many years as the AAG Archivist.

Wes Dow has personally selected the GoF films and videos to be featured in several of these special sessions. One of the sessions will focus on the history of geography at Harvard, acknowledging our meeting's location this year in Boston. Geoffrey Martin has written extensively about W.M. Davis's associates and students at Harvard (e.g., Huntington, Bowman, and Jefferson). GoF also has several revealing film clips dealing with various aspects of this history.

The special sessions honoring the Dows and Martin are summarized immediately following this column (on page 7, at right). Many of these sessions will be videotaped, providing a fitting capstone to the GoF series, and to the careers of both Dow and Martin. ■

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Wes Dow



Nancy Dow



Martin

Harvard Film Archive to Host Distinguished Filmmaker

The Harvard Film Archive is well known to Boston cinema lovers for its screenings of world cinema films and art house classics. During the week of the AAG Annual Meeting, the HFA will host one of Chad's most accomplished filmmakers, Mahamat Saleh Haroun, the recipient of the tenth annual Genevieve McMillan and Reba Stewart Fellowship for Distinguished Filmmaking at Harvard University. Haroun will introduce and discuss a number of his films, including:

Dry Season (2006)
Saturday April 19 at 7pm

Bye Bye Africa (1999)
Sunday, April 20 at 3pm

Our Father (2002)
Sunday April 20 at 7pm

The Harvard Film Archive is located at 24 Quincy Street in Cambridge. Call 617-495-4700 for more information, or visit the HFA website at <http://hcl.harvard.edu/hfa/>. ■

Geographers on Film Sessions at Annual Meeting

Three special sessions at the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting will feature clips from the "Geographers on Film" series, discussion, and papers on film and AAG archives. These sessions are being sponsored by the AAG, the Archive and Association History Committee, and the History of Geography Specialty Group.

Papers in Honor of Geoffrey J. Martin, Maynard Weston Dow & Nancy Freeman Dow (1930-2005). Geographers on Film: Review and Prospects.

Thursday, April 17, 10:10am to 11:50am

Vermont Room, Marriott, 5th Floor

(Paper Session).

Organized and Chaired by Frederick E. Nelson (University of Delaware).

Introduction and welcoming remarks by Doug Richardson (AAG).

10:20 Maynard Weston Dow (Plymouth State University)

Four Decades of Geographers on Film

10:40 Geoffrey J. Martin (Southern Connecticut State University)

Archival Holdings and the History of American Geography

Discussants: Rachel S. Franklin (AAG), Geoffrey J. Martin (Southern Connecticut State University)

This session will provide a unique opportunity to view a number of clips from the "Geographers on Film" series, including interviews with Richard Hartshorne, Carl Sauer, and Wilbur Zelinsky, among others.

Archival Films in Honor of Geoffrey J. Martin, Maynard Weston Dow & Nancy Freeman Dow (1930-2005). Geographers on Film I: Fair Harvard — William Morris Davis et al.

Thursday, April 17, 1:00pm to 2:40pm

Vermont Room, Marriott, 5th Floor

(Paper Session)

Organized by Frederick E. Nelson (University of Delaware).

Chaired by Maynard Weston Dow (Plymouth State University).

Discussants: Wes Dow and Geoffrey Martin.

Archival Films in Honor of Geoffrey J. Martin, Maynard Weston Dow & Nancy Freeman Dow (1930-2005). Geographers on Film II: Several Notables.

Thursday, April 17, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Vermont Room, Marriott, 5th Floor

Organized by Frederick E. Nelson (University of Delaware)

Chaired by Maynard Weston Dow (Plymouth State University)

Discussants: Geoffrey Martin (Southern Connecticut State University), Maynard Weston Dow (Plymouth State University), Donald A. Friend (Minnesota State University), and Donald C. Dahmann (George Washington University)

This session will feature eight selections (5-7 minute clips) from the Series, each followed by discussion, including interviews with Carl Sauer (1970), Donald Meinig (1971), and Fred Lukermann & Hildegard Binder Johnson (1986). ■

AAG Regional Film Series

Friday, April 18, 8:00pm to 12:00am
Grand Ballroom Salon H, Marriott, 4th Floor

Each year at the Annual Meeting, the AAG Regional Film Series screens movies that illustrate and explore various geographical aspects of the host region or city. The two films described below are this year's offerings.

Fever Pitch (2005)

8:00pm (103 minutes)

Based on Nick Hornby's novel, this romantic comedy centers on the adventures of a Boston Red Sox baseball fanatic (Jimmy Fallon), who meets and falls in love with a girl (Drew Barrymore) who knows nothing about baseball, the Sox, or the city of Boston's deep emotional investment in the team. Filmed in 2003, the ending had to be re-shot when the Red Sox unexpectedly won the World Series—for the first time in 85 years.

Gone Baby Gone (2007)

10:00 p.m. (120 minutes)

When a 4-year-old girl goes missing in Dorchester, two private investigators (Casey Affleck and Michelle Monaghan) reluctantly agree to take the case. But the investigation proves tougher, riskier and more complex than they could have imagined. Ben Affleck's directorial debut, adapted from the Dennis Lehane novel, provides a rich, complicated portrait of Boston's social and physical landscapes.

All those registered for the Annual Meeting are welcome to attend the screenings free of charge.

Floor plans of the Boston Marriott Copley Place, the Westin Copley Place, and the Sheraton Boston Hotel are available on pages 12-17 of your conference program.

Professional and Career Development at the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting

The 2008 AAG Annual Meeting will provide job seekers and employers with numerous opportunities to interact while also providing many special sessions exploring professional and career development. Below is a listing of some of the professional and career development sessions scheduled for the Annual Meeting.

Panel Session 3205: Careers in Applied Geography

Thursday, April 17, 10:10am to 11:50am
Fairfield Room, Marriott, Third Floor

Your new undergraduate or graduate geography degree opens many doors outside academia. Whether you are lucky enough to find your dream job or whether you find yourself starting in unanticipated terrain, that new degree makes you an intellectual asset that represents an investment by your employer. This means that you may need to align your personal goals with your employer's mission. Perhaps your goals will grow to better match your employer's mission, or maybe you need to find ways to develop new skills and talents that can help you move forward. This panel and audience interaction will jointly explore: 1) How you can better understand your employer's mission, objectives, and goals; 2) How the panel members came to define their own goals; 3) Matching your goals to employer goals; 4) Discovering the skills, training, organizational learning, and experiences that can help you maintain your track toward your objectives.

Workshop: Academic Publishing for Graduate Students and Early Career Faculty

Wednesday, April 16, 8:00am to 10:00am
Falmouth Room, Marriott, Fourth Floor

Aspiring professionals in the academy as well as those entering the public and private sectors are usually expected to be able to initiate or collaborate with others on research projects that advance a field or subfield. While a good first step in reporting findings and getting feedback is to present to appropriate audiences at workshops and conferences, the major method of communication

with colleagues is through publication. This workshop is designed to address some of the nuts and bolts of publishing in the academy, specifically the preparation of manuscripts for the peer review process.

Panel Session 3406: Career Planning for Graduate Students

Thursday, April 17, 1:00pm to 2:40pm
Harvard Room, Marriott, Third Floor

This session addresses various aspects of career planning for graduate students from the perspective of geographers in professions both inside and outside of academia. Some of the topics include teaching, publishing, grant proposals, professional development, and preparing for both academic and non-academic positions. One of the goals of the AAG's Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE) in Geography Project, funded by the National Science Foundation, is to understand and to raise awareness of the types of knowledge and skills that will prepare graduate students in the twenty-first century for a variety of careers. Along with a solid foundation in the discipline, effective career planning and professional development are important elements of enhancing graduate education.

Paper Session 3506: Research on Graduate Education in Geography: A Review and Discussion of Findings

Thursday, April 17, 3:10pm to 4:50pm
Harvard Room, Marriott, Third Floor

This session will feature two papers reporting the first set of research findings by the AAG's Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE) project, funded by the National Science Foundation. The session will begin with a brief overview of the goals and design of EDGE as an example of a discipline-based approach to studying the process and outcomes of graduate education. Following the introduction will be two papers. The first paper reports a comparative analysis of graduate students' perceptions of departmental climate and experiences within M.A. and PhD geography programs. The

second paper focuses on the skills expected of geography graduates in different sectors of the U.S. workforce. Session discussants will consider the implications of the research for improving climate and professional development practices in graduate programs.

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Jobs in Geography Center 2008

The Jobs in Geography Center at the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting will give job applicants the opportunity to meet employers from the private sector, government, and academia. Job seekers may pre-register on-line and post a resume or sign up on-site at the JIG Center in Boston. The JIG Center will also feature numerous postings in all fields of geography for students and job seekers. Services are free of charge to all registered conference attendees.

The Jobs in Geography Center will be located in the Third Floor Atrium of the Marriott Copley Place Hotel in Boston and will be open at the following times:

Wednesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Visit the "Jobs in Geography" page of the Annual Meeting website for complete details: www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2008/jig_employers.btm.

Panel Session 3501: Your first job: Being hired and surviving the early years. Part II

Thursday, April 17, 3:10pm to 4:50pm

Grand Ballroom Salon H, Marriott, Fourth Floor

How does a new faculty member speak for geography when they are the singular voice? Geography faculty at community colleges, two-year institutions, and small liberal arts colleges often find themselves without a content mentor. Additionally, they frequently face a unique set of questions as they become acquainted with their new teaching and community environments. This panel will discuss some of the

challenges and successes they have encountered during their careers, including where they looked for jobs, how they found jobs, what types of salaries new graduates can realistically expect to receive, and how they have represented their college within community life.

Workshop: Preparing Competitive Research Grant Proposals

Friday, April 18, 8:00am to 12:00pm

Harvard Room, Marriott, Third Floor

Beyond the duties of teaching, research, publishing, and service, expectations that academics should generate external funding

are increasingly important. This workshop aims to give advice on how to do that successfully by focusing on Ten Actions You Should Take. It includes practical recommendations for preparing competitive research grant proposals and habits of mind that will help you as a researcher who is successful at generating external funding. Participants will conduct two major activity sets that utilize successful example NSF proposals and participant's own writing samples. The exercises are designed to help you focus on a good research problem and formulate a convincing, coherent proposal that can be delivered on time and on budget. ■

is a world outside the ivory tower, a liberating space of nature opposed to brutal and entrapping culture.

A striking opposition between town and gown characterizes *Good Will Hunting* (1997, Miramax) in which antithetical worlds meet in the hallway of an MIT classroom building. Will Hunting, a janitor from South Boston, solves a sophisticated math problem posted on a blackboard by Professor Gerald Lambeau. Again a resolution of polar extremes is depicted as Will is wrenched out of his comfortable working class existence by romance, psychotherapy, Lambeau's patronage, and a few stern words from his best friend. More recently, *Legally Blond* (2001, MGM) frames a different polarity: west coast frivolity versus east coast austerity.

Two more recent films emphasize the opposite end of the social spectrum. *The Departed* (2006, Warner Brothers) shows powerful oppositions with its portrayal of the dynamics of the criminal and police "families" and with loyalties and betrayals that cross ethnic and class lines. On display throughout *The Departed* is the meeting place of dialect and prospect, hope and resilience, action and practice – the worlds of geography – that is Boston. *Gone Baby Gone* (2007, Miramax) also explores family dynamics but in a different way and at the neighborhood scale. The film takes place almost entirely in the working class neighborhood of Dorchester (coincidentally the home of Mark Wahlberg, one of the stars in *The Departed*). Of particular interest to geographers is the manner in which social

power and social constructs are determined through specific locales depicted in the film. Neighborhood linkages are an important part of the overall narrative, providing great insight into how place and space are produced and consumed in historically and socially specific and carefully constructed ways.

Perhaps even more than *The Departed*, *Gone Baby Gone* successfully manages to embody an authentic representation of the local Boston culture, particularly the almost tribal loyalties that bind together the characters that populate the narrative. Director Ben Affleck is a Boston native who takes full advantage of his familiarity with the Boston landscape to construct a most interesting urban morality play. Both of these films are illustrative of the visual process in which many factors combine to frame how meaning is generated.

Media Geography

In the broader scope of communication geography or media geography, the social and physical landscapes mobilized by portrayals of the Boston metropolitan area lend themselves quite well to research and teaching. Like New York, London or any great urban center, Boston's discursive space (always closely linked to Cambridge) embodies uniqueness and contributes to the meaning of any text woven in and through its landscapes. What is true of film images is equally true of the discourses of television, photography, advertising, music and the Internet.

For more information on Boston's place in film and television visit [http://](http://bostonmovietours.net)

bostonmovietours.net. For a wide range of research on representations of place and space in the media, contact either the Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG (www.communication-geography.org), or *Aether: The Journal of Media Geography* (www.aetherjournal.org).

Note: AAG Regional Film Series

We should note that *Gone Baby Gone* will be shown on Friday evening, April 18, at 10:00pm, as part of the AAG's ongoing Regional Film Series. The screening will take place in Grand Ballroom Salon H, on the fourth floor of the Marriott Copley Place Hotel. *Gone Baby Gone* will follow the 8:00pm screening of another film set in Boston, *Fever Pitch* (2005, 20th Century Fox). All those registered for the Annual Meeting are welcome to attend the screenings of these two films free of charge. ■

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Discovering Boston

When you attend the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston, keep in mind that right outside your doorstep is an educational experience in itself: a city rich in history and culture filled with diverse and vibrant neighborhoods and capable of suiting anyone's fancy.

Whether your interests tend toward the leisurely or the active, the intellectual or the more playful, a variety of stops are available to let you enjoy yourself during your visit. The trick is finding where your expectations will best be met. From the Marriot Copley Place Hotel, located at Copley Square, there are a number of interesting sites within walking distance or nearby via the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority). We review a number of these sites below.

Family Activities

For those of you with children of all ages, we list a number of places here that will provide a fun day for the whole family. All listings below are accessible via public transport, the T.

The **Prudential Skywalk Observatory**, located on the 50th floor of the Prudential Building, offers spectacular views of the city. Boston's **Museum of Science** includes live presentations, an IMAX theatre, and lots of science and tech gadgets to keep the kids interested. The **Gilliland Observatory**, located atop the Museum of Science's roof, is open for free viewing on Friday evenings. The **New England Aquarium** features a unique central tank as the main attraction. The aquarium houses sharks, many varieties of exotic fish and a huge sea turtle.

The **Harvard Museum of Natural History** is one of the nation's finest university-based natural history museums. See dinosaur remains, gemstones and other natural phenomena. **Boston Children's Museum** offers a broad selection of activities for kids of all ages, with a strong emphasis on "hands on" exhibits. Experience Boston with a stroll along **Charles River**, and enjoy views of the city and its many buildings including the **MIT Dome**. Dating back to 1634, **Boston Common** and **Public Gardens** provide 75 acres of green

space and great views of the State House and includes the well-known swan boat rides.

Fenway Park is the home ballpark of the Boston Red Sox—the reigning champions of Major League Baseball—and is the oldest of all current Major League stadiums. More than 7,500 Major League games have been played there, more than at any other ballpark. The champion Red Sox host the Texas Rangers on April 18-20.

For the Gourmand

There are a variety of restaurants, food courts and markets close to the conference center. Try **Faneuil Hall Marketplace**, located in the heart of downtown Boston. In the **North End**, **Italian Center** has more than 87 restaurants—sandwich shops, pizzerias, carryout kitchens, cozy family-run dining rooms, and elegant restaurants, rosticceria and cafes. It also features fresh New England seafood. **Chinatown** has as many Chinese, Japanese, Cambodian, and Vietnamese restaurants and markets. **Newbury Street** includes many upscale stores, art galleries, interesting local restaurants, and coffee places/bookstores. **Quincy Market** has great shops and nifty peddler carts galore. **Haymarket** is an outdoor market with great local ambience where you can find fruits, vegetables, fish and other products at great prices. Tightly packed brick buildings housing boutiques and eateries of various kinds line **Charles Street**, which runs right into the Boston Public Gardens.

Tours and Walking Trails

The Freedom Trail is a 2½ mile walk through American history that is clearly marked by a red painted line or red bricks set into the sidewalk. It begins at Boston Common, meanders through Boston center, passes through the North End, and finally crosses the Charles River to the USS Constitution and Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. The **Old State House** dates back to 1713. It was the center of all political life and debate in colonial Boston, and it remains the city's oldest public building. When you follow the Freedom Trail's red line you'll eventually arrive at the **Old South Meeting House**. It was built

in 1729 as a Puritan Church but has become better known as the site of the Boston Tea Party. The **Paul Revere House** is open daily. Located at 19 North Square, it is one of the stops on the Freedom Trail. Located next to Harvard University, **Harvard Square** is a lively area to walk through with bookstores, restaurants and street music of all kinds.

Arts and Culture

Located at 301 Massachusetts Avenue, **Symphony Hall** is home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Boston Opera House is located at 539 Washington Street. The **Theatre District** offers a variety of entertainment options, from musicals to Broadway-bound extravaganzas. Museum of Fine Arts: The **Boston Museum of Fine Arts** is an elegant and impressive space filled with captivating masterpieces from around the world. The museum offers several hands-on art and drop-in programs for families and children. The **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** was built around the turn of the century to house a fine private collection of Italian Renaissance masterworks. The **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum** portrays the life, leadership, and legacy of President Kennedy and is located on a ten-acre park, overlooking the sea. It is accessible by public transport.

A Word to the Wise

While we do insist that you make the most of your visit to this great urban center by venturing outside the conference hotel, we also feel we should point out that Boston tends to be windy and that April is typically a chilly month. Temperatures and other variations in weather can happen quickly, so be sure to venture outside only after securing the appropriate items to ensure your comfort. Make sure to layer clothing and be prepared for a sudden shower. In addition, make sure you watch out for Boston traffic, especially in the Downtown area. If you rent a car, driving is known to be difficult in Boston. See Boston and have fun, but also make sure you are prepared! ■

Suchi Gopal and Meghan Ryan
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AAG Washington Monitor

Pell Grants, NCLB Positioned Well in Budget Debate

On February 26, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings appeared before a House Appropriations Subcommittee to defend her portion of the Bush Administration's final federal budget proposal. While Spellings found agreement with panel members on a few initiatives, she was also lambasted by Republicans and Democrats alike.

Much of Spellings' testimony focused on funding for programs that relate to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – better known under President Bush as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Specifically, the Secretary promoted the Administration's plan to allocate \$500 million for school improvement grants, \$406 million for high-poverty schools, and \$200 million for a program aimed at attracting high-quality teachers to jobs in underperforming schools.

Sue Quantius, a staffer for the Subcommittee's Democratic Majority, stated publicly on March 3 that there is a good deal of momentum behind the added spending on NCLB programs, given that the law will

soon be reauthorized. But several panel members have criticized other aspects of the budget proposal, including the elimination of 27 small-to-medium-sized Department of Education programs favored by Congress. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) went so far as to tell Spellings, "I'm glad this is (your) last budget... (it) shows no understanding of the federal role in education." And in asserting that the Administration has ignored educational investments in Native American communities, Rep. Dennis Rehberg (R-MT) said, "I don't know what you guys are smoking over there, but it just ain't working."

In defending the proposal before the skeptical House members, Spellings pointed out that Pell Grant awards (a type of federal postsecondary assistance based on financial need) are raised to a maximum \$4,800 for FY 2009 – the highest in the program's history. Quantius has emphasized strong Subcommittee support for this boost – and Pell Grants have played a key role as Congress has debated the Higher Education Act reauthorization in recent months.

As Congress continues its work on the budget, it remains to be seen whether the

Democratic majority will work to reach a compromise on spending with President Bush before he leaves office or if they will try to push off final decisions until after the January 20, 2009 inauguration. Regardless, additional dollars in the ESEA pot could be of benefit to our community once the law is finally reauthorized – especially given the AAG's work to push for greater attention to geography education funding as part of the NCLB's revised framework.

Emergency Supplemental Bill for ACI?

There has been some chatter in Washington that Congress should consider an emergency supplemental appropriations bill for programs related to the American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI). The ACI includes significant increases in research funding at the National Science Foundation and other agencies and has widespread bipartisan support. ■

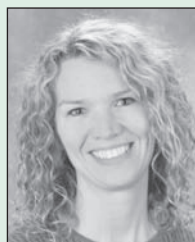
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Our appreciation and thanks go out to all election candidates and 2008 AAG Tellers

Committee members Chaowei Yang, Ramala Basu (chair), Ronald Wilson, Laura Waggoner,

Junmei Tang, Nigel Waters, Kathlene Butler Martini, and Tatiana Loboda. ■



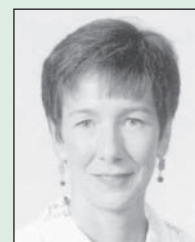
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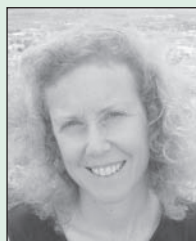
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Maureen Hays-Mitchell,
Honors Committee B



Frank Magilligan,
Honors Committee B



Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach,
Nominating Committee



James Shortridge,
Nominating Committee



Elizabeth Wentz,
Nominating Committee

Geography for Life Updates Now Underway

During its 2007 fall meeting, the Geography Education National Implementation Project (GENIP) Steering Committee approved a process and a structure for preparing the second edition of *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards*. Development of the second edition is focused on reviewing the Six Essential Elements and 18 Standards with special emphasis on updating the knowledge statement and learning opportunities that accompany each of the 18 Standards to clarify both their content and pedagogy.

The new edition will update content and address changes in the discipline since the publication's initial appearance in 1994, particularly in terms of the growth in geospatial technologies, globalization,

and global environmental change. The GENIP Steering Committee plans not to revise the Standards, but to "refresh" them so they will continue to be timely and relevant as guideposts for K-12 geography education in the United States. The project will also review the sections on geographic skills and perspectives as well as the descriptions of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 to help make these sections more helpful to teachers and curriculum developers.

Plans for dissemination are in development and include production of a new web-accessible version. In addition, an executive summary will be prepared to provide an introduction and overview of the National Geography Standards. Roger

Downs, chair of the GENIP Steering Committee, has been named the coordinating chair for this project. His experience as the writing coordinator for the first edition will be helpful in guiding the project. Susan Gallagher, Senior Project Manager for Geography Education at the AAG, will manage the process. The content committee members include: Sarah Bednarz, Judy Bock, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Paul Gray, Susan Hume, Lydia Lewis, Jim Marran, and Joe Stoltman.

Work is now underway with the goal of completing the updated edition by January of 2009.

For more information on the project, contact Susan Gallagher at sgallagher@aag.org. ■

2008 McColl Family Fellowships Awarded

The American Geographical Society has awarded two McColl Family Fellowships for 2008.

Russell Fielding, a doctoral student in the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University, will go to Newfoundland to research communities and participants in pilot whale drives in the aftermath of their ban by the Canadian government. In his application for the fellowship, Fielding wrote "It is my goal, as I mature in the field of geography, to produce at least one journalistic article

for each academic article that I write. I fully embrace *FOCUS on Geography's* mission to publish work that is geographical in concept and journalistic in style."

Joel Harter, an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at the University of New Hampshire, will spend six weeks in Uganda in June and July. He will study the communities that surround Kibale National Park and explore the issue of whether "Distancing human livelihoods from 'pristine' nature may be politically unsustainable and therefore counterpro-

ductive," or whether parks "can be linked to surrounding human landscapes in many positive ways."

Established in 1999, the McColl Family Fellowships are endowed by Dr. Robert W. McColl and his wife, Suzanne Ecke McColl.

Applications for the 2009 Fellowship must be received by **October 15, 2008**. See page 17 for award description and contact information. ■

New Earth-Friendly AAG Totebags and T-Shirts

Good news does not always come in small packages—sometimes it is *the package*. Those new AAG Annual Meeting totebags you'll see in Boston are Earth-friendly, made out of recycled plastic bottles that were once headed to the trash heap. Those t-shirts you'll see conference assistants wearing are also made of organic materials. In fact, the whole inventory of AAG products is being cleared out to make way for new items that are being produced with less negative impact on the natural environment. Stop by the AAG booth across from the registration desk to buy environmentally-friendly AAG t-shirts and other products while you're in town for the 2008 Annual Meeting, and make sure to use your AAG totebag all year long for those quick stops at the grocery to keep those store-provided plastic bags where they belong—in the store. ■

AAG Enhancing Diversity Award to Recognize Beyer, Monk

Distinguished geographers Jacquelyn Beyer and Janice Monk will be honored as recipients of the AAG Enhancing Diversity Award at the AAG Annual Meeting in Boston for their long term efforts and accomplishments related to the representation of women and minorities and the promotion of gender and feminist research within the field of geography. The award honors geographers who have pioneered or actively participated in significant efforts to encourage the growth of diversity in the discipline of geography.

Jacquelyn L. Beyer is Professor Emerita in Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She earned her PhD at the University of Chicago in 1957 at a time when few women were entering the field. Her collective efforts have helped to change the way institutions function at the university, association and professional levels.



Beyer

Beyer made a major contribution toward enhancing diversity in 1979 when, as Great Plains-Rocky Mountains Regional Councillor, she chaired the AAG's Ad Hoc Committee on Affirmative Action. She prepared its report and subsequent proposal. Approved by the Council and the AAG Membership, the proposal changed the AAG's Constitution and By-Laws, specifically the article on non-discrimination on grounds unrelated to professional competence.

Beyer supported the work of the Committee on the Status of Women in Geo-

graphy and was appointed by the Council to chair the newly approved Committee on Affirmative Action. In that role, she successfully proposed innovations such as monitoring the representation of women and minorities within the Association's membership and developing procedures for encouraging names of potential candidates to AAG elected offices to come from underrepresented groups.

Beyer's efforts at the national level have included encouragement for and promotion of research on lesbian and gay communities. For this work, she was honored by the AAG Sexuality and Space Specialty Group for significant achievement and contributions to research on the subject. Within her own institution, Beyer initiated one of first courses in geography to introduce scholarship on women into the curriculum. She has also helped to establish scholarships for women students.

Janice J. Monk is Professor in Geography and Regional Development and Research Social Scientist Emerita in Women's Studies at the University of Arizona. She earned her PhD in 1972 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research in feminist and gender studies is widely known both within and outside the discipline of geography.

Monk's research examining the ways gender has shaped the development of geographic institutions and women's experiences within them has been influential toward the design and implementation

of new support programs and enhancing diversity initiatives within the AAG. Long before her term as AAG President began (2001-2002), she helped to bring renewed attention to issues of diversity within the Association.

Monk has also examined how feminist geography has been situated internationally, working for many years with the Gender Commission of the International Geographical Union. The interdisciplinary reach of Monk's work has been achieved in part with her affiliation through the Southwest Institute for Research on Women, which she directed for over two decades. Projects addressed women's employment, education, health, and culture, bringing geography, women's studies, international studies together.

Her many contributions to professional and career development have created additional positive impacts upon diversity within the discipline, including her involvement with the Geography Faculty Development Alliance, which mentors early career faculty, and as co-PI for the AAG's EDGE project that is researching how departments of geography approach professional development for graduate students, including attention to special concerns of women and minorities.

For more information on the AAG's Enhancing Diversity Award, see www.aag.org/Grantsawards/enhancing_diversity.cfm.

The AAG's Enhancing Diversity Award will be presented to Jacquelyn Beyer and Jan Monk at the AAG Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the AAG Annual Meeting in Boston. ■



Monk

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

Mapping Massachusetts: A Century of Innovation

From 1794 to 1890, an ever-shifting coalition of state legislators, surveyors, scientists, entrepreneurs and even Federal agencies placed Massachusetts at the head of American mapmaking. This cartographic leadership was embodied in three seminal maps of the state, each of which was for its time a masterpiece of detail and accuracy.

The First State Map

In 1794 Massachusetts's cash-strapped legislature enacted a map-making program cleverly designed to shift the costs away from the State. To begin with, each town was required at its own expense to produce and submit a map at a scale of 1 inch to 200 rods (1:39,600). These were to indicate the length and bearing of town boundaries; delineate roads and waterways; and show the locations of meeting houses, schools, mills, mines, etc.

The resulting maps were ridden with the inaccuracies inherent in traditional compass-and-chain surveys, but with difficulty they were compiled into *An Accurate Map of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts* (1797). At a scale of 1:253,440, this showed town and county boundaries, highways and many

local roads, and many economic and cultural features derived from the maps submitted by the towns. This remarkable work was only the second official map of a state, following a map of Vermont issued in 1796.

The Topographical Map of Massachusetts

In 1830 the legislature tried again. The towns were again required to submit maps, but these were to be integrated with a geodetic survey of Massachusetts, the first of its kind for any state. This involved the use of extremely precise instrumentation and exacting methods to create a baseline from which a network of some 500 triangulated reference points were established. The resulting *Topographical Map of Massachusetts* (1844) was in both accuracy and detail a giant leap over any other state map in existence: for example, not only does it differentiate the state's varied topography of hills, ponds and lakes, and marshes and swamps, but in many areas individual dwellings and public buildings are marked.

The Atlas of Massachusetts

In the 1880s the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) selected Massachusetts as the pilot

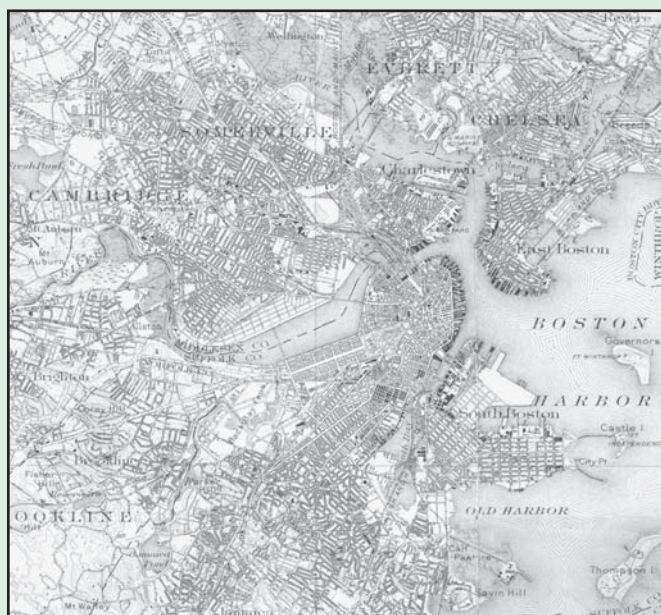
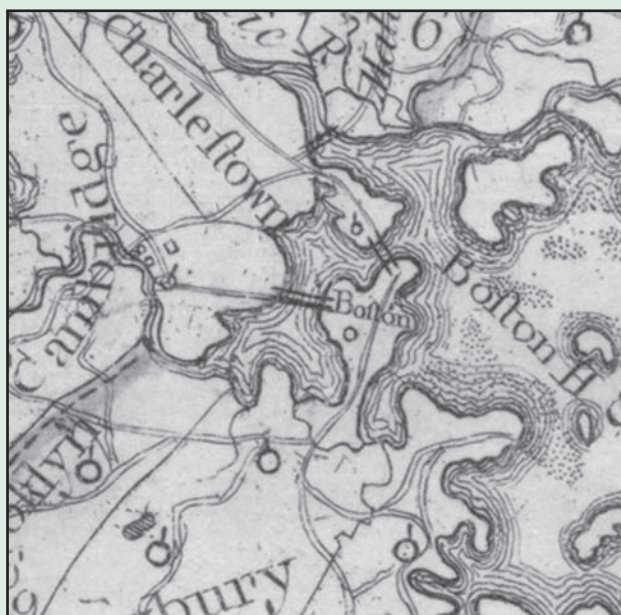
site for a national "topographical" survey based on geodetic principles but measuring elevations as well as latitude and longitude. The work was implemented and funded through a first-of-its-kind federal-state partnership, a milestone in the expansion of federal activity into state affairs. Published in 1890, the *Atlas of Massachusetts* was the first to provide full topographic coverage of a state. Its large scale (1:62,500), isometric lines showing contours at 20-foot intervals, superior draftsmanship, and the judicious use of printed color all combine to yield a tremendously informative map.

Conclusion

Thus, over a nearly hundred-year period the State of Massachusetts employed advanced cartographic methods and innovative partnerships to achieve a cartographic legacy unrivaled by any other state. When examined in sequence, these three maps provide a fair impression of advances in American cartography over a hundred-year period. ■

Michael Buehler

Author Michael Buehler is President of Boston Rare Maps Incorporated, which specializes in early, important and rare maps of New England and the Northeast.



The Boston area as shown on the 1797 map and in the 1890 Atlas of Massachusetts. Images used courtesy of the Harvard Map Collection, Harvard College Library.

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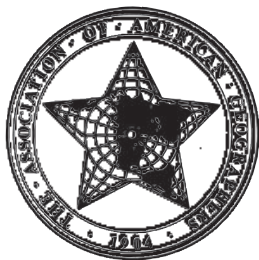
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Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program

The Society of Woman Geographers (SWG) invites applications for the Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program. Women who are members of a minority group and who have been admitted to and plan to enroll or are enrolled in a Masters program in geography or geographical aspects of an allied field are strongly encouraged to apply. It is expected that an award of \$5,000 will be made for 2008-2009. Applications are due by **May 15, 2008**. The award will be announced by July 1, 2008. Application guidelines for either the dissertation or minority program can be requested from Dr. Ruth I. Shirey, Chair of the SWG National Fellowship Committee, at: rishirey@auxmail.iup.edu.

Ristow Prize

The Walter W. Ristow Prize recognizes academic achievement in the history of cartography. The competition is open to full or part-time undergraduate, graduate, and first year post-doctoral students attending accredited U.S. or foreign colleges and universities. In addition to a \$1,000 cash award and a one-year membership to the Washington Map Society, the Ristow Prize recipient will also have his or her winning paper published in *The Portolan*, the journal of the Washington Map Society. The 2007 Ristow Prize winner was Wesley

J. Reisser, a master's degree candidate at George Washington University, for his essay, "Mapping the Peace: The American Inquiry and the Paris Peace Conference, 1918-1919." Deadline for submissions is **June 1, 2008**. Additional information is available on the Washington Map Society's web site at www.washmap.org.

Garrison Award

The biennial William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography supports innovative research into the computational aspects of geographic science. The award is intended to arouse a more general and deeper understanding of the important role that advanced computation can play in resolving the complex problems of space-time analysis that are at the core of geographic science. The award is one of the activities of the Marble Fund for Geographic Science of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The Garrison award consists of a cash prize in the amount of \$3,500 and a formal certificate of merit. Nominations are due by **September 2, 2008**. A full description including eligibility and nominating procedures is available at www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_garrison.htm.

Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards

These awards aim to recognize excellence in academic performance by undergraduate students from the United States and Canada who are putting forth a strong effort to bridge geographic science and computer science as well as to encourage other students to embark upon similar programs. Each award consists of a \$700

cash prize, a \$200 credit for books published by ESRI Press, and a certificate of recognition. Application period is **June 15 to October 15, 2008**. For application procedures and full description visit www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_boyle.htm.

McColl Family Fellowship

The annual McColl Family Fellowship, given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. McColl, consists of round trip air fare to any place in the world of the candidate's choosing. The candidate must secure funding for other expenses from other sources. The only obligation of the Fellow is to write an article based on the visit abroad that is suitable for publication in *FOCUS on Geography* magazine. Applications for the 2009 Fellowship must be received by **October 15, 2008**, and should consist of the candidate's curriculum vitae; a covering letter of no more than three pages that describes a) the proposed trip, b) the reasons for selecting that itinerary, and c) the candidate's particular competence for doing fieldwork there; and a statement of the sum requested. Samples of writing similar to the style of *FOCUS on Geography* may be included. Applications should be sent to: McColl Family Fellowship Committee; The American Geographical Society; 120 Wall Street, Suite 100; New York, New York 10005-3904. For further information contact Mary Lynne Bird at 212-422-5456 (voice), 212-422-5480 (fax), or by email at MLBird@amergeog.org. Information on the fellowship is also available at the AGS website: www.amergeog.org.

NSF Grants and Competitions

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

Grants and Awards

Steven M. Manson (Geography, University of Minnesota), Nick Jordan (Agronomy), and Kristen Nelson (Forest Resources) received a \$924,273 grant from the National Science Foundation for "Understanding the importance of weak-tie networks in complex human-environment systems: eco-



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social feedback in multifunctional agriculture." The three-year project examines feedback between social and biophysical systems in the dynamics of multifunctional agriculture.

The Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) recently announced the recipients of its 35th Annual Map Design Competition.

"Best in Show" was awarded to Trudy Suchan, Marc Perry, James Fitzsimmons, Anika Juhn, Alexander Tait, and Cynthia Brewer (International Mapping Associates/U.S. Census Bureau) for *Census Atlas of the United States*. The purpose of the competition is to promote interest in map design and to recognize significant design advances in cartography. A full list of award winners is available at www.cartogis.org. ■

Race, Ethnicity, and Place

The sponsors of the 2008 Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, to be held November 6-8, 2008 in Miami, Florida, welcome papers and poster presentations on any theme related to race/ethnicity and place. Geographic perspectives are welcome from a variety of disciplines and from professionals and students involved in race/ethnicity studies. Those interested must submit an abstract by the deadline of **April 30, 2008**. Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and must be submitted on-line. Instructions for participants are available at the conference website: <http://rep-conference@binghamton.edu>.

Applied Geography Conference

The Board of Directors of the Applied Geography Conferences is now accepting papers and abstracts for presentation at the 31st Annual Meeting in Wilmington, Delaware, October 15-18, 2008. Paper sessions and panel discussions at the Conference are organized thematically, last for 90 minutes, and usually include four or five presentations. Abstracts are due by **May 19, 2008**. For details see the conference website at <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu/html/call.html> or contact Jay Lee at Kent State University, Department of Geography, at jlee@kent.edu. The Applied Geography Conferences also publishes a number of papers in the *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* and a copy is given to all conference participants. Additional copies are available at \$30.00 per copy, for individuals

and libraries. For additional information visit the conference website.

Eastern Historical Geography Association/Pioneer America Society

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

New Journal: The Northeastern Geographer

The Northeastern Geographer is now accepting submissions for its inaugural volume, to be published in the Fall of 2008. The editors seek articles on any topic related to the region. Papers may be empirical, theoretical, applied research, GIS-related and essays. Book reviews (book should cover a topic of concern to the region), opinion and editorial pieces, and special topics essays are also welcome. Authors are encouraged to illustrate their writing with maps, photos, tables and charts. *The Northeastern Geographer* is especially inter-

ested in submissions from junior faculty and graduate students. All submissions will undergo a peer-review process. For more detailed submission guidelines or to electronically submit a manuscript please contact the editors: John Hayes (jhayes@salemstate.edu) or Steven Silvern (ssilvern@salemstate.edu).

AutoCarto 2008

The Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) invites participation in the 17th international research symposium on computer-based cartography, AutoCarto 2008 (www.cartogis.org/autocarto). The symposium will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, from September 8-11, 2008. CaGIS invites cartographers, geographers, geospatial analysts, GIScientists, and others conducting research on the cutting edge of the geospatial sciences to submit paper abstracts and posters on a variety of topics, as well as websites demonstrating an innovative cartographic application or method. Presentations are scheduled for September 8-10, with workshops running on September 10 and 11. The deadline for paper and for poster abstracts is **May 1 and June 1, 2008**, respectively. Abstracts for websites are due **September 1, 2008**. Submit all abstracts to autocarto2008@geog.ucsb.edu. See www.cartogis.org/autocarto for further information on submissions, registration, and accommodations. ■

Intern Concludes Second Term with AAG

Megan Overbey, a senior at George Washington University, is currently finishing her second term as AAG intern in Washington, DC. She will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Geography and a minor in Art History. After graduation, Megan hopes to pursue a career and further studies in ecotourism and nature conservation.

Megan previously interned at the AAG during the summer of 2007, providing valuable assistance on a number of ongoing projects and initiatives.

The AAG staff wishes to thank Megan for her dedication and hard work since returning to us in January to assist with the organization of the 2008 Annual Meeting. ■



Overbey

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Necrology

Edward B. Espenshade, Jr.

Edward B. Espenshade, Jr., professor emeritus at Northwestern University and a former President of the Association of American Geographers, died on January 26, 2008. He served the Department of Geography at Northwestern from 1945 through 1978, including a term as Chair from 1958 to 1975. Espenshade was known as an outstanding cartographer, for his dedication to geography education, and for the significant contributions he made to the Allied war effort in Europe during World War II.

Espenshade received his PhD in geography from the University of Chicago after earning BS and MS degrees in geology from that same institution. In 1932, he began his professional career as a junior geologist for the Illinois Geological Survey. He then worked as map curator at the University



Espenshade

of Chicago Libraries and as geography instructor.

During the Second World War, Espenshade served as Foreign Map Editor for the Army Map Service, then as intelligence specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His work as intelligence specialist put him in charge of one of several

teams that entered cities and military installations within hours after their capture by U.S. forces to find, evaluate, and secure map-making and photo intelligence materials of value to the Allies.

Espenshade became a faculty member at Northwestern University immediately following the war. His professional colleagues and students particularly valued his mentorship and visionary leadership. Espenshade is perhaps best known for his editorial work

on *Goode's World Atlas* from 1949 to 1994. His contributions to the field of geography and cartography, both through his teaching and his publications, were extensive.

Espenshade served as Chairman of the Earth Sciences Division of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. He also served as President of the Association of American Geographers in 1964. A former president of the Geographic Society of Chicago, he was elected its first Lifetime Director. Espenshade received numerous awards during the course of his long career, including the Undergraduate Teaching Award at the University of Chicago, the Distinguished Service Award from the Geographic Society of Chicago, the George J. Miller Award for Distinguished Service from the National Council for Geographic Education, and the Distinguished Geographic Educator Award from the Illinois Geographic Society. ■

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Quarter Century

The April 1983 edition of the AAG *Newsletter* was a themed issue, highlighting the many positive changes and innovations taking place across the discipline and emphasizing geography's importance and usefulness. The *Newsletter* reported that the idea had come to AAG President John Adams in a letter from E. Willard Miller, Professor Emeritus of Geography at Penn State. In introducing the theme of the many articles to follow in the April 1983 edition, Newsletter Editor Salvatore J. Natoli lauded geography as capable of expanding the mind and contributing to self-realization while at the same time providing useful improvements to the "well-being of the people of the earth." Articles that followed reported on a wide range of topics, including continued job growth for geographers, new and expanding geography departments and programs, innovative outreach activities, geographers working in community groups or museums, geographers in the media, new partnerships between geography departments and other disciplines, growth in geographic technologies, and interesting changes in the AAG's JIGs over the nine-year period 1974-1982. ■

Award Deadlines

2008 MAY

1. National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Challenge Grants. www.neh.gov.
15. Society of Woman Geographers Pruitt National Minority Fellowship. Contact Ruth Shirey at: rishirey@auxmail.iup.edu.

JUNE

1. Walter W. Ristow Prize in the History of Cartography. <http://home.earthlink.net/~docktor/washmap.htm>.
30. AAG Honors. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm. Contact Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org for more information.

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2. AAG Garrison Award in Computational Geography. For more information see "Grants and Competitions" on page 17, this issue, or go to www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_garrison.htm.

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15. Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards in Geographic Science. For more information see page 17, this issue, or go to http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_boyle.htm.

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Thank you to New 50-Year AAG Members

The AAG would like to offer its warm appreciation and thanks to the following people, each of whom will be recognized at the AAG Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 19, for recently reaching their 50th year of AAG membership.

Sanford H. Bederman
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Tables Available for Purchase Annual Meeting Banquet and Awards Luncheon

The AAG Annual Meeting Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. This year's banquet will feature Kavita Pandit's Past President's Address, "The Internationalization of Higher Education: A Vital Role for Geographers." We invite you to join us

and enjoy the event with your colleagues, friends, and family. We are offering the purchase of 10 discounted tickets to reserve a full table. If you wish to purchase a full table for your department, AAG Specialty Group, students, or friends, you may do so by using the form below. Individual Banquet tickets

are \$75 and tickets for a table (seats 10) are \$730. Tickets for the AAG Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 19, are available for \$45 each, or \$420 for a table of ten.

To add tickets for these events, please visit conference registration and go to the "on-site registration" desk. ■

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Jobs in Geography

UNITED STATES

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The Department of Geology and Geography at Auburn University invites applications for a nine-month appointment as a full-time **Visiting Assistant Professor** of Geography to begin August 16, 2008. Compensation includes salary and benefits. The successful candidate will be expected to teach undergraduate courses such as World Regional Geography, Geographic Methods, and Cartography. A PhD or advanced ABD in geography is required. The candidate selected for this position must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States on the date the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment, and must be able to communicate effectively in English.

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

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

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

Auburn University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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ARIZONA, FLAGSTAFF 86011.

The Department of Geography, Planning, and Recreation at Northern Arizona University invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor of Physical Geography** position to begin in August, 2008. GIS expertise is required. For more information please visit www.nau.edu/hr and apply to geog@nau.edu.

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

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

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

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Geographer Available. A service for AAG members only. Send personal listings of 50 words or less, following the format of current listings. Listings run for two consecutive issues. Enclose \$25 with listing. A blind listing service is available - the editor will assign a box number and forward inquiries to the member listed.

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Qualifications, Education, and Experience: Bachelor's degree (BA/BS) with emphasis in geo-spatial modeling from four-year college or university, Master's Degree preferred, and a minimum of six to ten years of related experience and/or training.

Communication Skills: Ability to comprehend, analyze, and interpret complex business documents. Ability to write reports, manuals, speeches and articles. Ability to effectively respond to sensitive issues, complex inquiries or complaints from clients, co-workers, supervisor, and/or management. Ability to make effective presentations on general topics to an internal department, large group of employees, clients, and/or management. Ability to motivate employees and client groups to take desired action. **Other Skills and/or Abilities:** MapInfo experience required. Adobe Illustrator, ArcView, MapBasic, and Google Maps API preferred. Intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office required.

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MAR 08-068

*CALIFORNIA, DAVIS 95616

UC Davis College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences. **Assistant Professor, Community and Regional Development and Director, Center for the Study of Regional Change.**

Position Description: The Community Studies and Development Program, and the Center for the Study of Regional Change (CSRC), both within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis, are seeking to hire a new tenure track faculty member and Director of the CSRC, whose research and teaching will contribute to an emerging area of emphasis on regional governance of community and regional development processes. The candidate hired for this position will also be expected to provide intellectual and administrative leadership for the Center for the Study of Regional Change by catalyzing, leading, and participating in collaborative, interdisciplinary research addressing the social, economic, policy, environmental and planning opportunities and challenges associated with regional change. Located on the UC Davis campus, the Center is in close proximity to the California state capital, a state governmental seat that presides over the sixth largest economy in the world. Center researchers have opportunity to interface directly with governmental and non-governmental entities working on regional issues. UC Davis is in the heart of the Central Valley, which is the fastest growing region of the state with a population likely to triple in 40 years. Although the Center's primary focus will be on California's Central Valley and Sierra Nevada, it will also facilitate comparative studies of regional dynamics.

The position is 50% as Director of the Center, and 50% tenure track faculty member (hired at the Assistant Professor level) in the Community Studies and Development Program; The faculty position is an academic year (9-month) appointment; fiscal year (11-month) term appointments in the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) to be offered and continued based on academic personnel review. Faculty members who hold AES appointments have a responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station.

Qualifications: A PhD degree in city and regional planning, environmental planning, landscape architecture, political science, public policy, public administration, sociology, economics, geography, or anthropology or a related academic discipline. Candidates will be expected to develop a strong research program and the ability to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Candidates should also demonstrate experience or the potential ability to run a research, policy and outreach organization related to the following goals of the CSRC.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and achievements within the Assistant Professor and Academic Administrator ranks at the University of California.

Appointment Date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or about July 1, 2008.

Applications: Candidates should begin the application process by registering online at <https://secure.caes.ucdavis.edu/Recruitment/>. Inquiries should be directed to the chair of the recruitment committee: Chris Benner, Associate Professor, Community Studies and Development (530) 754-8799, ccbenner@ucdavis.edu.

Apply: Applicants should submit the following information online: curriculum vitae; statement of research and teaching interests and background; statement on leadership experience or potential relevant to directing the CSRC, copies of relevant manuscripts, publications, and reports and names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of four references. The

position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by April 30, 2008.

UC Davis is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer and is dedicated to recruiting a diverse faculty community. We welcome all qualified applicants to apply, including women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

APR 08-099-1

CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA 93117. Publication opportunity in cultural geography with ABC-CLIO. Known for more than 50 years as a leading publisher of history reference materials, ABC-CLIO's geography division is expanding. We are currently seeking authors to write cultural profiles of the world's nations for our World Geography reference database and for possible inclusion in upcoming print projects. Contributors are paid \$300 per 2,800-word profile, should hold a graduate-level degree in geography or a related discipline, and must be willing to write on a range of cultural topics, including ethnicity, language, religion, traditions, and art. In addition to professors of geography and other qualified scholars, students currently working toward a PhD are encouraged to apply.

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

MAR 08-083

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON DC 20009-3198. The Association of American Geographers seeks candidates for the position of **Administrative Specialist**.

The Administrative Specialist is responsible for responding to incoming queries via phone and e-mail; providing administrative support to AAG Project Managers and other staff as needed; assisting the AAG with research, correspondence, and special projects; fulfilling publication orders; processing meeting registrations; and updating database content. The ideal candidate will be highly organized, conscientious, and productive, with a strong customer-service ethic. Must also be able

to communicate effectively with academic, government, and private sector professionals. Microsoft Office skills required; iMIS or QuickBooks experience desired. Spanish language proficiency and/or a degree in or familiarity with geography a plus. We desire applicants interested in long-term, stable employment with the AAG, which offers an excellent working environment and benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. The AAG is an equal opportunity employer. Submit application letter, resume, and writing samples to Rachel Franklin, AAG, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, or by email at rfranklin@aag.org.

MAR 08-090

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON 20009-3198.

The Association of American Geographers has a position available for immediate placement at the AAG's office in Washington, D.C. **Director of Geographic Information Science Programs.** We seek an individual whose primary responsibility will be developing and administering programs in GISci education and research. The successful applicant will be knowledgeable of a wide suite of GISci technologies and applications (GIS, remote sensing, digital mapping, etc.) and related public policy issues; possess strong research and analytical skills, especially survey analysis/development and interview methods. The Director of GISci programs will also assist in the development of grant proposals and newsletter articles and interact constructively with federal and other policy organizations. This is an excellent opportunity for qualified individuals to participate at a high level in AAG research and education initiatives. A qualified candidate will have a graduate degree in geography or GISci; possess outstanding written, research, and verbal communication skills; be highly organized and experienced with project management; and have strong interpersonal skills. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Apply: send letter of application, CV, and a list of three references to: Rachel Franklin, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW,

Washington, D.C. 20009; or by e-mail to: rfranklin@aag.org.

FEB 07-053

IDAHO, MOSCOW 83844-3021.

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, GIScience, University of Idaho, to begin August 2008. Required qualifications include a PhD in Geography (or expected by June 15, 2008), expertise in GIScience and ability to teach GIS courses at all university levels and supervise graduate students, research experience using GIScience, submit evidence of research accomplishments and plan for research funding strategies. Desirable qualifications include teaching and research experience in a university setting, the ability to teach geovisualization and GIS programming, and the ability to complement one or more specialties in the department such as regional development, climate change, biogeography, and remote sensing. Our department offers B.S., M.S., and PhD degrees in Geography, and a GIS certificate. We are partners with the National GAP Analysis Project and several university-wide interdisciplinary programs in environmental science and water resources. The University of Idaho is located in Moscow, next to Washington State University in Pullman, a setting with proximity to outstanding outdoor recreational activities and the amenities of two university towns. Applications accepted until the position is filled, but screening will begin March 17, 2008.

Apply: For more information and application instructions visit www.hr.uidaho.edu. AA/EOE

MAR 08-091

INDIANA, MUNCIE 47306.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Ball State University. **Contract faculty position** available August 22, 2008, for the academic year with possibility of renewal. Responsibilities: teaching introductory course in **soil resources**, plus additional courses supporting the department's **land management/resource conservation** emphases (12-hour load). Possibility of teaching additional courses in area of specialty and an introductory course

(Environment and Society) as part of the University Core Curriculum; engagement with student activities. Minimum qualifications: master's degree in field closely related to natural resources or environmental science/studies by August 1, 2008; at least one year of teaching at college, university, or secondary school level; demonstrated evidence of excellence in teaching. Preferred qualifications: doctoral degree in field closely related to natural resources or environmental science/studies; demonstrated evidence of dedication to quality learner-centered teaching and being adept at motivating critical thinking.

Apply: Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, original transcripts, summary of teaching evaluations, and three letters of reference to: James Eflin, Chairperson and Professor, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. (www.bsu.edu/nrem).

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MAR 08-076

INDIANA, MUNCIE, 47306.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Ball State University. **Contract two-year faculty position** available August 22, 2008. Responsibilities: teaching multiple sections of the introductory course (**Environment and Society**) as part of the University Core Curriculum (12-hour load); possibility of teaching additional course(s) in area of specialization; engagement with student activities.

Minimum qualifications: master's degree in a field closely related to natural resources or environmental science/studies by August 1, 2008; at least one year of teaching at college, university, or secondary school level; demonstrated evidence of excellence in teaching.

Preferred qualifications: doctoral degree in a field closely related to natural resources

or environmental science/studies; demonstrated evidence of dedication to quality learner-centered teaching and being adept at motivating critical thinking.

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MAR 08-087

*KENTUCKY, MURRAY 42071.

Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences, Murray State University. Full-time, tenure-track position to begin August 2008. Qualifications: PhD required. Candidates must have excellent teaching skills that include use of modern classroom technologies. Must provide evidence of teaching excellence and have research potential in hydrology and/or hydrogeology as evidenced by publication or other scholarly activity. Experience with remote sensing and GIS methodologies is preferred. Post-doctoral experience preferred. ABDs with a documented plan of completion by date of appointment will be considered. Responsibilities: Teach courses in hydrology and/or hydrogeology, introductory courses in geology or earth science, and specialty courses. Conduct research, pursue external funding and supervise student research at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Application Deadline: April 18, 2008.

Apply: Submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, statement of teaching and research interests, copies of transcripts and three letters of reference to Dr. George Kipphut, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Geosciences, Murray State University, Murray, KY 42071.

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

APR 08-096-1

***MASSACHUSETTS, CAMBRIDGE 02138.**

Preceptor in Geospatial Analysis. Responsibilities: Design and teach introductory undergraduate and graduate courses in geospatial analysis, including geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing and related geospatial science and technology, primarily for students in the social sciences and environmental sciences. In addition, work in collaboration with faculty and the Center for Geographic Analysis to develop GIS tools and geographic data for various courses in the social sciences, environmental sciences, and humanities. Start date is September 1, 2008. The position is renewable on a yearly basis up to eight years, based on performance, enrollments, and curricular needs.

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

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

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APR 08-098

***MASSACHUSETTS, WALTHAM.**

McKinsey & Company. North American Knowledge Center. **GIS/Demographics Research Analyst.**

McKinsey & Company is a premier global management consulting firm that serves the world's leading companies on issues of strategy, operations, finance, marketing, and organization. McKinsey's North American Knowledge Center (NAKC), located in Waltham, MA (20 minutes west of Boston), provides research and analytic support to McKinsey consultants. The Center offers an exciting environment for research analysts to conduct geographic and demographic analysis applied to real life business decision making, as part of a dedicated team of six analysts.

Responsibilities include: Thought partnering with consultants and supporting the problem solving process in areas such as location planning, territory design, consumer demographic profiling, market sizing and segmentation, and other geospatial analysis. Collaborating with colleagues to build world-class geospatial research and analytic capabilities by developing proprietary knowledge, tools, and analytic methodologies. Sharing specialized geographic and demographic knowledge with colleagues through trainings, coaching and written documents.

Requirements include: Graduate or Bachelors degree in statistical or geographic analysis with at least two to three years of relevant experience of applying geographic / demographic analytic skills in business environment. Proven research capabilities with working knowledge of GIS/ Mapping software and basic business sources. Fundamental understanding of business/marketing principles; knowledge of urban and regional planning principles and practices will be helpful. Strong analytical and quantitative skills. Excellent written and oral communication skills; ability to synthesize and present large quantities of information quickly and coherently in an actionable manner with focus on implications. Ability to work effectively in multi-disciplinary teams; comfortable working on multiple projects simultaneously.

Overall, NAKC offers geographic/demographic analysts the opportunity to

have impact with their unique knowledge base on a full array of business challenges in an environment that encourages collaboration and growth.

Apply: please visit our website to learn more about this opportunity and to submit an application. Once you have applied, you will receive a reply regarding your candidacy within 1-2 weeks: http://www.mckinsey.com/careers/knowledge_center/opportunities/.

APR 08-093

***MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO, 49008-5424.**

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

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

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

Western Michigan University has been placed among 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It has a large and diverse student population (ca. 26,000 students). In addition, to WMU, Kalamazoo is home to Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Located halfway between Chicago and Detroit, the greater

Kalamazoo region has a population of more than 250,000. With a highly diversified economy, the city is the focus of many cultural and sports events. Western Michigan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

APR 08-104

MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO, 49008-5424.

Western Michigan University seeks applications for an **Assistant Professor of Geography (Tourism and Travel program)** tenure-track position beginning in August 2008, pending budgetary approval. The candidate is expected to serve as core faculty for the tourism and travel major, and will teach and/or develop undergraduate and graduate courses in the program. Areas of teaching expertise could include introductory human/economic geography, cultural tourism, ecotourism, travel operations and planning, tourism management, and geography of the Great Lakes Region and/or a major world region, as well as others needed to revamp the major. On-going research (preferably through external funding) and publication as well as serving on M. A. theses committees are expected. The candidate will also be expected to participate in Department, College, and University committees and activities.

Candidates must have a PhD in Geography or related field with specialization in tourism and travel. Regional focus on the Great Lakes, United States & Canada, Mexico & the Caribbean, or Europe is preferred. Proven teaching and research experience in tourism and travel preferred.

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

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MAR 08-079

***MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55455.** Geography: Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts in the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

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

Preference is for a scholar with a broad background in GI Science and a strong record of research. The essential minimum qualification is ABD in geography or a closely related field by the time of appointment. Preferred qualification is a PhD in geography or a relevant field. Salary depends on qualifications and experience and will be consistent with existing collegiate and University policies. Contract faculty in the College of Liberal Arts are expected to maintain an active pro-

gram of scholarly research, develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses, advise undergraduate and graduate students, and contribute service appropriate for the rank of appointment to the department, college, and profession.

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

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

Please direct any questions to Dr. Francis Harvey, GIScience Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, 414 Social Sciences Bldg, 26719th Ave So., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Internet: fharvey@umn.edu.

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

APR 08-101

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- Serve as a liaison to education outreach and research organizations.

The ideal candidate will possess a Ph.D. in geography, computer science, engineering, natural resources, or related field; a minimum of 10 years of experience; and a strong background in the use of GIS and in education. This position requires significant travel. International experience a plus.



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MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL 55105.

Visiting Assistant Professor - Environmental Studies – Environmental Policy. Macalester College's Environmental Studies Department invites applications for a full-time, one-year appointment in environmental policy at the assistant professor rank beginning Fall 2008. PhD in Environmental Studies or Political Science preferred; teaching experience desirable. The successful candidate will teach five courses including two sections of Environmental Politics and Policy (one of the Department's required introductory courses for majors), Sustainable Development, and two elective topics courses in Environmental Studies and/or Political.

Apply: Send letter of application, CV, three letters of recommendation, course syllabi, a pedagogical statement, and student evaluations if available to Dr. Daniel J. Hornbach, Chair, Department of Environmental Studies, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Applications received by March 15, 2008 will receive first consideration.

Macalester College is a selective, private liberal arts college located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, whose vital and diverse urban communities offer multiple opportunities for engagement as an integral part of the student experience.

As an Equal Opportunity employer supportive of making affirmative efforts to achieve a diverse workforce, the College strongly encourages applications from women and members of underrepresented minority groups.

MAR 08-089

NEW YORK, BRONX 10468.

Applications are invited for a tenure-track **Assistant/Associate Professorship** in the Department of Environmental, Geographic and Geological Sciences. The appointee is expected to develop and maintain an active research program and to participate fully in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as activities that serve the college. We particularly seek candidates with expertise in environmental geography, quantitative and computational geography and a focus on the urban environment with a strong background in Geographic Information Science. Knowl-

edge of remote sensing is desirable. Application review will begin February 18.

Apply: please send a cover letter stating research interests and teaching philosophy, current CV and a list of 3 references via email to: Heather Sloan, Chair gail.markbreit@lehman.cuny.edu, Environmental, Geographic and Geological Sciences. Lehman College/CUNY is an EEO/AA/ADA Employer.

APR 08-094-1

*OKLAHOMA, NORMAN 73019.

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

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

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

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

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

APR 08-097

PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY PARK 16802.

Post-Doctoral Position in Terrestrial Carbon Cycle Studies. Department of Meteorology. The Pennsylvania State University. The successful candidate for this position will join an interdisciplinary research group co-led by Kenneth Davis and Klaus Keller. The main objectives of the research project are (i) to improve the precision of diagnostic models of forest-atmosphere carbon exchange using flux measurements, forest biometric data, and remote sensing of forest characteristics, and (ii) to develop new methods for the characterization of uncertainty in regional carbon flux estimates. Research will focus on northern forests of North America.

The successful candidate should have a strong background in one or more of the following areas: statistics, terrestrial ecosystem modeling, Bayesian analysis, remote sensing of ecosystems, observational studies of the carbon cycle, and climate sciences. Strong communications skills are required.

The initial appointment is for one year, with strong potential for continued support. The position is available April, 2008 and will remain open until filled. The salary will be competitive, commensurate with experience, and will comply with Pennsylvania State University guidelines.

To apply, please send a pdf file containing a CV, the names and addresses of three references, and a brief statement of research interests and long-term goals to Linda Decker (ldecker@eesi.psu.edu).

Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.

MAR 08-080

SOUTH CAROLINA, CHARLESTON 29401.

College of Charleston. The Department of Political Science seeks applicants for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor in Human-Environmental Geography** to begin August 2008. A PhD in Geography by time of appointment and teaching experience are required. We are seeking candidates with some combination of teaching and research interests in human-environment relation-

ships, land use planning and resource management, and growth management. Primary teaching and advising responsibilities are in the undergraduate program in Political Science and in the Geography minor, with two courses per year offered in the College's interdisciplinary Master of Environmental Studies program (<http://www.cofc.edu/~environ>). The normal teaching load is three courses per semester. Successful candidates must be able to teach Environmental Geography and World Regional Geography as well as graduate classes in environmental planning or management. Ability to offer classes in GIS is an advantage.

Political Science includes 18 full-time faculty (including three geographers) and serves approximately 400 undergraduate majors (<http://www.polisci.cofc.edu>). The College of Charleston is a public liberal arts and sciences institution with approximately 11,500 students located in a coastal metropolitan area of over 600,000. Additional information about the institution and surrounding area is available at <http://www.cofc.edu>.

Apply: Applicants should submit a letter of application, a *curriculum vitae*, copies of graduate transcripts, statements of teaching and research interests, evidence of teaching effectiveness (including, but not limited to, course syllabi and course evaluations), examples of scholarly research, and three letters of reference to: Dr. Mark Long, Chair, Environmental Geography Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 114 Wentworth St. Rm. 202, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29401. Review of applications will begin March 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

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

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*WISCONSIN, EAU CLAIRE 54702-4004.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC) invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professorship in Human Geography** beginning Fall 2008. We seek a PhD at time of appointment with interests complementing the department's topical and regional offerings. Qualifications include effective teaching of introductory and advanced

human geography courses, eclectic professional interests, use of geospatial techniques, and public service beyond the university.

UWEC values liberal education, including global understanding, environmentalism, field and community-based learning, inspired advising, and faculty-student research. We seek a person who brings diversity, in its many forms, to the campus and serves as a mentor and role model for our students.

Apply: Send curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching, graduate school transcript, research goals, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Ingolf Vogeler (ivolgeler@uwec.edu), Search Committee, Geography and Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004. Complete applications should arrive by April 18, 2008; after this date, applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is an AA/EEO employer. Criminal background checks are required prior to employment.

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INTERNATIONAL

*KOREA, SEOUL.

The Department of Geography Education, Seoul National University, Korea, invites applications for a **full-time tenure-track position, rank open**, beginning August 2008, pending final approval of funding. Field of expertise is open, but candidates with an expertise in Asia are especially encouraged to apply. A PhD in Geography or a closely related discipline is required at the time of appointment.

The University and the department are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and globalization of the academic community of the University. The department offers BA, MA, and PhD degrees in geography and geography education. The successful candidate is expected to teach 2 courses per semester, which may include one undergraduate level and one graduate level courses in his/her specialty area.

Applicants should be Non-Korean Nationals, preferably native English speakers. The availability of the position will be determined by the University, based on the academic qualifications and experience of the applicants. Starting salary would be

approximately U.S. \$65,000 at the assistant professor level, and may increase depending on the qualifications and experience. University faculty housing will be provided and moving cost will be covered by the University.

As Korea's leading research university, Seoul National University ranks 51st according to the World University Rank-

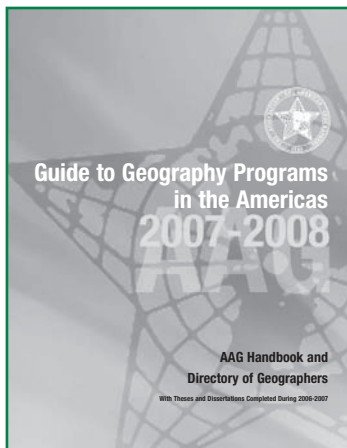
ings 2007 by the Times Higher Education Supplement. SNU is becoming globally renowned for its excellence as a result of steady progress in research.

Apply: Qualified applicants should send their complete curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and names of three referees with addresses preferably by email to Dr. Bae-Gyoon Park (geopbg@

snu.ac.kr). Alternatively, applicants can also mail the documents to Department Chair, Department of Geography Education, College of Education, Seoul National University, 599 Gwanangno, Gwanak-gu, Seoul, Korea 151-748. Review of applications will begin on March 31, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

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15-19. AAG Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. www.aag.org.

MAY

4-11. International Polar Year (IPY)-New Generation Polar Researcher (NGPR) Symposium. Colorado Springs. www.disccrs.org/ngpr.

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

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

JUNE

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

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

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

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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MARCH

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

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APRIL

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

AAG Newsletter Invites Op-Eds

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

Call for Nominations 2009 AAG Honors and Nominating Committees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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