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Report Assesses Progress of Early Career Geography PhDs

Each year, about 200 geography PhDs enter the job market. What happens to them and how well did graduate school prepare them for their careers? What do they see as the strengths and weaknesses of their academic preparation? Perhaps most tellingly, if given the chance would these early career PhDs choose to pursue doctoral degrees in geography all over again?

These and related questions are answered in a recent in-depth study of social science career paths conducted by the Center for Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE), a research center at the University of Washington Graduate School and College of Education. With Ford Foundation support, CIRGE produced *Social*

Science PhDs—Five+ Years Out, a national study of more than 3,000 doctorate holders in anthropology, communication, geography, history, political science and sociology who received their PhDs between 1995 and 1999.

Surveyed during academic year 2005-06, respondents listed post-PhD jobs, evaluated their graduate programs, and provided relationship and family history from the beginning of their PhD studies to the date surveyed. Findings about geographers' careers in relation to their doctoral education, including the advice graduates have for PhD programs and current students, are

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Nevada's Springtime Landscapes Ideal for Geography Field Trips

You will probably see this popular bumper sticker while in Las Vegas for the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting: "Nevada is Not a Wasteland." Created in response to ubiquitous images of the Yucca Mountain Nuclear waste facility, the Nevada Test Site, and many people's impressions of deserts as vast tracts of emptiness, the message attempts to point out that Nevada is full of natural beauty and remarkable landscapes.

Wildlife Beyond The Strip

The Mojave Desert, in which Las Vegas sits, is home to over 2,500 plant and animal species, many of which are rare and/or endemic (species known only to a certain area). Nevada is sixth in the nation in the total number of endemic plant and animal species. In fact, in favorable wet years the Mojave supports more endemic plants per square mile than any other location in the United States.

What few may realize is that arid environments are not all the same. The Mojave Desert offers a wide diversity of arid environments from salt flats

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Joshua Trees flower in the Mojave Desert near Las Vegas, Nevada, site of the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting. For a list of possible field trips within easy range of the city, see article at right.

**Call for Papers: 2009 AAG Annual Meeting
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Reading Kierkegaard in Las Vegas

The AAG will hold its 2009 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Yes, that's right: Las Vegas. Now, it is taken for granted that you will enjoy your time actually spent in the AAG meetings, with thousands of scholarly papers, research presentations, and panel discussions on themes ranging from the classically geographic to the very latest on our revolutionary new geographic technologies. And with an expected attendance of nearly 8,000 geographers from around the world, you are probably already looking forward to meeting and interacting with interesting colleagues and friends, old and new, while in Las Vegas.

However, aside from all this, I know that the question foremost on the minds of most potential attendees is not the quality of the AAG meeting experience itself, which is assured, but rather how one can avoid the contaminating and corrosive effects of Las Vegas' well-known seamier side: the gambling, the glitz, the gaudy, and the inappropriate. Here I can only speak from personal experience.

The last time I was in Las Vegas was for a small meeting on the impacts of coal mining and burning on the environment, nearly thirty years ago during the "first" major energy crisis. I was just out of graduate school and recall walking through a couple of the casinos, and will admit that I was particularly impressed with the spectacular neon signage/artwork along the main casino strip, despite the topic of my meeting. But after quickly losing a couple of dollars that I didn't have to spare, I spent the rest of my spare time there reading Kierkegaard by the side of the pool. I still have vivid memories of the pleasures and irony of reading Kierkegaard

in Las Vegas (you will think I'm making this up but it is true: the book was K's *Purity of Heart*).

So when the AAG Council unanimously decided to hold our AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas for the first time, my vote was the only abstention. I abstained on

the vote not on principle or because I particularly opposed the idea but because I knew I would be the first one to receive any complaints about the city's "other qualities." The argument that finally carried the day during the Council's deliberations was Alec Murphy's point that, as geographers, we are concerned about understanding that which is on

the face of the earth, and that we cannot simply ignore the fastest growing urban area of the United States just because it is Las Vegas.

Despite its controversies, Las Vegas does present a great many advantages for visiting geographers of all stripes. Its physical, cultural, and economic geography field trip opportunities are phenomenal. It is perhaps the ultimate postmodern city. It presents stark environmental and natural resource conflicts. It provokes unique economic, cultural and social geographic questions. It is a city of immigrants and migrants yet also has one of the most highly unionized workforces in the U.S. (the AAG's primary hotel, the Riviera, is a fully unionized hotel). Advanced GIS programs are fully integrated into most of its urban planning and environmental assessment processes at very sophisticated levels. And its tourist economy is an international phenomenon in a league of its own.



Richardson

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Geography for a Positive-Sum World

Human and physical geographers have long occupied different intellectual worlds despite the best efforts of AAG Presidents and others to urge common cause. The state of the world itself may be providing the opportunity for a re-engagement of the two sides to the field. Rarely these days does an issue of *Science* appear without at least one article or report containing some reference to human-induced changes in relation to climate, vegetation, or the physical landscape. One recent article (Barnett et al., *Science* 319, 22 February 2008) estimates that fully sixty percent of climate-related contributions to the changing hydrology of the western United States is owed to human actions of one sort or another.

It is a commonplace that humanity as a whole has lived in a positive-sum world for the past several hundred years. This is one in which large numbers of people can and have become better off. How many and which has mainly been a question of institutional arrangements much more than of physical resource limitations. The costs and benefits of the creative destruction caused by global capitalism has hitherto been largely limited to who gets what, where, as a result of which technologies. If one of the big questions in political economy has long been whether or not real incomes can rise indefinitely, the other has been who has received the growth in incomes and where. Now we are collectively faced with an additional calculus in which the very "nature" upon which we have built economic growth is under severe stress, not in the sense of Malthusian physical limits to population growth but in the sense of generating complex physical feedback effects that challenge the economic growth mantras that take natural processes (essentially "free" water and air, for example) for granted. Our cornucopia looks increasingly in danger of withering in the negative-sum world which may well be in the offing. In such a world, the gains of some will come

increasingly at the expense of others, economically and environmentally.

Two crucial issues in this context face us particularly as geographers (and citizens) if a positive-sum world is not going to be solely a thing of the past. One is to gain some better understanding, and quickly, of precisely how humans are affecting the "physical" environment and what the consequences are likely to be for different groups of people living in different places. The second crucial issue, it seems to me, is nothing less than a re-evaluation of the dynamics of global economic development. According to Angus Maddison (*Contours of the World Economy, 1-2030 AD*, Oxford University Press, 2007), humanity's average real income per capita grew ten-fold between 1820 and 2005. This figure masks the fact that the increase was 23-fold in the U.S. but only four-fold in Africa. At the same time, the world's population increased six-fold overall. But how sustainable is this astonishing velocity of economic growth when, for example, the entire planet begins to emit CO₂ at the same rate as the U.S. does today?

To balance global economic growth – witness the rapid growth of China and India – will require dramatically increased environmental damage absent rapid decreases in air and water pollution in places with already very high levels of economic development. The U.S. government's failure to ratify the Kyoto Agreement reflects in part a decision not to engage in this trade off. The hope is that "technology" will come to the rescue. Of course, politicians everywhere compete by promising "more." So the present impasse is no surprise. As a result, though, perhaps the greatest intellectual and political challenge of this century will be how to go about managing and distributing the fruits of economic growth worldwide without

the entire world economy collapsing around us in environmental ruin.

This is where the work of geographers can show both the range of sustainable growth options available in different places and the likely dangers of continuing with business-as-usual – the geopolitics of resource wars, the zero-sum economic geography of competitive plunder, and the geodemography

of human disease and longevity, among others. By way of example, my UCLA colleague, Laurence Smith, is working on the complex interplay of physical and geopolitical factors threatening the fragile biome of the contemporary Arctic; Philippe Le Billon, of the University of British Columbia, has an ambitious program of research on the geopolitics of resource wars;

and numerous scholars in political ecology are exploring the intersections between the world economy and tropical deforestation.

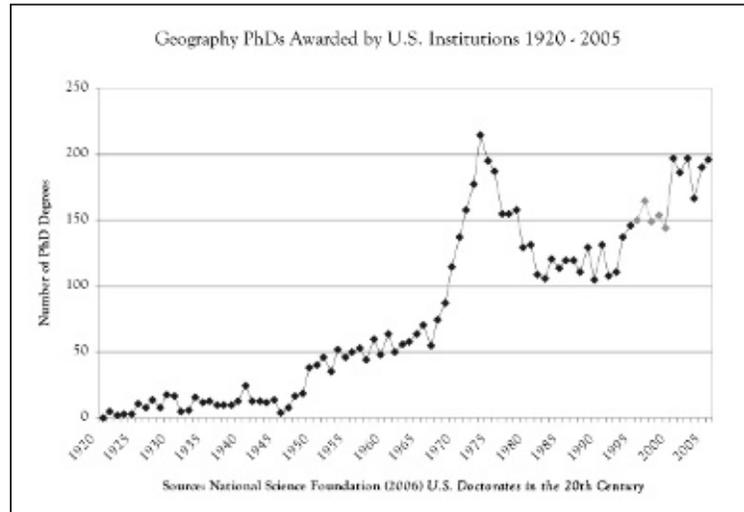
Tackling the environmental challenges thrown up by the world economy, through identifying new institutional arrangements relevant to what are really global or pan-regional and not national problems, and by investigating policies that, for example, tie together higher incomes with higher payments for abating the costs of pollution, should be the ultimate prize that we have in mind. The changing world may be giving us the intellectual glue for the field that exhortation and pointing to historical precedent has failed to provide. Colleagues up and down the hall may be seen conversing for the first time ever about common research problems and varied approaches to understanding and resolving them. Some outside the tribe may now also finally begin to figure out part of what we are about – beyond a simple-minded environmental determinism.



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examined in CIRGE's report *Careers of Geography PhDs* (available at www.cirge.washington.edu).



Early Career Geography PhDs

The survey found that geographers pursued a PhD out of their intense interest in the field; moreover, compared to the other studied disciplines, the challenge "for its own sake" factored more as a crucial motivation while credential building played a comparatively small role. Geographers differed from others in their career goals too, with only 60% of geographers beginning doctoral study intending to become a professor compared with 72% of those in other disciplines. Among first jobs post-PhD, 43% held tenured or tenure-track faculty positions, 15% were non-tenure-track faculty, 10% were postdocs, 7% worked in non-faculty academic jobs, and the remaining 24% worked in business, government or non-profit ("BCN") sectors. When surveyed, six to ten years post-PhD, more than half were tenured or tenure-track faculty and the proportion in the BCN had remained steady at 24%. For the year in which they were surveyed, geographers reported a median annual income of \$60,000.

By standard measures of graduate school performance, geographers do well for social scientists: On average they earned their PhD in under 6.5 years (compared to a mean of 7.3 years for the other studied disciplines).

Despite their speediness, geographers published more during graduate school, with 2/3 geographers having at least one peer-reviewed article published or in press at the time of PhD award compared to only half of respondents in the other disciplines. (Sociologists' productivity equaled that of geographers, but they spent more time in graduate school.)

Geographers' evaluation of their PhD education identified strengths in key dimensions of academic rigor, financial support, and socializing students into the academic community. However, many strongly recommended that programs offer more support for career preparation. For instance, one respondent advised programs to "consider adding a course that would prepare students for their first academic (assistant professor) position." Another suggested that "established academics need to work on building and maintaining networks with non-academics ... pragmatically, jobs [for students] come from such networks."

Geographers' ratings of the importance of particular skills vs. the quality of training (formal or informal) in these skills during their PhD programs identified areas needing more training, including: grant writing, writing and publishing reports and articles, and collaboration and team work.

Employers of geographers both inside and outside of academia seem to share these views: in an in-depth investigation of geographers' competencies conducted by the AAG's EDGE project, employers identified similar skills as being needed in geographers' work, but not being mastered consistently by geography graduates.¹ Further, a common theme in open-ended comments was the need for training in

how to teach. These findings mirror those of the AAG's EDGE and GFDA projects, which recently produced two books, *Aspiring Academics* and *Teaching College Geography*, to provide current graduate students and early career faculty with research-informed advice on topics and skills that are often not part of the graduate curriculum² (www.aag.org/edge/edge_materials.cfm).

Nevertheless, by and large, geographers are pleased that they pursued a PhD: 78% reported they would still get a PhD in the same field and subfield if they had it to do over again, and only 10% felt they would not get a PhD at all. However, to ensure greater success for their students, these graduates advise programs to encourage and guide students to publish, network, and present their work at conferences as much as possible while still in graduate school. They also urge programs to provide training in communication, team work, and management skills needed for careers in business, government, and non-profit sectors.

More findings about geographers' job satisfaction, work and family conflicts, and a closer look at multiple dimensions of PhD program quality can be found in *Careers of Geography PhDs*, available at www.cirge.washington.edu. Contact Elizabeth Rudd, CIRGE Senior Research Scientist, at erudd@u.washington.edu.

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¹ Solem, M., Cheung, I., and Schlemper, B. 2008. Skills in Professional Geography: An Assessment of Workforce Needs and Expectations. *The Professional Geographer* 60(3): 1-18.

² Solem, M., Foote, K., and Monk, J. 2009. *Aspiring Academics: A Resource Book for Graduate Students and Early Career Faculty*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.
Solem, M. and Foote, K. 2009. *Teaching College Geography: A Practical Guide for Graduate Students and Early Career Faculty*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

AAG Faculty Development Website Now Available

Two new AAG books, *Aspiring Academics* and *Teaching College Geography*, are now being supported by a companion website available at www.pearson-highered.com/aag. The books enhance the preparation of faculty in geography and related social and environmental sciences.

The website is designed to promote the practice of community-based faculty development in an effort to improve the climate of support for graduate students and early career faculty. In practice, this means making available information and resources about effective practices for developing academic professionals, sharing that knowledge openly in academic departments and through professional networks, and providing a means for individuals to contribute their own advice and materials in a spirit of collegiality and sharing of support.

A variety of resources are available on the website to support this vision. Visitors can access a collection of activities for use in professional development workshops, graduate seminars, and faculty mentoring programs. The activities support the chapters in *Aspiring Academics* and *Teaching College Geography* and were written by geo-

graphers with input from faculty development professionals. Many of the activities are based on materials developed for the Geography Faculty Development Alliance workshops. Examples include creating time management logs, analyzing ethics cases, using a coherence matrix to design research proposals, responding to manuscript reviews, creating a teaching portfolio, preparing a tenure dossier, and using active learning strategies in large classes.

In addition, registered users can access discussion forums on topics that many new scholars report are among the most stressful at the beginning of their careers. These issues span course design, student assessment, responding effectively to reviews of research manuscripts, structuring grant proposals, and balancing work with home life. Because many of these issues are not systematically discussed in graduate programs, the hope is that the website will provide ready access to advice and resources that may otherwise be unavailable locally to graduate students and faculty.

The value of the discussion forums will be further enhanced by the ability of registered users to contribute their own

resources to share with others. Many types of contributions are sought, such as:

- lab activities for physical and human geography courses
- GIS exercises
- active learning exercises
- problem-based learning activities
- field studies
- course syllabi
- copies of funded grant proposals
- activities for professional development workshops

All readers are encouraged to visit the *Aspiring Academics* and *Teaching College Geography* website and participate in the development of this new resource. Both books were produced through the AAG's Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE) Project. For more information about the books or the website, please contact the AAG's Director of Educational Affairs, Michael Solem (msolem@aag.org).

Aspiring Academics and *Teaching College Geography* are published by Pearson Prentice Hall. To order these books visit www.aag.org/edge/edge_materials.cfm.

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The immediate region surrounding Las Vegas is home to some of the most spectacular physical landscapes in the world, and dozens of AAG field trips are being planned to explore these features of the region. The Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Death Valley, Bryce Canyon, Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon, Lake Mead, and dozens of other geographically fascinating places are easily accessible by organized AAG field trips, personal rental

car, or inexpensive commercial excursions from Las Vegas.

The moral of this story is that what you do in Las Vegas will be your decision. As is the case for most residents of this fastest growing urban area in the U.S., the gambling and glitz can be eschewed for a world of other activities. If AAG sessions, fabulous field trips, cutting edge research, and host of other events are not sufficient distraction, keep in mind that

there's always Kierkegaard by the side of the pool.

For more information on the AAG Annual Meeting, which will be held March 22-27, 2009, please visit www.aag.org. I look forward to seeing you all in Las Vegas (at poolside).

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For a description of local landscapes, parks, and wildlife within two hours of Las Vegas see Jill Heaton's article beginning on page 1. For more on AAG field trip and workshop proposals, see page 8.

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and alkali springs to mesas, sand dunes, mountain top sky islands, dry washes, and broad sweeping alluvial fans, each of which supports a unique array of plant and animal species. The area is also home to many unique geological features and landscapes.

If you would like to see some of the natural world surrounding Las Vegas, you may travel out from the city in any direction. Described below is a series of possible excursions. All are suitable as formal AAG field trips or, with a little preparation, as day trips for those wishing to escape the conference hotel in favor of a little fresh air. A day trip featuring outdoor exploration of local wildlife beyond the Strip can be completed in as little as a few hours; the longest trips listed below require a full day. (If you would like to organize an AAG field trip, see the notice on page 8 for more information.)

Go North

North of the Las Vegas Strip is the Sheep Mountain Range, part of the 1½ million acre Desert National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/desert-complex). Desert bighorn sheep can be seen in this range during late fall and early spring.

Northwest of Las Vegas (approximately 2½ hours) is Amargosa or Big Dune Area of Critical Environmental Concern (www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.1.html), a rare and complex star dune and one of only seven “singing dunes” in North America. A characteristic of some desert dunes is an ability to emit acoustical energy when disturbed. More on the



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The desert tortoise is emblematic of the Mojave Desert.

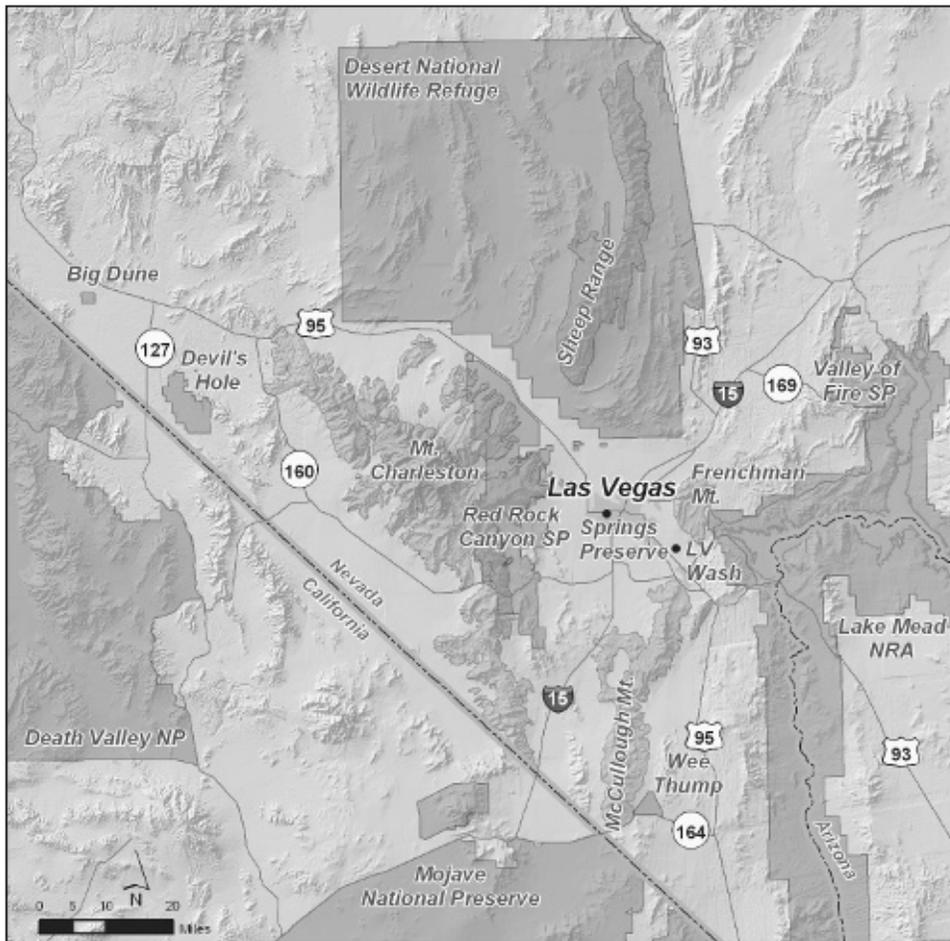
phenomenon of singing dunes is available at www.schweich.com/sbdA.html.

Big Dune is home to several sensitive beetle species and the plants they rely upon. Despite its large size of 960 acres, just 5 acres have been set aside for Big Dune beetle habitat protection. The remaining portions of the dune are open to off highway vehicle (OHV) use. Spring (especially weekends) is a popular time of year for OHV activities, so if you plan on visiting Big Dune and do not want an OHV experience, the middle of the week would be best.

Another “sand dune” worth visiting (albeit fossilized) resides in the Valley of Fire State Park (<http://parks.nv.gov/vf.htm>), just one hour northeast of Las Vegas. The name derives from the dramatic appearance of its eroded red sandstone features. For the diligent, Gila monsters can be found among the sands and cliffs of the park. Most of the major Mojave reptile species can be found here.

Go South

Looking south from the Strip one sees the McCullough Mountain Range. Its most prominent peak is Black Mountain at 5,091 feet. This low range extends south into California and borders the Piute-Eldorado Area of Critical Environmental Concern established for the desert tortoise (www.shipley-group.com/clark/0502). The McCullough



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Many geographically interesting features are within easy reach of Las Vegas. See page 8 for details on proposing a field trip for the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting.

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Range is home to many wildlife and plant species, including desert big horn sheep and extensive stands of yuccas, especially Joshua trees (*yucca brevifolia*).

The Joshua tree is endemic to the Mojave Desert and one of its most characteristic species. It

is said to have received its name from the Mormons, who thought it resembled the biblical leader Joshua welcoming them with upturned arms. Others have been less kind to the tree that is really not a tree, simply calling it "repulsive" or "grotesque." It does tend towards an other-worldly appearance, growing as tall as 35 feet and as wide as five feet in diameter with dozens of seemingly random branches terminating in rosettes of clustered leaves. Joshua trees are slow growing and often live hundreds of years. An excellent place to see a spectacular Joshua tree forest is Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness, just one hour south of Las Vegas. (See <http://www.wilderness.net> for details). This 6,000 acre area near Searchlight, Nevada is also excellent for bird watching.

The Nevada and California state reptile, emblematic of the Mojave Desert, is the charismatic and easily identifiable desert tortoise, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. In years past, areas surrounding the Las Vegas valley had between 15-100 tortoises per square kilometer; now 1-3 tortoises per square kilometer is more typical. A casual hike is not likely to encounter a tortoise. However, the desert tortoise can occasionally be found throughout the Mojave Desert on lower slopes and flats throughout southern Nevada.

Go East

The most prominent natural feature east of Las Vegas is Frenchman Mountain,



Spectacular and controversial Lake Mead is only 30 miles from Las Vegas. www.nps.gov/lame.

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slanted dramatically and sticking straight up out of the valley floor fewer than 15 miles from the Strip. On the east side of Frenchman Mountain is the Great Unconformity, an erosion surface that reveals nearly 1.2 billion years of earth history.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Geology Professor Stephen Rowland has an informative website, which includes virtual and self-guided tour information, devoted to the Great Unconformity at Frenchman Mountain. (See <http://geoscience.unlv.edu/pub/rowland/Virtual/virtualfm.html>.)

If wildflowers are what you seek (www.desertusa.com/wildflo/nv.html) and time is short, a quick trip to Lake Mead National Recreation Area (www.nps.gov/lame) should do the trick. Bird watching here is excellent. Lake Mead has many hiking trails and is just 35 minutes southeast of Las Vegas. Keep an eye out for spring wildflower updates on the websites for both Lake Mead and Death Valley National Park (www.nps.gov/deva). If you are even more pressed for time but would like to get in some bird watching, the Las Vegas Wash Nature Preserve (www.lvwash.org) is just eight miles east of the Strip. A total of 159 different bird species have been recorded there in recent years.

Go West

Just 35 miles west of Las Vegas is the Spring Mountain Range and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/districts/smnr/index.shtml). This range encompasses five different ecological zones. These begin with the desert scrub zone (with average summer temperatures of 105°F) and extend up to the forested alpine zone (where daily summer highs are typically in the 80's).

The highest peak of the Spring Range is Mount Charleston (11,916 feet), a classic sky island (a forested mountain "island" surrounded by desert). Normally, Mount Charleston will remain snowcapped for half the year. Combined with its elevation, that snowcap makes it the most prominent peak visible from the Strip.

Another destination in the Spring Mountains, just 17 miles west of the Strip, is Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and Visitor Center, which includes exhibits, lectures and a bookstore (www.redrockcanyonlv.org). If you are short on time, make the one-way 13-mile scenic loop drive, a favorite of locals. If you have more time, there are numerous hikes that start directly from this loop.

Probably the most famous Nevada endemic species is the Desert Hole pupfish (*Cyprinodon diabolis*), found only in Devil's Hole in Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows). Ash Meadows less than two hours west of Las Vegas and would combine well with a trip to Death Valley National Park (www.nps.gov/deva). If you go to Badwater in Death Valley, the lowest point in North America at 280 feet below sea level, keep in mind that you will be adding 45 minutes each way to your trip. In a good rain fall year you will be more than rewarded by the wildflower display.

Finally, if you really can't get out of Las Vegas during the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting, a visit to the gardens, exhibits and museum at the Springs Preserve (www.springspreserve.org), just four miles from the strip, on the site of the original meadows (Las Vegas means "the meadows"), makes a quick and rewarding diversion from neon and sequins as well as paper sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.

Plan ahead, and make sure to make the most of your time in and around Las Vegas.

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AAG Welcomes Field Trip and Workshop Proposals

The AAG is currently seeking field trip and workshop ideas for the upcoming 2009 AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Workshops and field trips are an excellent way to meet and exchange ideas with other conference attendees.

Interesting field trip possibilities include visits to nearby Hoover Dam or Red Rock Canyon, Joshua tree forests, the singing dunes at Amargosa, bird watching excursions, and numerous sites of historical interest in and around Las Vegas. The city is also the fastest growing urban area in the U.S. and as such illustrates processes of urban change and conflict.

Workshops not only facilitate professional development, but can be an excellent way to connect with those who share similar interests and concerns.



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Las Vegas and nearby areas offer many possibilities for interesting field trips and excursions in almost any area or subfield of geography.

Your ideas are of course encouraged. If you are interested in organizing a field trip or workshop for the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, visit www.aag.org/annualmeetings for the appropriate submission forms or contact Oscar Larson at

meeting@aag.org for more information. Field trip and workshop proposals should be submitted by **November 1, 2008**.

In keeping with the AAG's effort to promote the fair and equal treatment of members, field trips organized by AAG members or specialty groups at the Annual Meeting will, as a rule, be open to all members. In instances where a member or specialty group wishes to organize a field trip that explicitly excludes any group of AAG members, the organizer will petition the AAG Council for an exception to this policy by the date when field trip proposals are due. If Council grants

the exception, notice will be given in the *AAG Newsletter*, along with an explanation of the reason for the exception. Please keep this rule of open access in mind as you organize your field trip.

Call for Nominations: Vice President and National Councillor

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

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

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

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Lists of past and current AAG officers may be found in the Handbook section of the current issue of the *AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas*.

AAG Enhancing Diversity Award

Nominations for the AAG Enhancing Diversity Award are due by September 15, 2008. See www.aag.org/Grantsawards/enhancing_diversity.cfm for information.

In Praise of Complementarity

For anyone familiar with the "first law of geography," it should come as little surprise that while Canadian geography has been influenced by geographers the world over, it's more closely related to American geography than to more distant geographies (see Tobler 1970: 236). Canadian geography owes much more to American geography than it does to empire or any of the carefully nurtured vestiges of our colonial past. Griffith Taylor, founding professor of Canada's first geography department, was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1942 but the Royal Society insisted he join the geological sciences section and declined to create a geographical section, despite Griff's best efforts.

In pondering the wisdom of creating a national organization, most Canadian geographers of the 1940s believed:

rather than start a weak organization, it would be better to join a good one like the Association of American Geographers where one could make a real contribution to the advancement of geography and from which one could receive so much in return. Consequently, most of us went south every year to the AAG meetings where, I must say, we were made very welcome. (J. Wreford Watson 1950)

Canadian geographers still make the spring pilgrimage south and they are still made very welcome.

Why attend both the AAG and the CAG Annual Meetings?

The AAG welcomes the world and what started as a national event now receives close to 25% of its attendees from outside the U.S. It seems ironic that at a time when the United States seems poised to lose its hegemonic status, a growing number of the world's geographers are following the path blazed by Canadians back in the 1940s. But the world's geographers have recognized that due to its large attendance and sheer interaction potential, the AAG provides a peerless opportunity for networks of cognate researchers to coalesce, share results, and work on joint projects.

The Annual Meeting of the AAG is a cornucopia of geographical riches that, no matter how jaundiced one might feel, never

fails to stimulate and invigorate. It often provides an early indication of what's hot or by its absence, what's not. There are exciting opportunities "to network" with potential grad students, collaborators, or supervisors. But one can just sit in the lobby and wait for that serendipitous connection with an old colleague or an influential author. Along with scores of concurrent sessions, there are daily plenaries, receptions, workshops, field trips, and a publisher's exhibit hall geared to academic geographers! Sample events from the 2008 AAG meeting included people such as Jeffrey Sachs (the only academic to rank consistently as one of the world's most influential people according to *Time*), Charles Mann (1491: *New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus*) and a conversation with Noam Chomsky before an overflow crowd of a thousand geographers. The Annual Meeting of the AAG is typically held in the opulent metropolitan setting of a large convention hotel. Fabulous dining opportunities a short stroll away and nearby pubs offering a range of exotic beverages on tap offer further blandishments to coax a geographer away from end-of-semester pressures.

Why should Canadian Geographers Continue to Support the CAG Annual Meeting?

Having sung the praises of the AAG experience, I remain a staunch supporter of our national [and divisional!] meetings, parochial though they may seem. Our national meetings are invariably held at a university campus and, true to Canadian parsimony, most participants revisit the dubious pleasures of residence life in the late spring just as the quaint lack of air conditioning becomes almost unbearable. With resolve and careful planning, we learn to make those tiny soap bars last four days. The so-called bath towels have been shrinking over the years so that their use as corporeal covering poses the risk that the morning scramble from the common bathroom could violate local codes of decency! We cope with nano-soaps and micro-towels because, as Fritz Schumacher (1973) taught us, small *can* be beautiful and it is in this regard that the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers truly shines. Ron Abler put our diminutive size somewhat more diplomatically by praising our

"manageable scale and strong sense of community." Alison Gill argues that with fewer concurrent sessions, the CAG provides an opportunity "to discover what is happening in geography in a broader context. This is often a very useful experience and a reminder of the richness and breadth of the discipline."

In Praise of Complementarity

The remorseless spatial logic of the first law will continue to lead Canadian geographers in Griffith Taylor's footsteps, recalling that Canada's first geography professor was also the first Canadian president of the AAG back in 1940. But we must also maintain the celebrated collegiality and the real conversations we are able to have as the traits of the fine national association that we have become. The CAG provides a deep and multiplex articulation along the regional, linguistic, and systemic dimensions of Canadian geography. While we too will continue to welcome international visitors from south of the border and further afield, our national meeting is vital to the institutional, organizational and national identity that we share as Canadian geographers and that must unite us in our disciplinary outreach.

If you have not been to an AAG lately, I urge you to consider attending the March 22-27, 2009 meeting in Las Vegas for an unforgettable professional experience and to experience the novelty of those amazing Nevada landscapes! But make sure you put the CAG 2009 meeting with the Congress at Carleton University on your calendar too. The two meetings are not substitutes but they are wonderfully complementary. *Vive la différence!*

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Petronella W. K. Muraya is Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of History at Howard University. Born and raised in Kenya, she earned a Presidential Scholarship to study at St. Bonaventure University in New York, then moved on to study geography at the University of Maryland for her Master's. She earned her PhD in Geography from Kent State University in 2002. Her research and scholarly work, which already includes numerous journal articles, reports and international presentations, focuses on engaging stakeholders in housing development projects in developing regions, as well as engaging students in community development and service learning. She lives in the Washington, D.C. area with her three children and her husband, also from Kenya.

AAG: What is it like to be a geographer in a history department?

Petah: I like it. We do have a minor in geography, but I miss the daily interaction and sharing research issues with other geographers. I miss that so much, and colloquia in departments, which is why I look forward to the AAG (Annual Meetings) and think, "Oh good, I'm home again."

AAG: Did you always know you would be a geographer?

Petah: I did love geography in high school at home [in Kenya]. It is emphasized much more there than here in the U.S., and by the time you graduate from high school, you have an advanced knowledge of both human and physical geography in Kenya, Africa, and the rest of the world. That is how I got to love it so much. I got a full scholarship at St. Bonaventure University, and when I came here, geography was one of my joys. I took several courses, but they didn't offer a major and that was disappointing.

AAG: What did you do then with your degrees in Journalism and Spanish?

Petah: When I got out of school I worked for a newspaper called Youth Today and I also worked for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. They were both interesting but they didn't give me that kick. So I went back to graduate school and remembered my love of geography at College Park, and later used my Spanish during my fieldwork in the Dominican Republic.

AAG: What motivated you to return to the university?

Petah: I was really interested in helping poor people in developing countries. Coming from Kenya, affordable and adequate housing is a big deal, and when I got to Maryland, then later at Kent State, I decided I was going to analyze housing for the low-income.



Muraya

AAG: How did you decide to focus on housing issues?

Petah: I had lived away for a while, and hadn't been home since 1990, and I remember getting shocked by the latest population census in Nairobi and wondering where those four million people were living. The previous census in the 1980s had estimated only one million people.

AAG: Where does the Caribbean connection come in?

Petah: The idea came from secondary research and learning how the World Bank and the United Nations emphasize the need for comparative research so countries and regions can learn from each other. I wanted to compare the situation in Kenya with a Central American country, and when I applied for my doctoral studies I got to know a particular professor who encouraged me to look at the Dominican Republic. I had some very good friends from there and I felt comfortable. It is complicated enough to study one country, but I said, "I'll just do it."

AAG: How did you work through that complexity?

Petah: My advisors worked hard to help me and I'll forever be grateful to them. When I began researching the housing conditions in both cities, I realized their population sizes and housing needs were similar. It turned out that both cities, although on different continents, had a lot in common. Growing up in Nairobi, I had watched the government destroy slums and squatter settlements and now they had adopted new policies to help the poor. It was all so amazing to me.

AAG: What future research questions do you have planned?

Petah: I plan to keep track of how the development projects proceed and to analyze future global housing policies that may be adopted in the developing world. The U.N. recommends global policies, but each country is unique and by comparing various countries these global policies can be amended to suit most countries.

AAG: I suppose that's where the geography comes in.

Petah: Exactly.

AAG: How do your students get engaged?

Petah: I got funding to change my class to a Service Learning Course, and to do so I introduced fieldwork. The students and I visited HOPE VI sites here in the District (the District of Columbia) and interviewed residents as well as those implementing the program. The students loved it and got to learn a lot about federal housing policies and how local communities are trying to solve their own housing problems.

AAG: What about the students in the Dominican Republic and Kenya?

Petah: In both countries, students and professors are involved in housing projects, especially the architectural programs. For example, in both countries the universities invented new building materials and building technologies that suited each country. They also contributed to the housing research, and students worked in the low-income settlements.

AAG: What a valuable experience for them.

Petah: Well, the scholars in Africa and other developing countries hardly have the means to do what I can do here. I am glad the AAG has established the AAG Developing Regions Membership Program. It will enable so many scholars to participate. Providing access to the AAG journals to the developing world will also be very beneficial, and I am sure it will encourage many scholars from these countries. That is why I do my work. There are all these issues and problems in the developing world and with geography you can pick up an issue and try to find solutions.

Washington Monitor

NSF to Play Key Role in DOD Minerva Program

As was reported in my May column, the Department of Defense (DOD) is interested in significantly expanding their funding of social and behavioral science research. This program, dubbed the "Minerva Consortia," generated both interest and concern from academics – some praising Defense Secretary Robert Gates for recognizing that research in these disciplines can significantly inform key decisions and policies by U.S. military leaders and others deeply concerned that ideological considerations will play a leading role in funding decisions and that research generated by the program will be mischaracterized for political ends.

A letter from the American Anthropological Association reflected both of these points of view – arguing that the research is of "paramount importance" but expressing deep concern "that funding such research through the Pentagon may pose a potential conflict of interest and undermine the practices of peer review that play such a vital role in maintaining the integrity of research in social science disciplines." Accordingly, the DOD and NSF have signed a memorandum of understanding that calls for NSF participation in the Minerva program. The Foundation will use its normal merit review process for social and behavioral science proposals to review projects submitted for Minerva funding. At the same time, the DOD will have some input into participants on the special panels that will review the proposals.

We will continue to keep you updated on developments in this important and potentially divisive new source of social and behavioral research funding.

Groat Calls for USGS-NOAA Merger

In an article in the July 4 issue of *Science*, former U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Director Charles Groat and six co-authors called for the establishment of a federal Earth Systems Science Agency. According to the authors, each of whom has held "senior Earth and environmental science positions in the federal government," the agency could be created chiefly through the merger of the USGS and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It is unclear how the proposal would affect USGS geography programs and given the upcoming election it seems highly likely that the reorganization will not be considered until 2009, if at all. For more information, please see www.sciencemag.org.

AAG urges Kempthorne to Implement NRC National Land Parcel Data Report

On June 17, AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson wrote to U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne to urge him to "take leadership in fulfilling the vision" of a recent National Research Council report, *National Land Parcel Data: A Vision for the Future*. David Cowen, an AAG member and Carolina Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of South Carolina, chaired the study committee, which included several AAG members.

The report documents the value of local parcel data to all levels of government, the private sector, and individuals. It makes nine recommendations for advancing a vision that locally-maintained public records parcel data be available for the nation over a web-based, distributed system. Federal, state, and Indian lands are included in the system. The NRC study was funded in part by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and many of the report's recommendations focus on Kempthorne's Department. Other federal support for the study came from the Department of Homeland Security and the Census Bureau.

HEA Reauthorization Still Stalled; Key Official Resigns

Both Houses of Congress have been working hard in recent months in an effort to finalize a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), but the bill remains uncompleted with some issues still outstanding. The key stumbling blocks all year have centered on financial aid initiatives, tuition increases, and accreditation programs – with the key members of Congress unable to come to final agreements with college and university leaders or themselves.

Efforts towards final passage have also been hindered in recent weeks by Senator Ted Kennedy's (D-MA) unfortunate battle with brain cancer. Kennedy was the leader in the Senate on HEA issues and his colleagues have had to step up to fill his void as he recovers and undergoes further treatment in Massachusetts. Washington insiders are hopeful that a bill will be completed before the August recess – but given the rate of action on the Hill in recent years, that would seem to be a dicey proposition at best.

Meanwhile, Diane Auer Jones, who was confirmed as Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education a mere nine months beforehand, announced on May 14 that she was leaving her position to become President and CEO of The Washington Campus, a consortium of 16 major university business schools focused on educating graduate business students and corporate executives about the complexities of government decision-making. While departures of senior officials are common during the last year of any Administration, Jones' announcement is another complicating factor in the efforts to complete action on the HEA. It is likely that the position will remain vacant through at least January.

Thanks to our friends at COSSA for supplying some detail for this story.

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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.

Each year AAG specialty groups confer honors and awards on both faculty and students. The following awards were presented during the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston.

Bible Geography SG

Amy Mather Student Scholar Award
Steve Benzek, University of Redlands

Cartography SG

Honors Student Paper Competition

Hyowon Ban, Ohio State University, "Web-based Interactive Visualization of Different Definitions of Exurban Areas"

Wei Chen, Ohio State University, "Visibility Frequency Analysis Based on DEM"

Steph Gaspers, Portland State University, "A Case for Quantitative Thematic Maps in Middle School Curriculum"

Robert Roth, Penn State University, "Representing Uncertainty: A Case Study in the Usage of Categorical Uncertainty for Decision Making"

Master's Thesis Grant Awards

Lucas Rengstorf, Missouri State University, "Web-based Interactive Cave Mapping: A Case Study of Fitton Cave, Arkansas"

China SG

Best Student Paper Award

Cassandra C. Wang, The University of Hong Kong, "The Growth and Spatial Distribution of China's ICT Industry"

Student Travel Grant Award

Jenn Lee Smith, University of California, Los Angeles, "Gender Preference and Factors Influencing Sex Ratio Variation across Provinces in China"

Chuncui Velma Fan, University of California, Los Angeles, "Changing Patterns of Rural Youth Migration in China"

Outstanding Service Award

C. Cindy Fan, University of California, Los Angeles

Climate SG

John Russell Mather Paper of the Year Award

Kevin T. Law, Marshall University "A Statistical Model to Forecast Short-term Atlantic Hurricane Intensity"



Law

Coastal Marine SG

Norb Psuty Student Paper Merit Award

Christopher Brehme, State University of New York, Buffalo, "Biology, Boats and Boundaries: Of Whales, Lobster, Fishing Gear and Fishing Lines"

Laura Merner, Clarke University, "Assessing Drivers of Bald Cypress Mortality in Forested Wetlands of Louisiana"

Communication Geography SG

The Stanley D. Brunn Student Paper Prize

1st Kirsten A. Jones, Rice University, "The Publics of the Blogosphere"

Runners-up: Peter D. Howe, Penn State University; Terri Moreau, East Carolina University,

Cryosphere SG

2008 Francois Emile Matthes Award

Dr. Jerry Brown, International Permafrost Association

Cultural and Political Ecology SG

Student Paper Award

Clark L. Gray, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Environment, Land and Rural Out-Migration in the Southern Ecuadorian Andes"

Field Study Award

Leslie McLees, University of Oregon, "Saving the Farm: Understanding the Functions of Urban-Ecological Spaces in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania"

Zachary Hurwitz, University of Texas, Austin, "Clean Development: The Carbon Market and the Making of Hydroelectric Dams in Brazil"

Robert McCorkle Netting Award

Michael Mortimore, Drylands Research, United Kingdom

For his outstanding and inspiring contribution to the field.

The James M. Blaut Award

Diana Davis, University of Texas, Austin, "Resurrecting the Granary of Rome: Environmental History and French Colonial Expansion in North Africa"

Jordan Bychkov Best PhD Student Paper Award

Alan Marcus, University of Massachusetts, "(Re)Creating Places and Spaces: Brazilian Transnational Migration Processes and a Cultural Geography of Two Countries"

Masters Paper Award

Katherine Williams, University of Texas, "Derailing in Key Weird: Remembering Humanism in the Construction of Place at Fantasy Fest"

Masters Research Grant

Grant Wilson, University of Toledo, "A Cultural Landscape of the Riverview Mobile Home Park in Grand Rapids, Ohio"

Economic Geography

Best Dissertation Award

Kathryn Furlong, University of British Columbia

Energy and Environment SG

Earl Cook Award

Matthew T. Huber, Clark University, "Energizing Historical Materialism: Fossil Fuels, Space and the Capitalist Mode of Production"

Daniel B. Luten Award

Hari M. Osofsky, University of Oregon, "The Geography of Climate Change Litigation Part II: Narratives of Massachusetts v. EPA"

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Ethnic Geography SG

Distinguished Service Award

James Allen, California State University, Northridge

In recognition of his many years of leadership and commitment to the EGSG.

Best Student Paper

Alan P. Marcus, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, "An Ethnic Geography of Brazilian Immigrants in the United States and Immigrant Returnees in Brazil"

Best Dissertation Proposal

Tatiana Matjskova, University of Minnesota, "Making Russlanddeutsche Migrants into Citizens: Local Integration Projects, Gender and Space in Berlin-Marzahn"

Europe SG

Best Paper Award

Kara E. Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Architecture, Symbol and Identity: Spanish Monuments and Contested Regional Representations"



Dempsey

Luna V. Gonzales, University of British Columbia, "White Europe: A Racial Reading of the Spanish-European Border"

Geomorphology SG

Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award

William L. Graf, University of South Carolina



Graf

Grove Karl Gilbert Award

David S. Leigh, Pradeep Srivastava and George A. Brook, University of Georgia, "Late Pleistocene Braided Rivers of the Atlantic Coastal Plain, USA"

Graduate Student Paper Award: Masters Student

Schlomer, Missouri State University "Sedimentological and Geochemical Indicators of the Presettlement Boundary in Overbank Floodplain Deposits of the Little Buffalo-Dutch Buffalo River System, North Carolina"

Geographic Information Systems and Science SG

Robert T Aangeenbrug Distinguished Career Award

Dr. Arthur Getis, San Diego State University



Getis

Honors Student Paper Competition

1st Kyle Hogrefe, Oregon State University

2nd Derek Robinson, University of Michigan

Geographic Perspectives on Women SG

The Glenda Laws Student Paper Competition Award

Emma Crossley, Simon Fraser University, "The Personal is Global"

Kate D. Derickson, Penn State University, "Towards a Non-Totalizing Critique of Capitalism"

Jan Monk Service Award

Maria-Dolors Garcia-Ramon, Autonomous University of Barcelona



Garcia-Ramon

Graduate Student Affinity SG

Graduate Student Research Award

1st Nicholas Crane

Runners-up: Phil Birge-Liberman, Bailiang Li

Student Paper Competition

1st Evan Larson, University of Minnesota

2nd Debarchana Ghosh, University of Minnesota

3rd Po-Yi Hung, University of Wisconsin

Hazards SG

Jeanne X. Kasperson Student Paper Award

Erin P. Hughey, University of South Florida, "The Value of a Comprehensive Emergency Management System: A Longitudinal Study of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas"

Lauren A. Patterson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Spatiotemporal Analysis of Socioeconomic Exposures to Assess Flood Policy Effectiveness"

Laura Siebeneck, University of Utah, "An Assessment of the Return-Entry Process for Hurricane Rita, 2005"

Eric Tate, University of South Carolina, "Web-based Hazards and Social Vulnerability"

Marilyn M. Williams, University of South Florida, "The Spatial Distribution of Industrial Pollution in Houston: Analyzing the Health Hazards"

Historical Geography SG

J.K. Wright Award

Geoffrey J. Martin, Southern Connecticut State University



Geoffrey Martin accepts congratulations from AAG President Tom Baerwald

Andrew Hill Clark Award: Doctoral Student

Emilie Cameron, Queen's University, "To Mourn: Story, History and Matrnality in the Canadian Arctic"

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**W.L.G. Joerg Award
for Archival
Preservation**

Maynard Weston Dow,
Plymouth State Uni-
versity



Dow

**Ralph Brown Award:
Masters Student**

Tomas Jonsson, York
University, "Houses of Culture and Memory:
Tracing the Shifting terrain of Cultural Insti-
tutions in Post-Socialist Estonia"

Indigenous Peoples SG**2008 International Indigenous Geographies
Graduate Student Paper Award**

*In honor of the 2008 joint meeting of the AAG,
CAG and IGU Indigenous Peoples organiza-
tions, the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group
of the AAG (IPSG), and the Indigenous Peoples
Knowledges and Rights Commission of the
IGU (IPKRC) co-sponsored the International
Indigenous Geographies Graduate Student Paper
Award.*

1st Chuck Lippstreu, University of Nebras-
ka-Lincoln, "Bolivia on New Terms: Evo
Morales and Indigenous Socialism"

2nd Heather Dorries, University of Toronto,
"De-colonizing Geography/Reclaiming
Indigenous Space: Indigenous Contributions
to Geographic Methods and Thought"

Latin American SG**Best Student Paper Award**

1st Jason Davis, University of California,
Santa Barbara

2nd Jeff Garmany, University of Arizona

Field Study Award: PhD Student

T. Garret Graddy, University of
Kentucky, "Situating in Situ: Agricultural
Biodiversity Initiatives in Appalachia and
the Andes"

Field Study Award: MA Student

Sarah Wright, Ohio State University,
"Water and Warming: The Indigenous
Perspective on Glacier Recession in the
Peruvian Andes"

Medical Geography SG**Jacques May Thesis Prizes**

Daniel Harrington, McMaster University,
"Understanding the Individual and Context-
tual Level Risk Factors for Overweight and
Obesity in Ontario: A Multi-level Analysis"

Travel Grant Award

Steven Mlinarich, University of North Texas
Theodora Douliou, McMaster University

Mountain Geography SG**Chimborazo Student Research Grant Award**

Grant Elliott, University of Minnesota, "
Multi-Scale Influences of Climate on Upper
Treeline Dynamics Along a Latitudinal
Gradient in the Rocky Mountains, USA"

Mauna Kea Student Presentation Award

Daniel J. Weiss, University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill, "A Multi-Scale Spatial
Analysis of Hypothesized Controls on the
Alpine Treeline Ecotone in the Western
United States"

Denali Recent Accomplishment Award

Mark W. Williams, University of Colorado,
Boulder

For significant contributions to Mountain Geography.

Mount Everest Career Award 2008

George P. Malanson, University of Iowa

Political Geography SG**Dissertation Enhancement Award**

Sara Koopman, University of British
Columbia

Student Paper Award: PhD

Erinn Nicay, University of Illinois

Student Paper Award: MA

Kara Dempsey, University of Wisconsin,
Madison

Population SG**Best Student Paper**

Kyle Walker, University of Minnesota,
"Immigration, Suburbia and the Politics of
Population in U.S. Metropolitan Areas"

Qualitative Research SG**Best Student Paper**

Jason Young

Recreation, Tourism and Sports SG**Best Graduate Student
Paper**

1st Gillian McCrumm,
Aberdeen University

2nd Joomi Lee, Univer-
sity of Texas, Austin



Lee

John Rooney Award

Wesley Roehl,
Temple University

Roy Wolfe Award

Victor Teye, Arizona State University

Remote Sensing SG**2008 Outstanding Contributions Award
(highest award)**

Dr. Peng Gong, University of California,
Berkeley

2008 Best Paper Award for Early Career
Scholars in Remote Sensing

Dr. John Rogan, Clark University, "A
Comparison of Linear Change Detection
Methods for Mapping Multiple Types of
Land-Cover Change in California"

**Student Illustrated Paper Competition
(sponsored by CSG,
RS, and GISS groups)**

1st Alicia Simonti,
Clark University

2nd Oh Seok Kim,
(GISS) Clark
University

3rd Bardan Ghimire,
(GISS) Clark
University



Simonti

Student Honors Paper Competition

3rd Joseph Fortier, Clark University, "Uti-
lizing Temporally Invariant Training Sites
to Classify Multiple Dates of Satellite
Imagery"

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Rural Geography SG

John Fraser Hart Research Excellence Award
Leslie A. Duram, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Donald Q Innis Award

Blake Harrism, Yale University, The View from Vermont: Tourism and the Making of an American Rural Landscape

Student Paper Award

Colleen Hiner, University of California, Davis, "The Rural Visioning Project: Understanding Participation and Capacity Building"

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award

Timothy J. Rickard, Central Connecticut State University

Russia, Central Eurasia, and East Europe SG

Best Doctoral Dissertation Proposal

Cristin Burke, University of Kansas, Lawrence, "Spatial Variation and Territorial Cohesion in Kazakhstan"

Sexuality and Space SG

Student Paper Competition

2nd Anne Marie Murnaghan, York University

Spatial Analysis and Modeling SG



Tom Baerwald and Yongwan Chun

Best Graduate Student Paper

1st Yongwan Chun, University of Texas, Dallas, "Modeling Network Autocorrelation within Migration Flows by Spatial Eigenvectors"

1st Jamison F. Conley, Penn State University, "Using Moment Invariants to Analyze Cluster Shapes and Hypothesize Potential Causes"

2nd Neeti Neeti, Clark University, "Modeling Trends in Phenological Curve Shape Parameters Using AVHRR-NDVI Data"

Transportation Geography SG

2008 PhD Dissertation Award in Transportation Geography

Barton E. Cramer, University of Iowa, "North American Freight Rail: Regulatory Evolution, Strategic Rejuvenation and the Revival of an Ailing Industry"

2008 Edward L. Ullman Award

Shih-Lung Shaw, University of Tennessee

Masters Thesis Award

Lisa J. Murawski, University of California, Santa Barbara, "The Maximal Covering Network Improvement Problem: Designing Rural Transport Networks for Accessibility to Health Care Facilities"

Urban Geography SG

2007 Anderson Medal of Honor in Applied Geography

Michael Sutcliffe, City of Durban, South Africa



Sutcliffe

Urban Geography Masters Fellowship

Robert Cochran, Georgia State

Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award

Daniel Miller, Georgia State University, "Revealing Environmental Injustices through the Metric of Dereliction in Atlanta, Georgia"

Urban Geography Doctoral Fellowship

Ted Rutland, University of British Columbia; Joaquin Villanueva, Syracuse University; Joomi Lee, University of Texas, Austin

Graduate Student Paper Award

John Paul Catungal, University of Toronto, "The Ivory Tower in the Neoliberal City: The Urban Politics of Student Volunteerism Programs"

Water Resources SG

Student Poster Competition

1st Robert H. Hirsch, Towson University

2nd Michael Farrell, San Diego State University; Christina L. Tague, University of California, Santa Barbara

3rd David M. Speer, Missouri State University; Robert T. Pavlowsky, Missouri State University

3rd John Klock, Oregon State University

Research Grant Proposal: PhD

Sya Burynd Kedzior, University of Kentucky, "Pollution Knowledge and Hydrogeopolitics in the Ganges River Basin"

Research Grant Proposal: MA

Eva Lieberberherr, Oregon State University, "Acceptability of Market-based Approaches to Water Management: An Analysis of the Deschutes Groundwater Mitigation Program"

Best Paper Award: PhD

1st Yuyu Zhou, University of Rhode Island, "Improved Hydrologic Modeling with High Spatial Resolution Impervious Surface"

2nd Shama Perveen, University of South Carolina, "Scale Effects on the Spatial Heterogeneity of Water Resources Data: Implications to Identifying and Mitigating Global Water Stress"

3rd Emma Spenner Norman, University of British Columbia, "Boundless Nature, Bounded Nations: Governing Transboundary Water Post-9/11"

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Of Note

Harald Bauder (University of Guelph) and **Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro** (State University of New York at New Paltz) have edited the on-line, open-access textbook, *Critical Geographies: A Collection of Readings*. The book's thirty-six chapters of previously published work introduce students and scholars to wide-ranging approaches, topics, and theories spanning over 150 years of critical geographical scholarship. It includes texts by Peter Kropotkin and Élisée Reclus, James Blaut, David Harvey, Richard Peet, Suzanne MacKenzie, Cindi Katz, Janice Monk, Nicholas Blomley, Laura Pulido, and many others. *Critical Geographies: A Collection of Readings* is available for free from Praxis (e)Press at www.praxis-eypress.org/availablebooks/introcriticalgeog.html.

The **Quaternary Landscapes Research Group (QLRG)** at Michigan State University (MSU) is actively seeking applications for graduate students interested in working on research projects related to Quaternary Studies. An active group of researchers who study prehistoric and historic landscapes, primarily in the Great Lakes region, their work centers on improving the understanding of past and recent landscapes. Climatology, GIS and remote sensing are particularly strong fields of study within the Geography Department at MSU and these specialties help strengthen QLRG work. Both research and teaching assistantships are available through the geography department and are awarded competitively from among the admitted graduate student pool. For further information, visit the QLRG webpage at www.geo.msu.edu/qlrg/index.html.

New Appointments

Indiana University, Bloomington, Assistant Professor, Rebecca Lave. PhD 2008, University of California, Berkeley.

Indiana University, Bloomington, Assistant Professor, Rinku Roy Chowdhury. PhD 2003, Clark University.

University of New Orleans, Assistant Professor, Ziyang Jiang. ABD (PhD expected 2008), Clark University.

University of Oklahoma, Assistant Professor, Jason P. Julian PhD 2007, University of North Carolina.

University of Pittsburgh, Visiting Instructor, Michael R. Glass. PhD 2007, Pennsylvania State University.

University of Utah, Assistant Professor, Mitchell J. Power. PhD 2006, University of Oregon.

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

Supporting the AAG Developing Regions Membership Program

As international collaboration becomes increasingly integral to much of the work carried out by geographers around the world, access to global networks of professionals and resources becomes more valuable to us all. However, many geographers and others in related disciplines do not have access to the resources that would enable them to participate fully in geography's growing international community.

The AAG Developing Regions Membership Program is an initiative which enables geographers and others from developing regions to join the AAG at a reduced membership rate, as illustrated in Doug Richardson's column introducing this new program in the February 2008 issue of the *AAG Newsletter*.

Now, geographers from developing regions, with an annual income of less than \$25,000, may join the AAG at a rate of \$20 per year. Those who join through this program are eligible for all regular AAG benefits, with the exception of hard copies of the AAG journals and newsletter; these members receive an online subscription instead.

The AAG has also created developing region web pages for Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East that may be accessed at www.aag.org/developing.

These serve as a clearinghouse for information related to each region, including contact information for university geography departments and regional geospatial and environmental organizations, as well links to upcoming events, and notices of grants and awards availabilities. These online resources are designed to foster communication and collaboration between new colleagues from developing regions and the broader AAG membership.

This program presents opportunities for AAG members in the U.S. to support our colleagues in developing regions, to achieve the mutual benefits of greater professional interaction, and to foster new research and educational collaborations.

To help support costs associated with international outreach, materials creation, web infrastructure, communications, and other activities necessary to administer the Developing Regions Membership Program, the AAG has established a tax-deductible *Developing Regions Membership Fund*. We hope that AAG members will consider donating to this fund, thus assisting the AAG to establish a solid foundation for enhancing international scholarly and educational exchange.

Gift memberships at the Developing Regions Membership Program rate of \$20 per year may also be purchased to sponsor

your colleagues who meet the eligibility criteria. More information about the program is available in English, Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Spanish as a .pdf file or as printed brochures at www.aag.org/developing. Thanks to the AAG China Specialty Group's generous support, this brochure will also be available in Mandarin Chinese in the near future.

The AAG also recognizes that some geographers from developing regions will not be able to afford participation even at the heavily subsidized \$20 rate. For this reason, the AAG is seeking donations to cover sponsored memberships in cases of extreme financial need. A donation of only \$100, for example, could support five student members from Latin America for one year. A \$1,000 contribution could support AAG membership for ten geography faculty members from Africa for five years.

If you wish to contribute to the AAG Developing Regions Membership Program, you may do so using the form on the facing page, or by visiting the AAG weblink at www.aag.org/developing/donate.htm. If you have questions, please contact Candida Mannozi, (cmannozi@aag.org) or Matt Hamilton (mhamilton@aag.org) of the AAG staff, or by telephone at 202-234-1450.

MOVING? HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?

To update your address or contact info, visit the AAG website (www.aag.org) or fax this entire page to 202-234-2744 or mail to the AAG Office.

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Center for Geocomputation Receives Grant

The National Centre for Geocomputation at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth is the lead center in the award of over \$10 million from Science Foundation Ireland to support a Strategic Research Cluster in Advanced Geotechnologies over the next 5 years. The Cluster is a consortium of diverse departments drawn from NUI Maynooth (NUIM), Trinity College Dublin (TCD) the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and University College Dublin (UCD). Lead PI is AAG member Stewart Fotheringham, Director of the NCG.

The Strategic Research Cluster will investigate four main areas of research in Advanced Geotechnologies: Sensor Integration with the objective to integrate diverse sensor types and enable real-time dynamic geospatial monitoring; Spatial Algorithms which will deal with the complex task of developing methods to process data from multiple sources and provide information on spatial processes from large amounts of data; Spatial Visualisation looking



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at knowledge discovery and ways of obtaining interesting information from large, spatial data sets; and Location-Based Services examining novel uses of locationally-aware devices for spatial information dissemination.

The cluster will be appointing a number of Post-doctoral Research Associates and PhD students. Contact Professor Fotheringham for information or visit the NCG website for further details (<http://nccg.nuim.ie>).

Grants and Awards Received

James Dunn has been awarded a Chair in Applied Public Health from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) for his program of research on Interventions in Residential Neighborhoods and Population Health. The Chair is valued at \$985,000 over 5 years and will involve a program of research, training and knowledge translation at St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto. Additionally, Dunn has received a 5-year grant valued at \$1.19 million from CIHR for a project investigating "Effects of Subsidized Housing on Adult Mental Health and Children's Developmental Competencies."

Barry Keim (PI), **David Brown** (co-PI), and **Kevin Robbins** (co-PI) at Louisiana State University have received a five-year, \$1.39 million grant from the NOAA Climate Program Office to establish, in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma, a Regional Integrated Sciences and Assess-

ments (RISA) project. With a primary focus on drought in the south-central United States, this new RISA will develop an integrated extreme climate events database and information system; conduct climate variability and risk assessments; create web-based GIS services for climate risk and scenario analysis; and engage in demonstration and development outreach projects with selected community user groups.

Bryan G. Mark, Assistant Professor of Geography at Ohio State University, received a \$30,000 grant from the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration for a study entitled "Assessing the volume of recent tropical glacier recession." This mapping expedition of tropical glacier surface elevation in the Cordillera Blanca and Quelccaya Ice Cap, Peru, will use ALSM technology to measure late 20th century glacier volume change, as well as test hypotheses related to the dynamics of tropical glacier mass changes and impacts to regional hydrology.

David J. Nash, Reader in Physical Geography at the University of Brighton, U.K., received a \$21,980 grant from the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration for a study entitled "Climate change and eolian activity in the Atacama Desert, northern Chile." This project will analyze and date near-coastal eolianite deposits in order to enhance understanding of late Quaternary environmental conditions in the driest place on earth.

Maria Shahgedanova, Lecturer in Geography at the University of Reading, U.K., received a \$20,200 grant from the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration for a study entitled "Investigating glacier response to the recent climate change in the Polar Urals, Russia." This expedition will yield information about glacier retreat in north-western Russia using remote sensing and field surveys.

ADVERTISE IN THE AAG NEWSLETTER

The AAG Council has authorized the acceptance of advertisements for publication in the AAG Newsletter. All ads must meet AAG ethical standards and relate to the discipline or profession of geography. For more information on advertising in the Newsletter, please visit www.aag.org/ads.

World Geography Bowl 2008

For the second straight year, the Middle States Division of the AAG fielded the winning team in the World Geography Bowl at the AAG's Annual Meeting. The team was led by returning members Jamison Conley (Penn State University) and Karen Wertz (Kutztown University), and included newcomers Andrei Israel (Penn State), Nick Cosmas (West Point), Tom Auer (Penn State), and Melody Grewell (Temple University).



Back Row (L to R): Nick Cosmas (West Point), Tom Auer (Penn State), and Andrei Israel (Penn State). Front Row (L to R): Karen Wertz (Kutztown), Melody Grewell (Temple), and Jamison Conley (Penn State). Members of the Middle States team, winners of the 2008 World Geography Bowl.

The World Geography Bowl is an annual question-answer competition which has tra-

ditionally included only teams of students representing different regional divisions of the AAG. However, this year was marked by the participation of a team sent from the U.K., an addition which contributed excitement and anticipation to the event.

Geography Bowls take place at various regional division meetings throughout the fall, and regional teams are formed out of those competitions. Regional teams then face each other one-on-one in a round-robin format at the AAG Annual Meeting. The two teams with the best overall scores at the end of the round-robin are then matched against each other in the final round.

Exciting Final Round

This year, the final round provided an especially intriguing match-up for the boisterous crowd of more than 250 onlookers. While the defending champion had accumulated the most points throughout the initial rounds, the NESTVAL team – their opponent – had actually bested Middle

States when the two teams locked horns earlier in the evening. Adding to the excite-

ment, the more experienced Middle States team would be facing a regional division that had never before sent a team to the World Geography Bowl final round. Could upstart NESTVAL pull off the unanticipated upset?

Initially, the NESTVAL team performed admirably in the final round, but as the competition wore on they gradually succumbed to the eventual champion, who showed a great deal of poise under fire in answering some difficult questions. Both teams should be commended for their strong efforts, however.

Thank You Sponsors!

Generous student travel funding and an assortment of prizes for the 2008 World Geography Bowl was provided by sponsors Rand McNally, the National Geographic Society, Oxford University Press, and the Association of American Geographers. Travel funds allowed students to participate in the AAG Annual Meeting, the world's largest professional meeting of geographers.

The World Geography Bowl is organized by Bill Carstensen of Virginia Tech with the assistance of the AAG. Bill also hosts the event and moderates the final round. AAG President Tom Baerwald attended the final round and congratulated the players at the end of the evening, and assisted in the presentation of awards.



World Geography Bowl Seeks Sponsors

Companies and other organizations interested in sponsoring the upcoming 2009 World Geography Bowl in Las Vegas should contact AAG staff member Jim Ketchum at jketchum@aag.org.

Call for Papers

2009 Annual Meeting of the AAG

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers attracts more than 7,000 geographers and related professionals from around the world. Our meeting forum stimulates discussion about research, education, accomplishments, and developments in geography. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged.

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at the Riviera Hotel and the Las Vegas Convention Center, in Las Vegas, Nevada. If you are interested in submitting a presentation, please read the following guidelines carefully. **The AAG Annual Meeting accepts all submitted abstracts for presentation.**

Please direct any questions you may have about these guidelines to Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org. Abstracts and Sessions must be submitted online at www.aag.org/annualmeeting by October 16, 2008, but we encourage you to register and submit online today, as registration is now open.

PRESENTATIONS

Presenters may give **one, and only one**, of the following presentations:

- Paper
- Interactive Short Paper
- Poster Presentation
- Illustrated Paper

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods, and conclusions of your research. No one may submit or take part in more than one presentation. Abstracts can only be submitted online after you have registered for the meeting.

PAPERS

- 20 minutes per paper (time includes presentation and discussion)
- 5 presentations per session
- Digital projector provided at no charge (please bring your laptop)
- Abstract submission deadline:
October 16, 2008

Each paper is allotted 20 minutes for presentation and discussion. Paper sessions are limited to five presentations.

A digital projector will be available in each meeting room; however, participants must furnish their own computers. You may request a 35-mm carousel slide projector (not including slide trays) and an overhead projector for a \$3 fee. If you require other types of audio/visual equipment, please contact Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org.

Illustrated Papers

- 3- to 5-minute oral presentation followed by discussion at individual posters
- 8 to 12 presentations per session
- AV consists of 4' x 8' poster boards only
- Abstract submission deadline:
October 16, 2008

An illustrated paper is a short (3- to 5-minute) oral summary of problem, data, method, and findings presented in poster format, followed by a one-on-one or small group discussion with interested listeners at the poster. All oral summaries (8 to 12 per session) will be given at the beginning of each illustrated paper session before participants disperse to the poster boards around the room. Each presenter will post illustrations and other relevant materials on a 4' x 8' poster board supplied by the AAG.

Interactive Short Papers

- 5-minute presentation
- 10-14 presentations per session
- Digital projector and computer with PowerPoint software is provided at no charge
- Abstract submission deadline:
October 16, 2008

The format of the Interactive Short Paper (ISP) Session allows for 10 to 14 paper presentations of 5 minutes in length involving a maximum of 10 PowerPoint slides per presentation summarizing research or research in progress in a particular field, followed by a 30- to 45-minute interactive roundtable discussion among presenters and the audience. This type of session has become popular at other meetings as it provides the audience with rapid and intensive overview of research and also allows for more in-depth discussion among presenters and with the audience.

To facilitate the smooth transfer from one presentation to the next, ISP Sessions include a computer and a digital projector. There will be no overhead projector or slide projector available in ISP sessions.

Poster Presentation

- Session consists of posters exhibited for informal browsing with opportunities for individual discussion with poster authors
- 15 to 30 posters per session
- AV consists of 4' x 8' poster boards only
- Abstract submission deadline:
October 16, 2008

Use the poster format for your presentation when your material can easily be communicated visually. Each presentation should make a unified, coherent statement. Materials, both textual and visual, should be of professional quality and be clearly legible from a distance of 4'. Graphic materials will be displayed on a 4' x 8' poster board supplied by the AAG.

Text should be limited to brief statements. Presentations consisting mostly of text are most appropriate as paper presentations.

Nystrom Award Papers

- Abstract submission deadline:
September 27, 2008

Papers submitted for the J. Warren Nystrom Award must be based on a recent dissertation in geography. Eligibility for this award is restricted to persons who have received their Ph.D. since April 2006 and who were full members of the AAG in 2006, 2007, and 2008. The Nystrom Awards are made from a fund established by J. Warren Nystrom, former executive director of the AAG.

Guidelines for submitting papers for this award differ substantially from those for other papers. Applicants for Nystrom awards should review details online at www.aag.org/Grantsawards/nystrom.cfm well before the September 27 deadline.

ABSTRACTS

Everyone who presents a paper, illustrated paper, or poster presentation must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words that describes the presentation's purpose, methods, and conclusions. Please be sure to include keywords (see abstract instructions). All abstracts must be submitted online after you have registered for the conference.

Your abstract will not be edited; you are responsible for any spelling, grammatical, and typographical errors. Use the active voice for your abstract and presentation. Transmit your research results clearly and concisely. Avoid jargon.

Submission of an abstract grants the AAG permission to include it in the meeting abstract compilation and to disseminate it electronically.

ORGANIZED SESSIONS

Individuals, groups, and specialty groups may organize sessions at the AAG Annual Meeting. Organized Sessions are a great way

to bring distant colleagues together to discuss current research and to advance your field.

- Each session may list up to two organizers and one chair in the program
- Paper Sessions consist of 5 papers or 4 papers and a discussant. Each paper is expected to conform to the 20-minute time limit.
- Illustrated Paper Sessions consist of 8 to 12 illustrated papers. Refer to the illustrated paper guidelines for information on format.
- Panel Sessions consist of 4-6 participants. These sessions are 100-minute discussions among the panel and audience members. Formal presentations are not to be part of panel sessions.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE ORGANIZED SESSIONS

If you choose not to participate in a pre-organized session, the AAG Program Committee will place your paper into the most germane session available. Every year the committee organizes over 1,000 loose abstracts into the most cohesive sessions possible. Please choose your topics and keywords carefully to help steer your paper into the best session.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Anyone interested in the advancement of geography may participate in our annual meeting.

You are eligible to give a presentation or participate in other capacities in the program provided you are registered for the meeting. You do not need to be an AAG member to register.

Eligible participants may present only one paper, illustrated paper, interactive short paper, or poster presentation. Participation in the program as a session chair, discussant, panelist, non-presenting co-author, session organizer, workshop organizer, or field trip organizer or leader does not affect your eligibility to present a paper, poster, interactive short paper, or illustrated paper. Anyone who participates

in more than two events runs the risk of time conflicts that staff will not be able to resolve.

REQUIRED FEES

All participants, except non-attending co-authors, must pay the appropriate participation fee before submitting an abstract. Annual meeting registration fees may be paid online.

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Everyone who presents a paper, poster, interactive short paper, or illustrated paper must submit an abstract. Your abstract may not exceed 250 words and must be submitted online after you pay your meeting registration fee. The abstract must describe the presentation's purpose, methods, and conclusions.

Please notice and adhere to the following format instructions for the *body* of the abstract:

- Do not put your name and affiliation in the body of the abstract.
- Do not enter the title in the body of the abstract.
- Do not use abbreviations.
- Do not use underlining, boldface type, italics, subscripts, or superscripts.
- Do not include any codes for justification, hyphenation, line height, line centering, margins, spacing, fonts, page centering, page numbering, suppression, or tabs, in your abstract.
- Do not use bulleted lists.
- Do not include phone numbers or e-mail addresses in the body of the abstract.
- Do not use all caps.

Guide to Selecting Keywords for your Abstract

Keywords may be compound (such as "political geography"). Keywords should generally be nouns instead of adjectives or adverbs. Do not use abbreviations. In creating your keywords, try to think of how someone might want to search for your topic in the abstract volume.

If your presentation is about color cartography, an appropriate keyword might be "cartography-color." Under no circumstance can you use a comma *within* a keyword.

Make certain your geography is not too specific. For example, suppose your paper is about southwestern Kentucky. A user of the abstract volume interested in Kentucky is going to search under the letter "K" instead of "S." Therefore, use either "Kentucky" or "Kentucky-southwest" as a keyword.

In referring to a systematic sub field, *do use* the word "geography." Use "economic geography" as the keyword and not "economic." If you have a choice between the plural and the singular form, use the plural. If your keyword could be "race" or "races," use "races."

SAMPLE: Keywords: cartography, atlases, United States.

ENRICHMENT FUNDS

The Las Vegas Annual Meeting Program Committee will allocate a total of \$12,500 to support participation of distinguished non-geographers in the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Contact the AAG office or visit the Annual Meeting section of the AAG web-site for an application form. The deadline for applications is **September 27, 2008**.

WORKSHOPS and FIELD TRIPS

Anyone interested in organizing a workshop or field trip for the 2009 Annual Meeting should contact Oscar Larson at meeting@aag.org. Proposals should be submitted by **September 27, 2008**. Workshops and field trips are an excellent way for participants to learn about different areas of geography in an interactive environment. We encourage you to submit your ideas for consideration.

DISCLAIMER

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers is an open forum for sharing the results of research and teaching in geography and related specialties. The contents of annual meeting presentations by individuals or groups at the annual meeting are theirs alone. The Association of American Geographers neither endorses nor disclaims the conclusions, interpretations or opinions expressed by speakers at its annual meeting.

New On-line Search Features for Annual Meeting Abstracts Now Available

The AAG has just completed software upgrades that will help you organize your participation in the AAG Annual Meeting in two important ways. First, session organizers, or anyone interested in getting a look at what will be presented at the Annual Meeting, will now be able to view abstracts as soon as they have been submitted. Second, those still organizing sessions will now be able to post their proposed sessions for viewing on the conference website. Proposed sessions may be searched by all visitors seeking information on the Annual Meeting, including non-members. Anyone who is logged into the AAG website will be able to match their abstract with sessions currently being organized and contact organizers directly about being added to a session. Session organizers will be able to use these tools to invite presenters to their sessions, or to create new sessions all together. Please stay tuned for emails describing these tools in more detail. Return frequently to www.aag.org/annualmeeting for conference updates or to search current lists of proposed sessions and submitted abstracts.

Donald Hays

Herbert Donald Hays, retired professor of geography at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, passed away on July 6, 2008 of natural causes at the age of 86. He was a native of Berea, Kentucky. Hays' education was interrupted by World War II, serving his country as a military pilot. After the war he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Kentucky and later did graduate work at the University of Michigan.

Hays took a faculty position in the Department of Geology and Geography where he taught geology, physical geography, microclimatology, urban and regional planning, and air photo interpretation. He collaborated on *The Atlas of Alabama* and traveled widely as a consultant in oil and gas exploration. Hays was an active member of the AAG and SEDAAG over his 36-year career. He played an important role in establishing the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. He retired in 1986.

David Hooson

David J. M. Hooson, professor emeritus of geography at the University of California at Berkeley, died recently at the age of 82. Born in the Vale of Clwyd, North Wales, Hooson gained his undergraduate degree at Oxford and his doctorate at the London School of Economics. After four years as a lecturer at the University of Glasgow, he came to North America in 1956, first to the University of Maryland, then to the University of British Columbia, from which he moved to Berkeley in 1964.

Long-time dean of social sciences, chair of geography and of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Hooson taught at UC Berkeley for 37 years. He continued to mentor staff and students, led an American Geographical Society Mediterranean tour in the summer of 2007, and at his death was teaching at the Fromm Institute of Lifelong Learning at the University of San Francisco. He chaired the IGU Commission on the History of Geo-

graphical Thought from 1980 to 1988 and the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science.

Hooson was a well-known authority on the former Soviet Union, notably its Central Asian republics, and his work influenced the development of geography within Russia itself. His books included *A New Soviet Heartland?* (1964) and *The Soviet Union: People and Regions* (1966). A prolific scholar, Hooson's essays appeared in scores of books and periodicals within and beyond geography. His edited volume, *Geography and National Identity* (1994), has been called a path-breaking collection of global breadth. In his own essay, Hooson noted that the disintegration of the Soviet Union required redrawing "mental maps of this enormous slice of the earth's surface" and rediscovering peoples whose regional attachments were "part of their life blood and their collective soul." The reemergence of national identity the world over, he concluded, made the geographical dimension "fundamental, ultimately and increasingly inescapable, and to be ignored at our peril." "The costs of geographical ignorance can be enormous," he warned at a Berkeley commencement in 2001, "if also combined with arrogance, as many foreigners see the United States now."

In addition to his contributions as teacher, mentor, administrator, and scholar, Hooson was known for his extraordinary personal warmth and generous spirit. He claimed his exuberant beard led some to see him as Darwin, others as Santa Claus. "If I can achieve such virtual fame simply by not shaving," he told Berkeley geography graduate students, "think what you can do."

John Oliver

John E. Oliver, professor emeritus at Indiana State University, died on May 9, 2008. He served the Department of Geography and Geology at Indiana State from 1973-2002, including a term as Chairperson from 1982-1986. Oliver was known as an outstanding climatologist, for his dedication to geographic education, and for his contributions as co-founder of the journal *Physical Geography*, where he served as climatology editor from 1979-2000.

Oliver earned his M.A. and PhD from Columbia University after earning his B.Sc. from London University. He joined the faculty in geography at Columbia, following the completion of his PhD in 1969. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1972. A year later, he accepted a position as Associate Professor at Indiana State. Oliver's service to Indiana State included a term as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1986-1988.

The Climatology Specialty Group (CSG) of the Association of American Geographers made Oliver their first Lifetime Achievement Award winner in 1998, and he served as Chairperson of the CSG from 1984-1986. During his career, Oliver was a Visiting Scientist at NCAR, a member of the AAG/GTU Visiting Geographical Scientists Program, and a Visiting Eminent Professor at the University of Newcastle in Australia. He was awarded the ISU College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor Award in 1996. In 2000, John E. Oliver was awarded an AAG Citation for contributions toward the geography (climate) of Indiana.

Oliver's teaching and research interests were in physical geography, meteorology, and climatology. He founded the Indiana State Climate Station in 1985 and was instrumental in the establishment of an official NWS weather observation site on the campus in Terre Haute in 1993. His contributions to geography include textbooks on applied physical geography, physical geography, and climatology. Several of his more prestigious contributions include his co-authorship of the "Climatology" chapter in *Geography in America* with R.G. Barry, W.A.R. Brinkmann and J.R. Rayner (1990); his co-editorship of *The Encyclopedia of Climatology* with R. W. Fairbridge (1988); and his service as editor of the *Encyclopedia of World Climatology* (2005). His more recent efforts included a co-authored book, *The Global Climate System: Patterns, Processes and Teleconnections*, with H.A. Bridgman (2006). A third edition of *Climatology: An Atmospheric Science* was being planned with co-author J.J. Hidore at the time of his death. Oliver's last completed work, *Indiana's Weather and Climate*, is scheduled for release in the spring of 2009.



Hooson

Todd Reynolds

Todd Reynolds passed away on Sunday, June 22 at his home in Syracuse, New York. Reynolds was serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies at Syracuse University at the time of his death at age 37. He was working on an advanced training project in rehabilitation research and disability policy funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.



Reynolds

Reynolds was born in Milwaukee and grew up in the Atlanta area. He earned a B.A. in geography in 1994 and an M.S. in 1999, both from the University of Alabama. He completed his PhD in geography at the University of Oklahoma in 2007. Reynolds specialized in the experiences of people with disabilities in natural disasters. His doctoral dissertation, "Fragmentary Worlds: Sensory/Mobility Impairment, Indistinct Perceptions, and Shadowy Responses to Severe Weather," explored how people with disabilities prepare for and cope with tornadoes and other severe weather in the Midwest.

AAG Disability Fund In Memory of Todd Reynolds

The AAG has established the AAG Disability Fund in memory of Todd Reynolds. The purpose of the fund is to expand support to geographers with disabilities to participate in the AAG and its Annual Meetings.

Examples of the kinds of activities that the fund will support include but are not limited to: providing financial assistance with travel, accommodations, registration, or related expenses for graduate or undergraduate students with disabilities to participate in professional meetings of the AAG; covering the cost of additional special services at AAG meetings to increase accessibility for attendees with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses; conducting dissemination or other activities around AAG events and activities to expand accessibility more broadly to geographers with special needs.

Donations may be made by check. Checks should be written to the AAG with a note in the memo line designating the AAG Disability Fund/Todd Reynolds. Mailing address: AAG, 1710 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198.

For further inquiries, please contact Candida Mannozi, cmannozi@aag.org.

Grants and Competitions

AAG Garrison Award

The biennial William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography supports innovative research into the computational aspects of geographic science. The award is one of the activities of the Marble Fund for Geographic Science of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The Garrison Award consists of a cash prize in the amount of \$3,500 and a formal certificate of merit. Nominations are due by **September 2, 2008**. A full description of the award including eligibility and nominating procedures is available at www.aag.org/Grantsawards/marble_garrison.htm.

Harvard University

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University awards

approximately fifty fellowships each year, designed to support scholars, scientists, artists and writers to pursue work in academic and professional fields and in the creative arts. Applicants must have received their doctorate or appropriate terminal degree by December 2007 in the area of the proposed project. The stipend amount is \$70,000. Applications must be postmarked by **October 1, 2008**. Check the website for more information: www.radcliffe.edu.

National Geographic

The National Geographic Society awards grants to geographers for scientific field research and exploration through its Committee for Research and Exploration. All proposed projects must have

both a geographical dimension and relevance to other scientific fields and be of broad scientific interest. Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees (PhD or equivalent) and be associated with an educational organization or institution. While grant amounts vary greatly, most range from U.S. \$15,000 to \$20,000. The Committee also awards a number of Young Explorers Grants each year, usually in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 with exceptional field projects. Visit www.nationalgeographic.com/research for more information and to complete an online application.

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 Lader, Daniel; Alexandria, Virginia
 Lalley, Jennifer; Johannesburg, South Africa
 Landers, Matthew; Eugene, Oregon
 Landrum, Evan; Weatherford, Texas
 Laughlin, Deanna; Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Lawrence, Shenoa; Marina, California
 Leach, Hannah; United Kingdom
 Leahy, Kelly; Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Lee, Gregory; Thawangpha City, Nan, Thailand
 Lee, Seung Ook; Columbus, Ohio
 Leivo, Carl; California
 Lemieux, Chris; Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
 Leveille, Emily; North Granby, Connecticut
 Levy, Yair; Antwerp, Belgium
 Lewis, Michael; Washington DC
 Ley, Debora; Oxford, United Kingdom
 LI, JING; Fairfax, Virginia
 LI, Lijuan; Beijing, China
 Lindgren, Michael; Worcester, Massachusetts
 Linville, William; Charlotte, North Carolina
 Lisowski, Alicia; United States
 Liu, Xiao; Shenzhen, China
 Long, Stephanie; Texas
 Lopez Malagamba, Carlos; Tustin, California
 Lopez, Robert; Euclid, Ohio
 Lovasi, Gina; New York, New York
 Lubinsky, Pesach; Loma Linda, California
 Luchette, Joe; Princeton, New Jersey
 Ludman, Ashley; Nashville, Tennessee
 Luna-Garcia, Antonio; Barcelona, Spain
 Lund, Jennifer J.; Norton, Massachusetts
 Lundeen, Zachary; Salt Lake City, Utah
 Lutz, Christopher; Cockeysville, Maryland
 Lynch, Andrew; New York, New York
 Lynch, Emmie; Florence, South Carolina
 Lyndsey, Roth; Delaware
 Lyons, Karen; Liberty Lake, Washington
 Macalady, Alison; Tucson, Arizona
 MacKenzie, Richard; Gainesville, Florida
 Macuga, Stephanie; Worcester, Massachusetts
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 Magers, Cole; Texas
 Malessa, Dan; Washington DC
 Mallavarapu, Bravishwar; Los Angeles, California
 Malm, Kerry; Boulder, Colorado
 Mancell, Robert; Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Marable, Jonathan; Hanover, New Hampshire
 Marc, Cusumano; Binghamton, New York
 Marcus, Jamie; Florida
 Maret, Michael; Millersville, Pennsylvania
 Martin, Russell; Portland, Oregon
 Martinez, Noris; El Dorado, Panama
 Martinson, Elias; Manhattan, Kansas
 Mason, Jessica; Massachusetts
 Masselink, Joel; Worcester, Massachusetts
 Matt, Perkins; Gaithersburg, Maryland
 Matthew, Gage; United States
 Mayne, Samuel Leslie; Winnipeg, Manitoba,
 Canada
 Mabee, Catherine; Marietta, Georgia
 Mcclary, Eric; Clearwater, Florida
 Mcclenahan, Heath; Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
 McClintock, William; Santa Barbara, California
 McCollum, Caleb; West Point, New York
 McCormick, Carmen; Cincinnati, Ohio
 McCue, Sallyanne; Utah
 McDaniel, Nancy; Roanoke, Virginia
 McDonough, Shannon; Texas
 McElroy, Philip; Mountain Brook, Alabama
 McFadden, William; Colorado
 McKay, Tanya; Pensacola, Florida
 McKibben, Morgan; Norman, Oklahoma
 McLachlan, Angela; Edwardsville, Illinois
 McLaughlin, Christopher; Victorville, California
 Meade, Kara; Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Mei, Lixia; Los Angeles, California
 Melhuish, Kirk; Atlanta, Georgia
 Menard, Beverly; Burlington, Vermont
 Mendoza, Felix; United States
 Meng, Xuchu; Charlotte, North Carolina
 Merrill, Thomas; Livermore, Maine

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 Mextorf, Kimberly; Lancaster, Pennsylvania
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 Michael, Orr; Huntington, West Virginia
 Michler, Robin; Lexington, Kentucky
 Middleton, Kelly; Hartwick, New York
 Miguel, Roman; Boston, Massachusetts
 Miller, Lewis; Port Orchard, Washington
 Millington, Nate; Washington
 Miro, Jorge A.; Puerto Rico
 Mistarz, Rebecca; Fayetteville, Arkansas
 Mitchell, Bruce; Broadlands, Virginia
 Mitchell, Phillipa; Auckland, New Zealand
 Montgomery, Kellyn; Blacksburg, Virginia
 Moore, Jason; West Point, Tennessee
 Moore, Julius; Arlington, Texas
 Moraga, Sna; Oakland, California
 Morath, Daniel; State College, Pennsylvania
 Morgan, Jack; Emory, Virginia
 Morris, David; Oklahoma
 Morris, Dinah O.; Chesapeake, Virginia
 Morse, Allison; Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
 Morton, Lisa; San Jose, California
 Moss, Manny; Austin, Texas
 Moszynski, Stanislaw K.; Cedar Park, Texas
 Mulford, Aaron; Missouri
 Nakamura, Daisuke; USA
 Murphy, Ryan; Newark, Delaware
 Murray, Amanda; Atlanta, Georgia
 Murray, Matthew; Sycamore, Illinois
 Musto, Ian; Wanniasa, Australian Capital Territory, Australia
 Nadon, Norman; Tijeras, New Mexico
 Nakitare, Ruth; Silver Spring, Maryland
 Nassau, Ryan; La Habra, California
 Nauta, Laura; Kingston, Ontario, Canada
 Nduru, Gilbert; Indianapolis, Indiana
 Nelms, Robert; Gautier, Mississippi
 Nelson, Eric; Mountville, Pennsylvania
 Neilson, Sarah; Somerville, Maryland
 Newton, Ronda; Flagstaff, Arizona
 Nickerson, Sandra; Clearwater, Florida
 Nidup, Jigme; Kanglung, Bhutan
 Nijkamp, Peter; Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Nimser, Martina; Rochester, Michigan
 Ninglekhu, Sabin; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Nitafan, Michelle-Marie; Flushing, New York
 Nolasco, Javier; Alexandria, Virginia
 Noori, Stephan; Fresno, California
 Nowak, Michael; Walker, Michigan
 O'Brien, Catherine; Wolverhampton, United Kingdom
 O'Brien, Dennis; Mystic, Connecticut
 O'Connor, Sean; Washington Dc
 O'Halleran, Kathleen; Alva, Oklahoma
 O'Hare, Melissa; United States
 O'Neil, Shaun; Seattle, Washington
 Oabel, Patrick; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Okunade, Samuel; Ohio
 Olson, Kimberly; Sacramento, California
 Onoja, Gabriel, Jos, Nigeria
 Onysko, Jeremy; Orono, Maine
 Ormerod, Kerri; Tucson, Arizona
 Ortega, Marlon; Worcester, Massachusetts
 Osayomi, Tolu; Germantown, Maryland
 Osgood, Allison; Bemidji, Minnesota
 Osteraas, Sarah; United States
 Overholt, Ben; Wisconsin
 Packin, Gregory; Brunswick, Maryland
 Palmer Jr., Rodney K.; Alexandria, Virginia
 Paltelky, Alyson; Michigan
 Papin, Mikhail; Vacaville, California
 Parsons, Adam; Denton, Texas
 Pascua, Joshua; Kentucky
 Pate, Ronald; Portland, Oregon
 Patton, Matthew; Mount Pleasant, Michigan
 Pavley, Michael; Ohio
 Pazmino, Nancy; State College, Pennsylvania
 Payne, Craig; Clearwater, Florida
 Pearre, Daniel; Frostburg, Maryland
 Pepple, Samuel; Athens, Ohio
 Pelowski, Bill; South Dakota
 Phillips, Patrick; Arlington, Virginia
 Pickard, Laurie; Ballwin, Montana
 Plaza, Agustin; Alicante, Spain
 Pollock, Tracy; Knoxville, Tennessee
 Pooler, Alexander; Knoxville, Tennessee
 Popek, Matthew; King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
 Popp, Abigail; Madison, Wisconsin
 Porter, Sarah; Iowa
 Porter, Stephen; Huntington, West Virginia
 Potter, Gerald; Benicia, California
 Pour, Mercedes; Pittsfield, Massachusetts
 Powell, Jack; Lexington, Kentucky
 Prizito, Tara; Decatur, Georgia
 Quansah, Joseph; Indiana
 Rai, Nandini; Reading, Pennsylvania
 Randall, Jessica; Toledo, Ohio
 Ranganathan, Malini; Berkeley, California
 Rathbun, Eric; West Point, New York
 Ray, Maloti; Carlton, Victoria, Australia
 Rebecca, David; New York
 Redding, Erika; Atlanta, Georgia
 Reddy, Kesava; Hyderabad, India
 Reese, Daniel; Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania
 Regmi, Prajna; Worcester, Massachusetts
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 Renzetti III, Joseph; Goldsboro, North Carolina
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 Rhea, Cassidy; Indiana, Pennsylvania
 Rich, Nancy; Chesterfield, Massachusetts
 Richard, Quodomine; Albany, New York
 Richardson, Matthew; Provo, Utah
 Ricker, Britta; Montreal, Québec, Canada
 Rios, Victoria; San Antonio, Texas
 Rivet, Douglas; Howel, Michigan
 Roach, Amy; Saginaw, Texas
 Robert, Rasmussen; Geneseo, New York
 Robin-Hunter, Laurence; France
 Robinson, Douglas; Hillsborough, New Jersey
 Robinson, Summer; Utah
 Rocke, Judy; Trinidad and Tobago
 Rodgers, Matthew; Columbia, South Carolina
 Rodriguez Garcia, Enid; Cayey, Puerto Rico
 Rodriguez Matos, Ramon; Jayuya, Puerto Rico
 Rodriguez, Angelica; Akron, Ohio
 Rodriguez, Orlando; Storrs, Connecticut
 Rodriguez, Sarah Leticia; San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Roecker, Jeff; Pennsylvania
 Rogers, Brad; United States
 Romano, Annalisa; Oregon
 Rossiter, Jonathan; San Diego, California
 Rueth, Greg; West Point, New York
 Russo, Joseph; New Jersey
 Ruzek, William; Delaware, Ohio
 Ryan, Matthew; Monroe, New York
 Sara, Campbell; Palm City, Florida
 Savage, Shaun; Scottsdale, Arizona
 Sawicki, Ben, Katy, Texas
 Sawyer, Caitlyn; Pennsylvania
 Schaaf, Crystal; Boston, Massachusetts
 Schmidt, Richard; Knoxville, Tennessee
 Schoch, Douglas; Lititz, Pennsylvania
 Schrijver, Frans; Sheffield, United Kingdom
 Schroeder, Tobie; Illinois
 Schubbe, Thomas; Washington DC
 Schwartz, Trevor; Madison, Wisconsin
 Seamount, Simon; East Lansing, Michigan
 Sellman, Sierra; Burke, Virginia

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- Shanley, Lea; Madison, Wisconsin
 Shao, Wanyun; Laramie, Wyoming
 Shapley, Paul; Swansea, United Kingdom
 Shaughnessy, Michael; Danvers, Massachusetts
 Sherral, Cornwell; Wilmer, Alabama
 Sherman, Steven; Langhorne, Pennsylvania
 Shmalberg, Thomas; Lawrence, Kansas
 Shook, Eric; Urbana, Illinois
 Siskin, David; South Carolina
 Skaburskis, Andrejs; Kingston, Ontario, Canada
 Simmons, Laura; Charlotte, North Carolina
 Skinner, Kayden; Morgantown, West Virginia
 Skotzko, Gregory; Leesburg, Virginia
 Slagle, Jacqueline; State College, Pennsylvania
 Smart, Sydney; British Columbia, Canada
 Smith, Ian; Pleasant Valley, New York
 Smith, Katie; Colorado
 Smith, Kelleyanne; United States
 Smith, Shawn; Jeffersonville, Indiana
 Spence, Will; Statesboro, Georgia
 Sperl, Teresa; Eagan, Minnesota
 Sprehn, George; Fort Myers, Florida
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 Stojcka, Magdalena; Poland
 Stoltz, Phillip; North Carolina
 Stough, Roger; Fairfax, Virginia
 Straw, Jr., Robert; Clinton, Missouri
 Straw, Kylee; Philipsburg, Pennsylvania
 Streeter, Carolyn; Hudson, Massachusetts
 Stringfellow, Kari; North Las Vegas, Nevada
 Strobl, Chris; Portland, Oregon
 Stroup, Shane; Florida
 Strong, Steven; Ohio
 Surprenant, Rachel; New York
 Suzuki, Yuka; Annandale-On-Hudson, New York
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 Swanson, Leigh; St. Cloud, Minnesota
 Swanson, Linnea; Lake Norden, South Dakota
 Swartwout, Sam; Worcester, Massachusetts
 Swiatek, Dariusz; Warsaw, Poland
 Szabo, Michelle; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Szelak, Nicholas; United States
 Tabbert, William; Tampa, Florida
 Taira, Atsushi; Takamatsu, Japan
 Tang, Shikai; Charlotte, North Carolina
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 Tararache, Zoe; Thond Oaks, California
 Tardie, Peter; West Newbury, Massachusetts
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 Taylor, James; Lexington, Kentucky
 Taylor, Matthew; Wimberley, Texas
 Tesch, Kariann; State College, Pennsylvania
 Thai, Diep; Buffalo, New York
 Thao, Sou; Montana
 Thapa, Pankaj; Kanglung, Bhutan
 Thelen, Brent; Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Thibaut, Christian; Tallahassee, Florida
 Thomas, Kathryn; Tucson, Arizona
 Thomas, Stuemky; Colorado
 Tice, Nicole; Washington
 Tiffany, Peavler; Kemmerer, Wyoming
 Tobin, Ian; Illinois
 Torres, Daniel; Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
 Torres, Ivelisse; Barranquitas, Puerto Rico
 Toth, Neil; Terre Haute, Indiana
 Traynor, Johanna; United States
 Trojan, Cody; Yonkers, New York
 Tsikalas, Stephen; Ebensburg, Pennsylvania
 Turner, Melissa; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 Underwood, Jared; Arizona
 Vadi, Priya; British Columbia, Canada
 VanderBerg, Justin; Portage, Michigan
 Vankessel, Phill; La Crosse, Wisconsin
 Velazquez Estrada, Alberto; United States
 Velichko, Andrey; Vladivostok, Russian Federation
 Verhoff, Mark; Westerville, Ohio
 Vernon, Toby; West Virginia
 Vicky, Vicky; Delhi, India
 Villafane, Carolina; United States
 Walker, Briana; Michigan
 Walsh, Erin; Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Wang, Yangyang; Worcester, Massachusetts
 Wang, Yeqiao; Kingston, Rhode Island
 Wang, Zheng; Beijing, China
 Wang, Zhuosen; Boston, Massachusetts
 Waterman, Kenneth; Nome, Arkansas
 Watson, Brian; Knoxville, Tennessee
 Watson, Linda; Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Wayman, Sherrie; California
 Wei, Xiaofong; Wilberforce, Ohio
 Weir, Gemma; Dublin, Ireland
 Westmeyer, Laura; Salem, Oregon
 Westphal, Brittany; Texas
 Weyforth, Katy; Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
 Whisenant, Jimmy; Reno, Nevada
 White, Nathan; Tampa, Florida
 White, Rebecca; Oxford, United Kingdom
 Whitehead, Mckenzie; Gouldsboro, Maine
 Wickens, Ryan; Terre Haute, Indiana
 Wieditz, Thorben; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Wieslaw, Eva; Washington DC
 Wilbrand, Stephanie; Girona, Spain
 Wilcox, Hannah; Manhattan, Kansas
 Wilder, Callie; United States
 Wilkerson, Michael; Brooklyn, New York
 Wilkinson, Katharine; Oxford, United Kingdom
 Williams, Ann; Gold Canyon, Arizona
 Williams, Justin; Muncie, Indiana
 Williams, Kathleen; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Williams, Matthew; Troy, Pennsylvania
 Williamson, Max; Tallahassee, Florida
 Wilmot, Fiona; St Petersburg, Florida
 Wilson, Melissa; Connecticut
 Wilson, Nick; Pennsylvania
 Wiltermood, Megan; Oregon
 Winkelman, Jonathan; Wisconsin
 Woicik, Stephanie; Turlock, California
 Woloschek, Matthew; Clearwater, Florida
 Wood, Adam; Charlotte, North Carolina
 Wood, Robert; Lancaster, California
 Woodberg, Erin; Southfield, Michigan
 Woolley, David; Lynn, Colorado
 Wootten, Stafford; Boise, Idaho
 Wongittin, Tanya; Nome, Arkansas
 Worden, Jeffrey; Nairobi, Kenya
 Xierali, Imam; Washington DC
 Xu, Xuegong; Beijing, China
 Yan, Sisi; Mosow, Idaho
 Yess, Macrae; Illinois
 Yinghui, Sui; West Lafayette, Indiana
 Yoder, Tamara; University Park, Pennsylvania
 Youngblood, Jessica; Fort Worth, Texas
 Zainchowski, Travis; Scotia, New York
 Zaman, Katie; Madison, Wisconsin
 Zanotti, Laura; Seattle, Washington
 Zarpentine, Bryan; Camillus, New York
 Zhe, Zhu; Boston, Maryland
 Zhou, Xiaotang; Fairfax, Virginia
 Zhou, Yuhong; Charlotte, North Carolina
 Ziolkowski, Gregory; San Clemente, California
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Jobs in Geography

UNITED STATES

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Director of Higher Education. An experienced and respected "thought leader" in GIS education is needed to help ESRI create a more spatially aware world through interaction with the higher education communities around the world. This is a significant opportunity to make a major contribution to the future of geography in higher education and contribute to existing high-level goals of ESRI's Higher Education Program. Successful candidates will possess a PhD in geography, computer science, engineering, natural resources, or a related field; a minimum of 10 years of experience; and strong GIS knowledge and background in education.

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JUAG 08-170

*CONNECTICUT, STORRS.

University of Connecticut, Storrs. The University of Connecticut seeks applications for a senior faculty member in the social sciences or humanities who will serve as **Director** of the Tri-Campus Urban and Community Studies (UCS) Program. The UCS Program, which offers an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree, sponsors both academic courses and outreach activities at the University's Greater Hartford, Waterbury and Torrington campuses. The Director will be expected to coordinate instruction, develop curriculum, and foster ties with community groups.

Applicants for this position must have a **PhD in a social-science or humanities discipline** including (but not limited to) Urban Studies, Communication Sciences, Economics, Geography, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Political Science, Public Policy and Sociology. The successful candidate will be expected

to have an extensive record of scholarly research and publication in urban and community studies; strong organizational and administrative skills; an ability to link community constituencies with the academy; a commitment to building an undergraduate program that integrates theory, research, and practice; and a willingness to teach regularly in the area of her or his expertise.

This is a ten-month, tenure-track position at the level of **Associate or Full Professor**. Salary and rank will be determined based on the candidate's qualifications and research record. Additional information about the program can be obtained at www.urban.uconn.edu.

Review of applications begins November 1 and will continue until the position is filled. Every interested candidate should submit a curriculum vita, a letter of interest that addresses the above criteria, and a list of three or more references.

Apply: Send materials to: Chair of the Tri-Campus UCS Director Search Committee; The University of Connecticut;

215 Glenbrook Road, CLAS Building, Unit 4098, Storrs, CT 06269-4098.

The University welcomes applications from under-represented groups including minorities, women and people with disabilities.

JUAG 08-163

*FLORIDA, PENSACOLA.

The University of West Florida. The Department of Environmental Studies invites applications for the position of **GIS Coordinator**, to start January 2, 2009, pending budgetary approval. This is a full-time position with approximately 50% time assigned to GIS lab management and GIS support services, including GIS software updating, computer hardware routine maintenance and trouble-shooting, and GIS web site and Internet Map Server updating and maintenance. The remaining time will be allocated to services and contract/grant proposal development. This includes tasks such as (but not limited to) providing services and support to a campus-wide GIS

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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.

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

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.

* Indicates a new listing

user group (including students working on GIS/remote sensing projects), instruction of short training and other GIS courses, working with university and community GIS users to develop student internship and contract opportunities, and grant proposal preparation. The department houses the GeoData Center, a university-wide GIS lab equipped with 21 PCs, 3 ArcSDE/SQL data servers, 1 IMS server, 5 remote sensing workstations, GPS and survey hardware, a 42" color plotter, and GIS and remote sensing software packages.

Successful candidates should have a solid understanding of the theories and technologies in geographic information science as well as a basic understanding of Windows-based computer network systems. They must have strong working experience with major GIS software packages and computer hardware trouble-shooting. Experience in GIS project development, teaching, and grant writing is required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are important. Master's degree in geography or a related discipline with specialization in GIS is required. However, this degree requirement might be waived if a candidate with a Bachelor's degree has substantial experience in GIS project development, GIS laboratory management, and grant generation. Salary is in the \$40-50K range, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Apply: Applicants should apply online at <https://jobs.uwf.edu> and be prepared to attach to the online application a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and contact information (including email addresses) for at least three referees. This position requires a criminal background screening. Inquiries should be addressed to office administrator Sheila Edgecumbe (phone: 850-474-2746, fax 850-857-6036, and email: environmental@uwf.edu). Review of applications will begin October 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

The University of West Florida is an Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

JUAG 08-164

*FLORIDA, PENSACOLA.

University of West Florida. The Department of Environmental Studies invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor** position in **Physical Geography** beginning August 2009, pending budgetary approval. Areas of expertise should complement departmental strengths. Application of physical geography to environmental issues is strongly preferred. Ability to teach quantitative methods (geostatistics) and either geomorphology or meteorology/

climatology required, as is interest in community outreach.

Applicants are expected to develop an active research program and should be committed to peer-reviewed publication. Applicants must have an appreciation for undergraduate education. A PhD in Geography or related discipline is required at the time of appointment. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Department of Environmental Studies offers a Bachelor of Science degree, and a Certificate in Geographic Information Science. Over 100 majors specialize in tracks in natural science, environmental policy, and geography. A Master's program started in Fall 2004 has over 20 active graduate students. The department maintains the university-wide GeoData Center, which has extensive GIS capabilities. Personnel include 7 full-time faculty, several adjunct faculty, and a GIS Coordinator. For more information on the department see <http://uwf.edu/environmental/>.

Apply: Applicants should apply online at <https://jobs.uwf.edu> and be prepared to attach a statement of research and teaching interests and experience, a curriculum vitae, and transcripts to the online application. This position requires a criminal background screening. Three letters of reference, and/or inquiries, should be sent directly to Search Committee Chair Dr. Klaus Meyer-Arendt, Department of Environmental Studies, University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514 (fax 850-857-6036 or email kjma@uwf.edu).

Review of applications will begin October 20, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

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JUAG 08-162

*MASSACHUSETTS, WORCESTER.

Clark University. **Associate or Full Professor with tenure** starting August 2009. PhD required. Clark's School of Geography seeks a scholar with expertise in any area of geography or a cognate field who has the demonstrated ability to serve as a successful **Director of the Graduate School of Geography**. We seek a faculty member who is familiar with the field of geographical studies broadly defined, has experience in directing an academic department, research center or similar institution, has secured significant extramural funding, and has been involved in collaborative research. Clark's School of Geography is the oldest PhD-granting program of Geography in the U.S.

Clark University has also long been regarded as one of the world's premier places to study geography at both baccalaureate and PhD levels. The candidate must show an interest in a process of program development that will ensure that the Clark School of Geography maintains and strengthens its prominent position within and outside the university and the discipline. As a research school in a liberal arts environment, the School of Geography is committed to excellence in graduate and undergraduate scholarship and teaching. While the field of research interest and teaching is open, the Clark School of Geography has international reputations in human-environment geography, urban/economic geography, GIS/remote sensing, globalization and feminist geography. Earth System Science is a new initiative with links across the university (see the geography website at www.clarku.edu/departments/geography/).

Apply: Send CV; a detailed statement of professional experience, research and teaching interests; and contact information for three references by email to: directorsearchgeography@clarku.edu. Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE Minorities and Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

JUAG 08-156

*MASSACHUSETTS, WORCESTER.

Clark University. **Open rank, tenure-line position** starting August 2009. PhD required at time of appointment. Clark's School of Geography seeks a scholar to join the department's existing **Human-Environment cluster**. We seek a faculty member who is contributing to cutting edge scholarship, and who is committed to collaborative research and securing extramural funding. Expertise in the theoretical and empirical study of a variety of substantive research areas will be considered. Preference will be given to candidates who complement the department's strengths in human-environment relations/interactions (www.clarku.edu/departments/geography/). Strong undergraduate and graduate teaching, advising, and mentoring are a requisite in the "university college" tradition of Clark. The successful candidate will play an important educational and leadership role in Clark's Marsh Institute (www.clarku.edu/departments/marsh/) and affiliate with Clark's Environmental Science program.

Apply: Send CV; a detailed statement of professional experience, research and teaching interests; and contact information for three references by email to: humanenvironmentsearch@clarku.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2008

and will continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE Minorities and Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

JUAG 08-157

***MASSACHUSETTS, WORCESTER.**

Clark University. **Open rank, tenure-line position** starting August 2009. PhD required at time of appointment. Clark's School of Geography seeks a scholar with expertise in **urban geography** to join the department's existing research cluster in urban/economic geography. We seek a faculty member who is contributing to cutting edge scholarship in urban geography, and who is committed to securing extramural funding and collaborative research. Expertise in the theoretical and empirical study of a variety of areas of urban geography will be considered; examples include gender, race and space; global cities and finance; migration, transnationalism, and identity; sustainable urbanization; Third World urbanization; and urban labor/property markets. Preference will be given to candidates who complement the department's existing areas of strength (see the geography website at www.clarku.edu/departments/geography).

Strong undergraduate and graduate teaching, advising, and mentoring are a requisite in the "university college" tradition of Clark. The successful candidate will play an important educational and leadership role in Clark's urban studies (www.clarku.edu/departments/udsc/) and possibly the international studies (www.clarku.edu/departments/iss/) programs.

Apply: Send CV; a detailed statement of professional experience, research and teaching interests; and contact information for three references by email to: urban-geographysearch@clarku.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE Minorities and Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

JUAG 08-158

***MICHIGAN, BIG RAPIDS.**

Visiting Professor/Instructor of Geography - Ferris State University. This is a 9-month full-time temporary position with the possibility of renewal. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate courses in world regional geography, cultural geography, and map analysis and interpretation. Faculty members also have professional responsibilities that may include advising students, participation in curriculum development, university committees, keeping regular posted office hours (which are scheduled at times convenient for students), and participation in traditional functions which have academic significance. Faculty

members may be required to teach off-campus. Required: Masters degree in geography by the time of appointment. The successful candidate must demonstrate the potential for undergraduate teaching excellence and an ability to work closely and effectively with colleagues.

Apply, submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, the names and phone numbers of three current references, and unofficial graduate transcripts to: Dr. J. Andy Karafa, Department Head, Social Sciences, 820 Campus Dr., 2108 ASC, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Review of applications will begin June 27, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. For a complete position posting, employment application, or more information about Ferris State University, please visit our web site at www.ferris.edu.

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Ferris State University is sincerely committed to being a diverse institution and actively seeks applications from women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups.

JUAG 08-160

***MICHIGAN, MARQUETTE.**

The Department of Geography at Northern Michigan University invites applications for a **two-year term appointment** as a **Physical/Environmental Geographer** at the **Instructor/Assistant Professor** level beginning August 2008. The successful applicant will have the ability to teach introductory Physical Geography, Environmental Science, Biogeography, and a course that complements at least one of the Department's major programs.

Applicant should hold a PhD in Geography or closely allied discipline at the time of their appointment. ABDs will be considered. Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate a strong commitment and ability to provide excellent undergraduate instruction, and complement existing department programs. All applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S.

Send a letter of application, CV, any evidence of teaching effectiveness, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references to the address listed below. Review of applications will begin on June 19, 2008, and continue until the position is filled.

NMU is located on Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, on the south shore of Lake Superior. The local environment offers outstanding opportunities for research and instruction, as well as an exceptional way of life. For information about the University and Department of Geography visit www.nmu.edu.

Apply to: Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855.

NMU is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is strongly committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty.

JUAG 08-152

***OHIO, CINCINNATI.**

University of Cincinnati. The Department of Geography invites applicants for a non-tenure-track **Field Service Assistant Professor** position starting September 1, 2008. This is primarily a teaching position, with an initial three-year contract that can be renewed upon mutual agreement. The faculty member will teach 10 courses per academic year on a quarter calendar in the areas of quantitative methods, economic geography, urban geography and regional geography at the 100-500 levels. The faculty member will be expected to perform some departmental service and to demonstrate ongoing professional development and currency of knowledge in the teaching areas. The successful candidate must demonstrate excellent teaching capability and effectiveness. PhD required. Evidence of refereed publications is desirable. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Apply: Instructions on how to apply online are available at: www.geography.uc.edu/~linliu/fieldservice.html.

JUAG 08-153

***OHIO, KENT.**

The Department of Geography at the Kent State University invites applications for a renewable nine-month appointment as a full-time non-tenure track **Assistant Professor** of Geography to begin in August 2008. Compensation includes salary and benefits. The successful candidate will be expected to teach undergraduate courses such as Geography of the United States and Canada, World and Regional Geography, Introduction to Geography. Candidates with a regional specialty or ability to teach introductory level GIS and/or Statistical Methods in Geography are preferred.

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, and must be able to communicate effectively in English.

Apply: Applicants should complete an academic data form and apply to the posting on line at: <http://jobs.kent.edu>. Please submit a cover letter describing qualifications, teaching experience, research

interests and accomplishments, three names of reference, and current vita to Dr. Jay Lee, department chair, at the Department of Geography, 413 McGilvrey Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001, or electronically to jlee@kent.edu. Applicants are encouraged to visit the KSU website to learn more about Kent State University and the Geography programs (<http://www.kent.edu> and <http://dept.kent.edu/geography>).

Review of applications will begin on July 7, 2008 and will continue until a candidate accepts the appointment. Candidates with PhD preferred but with ABD status will also be considered.

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

JUAG 08-155-1

*TEXAS, SAN MARCOS.

Texas State University-San Marcos. **Open Rank** (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor), tenure-track position, beginning Fall 2009. PhD in Geography or closely related field required. Expertise in **Remote Sensing** required, with specific research interests in land-use/land-cover change. Secondary areas of research interest desirable in one or more of: global environmental change, dynamic geographical modeling, human-environment relationships, urban systems, geographic sustainability or hazards. Research that complements existing faculty interests will be favorably viewed.

The successful applicant will have a record that combines excellence in scholarly publishing and teaching with a demonstrated ability or potential to obtain external funding, and a plan for significant future research endeavors. Teaching background must include experience that demonstrates a strong ability to teach courses in remote sensing and introductory geographic information systems (GIS). Appointment at the Associate or Full Professor rank requires an appropriate well-established scholarly publication and grant record, and commensurate teaching and service accomplishments.

The successful candidate will play a major role within the department's graduate and undergraduate programs in geographic information science, including supervision of doctoral students. The department has 30 full-time faculty members serving BA, BS, MS, Master of Applied Geography, and PhD programs. The department houses the Texas Center for Geographic Information Science.

Apply: Applicants must electronically submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references no later than October 6, 2008 to: ps33@txstate.edu. Applicants must arrange to have their three referees send letters of

recommendation directly to: ps33@txstate.edu, preferably to arrive by October 13, 2008. Reprints of published work and examples of course teaching evaluations (if available) are to be submitted, either electronically or via regular mail, preferably to arrive by October 13, 2008. Texas State is an equal opportunity educational institution and as such does not discriminate because of race, color, creed or religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental handicaps, or status as a disabled veteran. Texas State is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty. Texas State University-San Marcos is a member of the Texas State University System. Apply: Dr. Philip W. Suckling, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography. Voice: 512-245-2170. Fax: 512-245-8353. E-mail: ps33@txstate.edu.

JUAG 08-150

*TEXAS, SAN MARCOS.

Texas State University-San Marcos. **Assistant Professor**, tenure-track position, beginning Fall 2009. PhD in Geography or closely related field required. Expertise in computational aspects of **Geographic Information Science** required. Demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research required, including ability to teach courses in geographic information systems (GIS) at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Research interests and secondary teaching interests are desirable in quantitative methods, urban, health, or transportation geography, or another field within human geography that complements departmental interests.

The successful candidate will play a major role within the department's graduate and undergraduate programs in Geographic Information Science, including supervision of doctoral students. The department has 30 full-time faculty members serving BA, BS, MS, Master of Applied Geography, and PhD programs. The department houses the Texas Center for Geographic Information Science.

Applicants must electronically submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references no later than October 6, 2008 to: ps33@txstate.edu. Applicants must arrange to have their three referees send letters of recommendation directly to: ps33@txstate.edu, preferably to arrive by October 13, 2008. Reprints of published work and examples of course teaching evaluations (if available) are to be submitted, either electronically or via regular mail, preferably to arrive by October 13, 2008. Texas State is an equal opportunity educational institution and as such does not discriminate because of race, color, creed or religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental handicaps, or status as a disabled

veteran. Texas State is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty. Texas State University-San Marcos is a member of the Texas State University System. Apply: Dr. Philip W. Suckling, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography. Voice: 512-245-2170. Fax: 512-245-8353. E-mail: ps33@txstate.edu.

JUAG 08-151

UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.

University of Utah. The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level starting July 2009. We seek a geographer with a research emphasis that complements department strengths in one (or more) of the following areas: i) medical geography; ii) transportation; iii) human-environment interactions, including human dimensions of climate change; or, iv) hazards. Also desirable are technical strengths in GIS, cartography and/or spatial analysis.

The Department of Geography emphasizes scientific geography within the focus areas of urban/economic systems, Earth system science and geographic information science. The department offers Bachelors', Masters' and PhD degrees in geography. The department is home to the Digitally Integrated Geographic Information Technologies (DIGIT) Laboratory, a state-of-the-art GIS/remote sensing facility, the Center for Natural and Technological Hazards (CNTH), the Records of Environment and Disturbance (RED) Laboratory and the Snow Optics Laboratory (SOL). The department also administers a unique interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Geographic Information Science with the School of Computing. There are also opportunities for multidisciplinary research through the university's Institute of Public and International Affairs.

The University of Utah is a comprehensive and diverse public institution located on the Wasatch Front urban corridor with easy access to research and recreational opportunities in the Rocky Mountains, Great Basin and the Colorado Plateau. Salt Lake City, home of the 2002 Winter Olympics, is a dynamic and high-tech metropolitan area with outstanding cultural and entertainment amenities, modest cost of living, and a sunny, dry four-season climate. For more information on the Department of Geography, see <http://www.geog.utah.edu>.

Submit a letter of application including research and teaching interests, vitae, teaching evaluations (if available) and the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three referees by September 29, 2008. Applications received after the deadline may be considered until the position is filled.

Apply: Harvey J. Miller, Chair, University of Utah / Department of Geography / 260 S Central Campus Drive, Room 270 / Salt Lake City UT 84112-9155.

The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, encourages applications from women and minorities, and provides reasonable accommodations for the known disabilities of applicants and employees. The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.

JUN 08-143-3

*VIRGINIA, MANASSAS.

George Mason University invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor** position in the **Administration of Justice Department (ADJ)** for Fall 2009. Requirements: PhD or near completion in a relevant field and record/promise of excellent scholarship and teaching. Area of specialization: crime and its relationship to geography (crime and place, environmental criminology, hot spots policing and related areas). Desired skills: knowledge of geographic information systems and spatial statistics. The appointment includes affiliation with the Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy, Professor David Weisburd, Director.

ADJ is a multidisciplinary department (13 tenure-track and 10 term faculty). ADJ enrolls 600 undergraduates. Masters and doctoral programs in Justice, Law, and Crime Policy began in fall 2005. Faculty members hold doctorates in criminal justice, law, political science, psychology, sociology, and public administration. Faculty are very active in funded research in the U.S. and internationally. The ADJ Department is based at the Prince William campus in Manassas, Virginia, 35 miles west of Washington, DC and also has offices at the Fairfax and Arlington campuses, where classes are also offered. For more information visit <http://adj.gmu.edu/>.

Apply with equity/demographic information for position F6466Z on line at <http://jobs.gmu.edu>. Applicants should then submit a letter of interest, vita, official university transcript, teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness, examples of research publications, and three letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin October 1 and continue until positions are filled.

Apply: Faculty Search Committee, Administration of Justice Program, 10900 University Blvd. MS 4F4, George Mason University, Manassas, VA 20110-2203.

George Mason University is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

JUAG 08-154

*VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.

The University of Richmond, a private, highly selective, predominantly liberal arts institution, solicits applications for a tenure-track position at the **Assistant Professor** level in **physical or environmental geography**. Expectations: maintain a vigorous research program, actively engage undergraduates in substantive research, attract extramural support, and commit to highly effective teaching at all levels of the undergraduate curriculum. We currently maintain a well-equipped spatial analysis lab with a full-time lab director, and candidates who incorporate advanced geospatial technologies, particularly remote sensing, in research and teaching are strongly encouraged to apply. Research and teaching interests in climate sciences, urban ecology, Africa or Asia will also be viewed favorably. A PhD in Geography is required prior to the August 2009 start date.

Apply: Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, separate statements of (1) teaching philosophy and (2) research interests and plans to: Dr. Mary Finley-Brook, Chair, Geography Search, 108 Weinstein Hall, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173.

Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation, including at least one that addresses teaching potential, to be sent to the same address. Review of applications will commence September 15th and continue until the position is filled. The University of Richmond values diversity in its faculty, staff, and student body. In keeping with this commitment, our academic community strongly encourages applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity. For more information on the geography program, resources, and teaching assignments, see <http://geography.richmond.edu/>.

JUAG 08-166

*WISCONSIN, KENOSHA.

The Geography Department at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside invites applications for a full-time **Lecturer of Geography** in world regions, urban geography and land use planning commencing August 2008. This is a one year position with the possibility of applying for a tenure track position beginning in August 2009. The Geography Department offers B.A. degrees in Geography with Concentrations in Land Use Planning and Applied Environmental Geography and a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems.

Qualifications: Master's in geography with expertise to teach courses in world regions, American ethnicity, urban geography, and land use planning is required. Abilities to help lead the Concentration in Planning and engage in service activities are essential. Fulfill these responsibilities at a high level. Strong interest in undergraduate education and ability to work effectively with a culturally diverse student population are vital. Preferences: PhD or ABD in geography. Positive teaching experience and worthwhile service outcomes are desired. Knowledge of remote sensing is preferred. Demonstrated experience in working effectively with persons from culturally diverse backgrounds is favored.

Responsibilities: 1) Teaching advanced undergraduate courses in urban geography and land use planning; 2) Teaching introductory undergraduate courses in human geography; 3) Engaging in service to the students, Department, University, community, and profession; 4) Helping to direct and lead the Department's Concentration in Planning. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is committed to access, diversity, engagement, and academic excellence. It currently enrolls approximately 5,100 students, many of whom are first generation and nontraditional students. UW-Parkside benefits from the ethnic and racial diversity of the communities it serves in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties. Located in northern Kenosha County in the Chicago-Milwaukee urban corridor, much of the university's 700 acre campus has been preserved in its natural wooded and prairie state.

Review of Applications: Applications received by August 11, 2008 are ensured full consideration. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Apply: Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference (including the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of the references), evidence of teaching effectiveness (if available), and graduate transcripts to: Professor Richard A. Walasek, Chair, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 900 Wood Road, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000. Email: walasek@uwp.edu. Phone: 262-595-2149. Fax: 262-595-2602.

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JUAG 08-174

INTERNATIONAL

*CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER.

Home of the influential Human Security Report Project, and of innovative graduate

and undergraduate teaching programs, the new School for International Studies invites applications from political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists or geographers with expertise in **international development**, for a full time, tenure track position at the **Assistant Professor** level, starting in September 2009. The successful candidate will be expected to teach foundation courses in International Studies together with courses in her/his specialist field. Candidates will be expected to have expertise in regard to a region of the developing world.

Applicants should have a doctoral degree (or expect to complete in 2009), promise of excellence in research, and good teaching potential. Applications will be treated in confidence and should include a letter of application with a statement of interest and research and teaching ability, curriculum vitae, and a list of publications. Applicants should also provide the names, addresses and phone/fax/email of three referees. Applications will be reviewed beginning October 31, 2008, until the position is filled.

Apply: All materials should be sent to: Dr. John Harriss, Director, School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3, Canada. Email: intst@sfu.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal employment opportunities to qualified applicants. This position is subject to approval by the University Board of Governors and final budgetary authorization.

Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see the collection notice at http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html.

JUAG 08-161

*CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, VICTORIA

University of Victoria, Department of Geography, Assistant Professor in Urban Geography.

The Department of Geography, University of Victoria, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the **Assistant Professor** level in **Urban Geography** July 1, 2009. The successful candidate will contribute to both undergraduate instruction and graduate supervision. Besides teaching core courses in urban geography, the successful candidate would be expected to contribute to thematic teaching areas of the Department. Detailed information on

the department and existing research areas and programs can be found at <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/>.

The successful applicant will have a PhD or nearly completed PhD in field of Geography or a closely related discipline by July 1, 2009. The incumbent will have strong teaching, research, and interpersonal skills and will share the Department's commitment to innovation in teaching and program development and to a collegial, interdisciplinary environment. Diversity and equity issues will be a factor in the selection process. Closing date for consideration of applications is October 15, 2008.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a statement outlining teaching and research interests, evidence of research and teaching ability, and the names and addresses of three referees, together with their e-mail, fax and telephone numbers. All applicants should arrange for three letters of reference to be sent prior to the closing date. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.

All queries and applications should be directed to: Chair, Department of Geography, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia V8W 3R4, Canada. Phone (250)-721-7326; Fax (250)-721-6216; e-mail: chair@mail.geog.uvic.ca.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

JUAG 08-149

CANADA, ONTARIO.

University of Western Ontario. **Director of the Center for Environment and Sustainability.**

Environment and sustainability constitute an interdisciplinary area at The University of Western Ontario, with participation from the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Social Science. An ongoing major initiative includes the creation of a new centre for research and teaching in environment and sustainability. The University of Western Ontario now invites applications or nominations for a **senior-level faculty appointment** as Director of this new center. The selected candidate will be appointed either as **Professor (with tenure)** or **Associate Professor** (with tenure or tenure-track (probationary), as appropriate). The initial term of the Directorship will be for a period of 5 years. The starting date will be July 1, 2009 or thereafter.

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

Applications are invited from all interested and qualified individuals. The successful candidate must have an excellent research record in a relevant area and demonstrate the high level of vision, leadership and resourcefulness appropriate to the position of Director. She or he will be expected to lead a vigorous and internationally competitive research program, to supervise graduate and undergraduate student research, and to participate in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

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

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

This position is subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

MAY 08-141-3

*CANADA, ONTARIO, MISSISSAUGA.

The Department of Geography, University of Toronto Mississauga, invites applications for a Tenure-Stream appointment at the rank of **Assistant Professor** with expertise in **Remote Sensing**. The candidate is expected to take up the position on July 1, 2009.

The Department seeks a candidate with the potential for an international reputation and vision in the theory and application of remote sensing to research areas in physical geography such as (but not limited to) natural resources, land-use, and environmental processes.

The successful candidate will join a tri-campus Geography department with strengths and interdisciplinary links in both physical and human geography including

hydrology, biogeography, environmental modeling, remote sensing/GIS and health. The appointment is at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), which has a strong interdisciplinary commitment, a multicultural student body, and a modern, spacious campus. The appointee will be well supported in their research and teaching initiatives by dedicated departmental geographic computing resources and an existing geospatial research cluster. Strong participation in the UTM Geography undergraduate program with dynamic participation in the GIS degree stream is expected. The successful candidate will have a graduate appointment and graduate teaching responsibilities in the Department of Geography and Program in Planning, University of Toronto. The successful candidate must have a PhD in Geography or a related discipline, and demonstrated excellence in scholarly research, publication, and teaching. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Apply: Professor Amrita Daniere, Chair, Department of Geography, University of Toronto Mississauga, 3359 Mississauga Road North, South Building Room 3106, Mississauga, Ontario, L5L 1C6 – CANADA.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a statement outlining current and future research interests, examples of publications, and materials relevant to teaching experience. Applicants should also ask three referees to write letters directly to Professor Daniere. Materials must be received by October 15, 2008 (no email applications will be accepted). Any inquiries about the application should be sent to the Department Chair, Prof. Amrita Daniere, at: amrita.daniere@utoronto.ca. Additional information on the Department can be obtained at: <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/geo.html>.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. We offer opportunities to work in many collaborative programs including Aboriginal, Canadian, environmental, ethno-cultural, sexual diversity, gender and women's studies. The University of Toronto offers the opportunity to teach, conduct research and live in one of the most diverse cities in the world. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

JUAG 08-165

Lecturer(s) in Human Geography

Department of Geography

We are seeking to appoint Lecturer(s) in Human Geography. We welcome applications from any area of specialism although it is likely that at least one of the appointments will be made in the area of Development.

We are looking for candidates with outstanding research potential who are able to work not just in their chosen field of specialization but also across disciplinary boundaries in what is a successful, rapidly expanding and interdisciplinary department. We therefore welcome applicants with backgrounds in disciplines cognate to geography who believe they can advance our teaching and research agendas. You will be expected to contribute to our large undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes.

The appointment will be on Grade 6 (currently £29,138 to £34,793 per annum plus £2,323 per annum London Allowance) or Grade 7 (currently £35,858 to £42,791 per annum plus £2,323 per annum London Allowance), depending on qualifications and experience.

For further particulars and application details, please contact strand-recruitment@kcl.ac.uk.

Please quote A1/DAR/73/08 on all correspondence.

Closing date: 27 September 2008.

Interview date: week commencing 10 November 2008.

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*GERMANY, HEIDELBERG.

The University of Heidelberg (Germany) invites applications for a **Full Professorship in GIS** beginning in October 2009 or April 2010. It seeks an outstanding established scholar with a strong research record and teaching experience in 3D-GIS; modeling, representation and analysis of 3D-models (applications both in human and physical geography), Ubiquitous Geographic Information-Services, particularly Location Based Services, Web-based GI-Services (including analysis and geo-processing), and Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI).

Successful candidates will already have conducted projects focusing on two or more of the above mentioned fields and will also have expertise in remote sensing and digital maps. They will be actively developing advanced methods of GIS in their research and will have a record of external funding and experience with project management.

The position is based in the Department of Geography. The department is particularly interested in and values candidates who are willing to work across disciplinary boundaries and collaborate actively with researchers in human geography, physical

geography and a range of other academic units of Heidelberg University.

Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, conducting an active research program and participation in departmental governance and activities. Excellence in research, teaching and service is expected.

Qualifications: He or she will possess a PhD in Geography (thesis on a topic of GIS), will have an established record of conducting innovative research in GIS and has been successful in attracting external funding grants.

Apply: Applicants are asked to submit a detailed curriculum vitae, the list of publications, an account of the teaching experience, the relevant documentation of academic degrees as well as a concise summary of current and proposed research activities, along with their five most relevant publications prior to September 30, 2008 to: Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, University of Heidelberg, Im Neuenheimer Feld 234, D-69120 Heidelberg, Germany.

JUAG 08-167

2008 AUGUST

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

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

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

27-29. RGS/IBS 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/.

23-26. GIScience 2008. Park City, Utah. www.giscience.org.

OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

16. AAG Abstract Submission Deadline 2009 AAG Annual Meeting www.aag.org.

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.

24-25. Middle Atlantic AAG Regional Meeting. Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland. Contact Mike Scott: msscott@salisbury.edu. www.gwu.edu/~madaag.

27-31. 7th International AARSE Conference (African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment) Accra, Ghana. www.aarse2008.org/index.html.

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.

2009 MARCH

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

2010 APRIL

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

2011 APRIL

12-16. AAG Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. www.aag.org.

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GIScience 2008 Conference

www.giscience.org

The 5th International Conference in Geographic Information Science (GIScience 2008) will be held in scenic Park City, Utah from September 24-26 at the Yarrow Resort Hotel and Conference Center (www.yarrowresort.com).

The conference focuses on basic research findings and emerging topics across all sectors of geographic information science. In addition to three days of presentations, plenary talks, and posters, the conference will be preceded by focused workshops on a host of challenging and exciting topics in GIScience. Plenary speakers will include Jeannette Wing from Carnegie Mellon University, Paul Longley

from University College London, and Chris Johnson from the University of Utah.

The conference series was created as a forum for all researchers interested in advancing the fundamental aspects of geographic information science. The series is held biannually and brings together scientists from academia, industry, and government who span a wide range of disciplines including cognitive science, computer science, engineering, geography, information science, mathematics, philosophy, psychology and statistics.

Established research topics include spatial databases, spatial and temporal

reasoning, geo-semantics, and dynamic representation. Examples of emerging topics include geosensors, locational privacy, and the semantic web.

Co-organizers of the GIScience 2008 Conference are the AAG, the University of Utah, and the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA).

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