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Advancing Geography Departments During Lean Years

AAG Departmental Leadership Workshop
July 9–11, 2009, Wilmington, NC

AAG members are invited to the 6th annual workshop devoted to departmental leadership and healthy departments. Set in the charming, historic coastal town of Wilmington, North Carolina, the workshop will begin with a dinner on Thursday, July 9. Workshop sessions will take place on Friday, July 10 and on the morning of Saturday, July 11. For those able to arrive a day early, Doug Gamble, from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, will lead a field trip to explore the geography of Wrightsville Beach, historic Wilmington, and the Intercoastal Waterway.

Learn from Experienced Department Chairs and University Administrators

The workshop is designed for all geographers who wish to make their departments stronger and more visible, but it is particularly well suited for those persons already in or expecting to assume positions of departmental leadership. The 2009 workshop will follow the format of previous workshops by having geographers who have served as department heads and university administrators

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2010 AAG Annual Meeting

April 14–18, Washington DC

The AAG invites you to begin making plans to attend the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, home of the Association of American Geographers and the heart of the U.S. Federal Government. In addition to many scholarly presentations, the 2010 Meeting will feature opportunities for interactions with government agencies and will include keynote speakers from non-profit groups and other influential non-governmental organizations located in the nation's capital. The District of Columbia is home to 174 foreign embassies, many high-profile NGOs, and numerous universities.

The Washington Region

Washington, DC and the surrounding region are rich in geographical variety and offer great opportunities for field trips, excursions, and exploration. The AAG welcomes field trip proposals from all AAG members and registered meeting participants.

The site for the capital of the United States was established in July of 1790. The land for the site was surveyed by Andrew Ellicott with the help of Benjamin Banneker, a self-taught mathematician and astronomer and a free black from nearby Maryland. Banneker's celestial calculations were used to set 40 boundary stones at one-mile intervals to mark the boundaries of the district.

The City of Washington was originally a separate municipality within the Territory of Columbia until an act of Congress merged the city and the territory into a single entity. Today, the District of Columbia welcomes approximately 15 million visi-

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The 2010 AAG Annual Meeting will take place in Washington, DC.

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Geography and Mental Health

Fear not, this column is not a treatise on the state of mind of geographers. Rather, what I would like to discuss here are the opportunities and needs for geography to participate in the rapidly expanding field of mental health research, a relatively unexplored area for geographers but one in which geography can, I'm convinced, be a significant and potentially paradigm changing contributor. It is also a research area in which geographers can engage with and help address enormous human and societal needs.

As many of you know, the AAG has been working for several years to try to build relationships with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on behalf of geography, and to help medical researchers in the many different NIH centers better understand what geography and geographers have to offer to the field of medical research. This work has continued to develop new inroads for geography at several NIH institutes, as well as in the broader medical research communities outside of NIH. The AAG and the NIH's National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), for example, have jointly sponsored special symposia at the AAG's Annual Meetings¹ during each of the past four years, on the previously undeveloped research area of Geography and Drug Addiction. That ongoing effort has drawn interest from throughout NIH and resulted in the publication of a book, *Geography and Drug Addiction*,² which is now being widely circulated in medical research circles, and is available from the AAG.

The AAG's work on geography and drug addiction with NIDA has sparked further interest at other NIH Institutes, including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), in geography's potential to also make contributions to the field of mental health research. I have been in lengthy and productive discussions with NIMH researchers engaged in genomic studies which attempt to identify genetic markers, the presence or absence of

which, it is hypothesized, may correlate with various complex mental disorders, such as schizophrenia, depression, and so forth. The challenge here, however, is that genetic factors are rarely determinant, and nearly always are highly interactive with environmental risk factors.

This new genetic research has revived old debates about nature versus nurture, or genes versus environment, but at a whole new scale and level of detail and sophistication. As mental health and other medical researchers are able now to obtain highly detailed and sophisticated genetic information, there is developing also a counter-demand for more highly de-

tailed and sophisticated information about the environment in order to attempt to sort out and understand complex gene-environment interactions. This is where geography, with its emphasis on place and related geographic methodologies for organizing and understanding environments, and GIS, with its ability to integrate and correlate vast amounts of different environmental data with observed conditions such as mental health disorders or genetic risk factors, becomes central to this new research.

Consequently, geography and GIS are now on the threshold of enabling substantial new breakthroughs in medical research involving complex gene-environmental interactions. We still have a long way to go in understanding genetic and environmental interactions, and our GIS systems and geographic methods are both challenged by the complexity of these systems. However, I have found that medical researchers everywhere, from NIH to universities and private companies, are highly receptive to the promise that geographic methodologies and GIScience hold for a better understanding of the etiology, treatment, and prevention of disease, addiction, and mental health disorders.



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Universities and the Downturn

Responsiveness to change, not size or previous performance, is said to be an advantage in difficult economic times. Universities would not seem to be exempt from this adage. The depth of the current recession is becoming increasingly apparent. The reverberations are now well beyond the housing sector where it started. The dreaded "D" word, Depression, is on many people's lips. Right through early 2009, the U.S. economy shed hundreds of thousands of jobs per month, many of which cannot be expected to return in the form they left. Some pundits raise the specter of a Long Depression like that at the end of the nineteenth century with a major redistribution of wealth and power at a global scale. In less apocalyptic mode, others point to the need to restructure the U.S. economy towards one that encourages a vastly more educated and skilled labor force to enhance an existing competitive advantage. Re-education and job training on a massive scale is one possible outcome. For many of us, the main question of the moment is how will the U.S. universities where many of us work fare in the current financial onslaught?

One answer insists that the existing dominant model of universities as stimuli of economic growth is likely to fail; indeed that it is already failing. In particular, state governments and individuals will no longer be able to carry the debt burdens and fiscal imbalances that have fueled university expansion in budgets and numbers of students in previous years. This seems inevitable without increased popular willingness to shoulder a larger tax burden and large regular increases in incomes to pay fees and tuition. At the same time, the business-university partnerships that have produced much of the recent increase in university research funding, largely in the physical and life sciences, not only threaten the old idea that universities should run themselves and set

their own research agendas but also seem largely irrelevant to many of the most pressing research problems of the time, such as climate change, increasing energy efficiency, regulating financial products, managing global migration, and stimulating economic development in the world's poorest places. The dual challenge of the betrayal of academic freedom and the poor fit between private finance and public needs is the message of numerous recent books, including several written well before the recent economic crisis.

Other answers offer more subtle and positive prognoses. Even if the U.S. as a whole is on course to lose its overall global economic dominance as a result of profligacy in consumption and increasingly effective competition from elsewhere, the effects will vary profoundly across the country. As geographers we are skeptical of arguments that invoke whole countries when in terms of economic dynamics they are made up of more significant parts: regions, states, and localities. In fact, as our colleague Richard Florida pointed out in a recent *Atlantic* article (March 2009) called "How the Crash Will Reshape America:" "the coming decades will likely see a further clustering of output, jobs, and innovation in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions." From this viewpoint, those universities that are able to translate their strengths into competitive advantages relative to the regions and localities in which they are located are the most likely to thrive. This may mean becoming more specialized in what you do, by, say, offering programs and degrees within departments and schools that fit emerging rather than declining sectors and local-global linkages.

The national financial sector is probably set to shrink. Interestingly, this will probably damage those small cities with large banking sectors more than large financial centers such as New York City with more diversified economic bases. All being well, more engineering graduates will now start

to go into engineering than into investment banking. They can start working on serious problems.

Much more optimistically, however, we can perhaps look for a reinvigoration of the old popular commitment to general liberal education that seemed to wane during the years of financial bubbles. Narrow training will need a broader educational base to be effective

in a world where skills must constantly be replenished. How about *really* learning a foreign language? Much of the rot set in with the tax revolts of the late 1970s, which separated private interest and public good to the extent that even the idea of collective public spending and service to benefit individual interests was lost. The notion that someone else might marginally benefit from your taxes or energies was simply too much to bear. As the past months have made increasingly clear, if we stay on that cultural track we will be totally disadvantaged in whatever economy emerges out of the current downturn. In cutting off our noses to spite our faces, we might as well then follow the absurd advice of *The Onion* (the satirical newspaper) which recently offered the following headline for those who can't see the writing on the wall: "The Only Way out of this Crisis is to Build More Homes." ■



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Nominations for AAG Vice President and National Councillor

The AAG Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for Vice President and National Councillor for the 2010 election. Deadline for nominations is August 31, 2009. For nominating details see page 10, this issue.

An illustration of the unexpected pathways and intriguing outcomes of these creative interactions between geography and the medical and mental health researchers at NIH was an invitation I received last fall to help organize a special session, together with scientists from NIH, on the topic of "Geography, Addiction, and Mental Health" for a meeting of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiologists, which was held in Vienna, Austria, and from which I just returned. While generally not at a loss for words, I must admit that I was at first not quite sure what I should say (or not say) to a room full of psychiatrists. However, the meetings went very well and there was genuine excitement on the part of the psychiatrists, geneticists, psychologists, and medical researchers present in learning more about geography's potential contributions to research on understanding the role of place and the environment in mental disorders and their treatment. Examples

of the dozens of research themes with geographic dimensions we discussed included: genetic and environmental interactions in schizophrenia; research on the consequences of refugee displacement; psychiatric morbidity of homelessness; psychopathology among Holocaust survivors and their children; urbanicity and psychoses; the global economic burden of mental disorder; public policy and the measurement of happiness; and searching for genes with environmental interactions in complex disorders. Plans are underway to follow-up both organizationally and individually to help link these research programs with geography and GIS.

As one NIH scientist noted at our session, "To date, most recent mental health research has focused largely on biomedical pathways. Increasingly, however, researchers are considering how people's environments, the physical and cultural contexts in which they live, influence the prevalence and con-

sequence of mental health disorders." The AAG will continue to engage evolving issues of geography's potential role in medical research at all institutes of NIH, and I encourage geographers, GIScientists, and GIS specialists to consider how you might work together with researchers at NIH's National Institute of Mental Health to help address these complex but pressing mental health research and human needs. For more information, please contact www.aag.org or www.nimh.nih.gov. ■

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¹"Making Connections: Geography and Drug Addiction" by Doug Richardson. *AAG Newsletter*, September 2005, pp. 2, 6.

²*Geography and Drug Addiction*, Springer, 2008. Edited by Yonette Thomas, Douglas Richardson, and Ivan Cheung.

Obama Outlines Science Policy in Address to National Academy of Sciences

In a speech delivered to members of the National Academy of Sciences on April 27, President Barak Obama outlined his vision for a renewed national commitment to scientific research, innovation and education.

Noting that "Federal funding in the physical sciences as a portion of our gross domestic product has fallen by nearly half over the past quarter century," Obama promised to increase funding to more than 3% of GDP. "This represents the largest commitment to scientific research and innovation in American history," he said.

The Obama Administration's proposed budget would double funding to key science agencies including the National Science Foundation, and would triple the number of graduate research fellowships available through NSF. The budgets of the National Institute of

Standards and Technology and the Department of Energy's Office of Science would also double.

President Obama also announced that his administration would fund the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy (ARPA-E) to promote high-risk, high-reward research on renewable energy, and the appointment of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) to provide guidance regarding national strategies to help "nurture and sustain a culture of scientific innovation" and to bring federal policy in line with the latest developments in scientific knowledge.

Throughout the speech, Obama emphasized that scientific inquiry should be free of ideological constraints and politicization, not only for its own sake but in order to drive the

nation's future economic development. He also challenged scientists to find new ways to engage young people, and to encourage students to consider careers in science, math, and engineering.

Specifically addressing environmental science, Obama discussed the need to strengthen the nation's weather forecasting capabilities, better manage the nation's natural resources, and improve the observation of the Earth from space, in part by supporting NASA to "develop new space-based capabilities to help us better understand our changing climate."

The speech took place during the 146th Annual Meeting of the NAS in Washington, DC.

Video, audio, and transcripts of the President's address to the NAS are available online at <http://national-academies.org>. ■

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start each session with comments regarding the session's focus but with most time devoted to question-and-answer and discussion among all participants. Time will be allocated for informal sessions in which participants can exchange ideas and experiences with guest panelists and among themselves.

Workshop Panelists

Susan Cutter, former department head, University of South Carolina, President of COSSA, and former president of AAG.

Carol Harden, AAG Vice President, former department head, University of Tennessee.

J.W. Harrington, University representative to the state legislature, former department head, University of Washington.

Jerry Ingalls, Department Head, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Risa Palm, Executive Vice Chancellor, State University of New York.

Michael Solem, Director of Educational Affairs, AAG.

Workshop Topics

The 2009 workshop has the timely theme, "Advancing Geography Departments During Lean Years." A wide range of topics will be covered, including:

- Engaging in effective strategic planning
- Defining, measuring, and improving "program quality"
- Identifying and acquiring resources to expand department activities
- Fostering the professional development of faculty
- Creating a positive, welcoming workplace, even in hard times
- Assessing performance
- Working effectively in a "hybrid" department
- Effectively training the next generations of geographers
- Preparing faculty for departmental leadership

Workshop Information

Workshop cost is \$265 and will include workshop materials, instructor expenses, field trip expenses, and attendee meals. Registration and further information are available on the AAG website.

The Departmental Leadership Workshop (www.aag.org/healthy_departments) will be

held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside hotel. The AAG has negotiated a room rate of \$149 per night (single or double) for the workshop, and this discounted room rate may be extended both 3 days prior to and 3 days after the workshop should you wish. The hotel will hold this low rate until June 9, 2009. Please make your reservation by calling (910) 763-5900 or (888) 324-8170 between 8am and 5pm EST. Mention that you are with the AAG Healthy Departments Workshop to get the reduced rate. Please contact Carol Harden if you would like to share a room with another attendee, and she will coordinate the arrangements.

If you have questions about the organization or content of the 2009 AAG Departmental Leadership Workshop, contact AAG Vice President, Carol Harden, at charden@utk.edu.

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

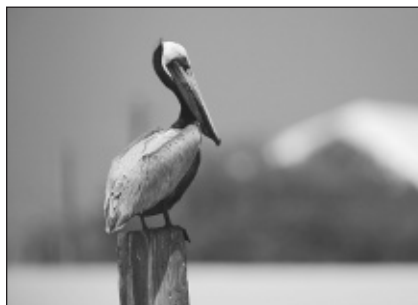


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The workshop will include a field trip to historic Wrightsville Beach.

Field Trip

An optional field trip will be available at no additional cost for workshop attendees on Thursday, July 9. The field trip destinations include a visit to Wrightsville Beach, where participants will examine the link between coastal geomorphology and the community's historical geography and current development issues. Participants will explore a ½ to 1 mile stretch of sandy beach and be able to get their feet or entire body wet in the ocean. After Wrightsville Beach, participants will return to Wilmington to tour the historic river front and the site of the 1898 election's racial violence and its recently installed memorial. ■



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National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) Conference is Sept. 23-27, 2009. www.ncge.org.

tors each year to its many historic sites, museums, and memorials.

The city is also home to many popular arts and cultural organizations. Take in a play at Ford's Theater, Arena Stage, or one of DC's many other playhouses. See a production by the Shakespeare Theater Company at the Folger Shakespeare Theater, or a performance by the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington National Opera, or the Washington Ballet at the Kennedy Center. Explore the Smithsonian Institution's many museums, or visit the National Holocaust Museum. Both the Library of Congress and the National Archives offer extraordinary resources for scholars. Mount Vernon, George Washington's beautiful home and a national historic site, is located only a few miles south of the city on the Virginia side of the Potomac River.



The Lincoln Memorial.

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where Duke Ellington and many other greats once performed. The city's international character shines through in its Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle neighborhoods, two prime destinations for eclectic dining and nightlife and the historic center of the city's embassy community.

Washington is renowned for the quality of its many excellent restaurants featuring various types of national cuisine. Popular local favorites are also a strong draw (ask AAG staff members where to go for a great chili dog or the best home cooked southern-style breakfast). A truly cosmopolitan city, over 1.2 million international visitors tour DC annually, and the many ethnicities of the city's residents come from many countries all around the world.

Perhaps Washington's best-known single event is its National Cherry Blossom Festival, celebrated each spring by over one million visitors on the Washington Mall. The festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from the mayor of Tokyo to the city of Washington. The cherry blossoms should be in bloom for the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting, which also coincides with spectacular weekend garden tours of the White House, available to the public only twice each year.

Getting Around

DC is easy to navigate thanks to the city's pedestrian-friendly streets, its safe, efficient public transportation system—including Metrorail and Circulator buses—and its systematic plan, designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the French-born architect, engineer, and city planner. Direct flights to the Washington area and connections to more than 30 international cities are available through three local airports (Reagan National, Dulles, and Baltimore), making it a convenient destination for international AAG conference attendees.

We at the AAG look forward to welcoming you to Washington, DC for the 2010 Annual Meeting. ■

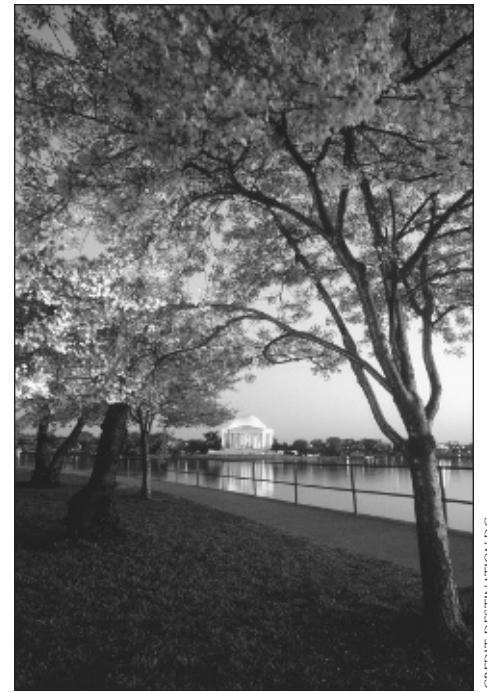


Mount Vernon, George Washington's Estate and one of the most visited historic sites in the U.S., is located only a few miles south of Washington, DC.

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A Cosmopolitan City

Away from Washington's many celebrated destinations, the city unwinds into a fascinating network of charming neighborhoods, each with its own cultural spaces and festivals, famous eateries, historic homes, and lush parks and gardens. Fans of jazz will want to visit U Street's lively jazz scene,



Over 3,000 cherry trees blossom every spring on the National Mall, site of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

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Duane Nellis is Named President of the University of Idaho

Former AAG President M. Duane Nellis will serve as the 17th President of the University of Idaho. Nellis was introduced to the university community at a news conference on Wednesday, April 22 (see photo at right). His appointment will begin on July 1, 2009.

Nellis has served as Provost and Senior Vice President at Kansas State University since 2004. He spent a total of 17 years at Kansas State, where he progressed from assistant professor of geography to professor to head of the geography department. He also served as Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University from 1997–2004. At WVU, Nellis led a highly successful capital fund raising campaign, oversaw the planning and construction of a new \$60 million Life Sciences building, and helped establish a new National Geospatial Development Center, a Center for Writing Excellence, and a Math Learning Institute.

Nellis is recognized both nationally and internationally for his expert use of satellite data and geographic information systems to analyze natural resource systems. His research has been funded by more than 50 grants (as principal investigator and co-principal



Duane Nellis was recently welcomed as the new President of the University of Idaho.

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investigator) from sources such as NASA, the National Geographic Society, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His scholarship includes over 100 articles and reports in a wide range of professional journals, 15 books and book chapters, and more than 100 professional presentations.

Over the course of his career Nellis has received many professional awards and honors, including AAG Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geographic Education in 2001, and the AAG's John Fraser Hart Award for Excellence in Research.

In addition to having served as President of the AAG in 2002, Nellis is also Past President of the National Council for Geographic Education; Past President of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the International Geographic Honor Society; and Past President of the Kansas Academy of Sciences.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Nellis received his bachelor's degree in geography from Montana State University and earned master's and doctoral degrees in geography from Oregon State University. ■

AAG Nystrom Award Recipient

The Association of American Geographers has conferred upon Tina Mangieri the 2009 J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Award of the AAG. The award was presented for the excellence of research exemplified in Mangieri's dissertation, *"African cloth, export production, and secondhand clothing in Kenya"* at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mangieri is currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Texas A&M University.

The Committee wishes to congratulate all of the finalists for their presen-

tations. All finalists will be invited to submit papers for consideration of publication in *The Professional Geographer*.

The 2009 AAG Nystrom Award Committee: Richard Wright, San Diego State University (Chair); Holly Barcus, Macalester College; Kirstin Dow, University of South Carolina; Matthew Sparke, University of Washington; and Fei Yuan, Minnesota State University, Mankato.



Mangieri

Questions or comments regarding the Nystrom Award may be directed to grants@aac.org. Deadline for submissions for the 2010 award is September 15, 2009.

For more information on the J. Warren Nystrom Award see www.aag.org/grants/awards/nystrom.cfm. ■

Call for Abstracts: 2011 Annals Special Issue

The *Annals of the AAG* invites abstracts of papers for a special issue on Energy. See back cover for details.

Guggenheim Fellowships

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowships have been awarded to geographers **Martin W. Doyle**, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and **Daniel Z. Sui**, Texas A&M University. Doyle and Sui are among 180 scholars, scientists, and artists who were chosen as Fellows from a role of nearly 3,000 applicants.

Doyle describes himself as a river scientist with training in hydrology and engineering who, under the influence of Will Graf, has over the past few years broadened the scope of his work toward understanding environmental policy in the context of political economy. His Guggenheim Fellowship has been awarded for his current research project, "A History of American Rivers." Doyle is writing a book that will discuss the complex interplay of physical river systems and political economy in the U.S. from revolutionary times to the present.

Sui, currently a professor of geography and holder of the Reta A. Haynes Endowed Chair in the College of Geosciences at Texas A&M University, is the first geographer at that university to receive a Guggenheim Fellowship. (Sui recently accepted appoint-

ment as Professor of Geography, Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Science, and Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at Ohio State University.) He is currently writing a book on geosurveillance, *Geosurveillance in an Age of Pervasive Surveillance*. Sui's Guggenheim Fellowship will allow him to expand his research on the growing social impacts of geospatial technologies.

The Guggenheim Fellowship is an exceptionally prestigious award and geographers have earned a record of continuing success, especially since the mid-1950s. Glen MacDonald, Susanna Hecht, and Don Mitchell all received Guggenheim Fellowships last year. The total number of geographers receiving the award has now reached 117, dating back to 1926.

Research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts are eligible



Doyle



Sui

for consideration. Selection is based on a career synopsis, brief research proposal, and a letter from referees designated by the applicant. Fellows are appointed on the basis of distinguished achieve-

ment in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment. In 2008, the average award was \$43,158, which typically is used for a portion of the Fellow's salary and research-related expenses. A comprehensive list of Guggenheim Fellows in Geography appears each year in the *AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas*.

Application deadline is September 15. Application materials can be obtained from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016, 212-687-4470, or from their website at www.gf.org (which also lists present and former Fellows). ■

Call for Nominations: AAG Honors and Nominating Committees

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

Nominations for the Honors Committee may include persons 1) from the membership at large and 2) from those members who have previously received AAG Honors. A list of previous honorees can be found in the AAG Guide to Geography in the Americas and online at www.aag.org/grantsawards.

Honors Committee members serve for two years and are responsible for making recommendations of awardees for various AAG

Honors for Council consideration. Nominating Committee members serve for one year. The committee recommends to the Council the slate of candidates for the AAG Vice President, President, and National Councillor elections.

If you wish to nominate yourself or other qualified individuals for service on these committees, please contact AAG Secretary Craig Colten by **June 30, 2009**. Nominations should include the contact information of the nominee, a brief biosketch, and indication that the nominee is willing to be placed on the slate of candidates for election by the AAG membership. Please send nominations to Craig by email (ccolten@lsu.edu) or by mail to: Craig Colten, AAG Secretary, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, 227 Howe-Russell, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. ■

See www.aag.org for a list of publications available through the AAG.

Washington Monitor

Michigan Sociologist to Lead Census Bureau

On April 2, President Obama announced that he has chosen University of Michigan Sociologist Robert Groves to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Census Bureau. Groves directs the University's Survey Research Center and previously served as the Bureau's Associate Director of Statistical Design. The nomination will require Senate confirmation.

The choice of Groves has sparked political controversy in Washington. When Groves worked at the Bureau (in the early 1990s) he supported statistical adjustment to compensate for undercounts. This has caused multiple Republicans to speak out against sampling methodologies and Groves' nomination—various quotes from leading GOP officials have used the terms "political manipulation," "partisan gain," "incredibly troubling," and "statistical sleight of hand."

Despite these concerns, leading Democrats have indicated that it is too late in the 2010 Census process to introduce sampling methodologies—and Commerce Secretary Gary Locke explicitly stated, "It is my understanding that there are no plans in the Department of Commerce or the Census Bureau to use any type of statistical sampling with respect to population count," during his confirmation hearing in March. Locke also told Senators, "The Supreme Court has made it very clear that statistical sampling is not permissible for apportionment purposes. That is the law. We will enforce the law."

Groves, however, could initiate efforts to use statistical adjustment methodolo-

gies in future Census programs and data collections. For these reasons and others, the nomination has been widely praised by social and behavioral science groups. The Consortium of Social Science Associations (of which the AAG is a member) released a statement in support of a "fair and accurate census" indicating that Groves is a "distinguished" and "highly respected leader...in academia and in public service." The statement also emphatically noted "The issue of a statistical adjustment raised by some is spurious!" and urged Groves' confirmation "as soon as possible."

Dick Morrill, a former AAG President (1981-82) and past Chair of Geography at the University of Washington, also praised Obama's choice, noting, "I am both surprised and greatly pleased by Groves' nomination. While his views on sampling improvements for the census may be unpopular with some, his competence in the social science community is unquestioned."

While a date has yet to be announced for Groves' confirmation hearing, he is likely to be approved without undue delay given the large Democratic majority in the Senate. Groves originally joined the Michigan faculty in 1975. He holds a bachelor's from Dartmouth. Both of his master's degrees (statistics and sociology) and his PhD in sociology were earned at the University of Michigan.

DOL Stimulus Funds to Spotlight Geospatial Technologies

As Doug Richardson reported in his March 2009 column, the Department of Labor (DOL) has been awarded \$750 million in stimulus funding for a program of

competitive grants for worker training and placement in high-growth and emerging industries. This is of special interest to geographers because DOL recently named geo-technologies as one of the three most important emerging and evolving high-growth industries, along with nanotech and biotech.

The Department recently issued further guidance on this program, specifying that "\$500 million of the total amount is targeted for research, labor exchange, and job training programs that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as defined in the Green Jobs Act. The remaining \$250 million will be for projects in other high growth and emerging industry sectors."

The guidance went on to note that the DOL is collaborating with other Federal agencies to develop "a multi-pronged investment approach with these funds." The Department plans to issue solicitations for grant awards no later than June 30. This document will be posted on www.grants.gov when it is released.

I recently spoke with DOL staffers about this program and they assured me that their commitment to geospatial technologies as a key high-growth industry remains strong and that this commitment will be reflected in the grant award process for these stimulus funds. Interested AAG members may wish to investigate this program when the solicitation is issued. ■

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Please direct questions to Laura Miller at 202-234-1450 or lmiller@aag.org.

32nd Applied Geography Conference

The Board of the Directors for the annual Applied Geography Conferences invites submissions for paper presentations and poster presentations for the 2009 conference, to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from October 28 to October 31. The conference welcomes papers on any applied research in Geography and related fields. Participants may choose to submit their papers to be included in this year's volume of the Papers of the 32nd Applied Geography Conference. All entries will be peer-reviewed. In addition, selected papers will be included in a special issue of the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*. For more information, please contact Jay Lee at jlee@kent.edu or visit conference website at <http://applied.geog.kent.edu>.

IGU Applied Geography Book

The International Geographical Union (IGU) Applied Geography Commission will be compiling material for a book to be launched at the 2012 IGU Congress in Germany. To be edited by Robert Stimson and Kingsley Haynes, the book will likely be titled *Geography at Work: Public Policy and Business Applications of Geographical Analysis*. The book will present a series of case studies of the work applied geographers have recently undertaken (that is completed) and

which has been funded or commissioned through collaboration with a public agency or with a business entity. The work must clearly demonstrate how methods and tools of geographical analysis have been used to address a specific issue of public policy or business concern.

Over the next 18 months the Applied Geography Commission will be organizing a number of meetings, often as special sessions in regular conferences of professional associations, at which papers will be presented by researchers who have a case study that they would like to have considered for inclusion in the book to be published by the Commission. Final papers for refereeing as chapters in the book will need to be completed by the end of 2010.

Case study proposals may be submitted by sending a title, list the author(s) and institutional affiliation(s), and an outline (½ page maximum), to: Kingsley Haynes, Applied Geography Commission Secretary (khaynes@gmu.edu) or Bob Stimson, Applied Geography Commission Chair (r.stimson@uq.edu.au). Indicate which of the meetings listed below would be the one at which you might want to present a draft paper on your proposed case study for the book: Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) being held in Gold Coast, Australia, 19–22 July, 2009; 32rd Meeting of the Applied Geography

Conference, 28–30 October, 2009, Baton Rouge, LA, U.S.; 56th North American Regional Science Conference, 18–21 November, 2009, San Francisco, CA, U.S.; a special meeting of the Applied Geography Commission being planned for mid-2010 in Lisbon, Portugal. Other opportunities will be made available for making presentations.

Applied Geospatial Research Journal

The Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* (IJAGR) is soliciting submissions for upcoming issues. The IJAGR is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal specializing in studies from applied geography that interface with geographic information science and technology. Including both regular and special themed issues, this journal presents policy analysts, geospatial practitioners, and academicians with high-quality articles exemplifying various application domains within applied geospatial research. For more information visit IJAGR's website at www.igi-global.com/IJAGR or contact Donald P. Albert, Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*, Department of Geography and Geology, LDB #332, Sam Houston State University, 1900 Ave I, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2148, USA. Phone: 936-294-1453; E-mail: geo_dpa@shsu.edu. ■

Call for Nominations: Vice President and National Councillor

The AAG Nominating Committee for the 2010 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, 2010. Members should submit the names and addresses of each nominee and their reasons for supporting each nomination to any member of the committee no later than **August 31, 2009**. As part of your nomination statement, please

confirm that your nominee is willing to be considered by the nominating committee for the position for which you are nominating her or him.

Committee members are: 1) John Paul Jones III, University of Arizona, Department of Geography and Regional Development, 409 Harvill Building, Box #2, Tucson, AZ 85721 (jpjones@email.arizona.edu); 2) Susan Roberts, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography,

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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's *Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas*.

Geographers Should be More Vocal on Climate Change

A call has gone out for more social scientists to lend their voices to climate change news coverage in the United States. The key questions in the media discourse have shifted from “is climate change happening?” to “what will be the effects?” and “how should societies respond?” This shift means reporters are looking for new sources of information to help their readers understand the nature-society relations that permeate this issue.

An article by Robert J. Brulle in the summer of 2008 *Society of Environmental Journalists' SEJournal* called for reporters to “show the connections between environmental problems and underlying social processes” to provide a better understanding of environmental issues. The authors noted that environmental reporters tend to primarily engage with physical scientists as sources and that social scientists have been marginalized. The article ends with a list of suggested resources for developing a story using environmental social science. Geography-related resources are not mentioned in this list. As geographers, we can offer valuable understandings of social and environmental interactions, but we seem to do a lousy job of being noticed. Engaging with the media would provide the public with greater knowledge about these complex issues.

Geographers' engagement with place can especially help reporters localize stories of climate change to their audiences. Studies of regional processes and effects can raise awareness of what is happening in people's backyards and make connections to larger processes. Compelling narratives gathered in the course of field research can pull people in and inform them about critical environmental and social issues.

In consultation with environmental journalists Robert McClure of the *Seattle Post-Independent* and Elizabeth Espeland of Louisville Public Media, I have developed a few action steps for engaging with the popular media:

1) Keep the media relations staff of your university updated on your research and expertise. Media relations often sends out press releases alerting news organizations to the latest research and handles requests from the media to speak with expert sources.

2) Make your presence known to journalists researching stories on the Web. Implore your department to keep their Web site updated with listings of faculty and staff, specializations, research and contact information.

3) Try to cultivate direct relationships with reporters. Some reporters are open to people contacting them directly with well-formed story ideas on topics pertinent to their beat or to informing them of research that might be of interest to a wider audience. Administratively, departments could create research associateships for graduate students to act as media liaisons, or course-load reductions could be offered to faculty to establish and develop media relations.

4) Offer visuals to catch people's attention. Geographers often use data visualization such as maps and GIS to communicate ideas. Many forms of media prefer to have visuals to help tell the story.

5) Use the Web to take your story to the people. Go beyond the mass media to make your research findings available in new forms. Engage with upstart Internet news organizations and social networks or experiment with new media options for disseminating your research.

Be prepared for disappointment, but don't be discouraged if a reporter isn't interested in doing a story on your topic at this time. Just because you think your research topic is interesting does not mean it's front-page news or that it won't be front-page news tomorrow. More important in the long run is being on a reporter's radar, so when they need a source on this topic, they know the geographer to call.

We need to think more about engaging with the media and the public before we even begin our research projects. How can our research findings be shared with the community and the wider world? How is our research relevant to people? Perhaps this even calls for collaboration with media in the regions under study to disseminate findings to general audiences. Publishing in diverse media to reach wider audiences can also help meet the “broader impacts criterion” for National Science Foundation proposals.

There are dangers to such encounters: fears of being misrepresented, overly simplified, and just plain misunderstood. We may lose the power to meticulously pore over and edit the final product. But we should embrace the possibility of sharing our knowledges with the world beyond the narrow confines of academia and disciplinary journals. And academic departments should value and reward publicity as part of strengthening geography as a discipline. Most of all policymakers and publics should value the geographic perspectives that are so often overlooked. ■

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AAG Newsletter Op-Eds

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

National Conference on Geography Education to Meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico

2009 Conference to Explore the "Crossroads of Cultures"

The 2009 National Conference on Geography Education, sponsored by the National Council for Geographic Education, will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on September 23-27.

The theme of the conference is "Crossroads of Cultures." This theme is a powerful reflection on the location, history, and connections evident across the Caribbean region and within Puerto Rico. It is a theme commonly included in geography, social studies, history, government, and civics

instruction. Conference participants will observe the region's past, immerse themselves in the present, and consider the issues on the horizon.

During the conference you will be able to participate in field trips and outdoor educational experiences, presentations, workshops, and other professional development activities.

Planned conference strands are South and Middle America and the Caribbean, Climate Change, Ecotourism and Sustain-

able Development, Geospatial Technology, Puerto Rico, Geography Education Research, and Advanced Placement Human Geography. English Language Learning (ELL) and Geography Teaching.

For additional program and registration information please visit www.ncge.org. Final submission date for program proposals is May 28, 2009. ■

Geographic Centers

The Department of Geography at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) has recently joined the School of Natural Resources (SNR) and moved to new facilities on the UNL East Campus. Established in 1997, SNR is a cross-campus, multidisciplinary enterprise that includes faculty from both the UNL College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. In 2007, Donald A. Wilhite, a geographer, was appointed SNR

Director. The School is structured in a non-traditional manner intended to retain traditional disciplinary strengths, but, at the same time, encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary teaching and research required to address important issues involving climate variability and change, water resources, bio-ecology, human-environment interaction and natural resources education. As part of SNR, the Faculty of Geography and Geographic Information Science, now

numbering sixteen, will continue to offer undergraduate, MA and PhD degrees in Geography. Geography faculty and students are also affiliated with several nationally-known research centers including CALMIT, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the High Plains Regional Climate Center and the Center for Great Plains Studies. Additional details are available at <http://snr.unl.edu/programs/geography.asp>. ■

Thanks to World Geography Bowl Sponsors

Organizers and participants would like to thank World Geography Bowl sponsors the National Geographic Society, Rand McNally, the AAG, and Oxford University Press for generously donating student travel funds and prizes for the 2009 competition.



We would also like to thank the U.S. Census Bureau, Penguin Books, and Lonely Planet for donating additional prizes for World Geography Bowl contestants.

World Geography Bowl 2009

Following an evening of intense competition against teams from throughout the U.S. and Canada, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG) team took top honors at this year's World Geography Bowl competition in Las Vegas, on March 24. It was the second year in a row that a region which had never previously won the championship took top honors. After an early loss to the powerhouse team from the Southeast Division (SEDAAG), APCG finished the preliminary rounds with an overall record of six wins and two losses, qualifying the team to again face the undefeated SEDAAG team (8-0) in the finals.

The World Geography Bowl is held each year during the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). Each regional division within the AAG is eligible to enter a student team, and this year's tournament saw eight regions and one Canadian team vying for the championship title. It was the second year in a row that the tournament included an entry from outside the U.S., a trend that organizers hope to expand in the future.

In the head-to-head championship round, team captain Zia Salim and 2009 MVP Jon Rossiter, both of San Diego State University, led the team to a first half shutout of SEDAAG. Although SEDAAG made a spirited rally as the competition continued, the Pacific Coast team held its lead under mounting pressure to emerge as the 2009 champions, spurred on by a boisterous cheering section in the audience of over 300 spectators.

Captain Zia Salim congratulated the team for maintaining their competitive spirit without taking themselves too



The Pacific Coast team won that region's first-ever World Geography Bowl. Pictured: team captain Zia Salim of San Diego State University (kneeling) and Caitlin Chason of SDSU (holding banner); row 2 (L-R): Sarah Champion of SDSU, Denielle Perry of the University of Nevada-Reno, Jenny Novak of the University of Southern California, Coach Bronwyn Owen Haugland of Truckee Meadows Community College, Coach Joy Adams of Humboldt State University, Nick Burkhart of Arizona State University; row 3 (L-R): Jon Rossiter of SDSU and Ted Eckmann of the University of California-Santa Barbara. Not pictured: Melinda Alexander of ASU.

seriously: "From intense practice before the conference, to making an APCG banner, to planning strategy, our team worked hard but had a lot of fun. It was an extra exciting moment at the very end when all that effort paid off in spades."

"For me, the GeoBowl was the highlight of the Annual Meeting this year," added co-coach Joy Adams. "I think this is the first time that APCG has ever won the GeoBowl, and I was so excited about our team's outstanding performance that I could hardly sleep Tuesday night!"

This year's team roster included Melinda Alexander and Nick Burkhart of Arizona State University; Ted Eckmann of the University of California-Santa Barbara; Jenny Novak of the University of Southern California; Denielle Perry of the University of Nevada-Reno; and Sarah Champion, Caitlin Chason, Jon Rossiter, and Zia Salim of San Diego State University. Co-coaching the team were faculty members Bronwyn Owen Haugland of Truckee Meadows Community College and Joy Adams of Humboldt State University.

Team members competing in the finals received National Geographic's *Visual Atlas of the World*. Other prizes included atlases and books from sponsors Rand McNally and Oxford University Press. National Geo-

graphic, Rand McNally, and Oxford University Press donated prizes and travel money for students, while the U.S. Census Bureau, Penguin Books, and Lonely Planet generously donated books, allowing organizers to distribute prizes to contestants from the top five teams in the tournament. The AAG also sponsored the tournament by providing matching student travel funds to sponsoring regions.

Rossiter took top MVP honors, winning an illuminated globe from National Geographic for earning the highest point average per game among all individual players throughout all of the competition's rounds. APCG's sole undergraduate player, Nick Burkhart, also placed within the top ten individual scorers.

The performance by the second place SEDAAG team should also be

commended, as the team surged toward the championship round by finishing the preliminary rounds undefeated. The SEDAAG team included Nick Campiz

(University of Florida), Billy Terry (University of South Carolina), Byron Smith (University of South Carolina), Matthew Holden (University of Mary Washington), Ben Shultz (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Abigail Foulds (University of Kentucky). It should be noted that the undergraduate student representative of SEDAAG, Matthew Holden, finished as the fourth highest individual scorer overall and the highest scoring underclassman of the competition. Jennifer Collins, of the University of South Florida, coached the SEDAAG team.

The AAG wishes to thank Bill Carstensen of Virginia Tech for once again organizing another successful World Geography Bowl. ■



APCG team captain Zia Salim prepares to answer a question during the championship round.



Jon Rossiter accepts MVP prizes from National Geographic's Kaitlin Yarnall.

Mapping the Cultural Buzz

A paper presented by co-authors Elizabeth Currid (UCLA) and Sarah Williams (Columbia University) at the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas was the focus of a recent article in *The New York Times* published April 7, 2009. The article, "Mapping the Cultural Buzz: How Cool Is That?" by Melena Ryzik, recounted the researchers' efforts to quantify and map cultural trends in the U.S. by examining over 6,000 recent events. Currid is the author of the 2007 book, *The Warhol Economy: How Fashion, Art & Music Drive New York City*. The article is available at nytimes.com.

GSDI Cookbook

The Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (GSDI) has published the GSDI Cookbook in a wiki environment and would like to invite contributions to this resource from a broad community of geographic data providers and users. The GSDI Cookbook wiki provides the necessary background

information to evaluate and implement existing components of SDI. The GSDI Cookbook includes topics on data development, visualization, discovery, standards, legal and economic issues, community building, and case studies. In light of the rapidly evolving technological environment in which SDI operates, contributions and updates are especially encouraged in the areas of service interoperability, data discovery, and data visualization. The Cookbook wiki may be accessed at: <http://gsdidocs.org/GSDIWiki>.

World Resources Institute Internships

The World Resources Institute in Washington DC has two internships currently available; both have the potential to become full-time positions depending on performance and funding. The internships are in support of the Southern Forests for the Future, a project focusing on identifying changes and trends in southeastern U.S. for-

ests. GIS/Remote Sensing Internship: www.wri.org/job/10970. Research/Writing Internship: www.wri.org/job/10969. The World Resources Institute is located at 10 G Street NE, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20002. Phone: 202-729-7795. More information on the World Resources Institute and its programs is available at www.wri.org.

USGS Lecture Series

The U.S. Geological Survey has initiated a new public lecture series, "Science in Action." Lectures are held once per month on a Wednesday evening at the USGS building in Reston, Virginia. Free to the public, these lectures are intended to help familiarize a general audience with meaningful issues in contemporary science and society. For more information visit the USGS at www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series or call (703) 648-4748. ■

Necrology

Gail Hobbs passed away on February 8, 2009. A well-known advocate of geography education, she was a member of the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) for over 20 years and served as its President in 1999. Hobbs was born in Chicago but grew up in North Hollywood, California, and both areas played significant roles in her professional life. She earned a B.A. in education from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois and a master's degree in geography from UCLA. Concordia later presented

Hobbs with an honorary doctorate.

Hobbs served as Professor of Geography Department of Anthropological and Geographical Sciences at Pierce College in Los Angeles, where she taught a wide range of courses. Over her 22-year career she played an instrumental role in strengthening geography at Pierce



Hobbs

College by developing a GIS laboratory, classrooms and related coursework and by forming strong bonds with students.

In addition to her association with NCGE, Hobbs was a longtime member of the AAG, the California Geographical Society, the Los Angeles Geographical Society, and the Society of Women Geographers. A skilled organizer, she served as co-coordinator of the Southern California Geographic Alliance from 1987 to 1997. ■

Gail Hobbs Memorial Fund

A Gail Hobbs Memorial Scholarship fund is being created through the Pierce College Foundation. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to: The Foundation for Pierce College. Please write "Gail Hobbs Fund" in the memo section of the check (not in the payable to section), so that the Foundation will know it is for her scholarship fund. Send contributions to: The Foundation for Pierce College, 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91371. Contact information for the Foundation: Phone (818) 703-0826; Fax (818) 703-7250; E-mail: foundation@piercecollege.edu.

AAG Council Meeting Minutes

Greensboro, North Carolina
November 22–23, 2008

Attending: John Agnew, *President*; Carol Harden, *Vice President*; Tom Baerwald, *Past President*; Craig Colten, *Secretary*; Doug Richardson, *Executive Director*; *National Councillors*: Leslie Duram, Audrey Kobayashi, William Moseley, Marie Price, Dawn Wright; *Regional Councillors*: David Kaplan (East Lakes), Lisa Harrington (Great Plains-Rocky Mountains), Molly Brown (Middle Atlantic), Keith Henderson (Middle States); Cathleen McAnney (New England/St. Lawrence Valley), Nancy Wilkinson (Pacific Coast), Doug Gamble (Southeast); Donald Friend (West Lakes); and AAG Staff: Patricia Solís and Rachel Franklin.

PRELIMINARIES

Agnew called the meeting to order, welcomed the council, and led introductions. Council unanimously approved the minutes of the spring 2008 meeting.

President's Comments

Agnew encouraged initiatives to re-engage physical and human geography around common or synthetic topics, beginning with sessions at regional and national meetings. The prospects for intra-disciplinary collaboration have never been better. In this vein, the Presidential Plenary session at the Las Vegas Annual Meeting has been organized on the "Future of Water in the American West." Agnew will also devote columns in the *AAG Newsletter* to the theme of integrative geography. He expressed support for continuing emphasis on representing geography as a vital subject in helping to develop both the tools for active citizenship and marketable skills in education at all levels, including reinvigorating the teaching of world regional geography with a focus on such themes as climate change, globalization, political change, and social inequality. He noted that the strength of geography as a subject depends very much on the strength of the public universities in which it is most embedded, a linkage he intends to emphasize during his year as president. Finally, he expressed strong support of continuing recent initiatives such those of strengthening department leadership, further internationalizing the AAG, and emphasizing the role of geography in interdisciplinary endeavors.

Vice President's Comments

Harden stressed making geography more visible in public domains. A top-down approach is essential to integrate with current administration change; a bottom-up approach is imperative to rethink our internal culture, to communicate outside the discipline, to make geography the "go-to" discipline. She also supported the idea for the AAG to continue to ensure that the association is inclusive and supportive of all specialties and practitioners in the fold. She encouraged stronger participation of physical geographers to publish in the *Annals*. Also, she remarked that inclusiveness extends to international members, integrating physical and human, and revitalizing interest in human-environmental interaction. She also noted that she is working on the 2009 department leadership workshop.

Past President's Comments

Baerwald reflected on his current and previous years of service on the council, and noted his appreciation of a greater continuity in recent years; presidents showing explicit desire to perpetuate the association's and their predecessors' agendas. Two important areas where there has been recent progress are: (1) strengthening interdisciplinary interaction (to be the subject of his Past Presidential address in Las Vegas, entitled, "Prospects for Geography as an Interdisciplinary Discipline,") and (2) changes to the constitution and bylaws that will enhance the association. Resolutions on this second point will be discussed at this meeting. He also reported on news from the National Science Foundation.

Reports from Regional Councillors

Middle States

Henderson reported that the region now has an online journal. Chairs relayed that they are seeing growth in environment and GIS; economic concerns are prominent; and most thought that interdisciplinary programs were positive, except in cases where they feel competition for majors.

Great Plains-Rocky Mountains

Harrington identified several stand-alone geographers who were interested in participating in SAGE; chairs reported that the economy was a serious issue and will impact Kansas universities and elsewhere, but the impacts will be uneven due to

the variability of local economies (e.g. oil and gas in some areas). There is support for implementing rules of participation at the annual meeting to limit the number of concurrent sessions.

Pacific Coast

Wilkinson reported on the successful regional meeting in Alaska; that there are many new chairs in the region who might benefit from the leadership workshop; that the economy on the west coast is experiencing a serious downturn; that because many Stand Alone Geographers in the region may not already be AAG members, different challenges in engaging with them are notable; and that interdisciplinary programs seem to experience rifts among disciplines during economic hard times.

Agnew mentioned that one theme at the recent AAG Departmental Leadership workshop was to encourage deans to use enrollment in courses and not numbers of majors for evaluating programs, since geography tends to do well in enrollment.

New England/St. Lawrence Valley

McAnney reported that 80 people attended the regional meeting, and that the region is preparing to launch a journal. All states are suffering in terms of budgets, although majors were up, so departments are being asked to do more with less. She remarked that larger geography programs seldom participate in their regional meetings, but a few Canadian students attend.

Middle Atlantic

Brown reported on the regional meeting at Salisbury University. The region desires to establish a regular meeting date, seeks to get departments in peripheral locations (Salisbury and Frostburg) more involved, and aims to increase attendance. MAD also plans to revise its bylaws. The region is sending an all-star geography bowl team to national meeting; will provide local support for 2010 national meeting. She noted that departments and agencies are expanding and Census Bureau is hiring now in anticipation of the decennial census.

Council discussed opportunities for geographers working in government; with a new administration beginning in January, they

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expressed hopes for more science hiring. Opportunities in federal government are not limited to the DC area; the expansion of opportunities raises the bar for training our students; and an aging federal work force will likely create more openings in coming years.

Southeast

Gamble reported on a good meeting in Charleston last year with 500 attending. Budgets in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina present considerable challenges for departments there. Several chair positions in the region are open and he expressed concern that new leadership may be challenged during tight budget times; *Southeastern Geographer* is moving toward online listings. The region is engaging with geographers in the Caribbean. Their next meeting is planned for Knoxville. Officers are looking at bylaws and the possibility of electronic voting.

East Lakes

Kaplan noted that the region revised its bylaws to permit electronic ballots. Their fall regional meeting was an experimental joint meeting with West Lakes and 216 attended. Next year Wright State will host. Higher education has not been hit as hard as might be expected yet in the region, but the economic situation is still a challenge; there is a tendency for universities to focus on areas of strength and geography must make its case. In terms of interdisciplinary activity, some universities have constructed a model that works against participation—a “pay as you go” format tied to departments. Successes include a new Ph.D. program at Toledo and a new department at Saginaw State.

Southwest

Colten reported that departments across the region have been able to refill vacancies and that oil rich states have been protected at this point from economic strains, but with falling gas prices this will probably change. He received an enthusiastic response for SAGE and identified a regional representative. SWAAG requested that the AAG help assemble and distribute available information on how departments have succeeded with recruiting undeclared majors. Chairs identified a primary challenge to effectively define geography to multiple audiences such as administrators and the public, while maintaining quality programs.

West Lakes

Friend reported on a good meeting at Indiana University and announced plans for the next meeting to be held at Macalester. The region supports protecting the AAG's recently developed financial health through creation of an endowment to ensure the long-term future of the AAG. Several Stand Alone geographers have been identified, but no coordinator has yet volunteered.

Council discussed the Stand Alone Geographers (SAGE) efforts. Kaplan pointed out the need to help stand alone geographers find one another; Moseley expressed interest in stand alone geographers in small liberal arts colleges; he has received a grant to do an exchange with other comparable places and to open lines of communication. Brown pointed out that sometimes individuals in government positions do not identify themselves as geographers, and urged thinking of additional ways to provide meaning and value to those geographers; Wilkinson reported that there have been several geography hires at San Francisco State in other (non-geography) departments, so there are stand alone geographers in other disciplines even at universities that have larger geography departments who should be included; Richardson also urged including those geographers in universities but not in departments, and underscored the growing employment success of geographers as a message during economic tough times. Harden stressed that community colleges have many SAGE members, and they also have extremely diverse student bodies. Gamble noted that care should be taken with SAGE to also consider the needs of some members who may not be “alone” but find themselves in very small numbers.

Richardson encouraged regional councillors to submit next year's regional division meeting dates to AAG as soon as possible. He also encouraged the divisions to try to coordinate dates that may not have been set yet, in the interest of avoiding overlap, and also so that AAG officers may be able to attend as many as possible.

National Councillors—Topical Developments

A common theme across geography in recent years has been the impact of global change on life in different places across the planet. In light of both recent pessimistic forecasts about global warming

(and the lack of much systematic effort to do anything about it and fears about resource shortages (witnessed by recent rapid increases in food prices and worries about increased interstate competition for industrial raw materials), what do we as geographers have to say about (a) what precisely is at stake in specific issue areas (e.g. fisheries, agriculture, world trade, urbanization)? And (b) what ameliorative strategies can we begin to envisage that offer plausible responses to these problems?

Wright noted that global change is a classic human/environment topic and suggested strategies to permit geographers to offer solutions. There are geographers on National Academy committees, such as the three serving on America's Climate Choices Committee which will have a chance to make recommendations to Congress and the White House. Also, the National Academy has recently announced the Science and Entertainment Exchange which will seek to produce high-quality media with science content—one theme will be climate change and a geographer is involved. Finally, she encouraged geographers to publish broadly, outside disciplinary journals.

Agnew said that it is important for geographers to bring human/physical elements together; this makes geographers more likely to be invited to participate in interdisciplinary efforts. Price mentioned that one perspective geographers offer is a sensitivity to scale; in part, this view comes from blending our technologies with ground truthing, particularly where global warming has different impacts at different locations and at different scales. She noted that migration/mobility is one example but lamented that almost no Americans are currently participating in the Canadian and European-based Metropolis Project (which seeks to inform public policy on migration and urbanization with basic research). Kobayashi agreed that in other countries there is greater support for immigration studies, particularly for efforts such as the Metropolis Project. She suggested that NSF grants could provide links to Metropolis Project through international involvement by geographers on migration.

Moseley added that Africa presents an obvious example of how geographers can contribute to research on climate change and related human struggles; projections forecast desertification in much of West

Africa, and food supply will become an ever more pressing issue. He noted the role of China in capturing resources and the growing food crisis. Another issue in Africa is environmental security and fear of uprisings over resource struggles. He argued that this is an impoverished discourse that geographers could contribute to. Research in sustainability science; vulnerability; double exposure (climate and globalization) present opportunities for geographers in areas where real connections are highlighted. Moseley encouraged publications that reach general audiences, such as editorial pages. Agnew added that indirect contact with column writers can also prompt inclusion of geography content.

Kobayashi asked where can Americans make contact with large international programs? She noted efforts such as the International Commission on Global Change at the IGU. Geographers are doing workshops in locations around the world on emerging issues on climate change and public health. Commissions are doing cutting-edge work in the areas of education, health, and gender and she encouraged more American geographers to get involved in the IGU. Ron Abler is the newly elected IGU President. The UN is another body with global climate concerns. Other substantive research areas where geographers can participate: global change and human rights, neoliberalism, refugee/labor flows and migration, economic issues facing developing regions, and movements of people in regions facing change (e.g. Pacific Islands). Richardson mentioned numerous ways in which the AAG has initiated and currently participates in international programs. The AAG also directly supports participation in the IGU, including by funding U.S. geographers' attendance (with NSF support), and by hosting geographic education workshops in Tunisia. AAG will also offer travel support for geographers attending the 2010 IGU regional meeting in Tel-Aviv.

Brown suggested a series of newsletter articles on the topics discussed here. Richardson indicated that perhaps we could request brief updates on IGU activities to publish. Agnew also suggested pieces on food supply, citizenship and related topics that refer specifically to what geographers are doing. Price noted geographers are writing for the UN and their work could be showcased. Friend added the work of mountain geographers as a rich source for articles.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Executive Director's Comments

Richardson provided an overview of the association's trajectory between 2000 and 2008. At the beginning of the century, the society faced serious financial and other challenges. The AAG responded by seeking to synchronize itself with larger trends, to push for an integrative role and central place for geography, and to establish a financial foundation. The AAC's assets have risen steadily since 2003 and membership has climbed during the same timeframe. Annual Meeting attendance has grown, our publications reflect an effort to reach out to the world, and there has been an emphasis on growing the discipline and not just the association. Investments have been made in improving the association's organizational infrastructure. There have been initiatives to reach out to all sectors, subfields, and perspectives of the discipline, and to create a place for all geographers in the AAG, including geographers in developing regions. The association has stepped up efforts to showcase geography in the media, to strengthen geographers' career and employment opportunities, to monitor and influence public policy, and to play a role in improving geographic education. Overall, recent efforts have been directed toward transforming geography for the 21st century: establishing long-term financial stability; articulating what geography has to offer society; leveraging technologies to work for the association; expanding public understanding of the work geographers do; supporting interdisciplinarity; fostering synergies among previously disparate trends in the discipline (e.g. GIScience and critical theory), increasing interaction among public, private, and university geographers; and preparing to address key issues of the future, such as sustainability, global economy, and public health.

Finances

Richardson welcomed AAG Treasurer Marston via Skype who led a review of association finances. At the end of FYE 2008, total assets stood at \$8,012,188, with fixed assets of \$238,651. In FYE 2008, the AAG had a total income of \$5.6 million and total expenses of \$4.4 million.

Currently (as of October 31, 2008), the majority of the association's investments are conservatively invested in Certificates of Deposit (\$5.8 million) and were not heavily impacted by the market downturn.

The AAG has a total of \$7.9 in cash and investments. Richardson noted that the AAG's bank, SunTrust, received some bailout funds, and that he stays in touch with the bank's financial advisor to try to monitor any risks.

Richardson requested Council's concurrence to continue his current conservative investment policy and requested Council support for the current investment allocation; Harden moved; Friend seconded, motion passed.

Richardson proposed allocating a portion of the association's recently developed funds to create a new endowment focused on long-term financial stability of the AAG. He noted that the resolutions presented to Council to create this endowment have been reviewed and approved by the AAG attorneys.

Richardson noted that the power to create the endowment rests with the council and encouraged the council to think of the new endowment as a means to sustain the long-term financial health of the AAG and support special programs. Richardson is confident that, with other income streams he has now developed, the association can still function on a day to day basis. With this new endowment, the association would be well positioned to navigate through difficult times.

Agnew presented the following resolution:

Whereas,

1) the Association of American Geographers (AAG) has developed substantial new funds in recent years and established a solid financial foundation for the organization; and whereas

2) the AAG wishes to provide for the long-term future and viability of the AAG with a portion the new funds generated during the past several years; and whereas

3) the AAG believes it is in the best interests of the Association and its members to establish a fund to provide income for the staffing, development, operations, and implementation of the educational and other professional goals of the Association; and whereas

4) the AAG wishes to establish and perpetuate a fund for such purposes with certain monies and properties it will deliver to the fund; and whereas,

5) The AAG Council at its Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on April 13-15, 2008, unanimously adopted a resolution stating that, "The AAG Council resolves that \$5 million in assets of the Association of American Geographers should be placed in an endowment to support the long-term development of the AAG."; and whereas

6) the AAG or other persons may wish, from time to time, to contribute additional irrevocable gifts of money or property to the fund;

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Now, therefore be it resolved, that there is hereby created and established the Douglas Richardson Endowment for Geography's Future, an endowment fund of the Association of American Geographers, to be funded by funds recently developed and available to the AAG, and by future donations, gifts, subscriptions, bequests, or other moneys to be designated therefore; and resolved further:

A) that the AAG Council authorizes the irrevocable transfer of \$5,000,000 in AAG funds developed over the past several years and currently invested in Certificates of Deposit, to the Douglas Richardson Endowment for Geography's Future, (hereinafter referred to below as the "Endowment Fund") and,

B) that the assets of said Endowment Fund shall be held separate and apart from the general fund or other funds of the Association, shall be kept in perpetuity, and shall be invested under the direction of the AAG Council. The accounts of the Endowment Fund shall be audited annually by the same auditor and at the same time as the other accounts of the Association; and

C) that the AAG Council may, at its option, engage the services of professional fund management such as, but not limited to, a bank trust department, in which case the AAG Council may transfer custody of all or certain assets of the Endowment Fund to a manager who shall have the right to register any securities and other property held hereunder in the name of its nominee, with the understanding that the professional fund management shall have no say in the expenditure of the income from the Endowment Fund and that it shall be willing to accept investment guidelines from the AAG Council; and

D) that the income from the Endowment Fund shall be used only as specified by the AAG Council for special (non-recurring) initiatives or expenditures endorsed by the Council that will aid in promoting the discipline of geography and the goals of the AAG, and that are beyond the normal capabilities of the AAG to fund from its regular budget, and for the reasonable administrative costs necessary to maintain the Endowment Fund. Projects on which the Fund's income may be spent include, but are not limited to, education and dissertation support, research grants, and special projects. Any income not so expended may be added to the principal of the Fund, at the discretion of the AAG Council. The AAG Council may at its discretion classify doubtful items as either income or principal; and

E) that the decisions by a majority of the AAG Council regarding administration of the Endowment Fund, including the investment and distribution of assets of the Endowment Fund, shall be conclusive and shall be in writing; and

F) that any amendments to or modifications of this Resolution must be introduced at a meeting of

the AAG Council prior to the meeting at which the amendment or modification is adopted, must be made a part of the minutes of that prior meeting and must be approved by a majority vote of the entire AAG Council; and

G) that the purposes for which the assets of said Fund are to be expended may not be changed unless the Association is to cease to exist, in which case the AAG Council may designate the assets of the Fund to be used for another charitable purpose which is reasonably similar to the original purpose, provided the proposed changes are introduced at the meeting prior to the meeting at which the changes are adopted, are made a part of the minutes of that prior meeting and are approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire AAG Council.

Marston moved to approve the resolution to establish the endowment; Friend seconded; with a friendly amendment to consider its name in closed session; the motion passed unanimously.

A Closed Executive Session was convened to discuss naming the new endowment.

Baerwald moved to name the new endowment fund the Douglas Richardson Endowment for Geography's Future; Friend seconded; Council passed unanimously.

Agnew presented the following resolution:

The AAG Council hereby authorizes the addition of those AAG assets received and designated for endowment purposes during the period from 2003 to 2008, of approximately \$336,506 (as of August 31, 2008), and identified on the AAG's audited financial statements' Supplemental Schedules of Restricted Net Assets as the Adv Geog Endowment B, to the Douglas Richardson Endowment for Geography's Future.

Baerwald moved to adopt the resolution to merge the Adv Geog Endowment B into the new endowment; Gamble seconded. Council passed unanimously.

In open session, Richardson noted that Harm deBlij has made an initial donation to establish the AAG Globe Award. The general concept is to establish a high profile award that would be presented to highly accomplished and internationally known recipients who have contributed greatly to the world. The Executive Committee has established a committee to define specifics.

Richardson relayed a message from Peter Yawkey at University of New Orleans that post-Katrina emergency funds to distressed universities were used to support student travel and expressed his gratitude to the AAG. The association has established the AAG Disability Fund in memory of Todd

Reynolds, a student at the University of Oklahoma who recently passed away after making his first visit to the Boston meeting. The association has also circulated a fund raising letter requesting members to consider making bequests to the association.

Membership

At the end of 2008, the AAG had over 10,300 members, a slight increase over the previous year. In addition, there are about 100 members as part of the Developing Regions program, with projections of 500 within the next year.

Richardson asked for council's concurrence to remove optional discounted journals on the membership form and to replace them with several Routledge journals. Members will be eligible to receive one of the new journals online at no charge. Selection includes a range of topics to cover the field. Council supported discontinuing discounted journals and their replacement with free online options.

Following up on a request to review the AAG dues structure from past council meetings, Franklin reviewed different progressive rate structure options for membership dues. She calculated estimated revenue from old dues structure and three new possible structures (based on \$25,000 increments as requested by council, with a total of eight brackets. Each of new the new structures is effectively revenue neutral. She pointed out maintaining revenue is less important than offering fair dues to lower-income groups and that student, retired, and other category of dues will be unaffected by any proposed changes. Richardson indicated he would prefer to see more members rather than raising dues to maintain revenue neutrality over a transition. Agnew favored Structure III which included three categories above \$100K, noting also that most other associations have higher dues than the AAG. Friend moved accepting dues structure III effective January 1, 2009; McAnney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Richardson recommended that the AAG keep dues low, and waive the annual dues increase that adjusts for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2009. Agnew moved that the AAG make no net dues increase for 2009, Harrington seconded motion; motion passed unanimously.

Richardson announced that the AAG will offer a one-time, 5-year membership special online. This responds to recommendations for a longer-term member-

ship category to help members avoid inflationary dues increases. The one-time offer will help gauge interest.

Publications

Price reported that the Publications Committee met in Washington, DC where it discussed the 5th issue of the *Annals*, editor term renewals, the survey of the *Annals*, and the environmental sciences section. She indicated there was some concern that it might be time to change the format for environmental sciences submissions to more closely mirror other environmental science publications. She reported that Kobayashi has shouldered a large load with editing the first 5th issue; borders among the various *Annals* sections are not hard and fast and editors have collaborated; over the past few years, there has been an improvement in the time from submission to decision and electronic submissions has enhanced the journals' effectiveness. Price also noted that the *Professional Geographer* editor received 100-plus manuscripts annually and has an exceptionally heavy work load which contributes to slightly longer turnaround time. Price noted that the Environmental Science editor term ends December 2009. To ensure an editor in place by July 1, the Council recommended the Publications Committee conduct a search immediately with the possibilities of personal interviews at the Las Vegas meeting and a final council decision.

The first *Annals* 5th issue's theme will be Peace and Conflict and is currently in preparation; over 200 abstracts were received; 40 papers submitted from that field. The fifth issue is a two-year process from solicitation to publication. Next three special issues expected are: 2010—climate change, 2011—energy, and 2012—health. Price asked Council to get the word out on special issues; that format and topic will change from issue to issue; and there is a potential role for guest editors in special issues.

Kobayashi provided a Report from the Editors. Editors favored an increase in the size of the *PG* to that of the old *Annals*. Richardson recommended waiting on proposing any changes in format since we are still in the first year of a new publication contract, which was supported by council. Kobayashi noted the upcoming 100th anniversary of the *Annals*. Editors also raised the question of Institutional Review Board approvals for authors. Richardson recommended obtaining statements from authors that they have met any human subjects required, such as through a checkbox on

the submission form. Kobayashi will draft wording for the AAG lawyer to review.

Kobayashi relayed that editor Aspinall proposed that the *Annals* change its definition for an Environmental Science paper and suggests shorter length for this section (5000–7000 words). Council supported this change.

Baerwald moved to accept the addition of new editorial board members for the Professional Geographer (Dan Arreola, James Dyer, Suchi Gopal, and Bimal Paul); Friend seconded; motion passed unanimously.

In other publication matters, Richardson directed council's attention to the journal survey results and suggested that they review the summary. Turnaround time at journals has improved. The association is collecting information on departments for the *AAG Guide to Programs*. Recent publications now available through the AAG include *Geography and Drug Addiction*, *Aspiring Academics* and *Teaching College Geography*, and the *Teaching Geography CD*.

Agnew opened discussion on the possibility of bringing *African Geographical Review* (AGR) into the set of AAG publications. Moseley provided background that it originated in 1963 as an African-based journal, *East African Geographical Review*. After a brief lapse, the AAG Africa Specialty group resumed publication in the U.S. and currently publishes one issue a year with 300 individual and 30 institutional subscribers. The journal includes work by African scholars and is considering moving towards two issues annually. Richardson pointed out that adopting the AGR would be a major step for the AAG and would require additional investigation and deliberation. Brown asked whether it would lead to similar efforts for other regions. Richardson pointed out that the journal already has an AAG affiliation through the Africa Specialty Group and that only the one journal was under consideration. Kaplan asked if there was need for publication support or distribution. Moseley responded that the journal currently is self-sustaining, but not prepared financially to ramp up to larger distribution and more frequent publication.

Baerwald moved that central office and Publications Committee investigate the possibility of making AGR an AAG publication, and they will explore the full range of options, Friend seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meridian Place

Richardson reported on improvements that have been made to the infrastructure and the association is renting additional

office space. Staff numbers are growing and their professional expertise increasing. Efforts are underway to continue to green the AAG, including the online option for journals, publishing the *AAG Newsletter* on partially recycled/sustainable forest paper, and underwriting the use of public transit by staff. The web site is under redevelopment.

Research and Outreach

Richardson reported on new AAG projects including the NSF-funded Quantitative Social Science Digital Library project (together with the University of Michigan) and the NEH-funded historical GIS online archive. An AAG disciplinary data project is underway in response to frequent requests for association membership and other data on the discipline. AAG will co-sponsor a symposium with NIH on Geography, Drugs, and HIV/AIDS; is participating in the creation and launch of the Science and Human Rights Coalition in collaboration with the AAAS; and plans to co-sponsor another GIScience conference. The association is collaborating with EIS-Africa, hosted two geographic education workshops in Tunisia, and continues its involvement in the My Community, Our Earth program in Latin America and Southeast Asia. Solís reported that teachers were very pleased with the US State Department funded workshop in Tunisia and it was a good way to use the talent of the membership. Agnew reported on the Department Leadership workshop. He noted that many participants came from small or hybrid departments. Richardson reported that the AAG continues to do work on career and employment development, including the Jobs in Geography Center and special sessions at the annual meeting. The AAG is now supporting and working with the faculty development workshops organized by Ken Foote in an effort to make that program sustainable and continue its good work.

Public Policy

Richardson noted that geography education issues likely will heat up under the new administration and when Congress considers "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

AAG is monitoring federal and state procurement guidelines for GIS and mapping services. Richardson has contributed regular columns for several years to *ArcNews* which has an international circulation of about 600,000. AAG has members on the NRC committee considering strategic directions for geography. The association is working with the Library of Congress on a potential

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agreement to digitize the Geographers on Film collection and eventually make them available to other archives. An advisory committee has been established to provide direction regarding possible continuation of the series. In terms of international outreach, the developing regions membership is assisting geographers from around the globe to join the association. There is an effort to spotlight Africa on the web site and links to African geography departments are listed online. Some specialty groups are offering free memberships to geographers who join the AAG under the Developing Regions Membership program. The AAG is also administering a journal exchange program to place geography materials in African and Latin American libraries.

Education

Franklin reported on behalf of Michael Solem that new resources are now available on the AAG Faculty Development web-site as well as online resources for global geography education. The association has been successful with new grants such as NSF funding that will extend the EDGE program, and new proposals are in preparation for the NSF and NASA. Collaboration with the NCGE continues with hopes to increase cooperative research efforts. Susan Gallagher of the AAG is working with GENIP organizations on the updated version of the national geography standards.

Annual Meetings

Registrations for the Boston meeting were 7,168, another record high. The Presidential Plenary at Las Vegas will showcase water issues in the American West. Other special session tracks will include African research, human rights, GIScience and ethics, and developing regions. Future meetings: Washington, DC in 2010, Seattle in 2011, and three options are under consideration for 2012: New York, Tampa, and Miami. The Association is cautious about finalizing contracts due to current national economic uncertainties.

Solís reported that a survey of users of the AAG's Childcare Reimbursement program show member satisfaction with the AAG's subsidy of member-selected childcare services during meetings. Franklin pointed out that the session attendance survey from Boston provides limited additional insight to what was learned from San Francisco, namely that session attendance is better in

pre-organized sessions, but organizers continue to be overly optimistic about attendance. Panel attendance is frequently not high and it was thought that panel organizers might be encouraged to meet informally and not use formal meeting space at future meetings. Richardson also noted that a new feature on the AAG web site allows session organizers to locate potential participants for sessions and will enhance their ability to fill up organized sessions.

Richardson introduced an essay published by James McCarthy on mandatory limiting of participation at annual meetings to enhance attendee participation and increase attendance at remaining sessions. It suggests limiting participation to two presentations (one paper or poster and one role as panelist). Council discussed the merits of the proposal, which closely resembles AAG's current voluntary policy.

Wright moved and Harrington seconded motion that participants should be limited to a total of two public presentations at the meeting: a maximum of one paper or poster and one role as a panelist, or two roles as panelist if they do not present a paper or poster. Exemptions can be made for individuals in official capacity. Motion passed unanimously.

Richardson relayed a request from Richard Peet for a free exhibit table for a new journal at the Las Vegas Exhibit Hall. Agnew noted that currently there is an option for small presses and non-profits to share a table and that this option should be relayed to Peet. Council concurred.

Committees and Council

Solís reported that GPOW had requested that a member of their Specialty Group be made an *ex officio* member on the Women in the Status of Geography Committee. The item was placed on the agenda of the Committee of Committees.

Council voted on the slate for the 2009 election of AAG Nominating and Honors Committee members. The final ballot will include: Honors A: Sarah Bednarz and Richard Wright; Honors B: Eric Sheppard, Lynn Staeheli, Fahui Wang, and May Yuan. Nominating Committee: J.P. Jones III, Robert Lake, Bimal Paul, Susan Roberts, Dorthy Sack, and Julie Winkler. The AAG Secretary will notify nominees and request biographical statements for publication in the newsletter.

Following deliberations from action items of the council of the past two years, Richardson reported that two resolutions for

members to vote on changes to the AAG's Constitution and Bylaws were ready to be considered by the Council. They have been considered by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and also have been reviewed by the AAG law firm. Baerwald praised Darrell Napton and the committee for excellent work dealing with the issues of these important proposed changes. Friend praised Baerwald's diligent efforts and council agreed. One resolution allows for the possibility of electronic voting and the other clarifies the procedures for petitions and resolutions. [Note: the full resolutions are published in the AAG Newsletter (Volume 44, Number 1, January 2009), pages 33–34.]

Baerwald moved the adoption of the resolution regarding electronic voting, Price seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Baerwald moved the adoption of the resolution regarding petitions and resolutions, Harden seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Richardson said that the resolutions will also be voted on by the membership as part of the spring 2009 ballot and will be reproduced in their entirety in the AAG Newsletter and on the AAG website.

Honors and Awards

The AAG Honors Committee presented to council: Donald G. Janelle and Lawrence J. C. Ma as nominees for the Ronald F. Abler Honors for Distinguished Service; John R. Jensen and Audrey Kobayashi as nominees for Lifetime Achievement Awards, David F. Ley as nominee for the Distinguished Scholarship Award; and Donald J. Zeigler as nominee for Honors for Geographic Education. *Friend moved accepting the nominees for AAG Honors, Harden seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

The AAG Executive Committee selected Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman as the next Honorary Geographer for his economic geography scholarship that has drawn attention to geography in a positive way.

The AAG Diversity Task Force recommended that Council name Reginald G. Gollidge for the 2008 Enhancing Diversity Award, Baerwald moved the council approve the nomination, Wright seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Baerwald, in consultation with the Executive Committee, recommended that the AAG Presidential Award will be presented to Thomas J. Wilbanks for his contributions to geographic research and excellent service to geography. He has served on several Na-

tional Academies committees and the IPPC panel. Friend moved to approve; Wright seconded; council passed unanimously.

Specialty and Affinity Groups

Wright reviewed the status of AAG Specialty and Affinity Groups, 60 in all. She noted 58 percent of them submit annual reports. Association is keeping an eye on those not reporting in order to identify lapsed groups, but she emphasized that the lack of reports does not mean a group is inactive.

Wright introduced a newly proposed specialty group: the Animal Geography Specialty Group which seeks to enhance research on animal studies. Its proposal included bylaws and signature pages. Durham raised the question of the growing number of groups. Solís emphasized that each

group wishing to submit a proposal receives information about group responsibilities, including reporting policies, as well as a notice that spells out the council's concern that new proposals do not conflict with existing groups or be established unnecessarily. *Harrington moved to approve the creation of the Animal Geography Specialty Group, seconded by Henderson, the motion passed unanimously.*

Richardson reported that AAG Staff is working closely with two affinity groups, Stand Alone Geographers and Public/Private Affinity Group, to help increase membership and activity. Franklin reported that the AAG is organizing federal employee sessions for Las Vegas and that the co-Chairs have a number of ideas for the annual meeting in Washington DC in 2010. AAG encourages all regional divisions to

appoint a SAGE regional coordinator, who will receive an invitation to the breakfast meeting for regional councillors and regional chairs in Las Vegas.

Future Meetings

The AAG Executive Committee will meet in Washington DC on February 20, 2009. The AAG Council Meeting in Las Vegas will commence on March 20th and conclude on the 22nd.

Agnew thanked the AAG staff and councillors and adjourned. ■

Respectfully submitted,

Craig E. Colten
AAG Secretary

Longtime AAG Members Honored at 2009 Annual Meeting

A number of AAG members were recently recognized at the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting for having achieved notable benchmarks in their professional lives. The following people were honored as 50-year AAG members: Charles Bussing, Howard J. Critchfield, William Denevan, Herbert M. Eder, Frank Friedman, Robert W. Kates, Richard F. Kott, Theodore W. Kury, James B. Lindberg, Paul Lovingood, Julian V. Minghi, Debnath Mookherjee, Paul J. Rich, and Vincent K. Shaudys. John Fraser Hart was honored as a 60-year member.

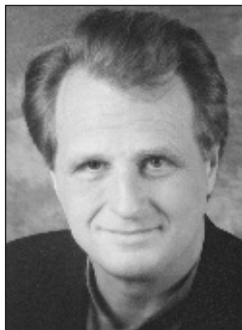


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John Fraser Hart was honored for 60 years of AAG membership at the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting.

Members of Note

Grant I. Thrall, professor in the department of geography and the Warrington School of Business at the University of Florida, has been elected President of the American Real Estate Society (ARES) for 2012/2013. ARES is an association of real estate leaders whose members are drawn from academia and the profession at large, both in the United States and internationally. The society is dedicated to producing and disseminating knowledge related to real estate decision making and the functioning of real estate markets.



Thrall

Daniel A. Griffith, Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas, has been elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International by its 2009 selection committee.

Tim Beach, Professor of Geography in the Science, Technology, and International Affairs Program of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, has recently been named to the endowed "Cinco Hermanos Chair in

Environment and International Affairs" at the University.

Roger G. Barry, Distinguished Professor of Geography and Fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder has been awarded a Humboldt Fellowship for 2009–10. Barry will spend mid-May to mid-November at the Glaciology Commission of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, Munich working on a book about the cryosphere. ■

New Appointments

Central Washington University, Assistant Professor, Michael Pease. PhD 2008, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Dickinson College, Mellon Visiting Post-Doctorate Scholar in Sustainability, Simona Perry. ABD, University of Massachusetts.

Humboldt State University, Assistant Professor, Rosemary Sherriff. PhD 2004, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Hunter College-CUNY, Assistant Professor, Traci Warkentin. PhD 2007, York University.

Middlebury College, Assistant Professor, Jeff Howarth. PhD 2008, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Ohio State University, Professor of Geography, Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Science, and Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, Daniel Sui. PhD 1993, University of Georgia.

Ohio University, Assistant Professor, Ryan Fogt. PhD 2007, Ohio State University.

Point Park University (Pittsburgh), Assistant Professor of Global Cultural Studies, Robert B. Ross. PhD 2007, Syracuse University.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Assistant Professor, James A. Hanlon. PhD 2008, University of Kentucky.

University of Cincinnati, Professor, Hongxing Liu. PhD 1999, Ohio State University.

University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Assistant Professor, David Lansing. PhD 2009, Ohio State University.

University of Tennessee, Assistant Professor, Yingqui Li. PhD 2001, Peking University, China.

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

Corrections

The April 2009 *AAG Newsletter* incorrectly listed Hongxing Liu's new position at the University of Cincinnati as Assistant Professor. The correct listing including the title of Professor appears in the above section on this page.

Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory by Owen J. Dwyer and Derek H. Alderman, recipient of the 2008 AAG Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography, was published by the Center for American Places. The publisher was incorrectly listed on page 6 of the April 2009 edition of the *AAG Newsletter*. ■

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For a full job description visit: www.seminoletribe.com/employment/headquarters.shtml.

APR 09-052

IOWA, GRINNELL.

Grinnell College's Center for the Humanities seeks to appoint a **Visiting Scholar** actively engaged

in research on **Place and Memory**. The Visiting Scholar will participate in programming (faculty reading groups, symposia, classroom visits) related to the Center's theme of Place and Memory next fall or spring, and will be on campus for a symposium from April 21-23, 2010. This opportunity is open to all ranks with PhD in hand, including scholars on sabbatical leave from a tenure-track position during the Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 semester. Eligibility requirements include: PhD received by July 2009, proven scholarship in fields related to Memory Studies and/or Place and Space Studies, and a demonstrated interest in working in an undergraduate, liberal arts environment. Candidates may come from any field in the Humanities or Social Studies. Applications will be accepted until April 25, 2009 or until the position is filled. For complete description and application instructions, please see www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/facpos/facposopen/humctr. AA/EOE.

APR 09-053

MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR.

BioMedware is a research and software development firm specializing in biostatistics and geo-

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

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

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

Format: Announcements should be sent as an attachment or in the body of an 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.

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graphical analysis, emphasizing human health and environment. Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the company has successfully attracted over \$10 Million in NIH research funding since its inception while fostering a collegial and intellectually stimulating research and development environment. Our small organization allows scientists to focus on research with opportunities to maintain academic connections through our local ties to the University of Michigan and other academic institutions.

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To apply, please send a letter describing your qualifications and a current CV to jobs@biomedware.com.

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MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO.

Western Michigan University seeks applications for a **one-year faculty position** at the rank of an **Assistant Professor** of Geography with specialization in meteorology, climatology, and physical and human dimensions of climate change beginning in August 2009, pending budgetary approval. The candidate is expected to lower division courses in atmospheric sciences, and environmental and regional geography. Expected courses include: Introduction to Meteorology and Climatology; Climate Change: Atmospheric Perspective; and regional geography of Middle and/or South America.

Candidates must have a PhD or ABD in **Geography, Atmospheric Sciences, or Earth Sciences** with specialization in meteorology/climatology, and physical and human dimensions of climate change required. Regional foci on Middle and/or South America are highly preferred. Proven teaching and research experience is necessary as part of an application.

Applicants should visit www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmich.htm to apply and send a statement of teaching philosophy and capacity, graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference to: Benjamin Ofori-Amoah, Professor & Chair, Department of Geography, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, 49008-5424 (e-mail address: ben.ofori@wmich.edu).

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Western Michigan University has been placed among 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It has a large and diverse student population (ca. 24,000 students). In addition to WMU, Kalamazoo is home to Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Located halfway between Chicago and Detroit, the greater Kalamazoo region has a population of more than 250,000. With a highly diversified economy, the city is the focus of many cultural and sports events.

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*MICHIGAN, YPSILANTI.

The Department of Geography at Central Michigan University (CMU) invites applications for a non tenure-track appointment at the level of **Assistant Professor** effective August 2009. A doctorate in geography or related fields is required (ABD will be considered). Applicants must show evidence of or potential for teaching excellence. The position, pending budgetary approval, is for one year with a possibility of subsequent appointment and involves teaching undergraduate courses in **Human Geography**. Screening will begin June 1, 2009 and continue until the position is filled.

Apply: Send an application letter, vita, teaching evaluations, official transcripts, and three letters of reference to Dr. Bin Li, Chair, Department of Geography, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Further information about the department is available at www.geo.cmich.edu.

Classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral research university, CMU is recognized for strong undergraduate education and a range of focused graduate and research programs. As an AA/EO institution, CMU strongly and actively strives to increase diversity within its community (see www.cmich.edu/aaeo). Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

MAY 09-069-1

MISSISSIPPI, CLEVELAND.

Assistant Professor of Social Science Education. Delta State University is accepting applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Social Science Education in the College of Arts & Sciences. Responsibilities: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Social Studies and Geography, advise students, and supervise student teachers. Responsible for NCATE reports

associated with the accreditation of this degree program. Qualifications: Doctorate in Geography or related social science field with a minimum of 18 graduate hours in Geography. Preference given to candidates with teaching experience at the 7-12 levels, experience teaching online courses and teaching and developing pedagogical courses for social studies pre-service teachers. Doctoral degree, effective teaching, scholarly productivity, and service are required for tenure consideration. Review of applications will begin April 15, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled.

Apply: Send a letter of application, transcripts, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to Delta State University, Human Resources, Kent Wyatt Hall 247, Cleveland, MS 38733.

APR 09-055

*NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Trace Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in New York City. The Foundation funds and implements initiatives aimed to find sustainable ways to meet the challenges of Tibetan communities of Western China while respecting traditional ways of life.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the **Director of the Research Office** will be responsible for the overall management of the Research Office. Trace Foundation's Research Office aims to contribute to the advancement of knowledge regarding Tibetan communities in China, and the complexities of the ongoing modernization process. It assists with facilitating the use of applied research in development and cultural maintenance work. The Research Office supports the overall mission of the Foundation and the continued refinement of its strategies by developing a better understanding of development, economic, social, cultural, and other relevant theories and practices applicable to the Tibetan areas of China. The Office creates original research resources for the Foundation as well as for public access. It supports debate and theoretical discussion inside and outside the Foundation with the purpose of identifying sustainable and culturally relevant developments models.

In this role, the Director of the Research Office will direct and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Research Office. This includes: (Overall) Identify priorities and coordinate the development of relevant research work and theoretical inquiries; Assists with the application of relevant research in Trace Foundation's development and cultural maintenance work; Develop annual and triennial work-plan and relevant budgets for the Research Office; Manage and supervise Research Office staff and interns; Work with program coordinators

and other project staff on the professional development of Foundation staff; Improve the information sharing system for both internal and external usage; Liaise and cooperate with other offices as required. (Projects) Plan, organize and facilitate public events such as roundtable discussions, seminars and conferences; Develop and supervise both internal and public publications such as the Foundation Research Series, ad hoc reports, event proceedings, research findings, and annual analysis reports; Develop and implement Trace Foundation's Research Fellowship Program; Coordinate the development of the research database; Oversee the acquisition and provision of timely information and analysis on global as well as local policies, initiatives, projects, theories and practices relevant to the different sectors where the Foundation works; Coordinate the provision of background information to project staff; Coordinate the development of translation and transliteration standards. (Other) Participate in key conferences and report to staff on findings; Participate in Foundation-wide initiatives as appropriate; and other job-related duties as assigned.

Successful candidates will have the following qualifications: A PhD or equivalent background in anthropology, education, development, Asian studies, economics, history, international affairs, geography, or other relevant fields; Be a dedicated scholar with demonstrated excellence in scholarship and research with specific regional focus on Western China and/or Himalayan regions; A minimum of 5 years relevant experience and/or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience; A commitment to and understanding of Tibetan culture; Have experience in designing, directing, and conducting research and/or development projects in Western China and/or Himalayan regions; Be fluent in written and spoken English; Have good knowledge of Tibetan and/or Chinese language (at least one required); Have excellent computer and internet resource skills; Personal characteristics—"soft skills"—Ability to direct and coordinate research teams; Have excellent communication and organizational skills; Accuracy and attention to detail; Proactive role in problem solving; Ability to work independently on assigned tasks as well as to accept direction on given assignments; be a team player. Salary: Based on experience.

Apply: Send cover letter including salary history, résumé and a comprehensive list of all publications to: Susannah Mondoia, Director, HR & Administration, Trace Foundation, 132 Perry Street, Suite 2B, New York, NY 10014; Or email to trace@trace.org. Attn: Director of the Research Office.

MAY 09-065

*NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is seeking applications for **Associate Director of Computing and Technology** in the **Center for Applied GIScience** to begin July 1, 2009 (PhD required at time of appointment). The successful candidate will contribute technical and analytical expertise to externally funded research projects, maintain an active, scholarly research agenda, and possess the ability and desire to mentor graduate students and collaborate with research staff. Candidates must demonstrate technical expertise with GIS and remote sensing, spatial database development and management, and advanced programming. The Associate Director will also play a leadership role in building and maintaining a vision for leveraging the Center's computational resources. Resident IT staff exists for routine daily operations and implementation of upgrades.

The candidate will also teach one graduate-level geography course per year that addresses GIS modeling of human-environment interaction, emphasizing approaches to studying spatial dimensions of landscape ecological processes, environmental change and sustainability, and/or urban-regional land-use change dynamics.

The Center for Applied GIScience is currently involved in a number of funded projects in both basic and applied research, ranging from modeling land-use change and impacts to predicting the spread of emerging infectious disease and biological invasions (www.gis.uncc.edu). The Center, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and UNC Charlotte are strongly committed to creating and maintaining a community in which all students, staff and faculty can work, learn and live in an environment of respect and support. We encourage applications from women, minorities, and individuals of underrepresented groups.

Apply: Applications must be made electronically at <https://jobs.uncc.edu> including: 1) a letter of application describing interest and qualifications for this position, 2) curriculum vitae, and 3) the names of three references.

Review of applications will begin on April 3, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. The position is a two-year non-tenure track appointment; funding for re-appointment is likely, pending performance and productivity. For additional information, contact Dr. Ross Meentemeyer at (704) 687-5944 or rkmeente@uncc.edu.

APR 09-051

*NORTH CAROLINA, GREENVILLE.

The Institute for Coastal Sciences and Policy (ICSP) at East Carolina University invites applications for a tenure-track joint appointment at

the **Assistant or Associate Professor** level. We seek a PhD-level **Social Scientist** with strong research interests in social, behavioral, political, and institutional aspects of **Coastal Change**, such as population shifts, development, resource use and availability, climate change, and policy responses. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded research program; contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching at the master's and doctoral level, through the PhD Program in Coastal Resources Management; and provide service to the university, community, and profession. Additional information about ECU, ICSP, the Graduate School and doctoral programs can be found at www.ecu.edu/rgs/ICSP.cfm. The joint appointment will be made between the Institute and an academic department appropriate to the candidate's discipline. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications. Screening will begin May 1, 2009, and continue until the position is filled.

Apply: please complete a candidate profile and submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement outlining teaching and research interests, and the names and addresses of three or more references online at www.jobs.ecu.edu.

For questions, contact: Dr. Joseph Luczkovich, Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 278580; (252) 328-9402. Official transcripts will be required at the time of employment. View complete job description and requirements at <https://ecu.peopleadmin.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=59962>.

MAY 09-066

PENNSYLVANIA, LEWISBURG.

Bucknell University. The Geography Department invites applications for a one-year, entry-level (fewer than four years of post-doctoral teaching) **Visiting Assistant Professor** replacement position for the 2009-2010 academic year. Review of applications will begin March 1 and continue until position is filled. Teaching will include introductory human geography, cultural geography, a course on Europe and other courses to be arranged. The teaching load is three courses per semester. Requirements: PhD in Geography preferred, ABD accepted, and evidence of strong undergraduate teaching.

Apply: online and submit a letter of application, CV, evidence of teaching effectiveness and three letters of reference using <https://jobs.bucknell.edu>.

Bucknell University values a diverse college community and encourages applications from women and members of minority groups (EEO/AA).

APR 09-056

***VIRGINIA, ARLINGTON.**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking a candidate for a **Deputy Division Director** posting in the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, located in Arlington, VA. Applicants must have a PhD and a strong record of research and scholarship in a behavioral science plus managerial experience and research administration. For additional info, please see: Deputy Division Director, ES-0180-00, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS) Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE). Closes: 05/29/2009. <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov>. Available Formats: HTML: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/ftva.asp?opmcontrol=1506878>.

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WEST VIRGINIA, MORGANTOWN.

The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University is seeking candidates for the **Eberly Family Professor of Energy Policy**. The area of Energy Policy is one of the three areas of focus in West Virginia University's recently announced Advanced Energy Initiative along with Fossil Energy and Sustainable Energy. We are seeking a dynamic individual to provide scholarly leadership, at the state, national, and international levels in the general area of energy policy. Acceptable candidates must have a record of significant scholarly and educational accomplishments in the

area of energy policy. The Eberly Family Professor of Energy Policy will hold tenure in one of the social science units of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences and must have credentials expected of such a faculty appointment, including the PhD degree.

Our College is recognized for its strengths in discovery, learning, and engagement in the social sciences. Our Department of Geology and Geography has an international reputation for its research contributions in the areas of energy exploration and development, remote sensing, and GIS. Equally strong programs are found in our college's School of Applied Social Sciences, incorporating Public Administration, Sociology, and Social Work, as well as in our Department of Political Science and Institute for Public Affairs. All units partner with the University's Regional Research Institute led by Professor Randy Jackson, of the Department of Geology and Geography.

West Virginia University is also well known for its basic and applied science and engineering research, particularly with respect to fossil energy sources. The institution is engaged in ongoing collaborations not only with the National Energy Technology Laboratory but also with partner universities and industries in the region focused on the effective and responsible utilization of our regions substantial fossil energy resource reserves. The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences is a strong partner in these

endeavors and seeks to build strength in the area of energy policy. The Eberly Family Professor of Energy Policy will be expected to take a lead role in this development and work closely on collaborative projects with colleagues from across WVU and our partners.

Interested individuals should prepare an application package to include (1) a statement describing their qualifications and vision for the Energy Policy; (2) a complete curriculum vitae, including a record of scholarly activity and leadership experience; and (3) the names and contact information for at least five references. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on March 1, 2009, although the position will remain open until filled.

Apply: the package should be submitted electronically to EberlyEPPProf@mail.wvu.edu. Questions regarding the position should be addressed to: Fred L. King, Associate Dean, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, fred.king@mail.wvu.edu, (304) 293-4611.

West Virginia University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, dedicated to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and staff committed to working in a multicultural environment. Applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans are encouraged. Individuals that are part of dual career couples are also encouraged to apply.

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Award Deadlines

2009**MAY**

10. Society for the History of Discoveries Essay Contest. www.sochistdisc.org.
15. Society of Woman Geographers Pruitt National Minority Fellowships. www.iswg.org. Contact Ruth Shirey for details at rishirey@auxmail.iup.edu

JUNE

1. Ristow Prize in the History of Cartography. <http://home.earthlink.net/~docktor/washmap.htm>.
15. Journal of Geography in Higher Education Biennial Award 2009. Contact Sarah Bednarz (s-bednarz@tamu.edu) for more information or see page 14 of the April 2009 edition of the *AAG Newsletter*.

30. **AAG Honors**. www.aag.org/grantsawards. Contact Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org for details.

SEPTEMBER

15. **AAG Enhancing Diversity Award**. www.aag.org/grantsawards.
15. **AAG Honorary Geographer**. www.aag.org/grantsawards.
15. **AAG J. Warren Nystrom Award**. www.aag.org/grantsawards.
15. Tyler Prize for environmental science. www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/tylerprize.
15. Guggenheim Fellowships. www.gf.org.
22. **AAG Enrichment Fund Awards**. www.aag.org/grantsawards.

OCTOBER

15. **Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards in Geographic Science**. For more information see www.aag.org/grantsawards.
15. NSF doctoral dissertation research improvement proposals. www.nsf.gov.
15. National Humanities Center Fellowships 2009-2010. www.nhc.rtp.nc.us.

AAG Grants and Competitions

The AAG offers numerous grants and awards. Visit www.aag.org/grantsawards for a full listing including detailed descriptions, deadlines, and application procedures.

NSF Grants and Competitions

Detailed information about NSF grants and awards is available at www.nsf.gov.

2009

MAY

19-20. National Geography Bee. Washington, DC. www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee.

26-30. Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Carleton University, Ottawa. www.cag-acg.ca.

27-30. GeoSummit: An International Symposium on Teaching and Learning in Geography. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, San Marcos, TX. www.geo.txstate.edu/grosvenor/geosummit2009.

JUNE

14-20. **Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) Workshop**. <http://aag.org/GFDA/earlycareer.htm>.

15-19. GSDI-11. Rotterdam, the Netherlands. <http://gsdi.org/gsdi11>.

17-19. XII Iberoamerican Conference on GIS. Heredia, Costa Rica. www.fundauna.org/csig.

JULY

6-11. International Association of Geomorphologists, 7th International Conference. Melbourne, Australia. www.geomorphology2009.com.

7-10. GI Forum 2009. Salzburg, Austria. www.gi-forum.org.

10-11. **AAG Geography Departmental Leadership Workshop**. Wilmington, NC. www.aag.org.

10-13. 13th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics. Orlando, FL. www.iiis2009.org/wmsci.

12-17. 23rd International Conference on the History of Cartography. Copenhagen, Denmark. www.ichc2009.dk.

13-17. ESRI User Conference. San Diego, CA. www.esri.com.

20-22. Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining Conference. Athens, Greece. www.asonam.org.

AUGUST

4-6. Second Circumpolar Conference on Geospatial Sciences and Applications (GeoNorth 2009). Fairbanks, AK. Co-sponsored by USGS. <http://alaska.usgs.gov/science/geography/IPYGeoNorth>.

16-19. Tenth Asian Urbanization Conference. Hong Kong. www.hku.hk/asia2009.

17-21. Space, Time and Place Conference 2009: Remote Sensing in Archeology. Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India. www.spacetimeplace2009.org.

23-27. 14th International Conference of Historical Geographers (ICHG). Kyoto, Japan. www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ichg.

26-28. RGS/IBG Annual Conference. Manchester, England. www.rgs.org.

SEPTEMBER

21-25. COSIT 09, 9th International Conference on Spatial Information Theory. Aber Wrac'h, France. www.cosit.info.

24-27. National Conference on Geography Education. San Juan, Puerto Rico. www.ncge.org.

25-26. **Great Plains/Rocky Mountain AAG Regional Meeting**. Logan, UT. Contact: Doug Ramsey (doug.ramsey@usu.edu).

30-Oct. 3. **Pacific Coast AAG Regional Meeting**. San Diego, CA. <http://geography.sdsu.edu/apcg>.

OCTOBER

2-3. **Middle Atlantic AAG Regional Meeting**. Germantown, MD. Contact: Tanya Allison (tanya.allison@montgomerycollege.edu).

11-13. 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries. Raleigh, NC. www.sochistdisc.org.

18-21. Geographical Society of America Annual Meeting. Portland, OR. www.geosociety.org/meetings/2009.

21-23. ESRI Southwest Users Group (SWUG) Conference. www.swug2009.com.

24. **East Lakes AAG Regional Meeting**. Dayton, OH. www.aag.org/Regions/East_lakes.cfm.

26-29. AfricaGIS 2009 Conference. Kampala, Uganda. www.africagis2009.org.

28-30. Applied Geography Conference. Baton Rouge, LA. <http://applied.geog.kent.edu/appliedgeog>.

29-31. **Southwest AAG Regional Meeting**. North Little Rock, AR. www2.geog.okstate.edu/swaag.

30-31. **West Lakes AAG Regional Meeting**. Saint Paul, MN. www.macalester.edu/geography/09aagwestlakes.

NOVEMBER

6-7. **Middle States AAG Regional Meeting**. New Paltz, NY. Contact: Larry McGlenn (mcglennl@newpaltz.edu).

6-7. **Nestval AAG Regional Meeting**. Salem, MA. Contact: Steven Young (syoung@salemstate.edu).

15-21. 24th International Cartography Conference. Santiago, Chile. www.icc2009.cl.

22-24. **Southeast AAG Regional Meeting**. Knoxville, TN. Contact: Ron Kalafsky (kalafsky@utk.edu).

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APRIL

14-18. AAG Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. www.aag.org.

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APRIL

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

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