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## AAG Election Results

In voting recently completed by Association of American Geographers members, **Kenneth Foote** of the University of Colorado has been elected as President of the AAG, and **Audrey Kobayashi** of Queen's University has been elected to the post of Vice President. Their terms, as well as those of all newly elected AAG officers and committee members, will begin on July 1, 2010.



Foote



Kobayashi

Eight others were elected in the voting. **Marilyn Raphael** of UCLA and **Karen Till** of Virginia Tech were selected as AAG National Councillors. New Honors Committee members include **Alexander Murphy** of the University of Oregon, **Paul Robbins** of the University of Arizona, and **Karl Zimmerer** of Pennsylvania State University. Newly elected

members of the AAG Nominating Committee are **Stuart Aitken** of San Diego State University, **Jody Emel** of Clark University, and **Susan Hardwick** of the University of Oregon.

The 2010 AAG Tellers Committee (Daniel G. Cole, Chair; Charles M. Croner; Donald Dahmann; John Fondersmith; Gerald E. Galloway; Tatiana V. Loboda; and Alyssa Whitcraft) convened at the offices of McMaster & Associates, PC., Certified Public Accountants, in Washington, D.C. on February 26, 2010, and reported the results of the AAG 2010 Election.

The AAG would like to thank all of the distinguished candidates who were nominated and participated in the election. ■

## AAG Presents Book Awards

Each year, the AAG presents awards to the authors of outstanding books written or co-authored by geographers. Presentations of awards for books published in 2009 will take place at the AAG's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the annual awards luncheon. Book award recipients are listed below.

### 2009 AAG Globe Book Award

The AAG Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography celebrates a book that most powerfully conveys the nature and importance of geography to the non-academic world. This distinction for 2009 is given to **Stuart Elden** (Durham University) for *Terror and Territory: The Spatial Extent of Sovereignty*, published by the University of Minnesota Press.



Elden

Elden provides us with a cogent and compelling analysis of how territory and spatial concepts are central to contemporary geopolitics and the war on terror. Using a wide range of documentary source materials, including speeches and policy statements from political leaders, diplomats, and security analysts, he deftly shows how territorial concepts inform and shape our understandings of terrorism, failed states and threats to regional and global stability. Elden puts forward a strong case that geography still matters in contemporary geopolitics despite claims that globalization has created a de-territorialized world in which porous and fluid borders and boundaries are circumvented by terrorists and non-state political groups.

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A blue heron gazes over Great Falls on the Potomac River, just a few miles from the site of the AAG Annual Meeting. For more on our national river see the article on page 13.

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## Blueprint Needed for Geography Education

**O**n March 13, the Obama Administration released its "blueprint for revising the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)," also commonly known as No Child Left Behind. The ESEA was last reauthorized in 2002. The law has been due for Congressional renewal since 2007, but political clashes have prevented action until now. With the debate over healthcare reform – which has been sucking all of the



Richardson

oxygen out of political Washington – finally over, the Administration has started to turn focus to other policy issues – and the ESEA is near the top of the list.

As AAG members are likely well aware, the Association has been actively engaged with key officials on Capitol Hill regarding No Child Left Behind in recent years. Our biggest concern is that geography is the only "core academic subject" identified within the law that does not receive a specific funding allocation or implementing programs to further teaching of geography at the K-12 level (see Richardson, "Federal Funding for Geography Education?," *AAG Newsletter*, June 2002). AAG staff and members have been working with individual members of Congress as well as the leadership of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) and the House Committee on Education and Labor for several years now to respond to their requests for information, and we have gained some traction.

As with healthcare reform, the ESEA reauthorization process in Congress will be missing a larger-than-life figure this time around. Former Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) served as the lead Democrat on the HELP Committee for many years and negotiated several provisions of the No Child

legislation with President Bush back in 2001. The new Chairman of the HELP Committee is Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and he will work hand-in-hand with Rep. George Miller (D-CA), who chairs the House Committee and is a key home-state ally of Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Harkin's presence could be especially beneficial to the AAG as he is a long-time advocate of increased federal research spending and may well be receptive to our message.



Wertman

Harkin's Committee has already begun hearings on the reauthorization and recently hosted Education Secretary Arne Duncan for a discussion of the topic. Duncan noted that the current eight-year gap between reauthorizations is the longest in the 45-year history since the ESEA was first enacted and that it is critical that the government act now to fix flaws in the law. Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), the ranking Republican on the HELP Committee, applauded the Administration's initiative in releasing the blueprint and especially commended the focus on the special needs of rural school districts. He specifically cited the lack of attention to rural needs in No Child, asserting: "No Child Left Behind has been criticized as a one-size-fits-all law, a claim that has rung especially true in rural areas." This line of argument should work well for our discipline – in that we can argue that geography, of all subjects, is especially suited to adapting to places where it is taught.

The general Obama ESEA blueprint does not mention geography or provide any dedicated funding for the teaching of our discipline to K-12 students. The blueprint is general in nature and offers only a big-picture look at the major changes the Administration

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## Strategic Directions for the Geographical Sciences

**N**ews flash: the National Research Council (NRC) report, *Understanding the Changing Planet: Strategic Directions for the Geographical Sciences*, has just been released to the public and may now be viewed online ([www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12860](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12860)). You can download a summary and a color, four-page brief report, but I also recommend reading the full report. Alexander Murphy, who chaired the study, will lead a panel discussion of it at the AAG meeting (session 3123, Friday, April 16, 2010, 8:00 a.m., Coolidge Room, Marriott).

*Understanding the Changing Planet* is a historic, agenda-setting document for geography. Over two years ago, an ad-hoc committee representing the breadth of geography (committee members are listed in the document) was challenged to "formulate a short list of high priority research questions in the geographical sciences that are relevant to societal needs." The committee was also asked to write questions "in a clear, compelling way... supported by text and figures that summarize research progress to date and outline future challenges." *Understanding the Changing Planet* is the product of that committee's work.

This report is intended for geographers, and also for policy makers, journalists, scholars, and citizens beyond geography. I would add deans, provosts, parents, students, and employers to the list. A hard-copy version will soon be available for purchase from the National Academies. All NRC studies have sponsors. This one was sponsored by the National Science Foundation, U.S. Geological Survey, National Geographic Society, and the AAG.

You should read *Understanding the Changing Planet*. You might first take a few minutes to list 10 high priority questions relevant to societal needs that geographers should address in the next decade. As a committee of one, you'll miss the opportunities and challenges of reaching consensus in a diverse group; nonetheless, developing your own list

may help you appreciate the challenges of this task, and, if your questions differ from those of the committee, you will have created "food for thought" and possibly a strategic plan for your own future. Perhaps you will confront, as the committee did, the need to begin by articulating what geographers do. A benefit of defining our priorities is that we better define ourselves in the process.

The NRC committee formulated 11 strategic questions:

- 1) How are we changing the physical environment of Earth's surface?
- 2) How can we best preserve biological diversity and protect endangered ecosystems?
- 3) How are climate and other environmental changes affecting the vulnerabilities of coupled human–environment systems?
- 4) How and where will 10 billion people live?
- 5) How will we sustainably feed everyone in the coming decade and beyond?
- 6) How does where we live affect our health?
- 7) How is the movement of people, goods, and ideas changing the world?
- 8) How is economic globalization affecting inequality?
- 9) How are geopolitical shifts influencing peace and stability?
- 10) How might we better observe, analyze, and visualize a changing world?
- 11) What are the societal implications of citizen mapping and mapping citizens?

Following a provocative introduction, separate chapters present each of the 11 strategic questions, introducing the significance of the question, discussing the role of the geographical sciences, and providing illustrated examples. Emphasizing the

need for collaborative research to tackle big problems, the report weaves together the strengths of human, physical, and technical geography and encourages us to face the need for geographic information, training, and

perspectives beyond the traditional boundaries of geography. Part 3, "Moving Forward," offers concrete suggestions for improving research infrastructure, training, and outreach.

NRC reports carry considerable authority. They are prepared by committees of carefully selected experts, held to high ethical standards, and subjected to an extensive review process. As you may

recall, this committee invited us to contribute comments via a web-based questionnaire. The committee held an open panel session at the 2008 (Boston) AAG Annual Meeting and open meetings in Washington, D.C. and Irvine, California.

As this task was just being initiated, then-AAG President Tom Baerwald's column in this newsletter (Vol. 43, No. 4, the one that began, "*When you're up to your derriere in alligators...*") reminded us of the importance of strategic planning and noted that a decade had passed since the last such NRC study had produced *Rediscovering Geography: New Relevance for Science and Society* (1997). More than 17,000 copies of that volume were purchased.

Although a strategic assessment framed for "geographical sciences" is bound to emphasize some aspects of geography more than others, the cross-cutting nature of the questions is remarkably inclusive. *Understanding the Changing Planet* conveys an exciting sense of opportunity for geographers and supports the centrality of geography in the need to better understand our changing planet. ■

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Harden

**Some AAG Field Trips still have open seats. Visit the AAG conference onsite registration desk.**

is seeking. These changes include a request to the states to adopt college- and career-ready standards and to reward schools for producing dramatic gains in student achievement. On a promising note for geography, the document does challenge the nation to embrace educational standards that would put America on a path to global leadership.

In addition to reaching out to members of the Administration in the coming weeks and months, the AAG will continue to work with Congress to respond to Congressional requests for information on the importance of teaching geography and the funding of geographic education. We will be hosting several special sessions during the AAG Annual Meeting focused on geography education and on federal education policy. Speakers will include Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN), a former high school geography teacher, and others who will provide insights on how to best inform their colleagues on this issue. Mike Lach, a political appointee in the Deputy Secretary of Education's office on science education, will also address the administration's plans regarding No Child Left Behind at the AAG meeting.

As an integral part of our long-term effort to address the ESEA reauthorization, we are now developing an AAG *Blueprint for Geography Education*, to complement President Obama's initiative, and to lay out a more comprehensive strategy for enhancing geography education in the United States. We urge our members and other organizations engaged in geography education to join us in this project, and its implementation. Special sessions are planned for our Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting to discuss the AAG Blueprint, and we welcome everyone's involvement in these discussions.

Separately, the AAG will also continue to engage with other decision makers, including the National Governors Association (NGA), the Chief State School Officers, and other leading state officials to advance and support key geography education programs. The NGA serves as the leading voice of the states in Washington and is attuned to the critical issues being debated on Capitol Hill, including the reauthorization of the ESEA. Perhaps of greater importance, the National Governors Association runs a Center on Best Practices that can be a key starting point for promoting ideas. We will work through the

NGA and other avenues to bring attention to the importance of geographic education at the K-12 level.

Ultimately, we at the AAG will be looking to our members for assistance and leadership during this process. We suggest that you consider contacting your members of Congress to provide your own perspectives on the need for geographic education and the importance of dedicated federal funding. Those of you joining us in Washington, D.C. for the Annual Meeting may wish to take time to discuss key pending decisions regarding geography education with your Congressional representatives while in the nation's capital. The fight to bring attention to the teaching of geography on the federal level has been an important cause to the AAG in recent years. As we engage in the reauthorization debate this year, we will redouble our efforts and ask you to join us in this crucial undertaking. ■

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## Nominations Invited for AAG Honors

The AAG Honors Committee invites nominations for AAG Honors to be conferred in 2011. AAG Honors are awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement or welfare of the profession in six categories: Lifetime Achievement Honors, Distinguished Scholarship Honors, Distinguished Teaching Honors, Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors, Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geography Education, and Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Honors.

Normally no more than one award will be made in each category of AAG Honors. No more than six individuals may be recommended for AAG Honors in a single year. In addition to honors, the committee may

recommend a Publication Award and a Media Achievement Award each year. Nominees must be AAG members if they are residents of the United States; if they reside elsewhere the membership requirement is waived. In some cases professionals from other disciplines or professions are eligible for consideration. Geographers or other professionals previously honored may be nominated again for distinction achieved since their first awards.

The deadline for nominations is **June 30, 2010**. See the handbook section of a recent issue of the *Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas* for a complete list of past honors award recipients or consult the AAG website at [www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag\\_honors.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm).

Apply: Please submit a nominating letter and the candidate's CV to Patricia Solís at [psolis@aag.org](mailto:psolis@aag.org). Digital submissions are preferred. Alternatively, hard copies may be faxed (202-234-2744) or mailed to: AAG Honors, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198.

The 2010 AAG Honors Committee: Paul Knox (Chair), Virginia Tech; Sarah Bednarz, Texas A&M; Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Colgate University; Frank Magilligan, Dartmouth College; Eric Sheppard, University of Minnesota; and May Yuan, University of Oklahoma. ■

# AAG Annual Meeting Highlights

To take place in the nation's capital, the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting will offer many unique opportunities for geographers and related scholars to interact with representatives from government agencies, non-profit groups, and other organizations headquartered in Washington, D.C. Several key themes will highlight the conference, including climate change, geography & human rights, historical GIS and place names, geography & mental health, and enhancing diversity. Special guest speakers and panelists will include **Jane Goodall**, **Paul Krugman**, **Nora Volkov**, **John Hébert**, **Thomas Mesenbourg**, and Congressman (and geographer) **Tim Walz**. Below we highlight only a few of the many exciting sessions and events planned for the AAG Annual Meeting, to be held April 14-18, 2010.

## Climate Change

Climate change will be a central focus of the AAG Annual Meeting, with over 50 sessions running on two continuous tracks over the course of the conference. The meeting will open with the Presidential Plenary, "America's Climate Choices," on Wednesday evening, April 14, at 6:30 pm (Marriott Ballroom Salon 2). Organized and chaired by AAG President **Carol P. Harden**, this session will explore climate change by examining the roles geographers have played on each of the four interdisciplinary panels comprising a suite of studies designed by the National Academy of Sciences. These studies are intended to inform and guide responses to climate change across the nation. Geographers **Marilyn Brown** (vice chair of the Limiting the Magnitude Panel), **Tom Wilbanks** (vice chair of the Adapting to the Impacts Panel), **Diana Liverman** (vice chair of the Informing Effective Decisions and Actions Panel), and **Billie Turner** (member, Advancing the Science Panel) will discuss the scope and emphasis of each panel and the impact geographers are having in the important work of shaping America's response to a future affected by global climate change.

## AAG Atlas Award Presentation and Lecture: Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE

World-renowned primatologist, anthropologist, environmentalist, and humanitarian **Dr. Jane Goodall** will be presented with the inaugural AAG Atlas Award on Friday, April 16, at 6:30 pm (Marriott Ballroom Salon 1, Marriott Lobby Level). This new award is designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding accomplishments that advance world understanding in exceptional ways. Widely known for her groundbreaking study of chimpanzee society in Tanzania in the 1960s, today, Goodall, a U.N. Ambassador for Peace, spends virtually all of her time advocating for chimpanzees and environmental causes. The award presentation will be followed by an address entitled, *Gombe and Beyond: The Next 50 Years*, to be delivered by Dr. Goodall to a gathering of geographers, media members, and other meeting attendees.

## AAG Honorary Geographer Nora Volkow

On Wednesday, April 14, at 4:40 pm (Coolidge Room, Marriott Mezzanine), 2010 AAG Honorary Geographer, **Nora D. Volkow, M.D.**, Director of the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), will present "Mapping the Addicted Human Brain." Dr. Volkow was designated the 2010 Honorary Geographer for creatively thinking beyond the bounds of her own discipline in working collaboratively with the AAG to increase research on the ways that geographical context intersects with drug addiction, leading to a better understanding of its etiology, its diffusion, and its interaction with geographically variable social, economic, and environmental factors. Dr. Volkow will take questions following her presentation. At 2:40 pm, a session organized by **Wilson Compton** of the National Institutes of Health, "Place and Substance Abuse," will precede Volkov's address. A track of sessions examining the intersections of geography and mental health is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. A special NIDA panel

on the geography of drug addiction will be held Wednesday at 12:40 pm.

## Nobel Prize Recipient Paul Krugman

**Paul Krugman**, recipient of a Nobel Prize for groundbreaking work in economic geography and international trade, will present the Regional Studies Association Annual Lecture on Friday, April 16, at 12:40 pm (Marriott Ballroom Salon 3, Marriott Lobby Level). Krugman, the AAG's 2009 Honorary Geographer, will present "The New Geography, Now Middle Aged." A well-known public commentator on economics and politics, Krugman is professor of economics in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

## Geography & Human Rights

A track of special Geography & Human Rights sessions has been organized by the AAG for the Annual Meeting. Included is a "Human Rights 101 for Geographers" workshop in which participants will gain an understanding of key human rights concepts in a geographical perspective, to be held Thursday, April 15 at 2:40 pm (Marriott Ballroom Balcony C, Marriott Mezzanine). This workshop is free to all meeting attendees. Please check the meeting program for additional sessions in the geography & human rights track or visit <http://aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/tracks>.

## GIScience Sessions

Hundreds of papers exploring the latest innovations and research in GIScience and technology will run continuously through the Annual Meeting. Special sessions will be offered by ESRI and Google demonstrating the latest technologies. "Advancing Analysis and Visualization of Global Challenges: The ArcGIS Platform," organized and hosted by ESRI, will be held on Friday at 4:40 pm (Washington Room 4, Marriott Exhibition Level). "The World's Information, Organized Geographically," organized and

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hosted by Google, will take place at 4:40 pm on Thursday (Washington Room 4, Marriott Exhibition Level).

In addition, a special panel session organized by the AAG, "Geographic Information Officers: Champions of GIS," will include top federal agency GIOs and offer insight into the production, management, and uses of geographic data in the federal government, and future directions in the coordination of geospatial information and services in the United States (Friday, April 16, at 10:00 am, Harding Room, Marriott Mezzanine).

### Geographic Policy and Legislation

Congressman **Tim Walz** (D-MN) will be speaking at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 15 (Thurgood Marshall East, Marriott Mezzanine) on the role of geographic education as a part of U.S. education policy, specifically as it relates to No Child Left Behind. Walz is a second-term member of the House and a former geography teacher from Mankato, Minnesota.

### Memorial Sessions

A number of sessions have been organized in tribute to recently deceased AAG members whose impacts on the discipline are sure to be long-reaching. These include sessions for **Reg Colledge**, **Bob Marx**, **Larry Ford**, **Alan MacPherson**, **Glen Elder**, **Gary Gaile**, and **Fred Lukermann**. Please consult your conference program for times and locations of these events.

In addition, organized by the Socialist and Critical Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, with support and co-sponsorship from *Antipode*, **James Tyner** of Kent State University will receive the annual James Blaut Memorial Award on Saturday, April 17, at 2:20 pm (Wilson A, Marriott Mezzanine). Tyner will then deliver the James Blaut Memorial Lecture, "Making a Killing: Capitalism, Violence, and the Numbing of America."

### Library of Congress Events

**John Hébert**, Director of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, will deliver a special plenary presentation

on the LOC's geographic collections, its dynamic plans for the future, and how geographers can access the Library for research and pleasure. Sponsored by the Washington Map Society, this session will take place on the evening of Thursday, April 15, at 8:00 pm (Marriott Ballroom Balcony D, Marriott Mezzanine).

Through April 18, the Library of Congress will be holding a rare exhibition of two of the most significant world maps ever made – the Waldseemüller map of 1507, and the Matteo Ricci map of 1602. For more information on this exhibition visit [www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap](http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap) or see the article by **Michael Conzen** in the March 2010 edition of the *AAG Newsletter* (available online at [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)). In addition, an AAG field trip to the Geography and Map Division and Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress will take place on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 am to noon.

### Past President's Plenary

The 2010 Past President's Plenary, "Waterpower: Politics and the Geography of Water Provision," to be delivered by **John Agnew** on Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 pm (Marriott Ballroom Salon 1, Marriott Lobby Level), will discuss the prospect that access to potable water will be a defining geographical crisis in the 21st century. The AAG Presidential Achievement Award will be presented to Professor **Peter Meusbürger** prior to the Past President's Plenary.

### Census Bureau Sessions

Deputy Director of the U.S. Census Bureau **Thomas Mesenbourg** will be the featured speaker in a special plenary organized by the AAG, to be held at 11:40 am on Wednesday, April 14 (Washington Room 1, Marriott Exhibition Level). A Census Bureau panel session will follow at 12:40 pm, and additional census sessions will be held throughout the meeting, including "Census Geography: New Directions and Challenges," to be held Friday at 12:40 pm (Park Tower 8210, Marriott Lobby Level), and "We Counted You, Now What? Update on the 2010 Census and American Community Survey," to take place Friday at 8:00 am

(Park Tower 8210, Marriott Lobby Level), both organized by **Michael Ratcliffe** of the U.S. Census Bureau.

### Historical GIS, Place Names, and Gazetteers

The AAG is sponsoring a special set of sessions on historical GIS, place names and the related topic of gazetteers at the Annual Meeting. This special sequence will open with a panel session led by the Board of Geographic Names at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 15 (Wilson C, Marriott Mezzanine), "Standardizing Toponyms in the 21st Century." Additional sessions will include "History, Place Names, and Gazetteers" on Thursday at 10:00 am (Wilson C, Marriott Mezzanine), organized by **Peter Bol**, Director of Harvard University's Center for Geographic Analysis, and "Place Names and Cartography" to be held at 8:00 am on Friday, April 16 (Wilson C, Marriott Mezzanine). Also, the Board of Geographic Names will hold their annual business meeting and their Foreign Names Committee Meeting just prior to the start of the Annual Meeting (Tuesday, April 13, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm Room: *Nathan Hale, Marriott, Lobby Level*). Both meetings are open to the public and AAG attendees are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to witness how place names are standardized for official use within the U.S. government.

### Lunch Plenaries

Special lunchtime plenary sessions on featured topics will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Speakers, topics, times and locations are listed below.

**Thomas Mesenbourg**, Deputy Director of the U.S. Census Bureau. Wednesday, 11:40 am – 12:30 pm. *Washington Room 1, Marriott Exhibition Level*.

**Max Baber**, U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation. "got geoint? Demystifying our World with Geospatial Intelligence." Thursday, 11:50 am – 12:30 pm. *Washington Room 4, Marriott Exhibition Level*.

**Grant Thrall**, University of Florida. "Geography and Real Estate: Intersections and Trends." Thursday, 11:50 am – 12:30 pm. *Lincoln Room 6, Marriott Exhibition Level*.

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**Victoria Lawson**, University of Washington. Progress in Human Geography Lecture: "Trade, Globalization, and the Question of Development." Friday, 11:50 am – 12:30 pm. Room: *Thurgood Marshall East, Marriott Mezzanine Level.*

### Diversity Sessions

A special set of 16 sessions exploring issues of diversity in higher education will highlight research that can support geography and geosciences departments in their efforts to design and implement plans to become more inclusive, broaden participation, and engage traditionally underrepresented populations. An extended listing of session times and rooms is available at [www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/tracks](http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/tracks). Session numbers in this track are listed on page 18 of the conference program.

### World Geography Bowl

The 2010 World Geography Bowl, pitting student teams from the AAG's regional divisions against each other in a high-spirited quiz competition, will be held Thursday evening, April 15, beginning at 7:30 pm (Washington Room 3, Marriott Exhibition Level). AAG President **Carol P. Harden** will help judge the final round and assist in distributing prizes donated by

National Geographic, Rand McNally, and the U.S. Census Bureau.

### Field Trips and Workshops

Many outstanding local field trips and professional develop workshops are available during the Annual Meeting. Field trip locations will include the National Mall, Chesapeake Bay, walking tours of several DC neighborhoods, and many local wineries. Workshops will include hands-on technology, classroom education, and grants writing, among many others. Field trips and workshops may be added at the conference registration desk in the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

### Exhibition Hall

The AAG Exhibition Hall will showcase the latest books, maps and technology in the discipline of geography, with displays by more than 60 exhibitors. The Exhibition Hall will open on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm with a reception featuring light food and drink, and will remain open to registered conference attendees during regular meeting hours through Sunday at 3:00 pm. In addition, a spectacular display of 17th and 18th Century Ottoman Turkish maps and other documents will be on display at the Annual Meeting in the Exhibition Hall,

brought to the AAG with assistance from the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Bahçesehir University, Istanbul.

### Landscape Photography Exhibit

The Cultural Geography Specialty Group invites all AAG members to attend a special exhibition of landscape photographs taken by geographers while traveling and conducting fieldwork. Photographs will be on display in the Atrium of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel all day during the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the conference, April 15-17.

### Sunday Volksmarch

A volksmarch is a non-competitive walk at a pace participants choose for themselves. As the linguistic roots of the term convey, volksmarching began in Germany. It was brought to the United States in the 1960s by those who had discovered the joys of "popular walking" while based in Europe.

Scheduled for Sunday, April 18, the AAG is co-sponsoring a volksmarch in conjunction with **Tom Baerwald** and the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club. During a 5-hour "start window" from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., walkers can head out at whatever time they choose by themselves or in self-organized groups. Trail directions will provide commentary on sites along the way. Please sign up at a special table in the Annual Meeting registration area of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

### AAG Awards Luncheon

AAG Honors and awards will be presented at the annual AAG Awards Luncheon, this year to be held on Sunday, April 18, from 11:50 am to 2:00 pm (Delaware Suite B, Marriott Lobby Level). In addition to AAG Honors in recognition of lifetime achievement, scholarship, service, publishing, and education, the AAG's annual book awards will be presented along with specialty group and many other awards. Tickets for this event may be purchased in the conference registration area. ■

## Jobs in Geography (JIG) Center

Located in Exhibit Hall C of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, the Jobs in Geography (JIG) Center will feature numerous job postings in all fields of geography for students and job seekers and a large exhibit of available jobs with opportunities to meet with employers. Job seekers will be able to talk with successful geographers and learn about career paths, professions and their experiences. Participating employers will have the opportunity to review resumes submitted to the AAG Resume Bank by job seekers prior to the Annual Meeting. JIG is also sponsoring a special panel session exploring employment: "Pursuing a Career in GIS: Becoming a Certified GIS Professional (GISP)," scheduled for Thursday at 12:40 pm (Lincoln Room 2, Marriott Exhibition Level).

#### *Jobs in Geography Center hours:*

Thursday, April 15, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday, April 16, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 17, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

University of Kentucky geographer **Stanley Brunn** recently spent a week in a remote region of Tajikistan as part of an international delegation observing that nation's parliamentary elections. Tajikistan is one of the poorest of the former Soviet republics. Brunn, who speaks Russian, was one of 13 Americans to join European representatives as election observers.

Brunn told Ryan Alessi, a reporter for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, that he found an election process "just rife with irregularities...the results were that eighty-seven percent of the population voted, which is almost unheard of unless you sort of bend the rules in some way" ("UK Professor Sees Election Fraud Up Close," March 22, 2010).

In many places, men showed up to vote holding their wives' voter registration cards. In others, it appeared as if large bundles of votes had been cast without being slipped individually through the narrow slot of the voting box. Policemen were seen violating rules by standing near voters, and "There were people, I think, who were sort of party officials, who came into the precincts and were kind of strutting around" in an attempt to intimidate voters, Brunn said.

President Emomali Rakhmon's party maintained its power in the nation's par-

liament. Brunn has previously visited and taught in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

A U.S. Senate panel recently approved **Marilyn Brown** (Georgia Tech) as one of President Barack Obama's four appointees to the Tennessee Valley Authority board, putting her in line for a confirmation vote by the full Senate. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved all of the nominees to the nine-member board. Brown joined Georgia Tech in 2006 after a distinguished career at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory. At ORNL, she led several national scenario studies of climate change technology and policy options and held various leadership positions. Her current research addresses the development and deployment of sustainable energy technologies, the design of policy options to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and the evaluation of energy programs and policies. Brown has authored more than 200 publications, including *Energy and American Society: Thirteen Myths*.

**Michael Brown's** work on the geographies of Seattle's early lesbian and gay community was recently featured on *KUOW Presents*, a radio program produced by Puget Sound

Public Radio. The program may be heard at [www.kuow.org/program.php?id=18949](http://www.kuow.org/program.php?id=18949). Brown is professor of political and historical geography at the University of Washington. He volunteers with the Northwest Lesbian & Gay History Museum Project and gives walking tours and lectures about the geographies and histories of queer Seattle.

Syracuse University professor emeritus **James Newman** was recently interviewed for a documentary, *Berlin 1885: the Scramble for Africa*. Directed by Joël Calmettes of Chiloé Productions, Paris, the film is scheduled for release this summer by Films d'Ici. Newman is the author of two recent biographies, *Imperial Footprints: Henry Morton Stanley's African Journeys* (2004) and *Paths without Glory: Richard Francis Burton in Africa* (2010).

The March 15, 2010 edition of the *Christian Science Monitor* quoted Tel Aviv University geographer **Izhak Schnell**, a Clark University graduate, in the dispatches section of the magazine. In an item about African immigrants to Israel, Professor Schnell is quoted on his research on African churches and his discovery that Africans desired to be as invisible as possible meeting for prayers on Saturday rather than Sunday. ■

## Call for Nominations: AAG Honors and Nominating Committees

**T**he 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 (i) from the membership at large and (ii) from those members who have previously received AAG Honors (a list of previous honorees can be found in

the *AAG Guide to Geography in the Americas* and online at [www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag\\_honors.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/aag_honors.cfm)). Honors Committee members serve for two years and are responsible for making recommendations of awardees for various AAG Honors for Council consideration. **Nominating Committee** members serve for one year. The committee recommends to the Council the slate of candidates for the AAG Vice President, President, and National Councillor elections.

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

committees, please contact AAG Secretary Lisa Harrington by **June 30, 2010**. 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 by email to [lbutlerh@ksu.edu](mailto:lbutlerh@ksu.edu) (preferred) or by mail to: Lisa M.B. Harrington, AAG Secretary, Kansas State University, Department of Geography, 118 Seaton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-2904. ■

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# Washington Monitor

## With Healthcare Reform Enacted, Administration Turns to NCLB

The Obama Administration recently released a new Blueprint for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (better known as No Child Left Behind or NCLB) in anticipation of Congressional action. (The full blueprint is available at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).) As you are likely well aware, the importance of promoting geography education through No Child Left Behind has been and continues to be a critical issue for the AAG, and we will keep working to engage Congress during the upcoming reauthorization process. We will also work with Department of Education officials to promote attention to and funding for geography education as a core aspect of federal K-12 education policy. Readers interested in geographic education should turn to Doug Richardson's *From the Meridian* column this month, which focuses on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (see page 2).

## USGS Requests Small Budget Increase

With the recent release of the President's FY 2011 budget obscured by the debate over healthcare reform, there has been a limited focus on agency funding requests to this point. With Congressional appropriators gearing up for their annual ritual, however, we will be paying closer attention in the next few columns to the budget battles affecting the agencies that fund geographic research.

In this spirit, the Department of the Interior's budget requests \$1.1 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for FY 2011. This marks a \$21.6 million

(2 percent) increase over the FY 2010 enacted level. In releasing the request, USGS Director Marcia McNutt asserted that "Science is a cornerstone for sound decision making. Today's complex, inter-related natural resource issues – such as climate change, energy conservation and development, and water quality and availability – demand that policy makers and managers start with timely, unbiased science. The President's budget supports that vital perspective."

In the budget release, USGS spotlights a few of their key geography programs, including that "the Land Remote Sensing budget of \$75.9 million will allow USGS to continue operations and maintenance for Landsats 5 and 7, and includes a program increase of \$13.4 million to accommodate new ground system requirements for the Landsat Data Continuity Mission." The release also notes that "the 2011 National Geospatial program budget of \$65.9 million will allow the program to continue to gain efficiencies, improve effectiveness, promote geographic research, leverage remote sensing technologies, and engage in partnerships to update geospatial data layers for the next generation USGS topographic map, a digital product made from The National Map data." The section concludes by asserting that "research in Geography improves the understanding of the rates, causes, and consequences of natural and human-induced processes that shape and change the landscape over time, and will provide comprehensive information needed to understand the environmental, resource, and economic consequences of landscape change."

The USGS Coalition – a Washington-based group of 70 national organizations

in which the AAG participates – recently testified before the House Appropriations Committee and urged Congress to provide \$1.3 billion for the agency for FY 2011. Testimony highlighted the unique interdisciplinary nature of USGS-supported research and pointed out that the Administration's budget request is inadequate – especially in light of the overall 5.9 percent growth in non-Defense research and development accounts.

We will keep you up-to-date on other key program funding issues in future columns.

## AAG Annual Meeting

In my new position as Senior Program Manager for Government Relations, I hope to connect with many of you at the upcoming AAG Annual Meeting and look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months. Having the Annual Meeting take place in Washington, D.C. is truly a unique opportunity for all of us, and I hope it energizes our efforts to inform federal education policy.

I want to take this special opportunity to invite you to attend a panel session on geographic education policy and legislation at the Annual Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, in the Thurgood Marshall East Room of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Our special guest will be Congressman Tim Walz, a former geography teacher. Also in attendance will be AAG President Elect Ken Foote, Mike Lach of the U.S. Department of Education, and AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson. ■

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By taking the reader on a journey through geopolitical hot spots such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Somalia and Kosovo, Elden shows how territory and spatial concepts shape military interventions in these so-called failed and rogue states. Of particular interest is a chapter on the "Territorial Strategies of Islamism," which explores the territorial organization and spatial perspectives of al Qaeda. For the lay audience, this clear, well-written and accessible book helps explain complex geopolitical events by placing them in their in geographical context, showing how political actors make decisions based upon their geographical world views.

### 2009 AAG Meridian Book Award

The AAG Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work in Geography recognizes a work that makes an unusually important contribution to advancing the science and art of geography. The 2009 Meridian Book Award will be presented to **James A. Tyner** (Kent State University) for *War, Violence, and Population: Making the Body Count*, published by Guilford Press.

This important book is a potential paradigm shifter in population geography. Accessible and engaging, it makes excellent use of the case study technique to immerse readers in the realities of population regulation and discipline by mass violence. Tyner argues convincingly for a re-theorized population geography which actively engages postmodernism and postcolonialism by putting emphasis on the body, allowing population geographers to "intervene in the struggle against spatial and moral exclu-

sionary practices" and "challenge a culture of impunity that condones the existence of societal injustices, including war and genocide." He envisions two overlapping concerns: the disciplining of bodies (anatomopolitics) and regulation of populations (biopolitics), each grounded in the earlier work of Foucault. In this compelling work, Tyner effectively uses case studies from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Rwanda to show how acts of brutality are used to manage, administer, and control space for political and economic purposes.



Tyner

### J.B. Jackson Prize

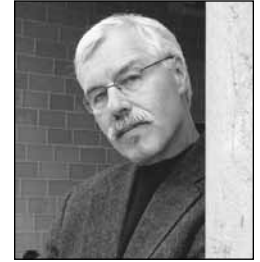
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the J.B. Jackson Prize, which rewards authors who write in an effective and engaging way for lay audiences while conveying the insights of professional geography, exemplifying the best work in the American tradition of cultural geography. The 2009 award will be presented to **Patrick McGreevy** (American University of Beirut) for *Stairway to Empire: Lockport, the Erie Canal, and the Shaping of America*, published by the State University Press of New York, Albany.

McGreevy has been demonstrating the importance of writing critical geographical history for more than two decades. In this study, McGreevy seeks to understand the often hidden or obscured stories of the

common people who became engaged in 19th century construction projects of monumental scale. His book admirably represents the depth and breadth of scholarly research at its best, based as it is upon a deep and sensitive reading of primary source materials.

McGreevy situates his narrative at Lockport, a nascent canal town at the base of the Niagara Escarpment and the most formidable barrier

on the proposed route of the Erie Canal. Here, more than 1,500 Irish Catholic and Protestant immigrant laborers con-



McGreevy

constructed the seven-mile long "Deep Cut" across the escarpment crest and the famous double flight of five locks near the escarpment face. *Stairway to Empire* is the story of human achievement written in a way that foregrounds the previously untold experiences of the laborers who sacrificed health and life to hew a canal bed from the solid rock of an imposing local geography.

The AAG congratulates the recipients of its 2009 Book Awards and invites all conference participants to attend these and other presentations at the annual AAG Awards Luncheon on Sunday, April 18, from 11:50 am to 2:00 pm. Luncheon tickets will be available for purchase in the Annual Meeting registration area of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel throughout the week of the conference. ■

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The *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* invites abstracts of papers to be considered for a special issue on the Geography of Health. This will be the third of a series of annual special fifth issues that highlight the work of geographers around a significant global theme. Papers are sought from a broad spectrum of scholars

who address social, cultural, political, environmental, theoretical, and methodological issues focused on the geography of health, including original research in areas such as access to healthcare, spatial disparities in health outcomes, the effect of geographic context on health outcomes, mobility and health, environment and health, development

and health, space-time modeling and GIS-based analysis of health outcomes, and other relevant areas. Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted by **May 1, 2010** to [rmaier@aag.org](mailto:rmaier@aag.org). Final papers will be due (via Manuscript Central) by **December 1, 2010** for publication in 2012. All submitted papers will be subject to full peer review. ■























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**phy, rank open**, beginning September 2010 or March 2011, pending final approval of funding. The department offers BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in geography and geography education. Teaching responsibilities include 2 courses per semester, which may include one undergraduate level and one graduate level course in his/her specialty area. Lectures will be conducted in English. Native-level competence in oral and written English will be regarded as highly desirable when assessing applications. This position is being created by authorization of the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development.

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Apply: Qualified applicants should send their complete curriculum vitae, copies of teaching/course assessments, statement of research and teaching interests, and names and contact information for three references, preferably by email, to Dr. Douglas Gress (douglass@snu.ac.kr). Alternatively, applicants can mail their materials to: Department Chair, Department of Geography Education, College of Education, Seoul National University, 599 Gwanangno, Gwanak-gu, Seoul, Korea 151-748.

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## APRIL

1. Davis-Putter Scholarships for student activists. [www.davisputter.org](http://www.davisputter.org).
12. Leopold Fellowships. <http://leopold-leadership.stanford.edu>.
30. PAIGH Technical Assistance Project Proposals. [www.ipgh.org/Cooperacion-Tecnica/default.htm](http://www.ipgh.org/Cooperacion-Tecnica/default.htm).
30. NCGE Higher Education Distinguished Teaching Award. [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org).
30. NCGE George J. Miller Award for Distinguished Service to Geographic Education. [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org).

## MAY

15. Society for the History of Discoveries Essay Contest. [www.sochistdisc.org](http://www.sochistdisc.org).
15. Society of Women Geographers Pruitt Minority Fellowships. [www.iswg.org](http://www.iswg.org). Contact Ruth Shirey for details ([rishirey@auxmail.iup.edu](mailto:rishirey@auxmail.iup.edu)).

## JUNE

1. Walter W. Ristow Prize in the History of Cartography. <http://home.earthlink.net/~docktor/ristow.htm>.
30. AAG Honors. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).

## JULY

1. American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowships. [www.indiastudies.org](http://www.indiastudies.org).

## SEPTEMBER

15. Holberg Prize. [www.holbergprisen.no/en/nomination.html](http://www.holbergprisen.no/en/nomination.html).
15. Guggenheim Fellowships. [www.gf.org](http://www.gf.org).
15. AAG Enhancing Diversity Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
15. AAG J. Warren Nystrom Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
22. AAG Enrichment Funds. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).

## OCTOBER

15. McColl Family Fellowship. [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org).

## DECEMBER

1. AAG Anderson Medal. <http://agsg.binghamton.edu>.
31. AAG Anne U. White Fund. [www.aag.org/grantsawards/Annewhitefund.html](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/Annewhitefund.html).
31. AAG Darrel Hess Community College Geography Scholarships. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG Dissertation Research Grants. [www.aag.org/grantsawards/dissertation-research.html](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/dissertation-research.html).
31. AAG Research Grants. [www.aag.org/grantsawards/generalresearch.html](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/generalresearch.html).

31. AAG E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG International Geographic Information Fund. Student Travel Grant, Student Paper Award, and Graduate Research Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG Mel Marcus Fund. [www.aag.org/grantsawards/marcus.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/marcus.cfm)
31. AAG Meredith F. Burrill Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG Hoffman Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. J.B. Jackson Prize. [www.aag.org/grantsawards/jackson\\_prize.cfm](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards/jackson_prize.cfm).
31. AAG Glenda Laws Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG Meridian Book Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).
31. AAG Globe Book Award. [www.aag.org/grantsawards](http://www.aag.org/grantsawards).

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5-9. 25th Annual Meeting of the U.S. Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE). Athens, Georgia. [www.usiale.org/athens2010](http://www.usiale.org/athens2010).

7-9. "Mapping Climate, an Environment for Change," Australian and New Zealand Map Society (ANZMapS). Adelaide, Australia. [www.anzmaps.org](http://www.anzmaps.org).

**14-18. AAG Annual Meeting.**  
Washington, DC. [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

## MAY

12-14. Council for Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) Conference 2010. Maastricht, the Netherlands. [www.thecela.org](http://www.thecela.org).

24-25. TUGIS 2010, Towson, MD. <http://tugis.towson.edu>.

25-26. National Geographic Bee. Washington, DC. [www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee).

26-28. Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) 2010. Bogotá, Columbia. <http://cider.uniandes.edu.co/CLAG/index.asp>.

## JUNE

1-5. Canadian Association of Geographers National Meeting. University of Regina. <http://uregina.ca/prairies>.

14-17. **Geography Faculty Development Alliance Workshop.** Boulder, CO. <http://www.colorado.edu/geography/gfda/gfda.html>.

17-19. **AAG Department Leadership Workshop, "Beyond the Ivory Tower."** Boulder, CO. [www.aag.org/healthydepartments/healthy\\_content.cfm](http://www.aag.org/healthydepartments/healthy_content.cfm).

21-23. COM.Geo 2010, 1st International Conference on Computing for Geospatial Research & Application. Washington, DC. [www.com-geo.org](http://www.com-geo.org).

## JULY

5-8. Biennial Conference of the New Zealand Geographical Society, in conjunction with the Institute of Australian Geographers. Christchurch, NZ. [www.nzgs2010.org.nz](http://www.nzgs2010.org.nz).

5-9. Las Navas 2010: Cognitive and Linguistic Aspects of Geographic Space. Avila, Spain. [www.geoinfo.tuwien.ac.at/lasnavas2010](http://www.geoinfo.tuwien.ac.at/lasnavas2010).

12-16. IGU/UIG Regional Conference 2010, "Bridging Diversity in a Globalising World." Tel Aviv, Israel. [www.IGU2010.com](http://www.IGU2010.com).

12-16. ESRI User Conference. San Diego, CA. [www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com).

27. Fourth Meeting of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition. <http://shr.aaas.org/coalition/Meetings/meetings.shtml>.

## AUGUST

3-7. Local Food Systems in Old Industrial Regions: Challenges and Opportunities. IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces. Toledo, Ohio. [http://uac.utoledo.edu/igu\\_commission/ToledoMC2010-Home.htm](http://uac.utoledo.edu/igu_commission/ToledoMC2010-Home.htm).

6-10. Home, Migration, and the City: New Narratives, New Methodologies. Linköping, Sweden. [www.esf.org/conferences/10317](http://www.esf.org/conferences/10317).

16-18. 2010 URISA/NENA Addressing Conference. Charlotte, NC. [www.urisa.org/addressing/2010charlotte](http://www.urisa.org/addressing/2010charlotte).

## SEPTEMBER

1-3. Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference. London. [www.rgs.org/AC2010](http://www.rgs.org/AC2010).

1-3. Global Studies Association Conference. Oxford, UK. [www.criticalglobalisation.com](http://www.criticalglobalisation.com).

12-14. Society for the History of Discoveries 51st Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM. [www.sochistdisc.org](http://www.sochistdisc.org).

14-17. **GIScience 2010.** Zurich, Switzerland. [www.giscience2010.org](http://www.giscience2010.org).

15-18. **AAG Pacific Coast Regional Meeting.** Coeur D'Alene, ID. [www.uidaho.edu/sci/geography](http://www.uidaho.edu/sci/geography).

29-Oct 3. National Conference on Geography Education. Savannah, GA. [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org).

## OCTOBER

6-8. Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference. Binghamton, NY. <http://rep-conference@binghamton.edu>.

8-9. **AAG Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting.** Lawrence, Kansas. <http://geography.unco.edu/GPRM>.

13-16. Pioneer America Society 42nd Annual Conference, Castleton, VT. <http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeeting2010.html>.

14-16. **AAG Southwest Division Regional Meeting.** Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. [www2.geog.okstate.edu/swaag](http://www2.geog.okstate.edu/swaag).

21-23. 33rd Applied Geography Conference. Fort Worth, TX. <http://applied.geog.kent.edu>.

22-23. **AAG Middle States Division Regional Meeting.** West Point, NY. <http://departments.bloomu.edu/geo/msd>.

22-23. **AAG East Lakes Division Regional Meeting.** Grand Rapids, MI. [www.eastlakesaag.org](http://www.eastlakesaag.org).

22-23. **AAG West Lakes Division Regional Meeting.** Macomb, IL. [www.macalester.edu/geography/09aagwestlakes.htm](http://www.macalester.edu/geography/09aagwestlakes.htm).

25-27. Montclair State University International Symposium on Sustainability Science. Montclair, NJ. <http://csam.montclair.edu/sustainabilitystudies>.

29-30. **AAG New England/St. Lawrence Valley Regional Meeting.** Storrs, CT. [www.nestval.org](http://www.nestval.org).

## NOVEMBER

5-6. **AAG Middle Atlantic Division Regional Meeting.** York, PA. [www.gwu.edu/~madaag](http://www.gwu.edu/~madaag).

9-12. Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH) General Assembly. Lima, Peru. [www.ipgh.org](http://www.ipgh.org).

21-23. **AAG Southeast Regional Meeting.** Birmingham, AL. [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org).

## DECEMBER

9-11. Contained Memory Conference 2010. Wellington, New Zealand. [www.containedmemory.org.nz](http://www.containedmemory.org.nz).

## 2011 APRIL

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Seattle, WA. [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

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## ESRI to Sponsor \$20,000 Student Social Media Challenge at AAG Annual Meeting

ESRI is sponsoring "Analyzing Volunteered Geographic Information," a social media challenge open to all students attending AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. All those participating in Phase 1 will receive an ESRI coffee mug, and approximately 20 students with winning entries in Phase 2 will receive \$20,000 in cash prizes, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per award.

Phase 1 will involve tweeting basic data on social contacts made during the meeting,

such as "talked to a professor about thesis topic," and posting these to the web in a common volunteered geographic information (VGI) cloud map.

Phase 2 will challenge participants to analyze the social data collected and draw conclusions or tell a story (when, where, who, what happened) about the patterns, quantity and quality of the social interaction and knowledge produced.

Preliminary results of the ESRI Student Social Media Challenge will be presented on Friday at 4:40 p.m. during Panel Session 3654 (Collaborative GIS for Addressing Global Challenges: The ArcGIS Platform), in Washington Room 4, Marriott Exhibition level, of the Marriott Wardman Park hotel.

Visit the ESRI exhibition area (booth 702) for additional information or to register for the challenge.

## Official Opening Reception and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Ottoman Map Exhibition

**Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

*Lincoln Room 6, Marriott, Exhibition Level*

A rare and beautiful exhibit of more than fifty reproductions of 16th and 17th century maps and manuscripts by influential Ottoman Turkish cartographers, *From Piri Reis to Katip Çelebi: The Ottoman Worldview*, will be displayed at

the AAG Annual Meeting in the Exhibition Hall. The exhibit will officially open on Tuesday, April 13th with a reception and ribbon-cutting ceremony, with the participation of Turkish Head of State, Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan,

and senior academic officials. The exhibit is being brought to the AAG Annual Meeting with the assistance of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul.