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AAG Seeks Annals Editor

The Association of American Geographers seeks applications and nominations for the People, Place, and Region section editor for the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. The new section editor will be appointed for a four-year editorial term that will commence on January 1, 2011. The appointment will be made by November 2010.

The AAG seeks an editor who will solicit, review, and accept for publication articles in the People, Place, and Region subject area, within publication-space limitations that will be determined annually.

The AAG Council expects that the new editor will accept manuscripts from across the breadth and depth of intellectual activity in their subject

area of contemporary American geography. The AAG Council further expects that the *Annals* will publish items that represent the very best thinking in American geography. The section editor should be eager to act as an intellectual entrepreneur to attract the very best work being produced.

In support of these goals, the editorial candidate should possess demonstrated expertise within the section subject area (People, Place, and Region), a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, a broad perspective on the discipline of geography, respect and affection for its diversity, and an ability to work constructively with authors during the review process. Institutional support for the new editor (especially some time released from teaching) is desirable, but not mandatory. The AAG will

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Seattle: No Ordinary Joe

Coffee Capital is Jumping with Contradictions

Seattle, site of the forthcoming AAG Annual Meeting, is a city alive with contradictions. A brash place of boosters and entrepreneurs, it is also an enduring stronghold of tolerance, cooperation and environmental concern. At some 3½ million people in the urban area, it seems too big and crowded to many of us who live here. Still, it is only a metropolis of modest size by world standards. While achieving its historic goal of becoming a "global city," Seattle remains a smaller place than its position on the world scene would suggest. And while passing its historic rivals, Portland and Vancouver, in size and power, Seattle ironically still exhibits a kind of inferiority complex—we are not somehow as civilized as our more sophisticated neighbors.

Seattle is also a contradiction in comparison with other U.S. cities in that it is highly productive and relatively prosperous with-

out a large share of poverty and deprivation. It also has an enviable, diverse age structure, exceptional levels of education, and a skilled labor force. Over time we have evolved a healthy, diverse and adaptable economy, and constructed a reasonably attractive and well-ordered built environment over a complex topography.

Seattle's Microgeographies

Seattle's location, on the relatively protected inland sea called Puget Sound, is remote from national markets but at the same time well-positioned for potential trade with Alaska and East Asia. Vancouver and Bellingham, to the north, are at least as well situated, and within what is now greater Seattle, early rivals

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This statue of Lenin is located in the Fremont neighborhood. For more on Seattle's left-leaning culture, see page 13. Seattle will host the 2011 AAG Annual Meeting.

AAG Annual Meeting Call for Papers is available on pages 16-17.

