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AAG Election Results

In voting recently completed by members of the Association of American Geographers, Eric S. Sheppard, University of Minnesota, was elected AAG President, and Julie A. Winkler, Michigan State University, was elected AAG Vice President. Their terms, as well as those of all newly elected officers and committee members, will begin July 1, 2012.



Sheppard



Winkler

Eight others were elected in the voting. John Harrington, Jr. of Kansas State University and Elizabeth A. Wentz of Arizona State University were chosen as National Councillors. New AAG Honors Committee members are Richard

A. Marston of Kansas State University (Honors Committee A), and John Kupfer, University of South Carolina, and Diana M. Liverman, University of Arizona, both of whom were selected for Honors Committee B.

The newly elected members of the AAG Nominating Committee are Leslie Duram, Southern Illinois University; Robert W. Lake, Rutgers University; and Fausto O. Sarmiento, University of Georgia. The AAG thanks all of the distinguished candidates who participated in the election. Photographs of each new councillor and committee member appear on page 6.

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Routledge Receives AAG Publication Award at Annual Meeting

Routledge (Taylor & Francis), a longtime supporter of geography and the AAG through the publication of its flagship journals and numerous books, was presented with the AAG Publication Award at the 2012 AAG Annual Meeting in New York. David Green, Publishing Director at Routledge, was present to receive the honor at the AAG's annual awards luncheon on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Routledge has provided sustained support of the AAG's innovative efforts to enhance the quality and international reach of its flagship journals, and has encouraged numerous other publications related to

AAG initiatives such as the recent volumes on geography and the humanities, entitled *GeoHumanities: Art, History, Text at the Edge of Place* and *Envisioning Landscapes, Making Worlds*.

Of paramount significance is the work Routledge has devoted to the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* and *The Professional Geographer*. Working closely with the AAG, Routledge has implemented an extensive set of changes that address key issues of journal quality, production, online and hard copy distribution, marketing, intellectual property protection, and finances. Routledge and the AAG have together developed an extensive outreach program to international researchers, authors and readers, which has significantly extended the global reach and influence of these journals. This effort is closely linked to the AAG's Developing Regions Programs, which contributes to the development of genuinely

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Publishing Director David Green accepts the AAG Publication Award on behalf of Routledge from AAG President Audrey Kobayashi.

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New York City: An International Gathering

The Association of American Geographers 2012 Annual Meeting in New York City broke all previous attendance records with more than 8,670 geographers, GIS specialists, environmental scientists, and other registrants from around the world sharing the very latest in research, policy, and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience. Of those attending, thousands, representing approximately 34% came from countries other than the USA, which continues a

steady trend toward increased international participation at AAG Meetings. For comparison, the 2006 meeting in Chicago registered approximately 20% international attendees, while the 1982 meeting in San Antonio had only 59 international attendees, or 2.8% of the registered total.

This year, attendees came from 80 different countries, including 41 nations of developing or emerging economies. The largest participation of scholars from outside of the U.S. came from Canada, the UK, Germany, and China, with strong representation among geographers in developing regions. Many others attending from countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chile, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ghana, France, Iran, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Romania, Spain, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, and many more enriched the intellectual and social events throughout the week-long conference.

The AAG celebrated the global character of the association and the meeting with a series of special sessions, entitled "Snapshots: Geography in the World Today," involving presentations by top officials from geographical

societies around the world, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the AAG and the Geographical Society of China; and an International Networking Reception in the Exhibit Hall. The reception provided an opportunity for attendees to mingle with each other and

to view the 100 booths of exhibitors, while enjoying refreshments. The AAG showcased its many international activities, including the AAG Developing Regions Membership Program which engages eligible geographers and other colleagues from lower income countries of the world with full membership benefits at deeply discounted rates.

The AAG Annual Meeting also featured several diversely themed research tracks and special events, many with strong international dimensions. One major themed track focused on Human Rights and Social Justice, with more than 40 sessions during the course of the conference, beginning with the outstanding Opening Presidential Plenary, "The City Beyond Symbol-



Yanhua Liu (R), President of the Geographical Society of China, co-signs the AAG-GSC Memorandum of Understanding with AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson (L).



Human Rights panelists included (L to R) Jessica Wyndham (AAAS), Ivan Šimonović (UN), Doug Richardson (AAG), Salil Shetty (Amnesty International), Audrey Kobayashi (AAG), and Nicholas Kristof (New York Times).

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Optimism and Progress Marks New York Annual Meeting

Let me begin by expressing my deepest thanks to all of those who helped to make the 2012 AAG Annual Meeting in New York a tremendous success: the wonderful staff at Meridian place whose logistical and scholarly expertise make everything run smoothly, the volunteers, committee members, publishers, and of course the presenters. Many people have written or spoken to me to say that it was a great meeting, and not a few tell me that they have never enjoyed an AAG meeting more, nor found a meeting more intellectually stimulating. It was the biggest meeting ever with more than 8,600 attendees. Hopefully, that means more opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.

I heard strong enthusiasm for the quality of the presentations and for the new directions in the discipline. The opening plenary session on Friday night was packed—perhaps making it the largest gathering of AAG geographers ever in one room!—and the atmosphere electric. Frances Fox Piven opened the session by welcoming everyone to her city, then expressing her concerns about the lack of social justice in New York in the 21st Century. But then she began to tell us that she has hope. Attention was rapt. When she threw up her hands and declared, "Occupy!" there was a collective gasp. No doubt there was a mixture of scepticism, curiosity, and avowed support, but all were fascinated by her claim that the recent stirrings in civil society foretell a growing momentum for grassroots social movements that have the potential to change the world. Grace Lee Boggs followed, via video, with a message for the occupiers: that they must move to another stage, reinventing institutions, work, culture, and education, becoming part of the solution rather than only protestors. She called for revolution, not rebellion. Scott Kurashige, Boggs' co-author of *The Next American Revolution*, followed with a discussion of some of

the changes taking place in Detroit. Next, Don Mitchell laid out the emergence of a human rights agenda in the labor movement with a focus on the International Workers of the World (IWW), and Ruth Wilson Gilmore brought the conversation to concerns of youth in American cities today. The five presentations could not have been scripted to line up more effectively to bring the message that *social justice from the grassroots is a powerful and necessary engine of social change*. But knowing what kinds of social change are possible is our challenge.

Boggs calls for revolution; Piven rejects the term because of its suggestion of rupture rather than continuity. Our understanding of the spatial implications of these terms has much to offer.

Saturday's plenary provided another example. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, and former Secretary General of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights, addressed the challenges of climate change. The Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice exists to bring solutions to those most affected by climate change, the poor and marginalized residing in the most vulnerable ecosystems. I have not heard a speaker from another discipline (she is a former professor of law) with such a strong sense of geographic perspective. She too held the audience in rapt attention and I could feel the welling of commitment on the part of geographers in the room to bring their passion to the complex set of issues she laid before us. We presented the 2012 AAG Atlas Award to Dr. Robinson, and this biennial honor could not have been given to a more appropriate individual.

These remarkable conversations tell me that—if the reaction in New York is

any indication—geographers care deeply about contributing to a better world. The theme of social justice and human rights was not only a topic of passing interest that marked this particular meeting. As a discipline we have had a long conversation, especially over the past four decades, about relevance, ethics, social policy, and social change, across the disciplinary spectrum. But caring about the world and changing it are not the same things. Understanding the ways in which complex respatialization of capital, governance, state–civil soci-



Kobayashi

ety relations, technology, environmental impacts, and cultural practices result in shifting geographies from the local to the global is the major mission of our discipline. Away from the limelight of the plenary sessions, that mission was being carried out in literally thousands of papers, all contributing in some way, a few of them making the conceptual breakthroughs that contribute new ideas and tools for research and educational advancement.

The AAG Annual Meeting is an opportunity for renewing scholarship, friendship, and disciplinary direction. I know that I am not alone in sensing the positive directions in our discipline at this time. I hope that the challenges, controversies, and conversations of New York will carry forward to Los Angeles; that the constant renewal of the discipline that the Annual Meeting represents will continue; and that beyond the impact of these powerful speakers and promoters of social justice, our research will continue to speak for our commitment to a better world. ■

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The 2013 AAG Annual Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, April 9-13.

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ism," organized by AAG President **Audrey Kobayashi**, and concluding with a session on Human Rights on the last day of the meeting, featuring presentations by *New York Times* columnist **Nicholas Kristof**; Secretary-General of Amnesty International **Salil Shetty**; Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights at the UN **Ivan Šimonović**, and a presentation on "Why Geography and Human Rights?" by myself.

In addition, the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and first woman president of Ireland, **Dr. Mary Robinson**, received the 2012 AAG Atlas Award, celebrating outstanding accomplishments that advance world understanding in exceptional ways. Her eloquent and impassioned address, entitled "Mapping the Future of Climate Change" focused on climate justice issues and prospects for international efforts to confront climate change.

Past President **Ken Foote** provided a beacon for geography's future with his engaging address, "Building Community, Changing Culture," and presented this year's AAG Presidential Achievement Award to **Laura Pulido** and **Dawn Wright**. Additional distinguished awards, including AAG Honors, were conveyed during the AAG

Awards Luncheon on the final day of the conference.

Other themes developed for the New York City meeting included International Finance and Economics; Qualitative GIS; Physical Geography and Sustainability;

Geographer **Saskia Sassen**; U.S. Census Director **Robert Groves**; economist **Jeffrey Sachs**, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University; National Science Foundation Assistant Director **Myron Gutmann**; U.S. DOI Assistant Secretary of Water and Sciences **Anne Castle**; and **Michael Arad**, the architect of the National 9/11 Memorial.

The above summary represents only a few of the many exciting sessions and international activities that took place at the 2012 AAG Annual Meeting. Numerous other paper, poster, and panel sessions and presentations highlighted geographic work organized by AAG members and AAG Specialty and Affinity Groups. Field trips, workshops, and a special emphasis on Careers in Geography also greatly enriched

the experience of AAG conference participants. A selection of photographs from the conference follows below.

We thank all of you for making this year's conference a great success and invite you to

attend the next AAG Annual Meeting, to be held in Los Angeles from April 12-16, 2012. I look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Richardson, and everyone at the AAG



Dr. Mary Robinson (L) received the Atlas Award from the AAG's Doug Richardson and Audrey Kobayashi.



Dawn Wright received a Presidential Achievement Award from Ken Foote.

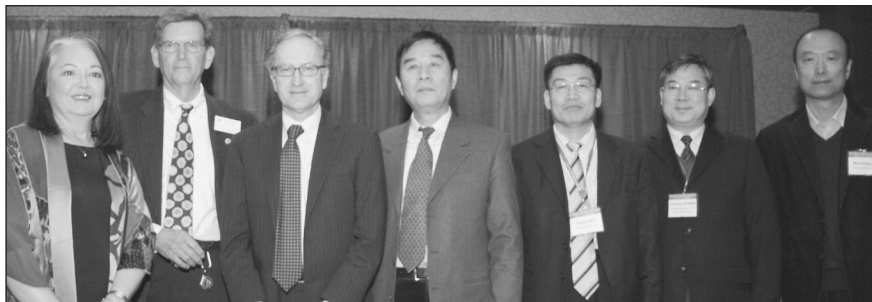


Dr. Robert Groves, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau.



DOI Asst. Secretary Anne Castle (R) with AAG Council Member Marilyn Raphael.

the United Nations; Cyber-infrastructure and Social Networking; Geography and the Humanities; Historical Maps at the New York Public Library; and much more. Wide-ranging plenary addresses were delivered by the AAG's 2012 Honorary



The AAG's Kobayashi, Foote, and Richardson welcomed distinguished guests from the Geographical Society of China (left to right) Yanhua Liu (president), Shi Peijun (vice president), Guoyou Zhang (secretary-general), and from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Weidong Liu (far right).



Robinson greets audience members following her presentation on climate justice and human rights.

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John Agnew (L) welcomes 2012 Honorary Geographer Saskia Sassen (R), who spoke before an overflow crowd.



Jill Ottman (U. Wyoming) accepts congratulations and an NGS atlas from Audrey Kobayashi as a winning Geography Bowl team member.



The AAG's Niem Huynh welcomes a visitor to the AAG booth.



Jiangfan Fu (L), the AAG's new visiting researcher, is welcomed by Mei-Po Kwan (R).



The opening plenary included (front row, L to R) Audrey Kobayashi, Frances Fox Piven, Scott Kurasbige, (back row, L to R) Don Mitchell, Ruth Gilmore, Doug Richardson, and (not pictured) Grace Lee Boggs.



Pulitzer Prize-winning NYT columnist Nicholas Kristof participated in the panel on human rights.



A large crowd attended the 2012 AAG Awards Luncheon in the Hilton's beautiful main ballroom.



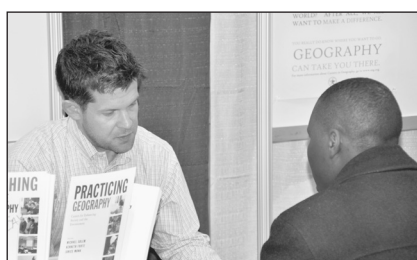
Salil Shetty, secretary-general of Amnesty International, responds to an audience question during the human rights panel.



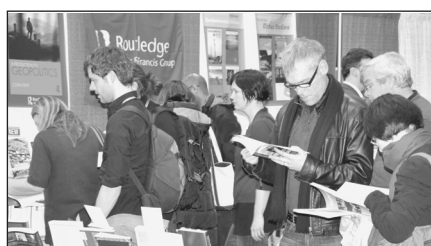
Architect Michael Arad spoke about his design for the National 9/11 Memorial.



Mike Ratcliffe of the Census Bureau engaged passersby with quiz questions selected by a spin of the wheel.



The AAG's Michael Solem was one of many volunteers who provided career mentoring at the JIG Center.



The Exhibit Hall was a popular stop for conference attendees.



Richard A. Walker addresses the audience after accepting AAG Distinguished Scholarship Honors.

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inclusive global research communities. As part of this effort, all *PG* and *Annals* articles are now published with abstracts in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

Routledge also has provided extensive support for authors and editors of AAG journals. The success of this engagement is witnessed by the increased diversity in the authors of the journals, particularly in terms of submissions by international, junior, and minority scholars. They have provided training to the AAG's editorial team, helped streamline the publishing process, and enabled AAG to shorten turnaround times. Routledge has also invested substantially in state-of-the-art online publishing to enhance content and speed distribution, including full indexing by Google, Google Scholar, and Web of Science. The advance digital publication of articles in the web has proved to be of great value to authors and readers by providing more rapid publication, and also increases the citation window on which an article's impact factor is measured. Extensive cross-referencing also

offers readers additional functionality and access to a rich array of databases, photos, digital maps, and other resources. Substantial color publishing is now available to authors at no charge for maps, charts, photos, and other graphics that enhance the ability of authors to convey their research.

Routledge has also completed the digitization of all of the back issues of the *PG* and *Annals*, which dramatically improves the impact of AAG journals within the world of science and scholarship. Routledge has worked closely with AAG editors to improve circulation and readership of the AAG journals, which raises the profile of geographical scholarship. Routledge has also progressively increased the number of pages published each year in the *PG* and *Annals*. For the *Annals* this has meant the ability to publish a special issue each year focusing on special themes or cutting edge topics.

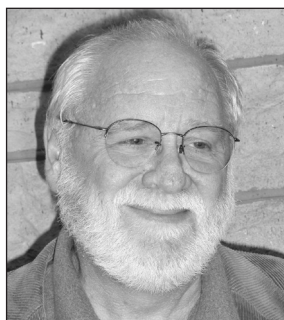
Meanwhile, the AAG continues to hold full ownership of the journals and copyright of the papers and content published. It is

particularly noteworthy that subscription of our journals did not decline even when other journals were adversely affected by the financial situations of many higher education institutions in the past few years. Beyond publishing, Routledge is a strong supporter of geographic events and has generously sponsored special events at AAG Annual Meetings, such as the AAG Council Receptions, the AAG Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Specialty Group book events, and the GIScience International Conferences, among others. As a result of this kind of support and promotional activities, AAG's journals have been able to reach out to much more diverse, multidisciplinary, and international audiences.

With its 2012 AAG Publication Award, the AAG is pleased to recognize and honor Routledge for its long-term commitment to geography and for its sustained support of the AAG's innovative efforts to enhance the quality and international reach of its journals and other publications. ■

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AAG's New Councillors and Committee Members



Harrington



Wentz



Marston



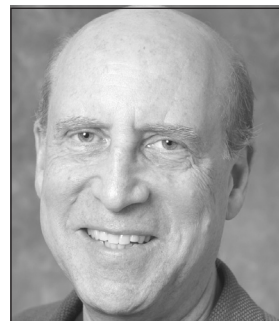
Kupfer



Liverman



Duram



Lake



Sarmiento

Note: The AAG Tellers Committee Meeting was held at McMaster & Associates in Washington, DC. Members of the AAG Tellers Committee were Donald Dahmann (Independent Scholar), James D. Fitzsimmons (U.S. Census Bureau), Kathryn Kulbicki (Westat Corporation), Carl D. Shapiro (U.S. Geological Survey), Dmitry A. Streletskiy (George Washington University), Jacqueline Waite (National Council for Geographic Education), and Chaowei Yang, Chair (George Mason University). Thank you to all those AAG members who cast votes in the election.

AAG Presents Book Awards

The Association of American Geographers recently presented its annual book awards at the 2012 AAG Annual Meeting in New York. These awards recognize books published in 2011 that were authored or edited by geographers. Representing the best of an ever-growing field of quality books published across the breadth of the discipline, the AAG is proud to announce these awards.

2011 AAG Globe Book Award

The AAG *Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography* recognizes a book that most powerfully conveys the nature and importance of geography to the non-academic world. This distinction for 2011 was presented to **Jim Kimmel** (Texas State University) for the book, *Exploring the Brazos River from Beginning to End*, published by Texas A&M University Press.

Exploring the Brazos River makes an important contribution to conveying the nature and importance of a geographic perspective to non-academic readers by presenting the life of a river in words, photographs, and maps, deftly suffusing the story with geographic perspective, as Kimmel adroitly describes the Brazos River by combining elements of physical and human geography layered across time. The writer's wide knowl-

edge of and affection for the Brazos River deeply enriches the topic, and the book's design elements – the engaging layout, the clarity and specificity of its maps, and the profusion of inviting and thought-provoking photographs by Jerry Touchstone Kimmel – all combine to immerse the non-academic reader in geographic perspective.

2011 AAG Meridian Book Award

The 2011 Meridian Book Award was presented to **Rob Kitchin** and **Martin Dodge** for their book, *Code/Space: Software and Everyday Life*, published by The MIT Press. The awards committee citation noted that the authors "push the envelope" of geographic scholarship by explaining the linkages between software and human behavior in a spatial context. The book elegantly articulates how space and software have become so intertwined that they have become mutually constitutive in everyday life. *Code/Space* is one of the rare books that successfully link critical social theories with technology and philosophy. Using everyday spaces, it demonstrates how such spaces are transformed by code and how new spaces of interactions are recreated. It is the type of work that can interface with many different disciplines and one of few books taking technology and its potential for reconstituting space seriously.

J.B. Jackson Prize

The John Brinkerhoff Jackson Prize was established to encourage and reward American geographers who write books about the United States which convey the insights of professional geography in language that is interesting and attractive to a lay audience. The 2011 AAG Jackson Prize was awarded to **Jan Nijman** (University of Miami) for his book, *Miami: Mistress of the Americas*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

Nijman tells the story of an unorthodox city, sited and constructed in an unusual sub-tropical environment and influenced by the cultural impulses of many different ethnic and cultural groups. The book is a superb example of geographic insight and interpretation in relating a city's site and situation to its local, regional, national, and international character. It is historical urban geography at its best—intelligent, original, and wide-ranging. Nijman writes concise and flowing prose that, while academically rigorous, is also accessible to general readers. As such, it represents a scholarly tradition that the late J. B. Jackson encouraged and applauded.

The AAG wishes to thank the authors and editors of all those books that were nominated for these distinguished awards. ■

Nominations Invited for AAG Honors

Deadline for nominations: June 30, 2012

The AAG Honors Committee invites nominations for AAG Honors to be conferred in 2013. 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, 2012**. See the handbook section of a recent issue of the *AAG 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/honors.

Apply: Please submit a nominating letter and the candidate's CV to grantsawards@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.

Leopold Leadership Program

The Leopold Leadership Program has announced a call for applications for its 2013 Leopold Leadership Fellowships. The program provides mid-career academic environmental scientists from North America with the skills, approaches, and theoretical frameworks for translating their knowledge into action and for catalyzing change to address the world's most pressing sustainability challenges. Application forms and details of the program are available at <http://leopoldleadership.stanford.edu>. Applications are due by April 16, 2012. Support for the Leopold Leadership Program is provided by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Stanford Woods Institute.

JGHE Biennial Award

Since 2001 the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* (JGHE) has awarded the author(s) for the most outstanding article published during the previous two years on the topic of teaching and learning geography in higher education. The JGHE Editorial Board seeks nominations for articles and chooses the top three candidates. The Editorial Advisory Panel, a group of international and highly rec-

ognized scholars, reviews the final nominated articles and ranks them on the basis of scholarship, research methodologies, originality, and overall contribution to research in teaching and learning geography in higher education.

Criteria:

- Nominated papers must have been published between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2011 (including online publication in this period) and focus on teaching and learning at the higher education level;
- Papers must have been peer reviewed prior to publication;
- Papers from any appropriate journal may be nominated;
- The subject of the paper should promote excellence in teaching and learning geography or closely allied subjects and demonstrate relevance to one or more of the following: enhancing student learning; innovation in teaching geography; enhancing the excellence of teaching in geography; and improving the practice of teaching in geography.

Nominations and papers should be made in writing by April 15, 2012 to Sarah Bednarz

(s-bednarz@tamu.edu). Each nomination should be accompanied by a short statement that highlights the major merits and significance of the nominated paper. Authors may not nominate their own work. Additional details are available in JGHE 35:01, 1-3.

Indian Studies

The American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) has announced its 2012 fellowship competition. Applications are invited from scholars who wish to conduct research in India. Junior fellowships are awarded to Ph.D. candidates to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to eleven months. Senior fellowships are awarded to scholars who hold the Ph.D. degree for up to nine months of research in India.

AIIS welcomes applicants from a wide variety of disciplines doing work in areas such as Development Studies, Natural Resources Management, Public Health, and Regional Planning. The application deadline is July 1, 2012. Applications can be downloaded from www.indiastudies.org. Inquiries should be directed to 773-702-8638 or aiis@uchicago.edu. ■

Call for Papers

Probing Sport's Boundaries

Organizers of the 1st Global Conference on Sport, to be held November 7-9, 2012 in Salzburg, Austria, are seeking contributions from geographers and other scholars. The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. Abstracts of 300 words or fewer should be submitted by May 4, 2012. If an abstract is accepted, the deadline for full paper submissions will be August

3, 2012. Conference details are available at www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/sport/call-for-papers.

Women's Studies

Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies invites submissions for a special issue on reproductive technologies and reproductive justice in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of Roe v. Wade and its legacies. Editors welcome submissions of cre-

ative works such as artwork, fiction, and poetry, as well as scholarly papers. Works must be original and not published or under consideration for publication elsewhere. Interdisciplinary work is welcomed and encouraged. *Frontiers* will be edited at Ohio State University for the next five years beginning in May 2012. The editors may be contacted at frontiers@osu.edu. The submission deadline for this special issue is June 15, 2012. ■

Internships at AAG

The AAG seeks interns on a year-round basis for the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Interns participate in most AAG programs and projects such as education, outreach, research, website, publications, or the Annual Meeting. The AAG also arranges for interns to accompany different AAG staff on visits to related

organizations or events of interest during the course of their internship. A monthly stipend of \$500 is provided and interns are expected to make their own housing and related logistical arrangements. Enrollment in a Geography or closely related program is preferred but not a prerequisite for these opportunities.

Apply

Applicants should forward a resume, brief writing sample, and three references to Candida Mannozi, cmannozi@aag.org. More information on internships at the AAG is available in the "Jobs & Careers" section of the AAG website at www.aag.org. ■

Washington Monitor

Google Endorses AAG Resolution; Congressional Staffers Attend New York AAG

It was great to see so many good friends at the AAG Annual Meeting in New York and we certainly appreciate the support of our members and attendees in helping to again make the meeting such a success.

One of the highlights of the meeting for me was the opportunity to convene a session on K-12 geography education policy featuring three terrific speakers: **Minna Elias**, New York Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY); **Wendy Gellman**, Senior Counsel and Senior Advisor for Outreach and Community Affairs to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); and **Danny Edelson**, Vice President for Education at the National Geographic Society (NGS).

I offered some brief introductory remarks on the political context and noted that geography is the only one of the ten core academic subjects named in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA – which is currently known as No Child Left Behind or NCLB) that does not have a dedicated implementation program or funding authorization in the law.

I also discussed the work we have been doing in support of the “AAG Resolution Supporting K-12 Geography Education” – and I was delighted to be able to announce that Google has formally endorsed the resolution, joining four former U.S. Secretaries of State, more than a dozen incumbent governors, other key officials, and several leading environmental organizations and private sector entities.

Edelson discussed the need for support of K-12 geography, pointing to National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores that demonstrate that America is failing in geography education. He also noted that policy requirements are critical to geography education and good education in general and asserted that we must focus on the inclusion of geographic

concepts in courses that aren't specifically labeled “geography.”

Elias indicated that geoliteracy is critical to economic competitiveness and she encouraged the geographic community to stress this point. She also indicated that there is real interest in reauthorizing the ESEA on Capitol Hill because of the NCLB waivers that have been granted to several states by Education Secretary Arne Duncan (see July-August 2011 *Washington Monitor* for additional details), but that it may be difficult to produce a final product because of entrenched political differences.

Gellman agreed with Elias that there is desire in both parties on the Hill to reauthorize the ESEA but that politics will make it difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish this in a presidential election year. She also pointed to a “well-rounded education” amendment by Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) in the bipartisan Senate bill that would allow for grant funding for geography and several other subjects (see November 2011 *Washington Monitor* for more on the Casey amendment) as a sign that the geographic community's efforts are having some impact.

We are grateful to each of the panelists for their participation.

U.S. Supreme Court Issues Key Ruling on GPS Surveillance

On January 23, in *United States v. Jones*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “the government's attachment of (a) GPS (global positioning system) device to (a) vehicle, and its use of that device to monitor the vehicle's movements, constitutes a search under the Fourth Amendment.”

While there was unanimity on this overall holding of the case, the Justices did split 5-4 as to why the government's use of GPS in this way amounted to a Fourth Amendment violation. Justice Scalia (joined by Roberts, Kennedy, Thomas, and Sotomayor) indicated in the majority opinion that this

usage of GPS constituted a trespass on private property. Justice Alito (joined by Breyer, Ginsburg, and Kagan) went further in a partial dissent and argued that attachment of the GPS was in fact a governmental violation of a private citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy.

The case originated in Washington, D.C., where Antoine Jones was co-owner of a night club just less than a decade ago. As part of a narcotics investigation against Jones and his partner by the Metropolitan Police Department and the FBI, a GPS device was placed on Jones' personal vehicle that tracked his movements at all times. The authorities had not obtained a warrant before attaching the GPS. Once Jones was arrested, his lawyer filed a motion to suppress the evidence obtained through use of GPS.

The motion was denied by the trial judge and Jones was eventually convicted of a conspiracy charge and sentenced to life in prison. Jones' lawyer appealed the conviction on the grounds that the use of the GPS device constituted an illegal search under the Fourth Amendment. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned Jones' conviction in August 2010 and the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case in June 2011.

The case produced a landmark decision related to new and emerging uses of geographic technologies for surveillance and it is expected by many to impact future court decisions related to other surveillance methods – including through usage of social media – and Justice Alito asserted as much in his dissent. ■

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Visit www.aag.org/education to learn more about AAG geography education initiatives.

Anne Buttimer, Emeritus Professor of Geography, University College Dublin, received an honorary doctorate from Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble 1, on January 27, 2012. Buttimer is a lifetime member of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and the American Geographical Society, Fellow of Royal Irish Academy, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) and a Member of Academia Europaea. She served on the AAG Council from 1974-77 and as an RGS Council Member from 1996-99, and was the first female and first



Buttimer (right) receives honorary doctorate.

Irish person to serve as President of the International Geographical Union (2000-2004). Buttimer's academic interests include the history and philosophy of science, urban and social geography, migration and identity, environmental experience, nature and culture, environment and sustainable development, human dimensions of global change. She has authored several books and articles on subjects ranging from social space and urban planning to the history of ideas and environmental policy. Some of her work has been published in translation to Dutch, French, German, Japanese, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Russian.

Timothy L. Hawthorne and **Katherine B. Hankins** of the Department of

Geosciences at Georgia State University have been awarded a \$350,000 (three-year) Research Experiences for Undergraduates Award from the National Science Foundation. Addressing Social and Environmental Disparities through Community Geography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a multi-disciplinary program that brings together 10 outstanding undergraduate students from around the country to Georgia State University for a 6 week intensive research program. With an explicit focus on community geography and GIS,

university-community partnerships and participatory methodologies, the research training program is the first of its kind for undergraduates in the United States. Undergraduate researchers, working in one of three research tracks, will quantitatively and qualitatively examine neighborhood change, property markets, air and soil quality, urban green spaces, and neighborhood visioning in partnership with Atlanta residents and community groups.

Texas A&M geographer **Kathleen O'Reilly** has received a grant to study successful sanitation practices in rural India. The grant is a first for the College of Geosciences from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. O'Reilly's study will look specifically at toilet habits of multi-generational

families in Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal, India. The practice of open defecation—the use of an open field or outdoor area—is common in India, but by monitoring families who have toilets and use them habitually O'Reilly hopes to learn more about the internal dynamics of families that have adopted sanitation. O'Reilly said the knowledge she gains from this study can better inform those involved in the planning and implementation of sanitation projects in rural, traditional communities.

Patrick Hesp, RJ Russell Professor in Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University (LSU), **Graziela da Silva**, assistant professor in Geology and Geophysics at LSU, **Amanda Evans**, PhD candidate in Geography and Anthropology at LSU, and colleagues **Matt Keith** (Tesla Offshore) and **Mead Allsion** (University of Texas) have been awarded the 2011 Secretary's Partners in Conservation Award by the U.S. Department of the Interior for "Archaeological Analysis of Submerged Sites, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf," a study initiated and lead by Keith and Evans. Only 17 awards were given across the nation. The award recognizes organizations and individuals who partner with others to conserve and restore our land, help wildlife thrive, address water issues, and forge solutions to complex natural resource challenges. ■

GTU Offers Five Scholarships

The International Geography Honor Society of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) offers five scholarships each year:

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Awarded to a continuing graduate student.

More information on these awards and application materials may be found on the GTU website at: www.gammathetaupsilon.org/scholarships.html. Scholarship recipients must be GTU members.

Application packets from either graduate or undergraduate students must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2012. ■

"Lone" Geographers and Communities of Practice

An editorial by Eric Carter and Jacques Housel in the September, 2011 issue of the AAG *Newsletter* reminded me of how important it is for "lone geographers" to build communities of support for themselves, not only in their own institutions, but nationally and internationally (2011). Though universities have begun experimenting with mentoring programs in the last decade, they often reiterate a more conservative mentoring dyad of the experienced mentor giving advice and the new mentee receiving that advice, both from the same disciplinary arena. Unfortunately, there is often little training in mentoring, and mentees rarely receive the advice they need (Foote and Solem 2009). For "stand alone" geographers who find themselves as the sole or "lone" practitioners in their institutions, meeting these increasingly challenging needs is especially problematic.

One method for addressing this is the use of Communities of Practice (CoP), sometimes known as Professional Learning Communities (Wegner et al 2002, Cox and Richlin 2004, Kimble, Hildreth and Bourdon 2008). CoPs are groups of people who come together around a particular issue of concern or a passion, and they focus on that in an ongoing manner sharing their insights, advice, information, and experiences with their peers (Wegner et al 2002). For lone geographers, CoPs can be a valuable tool for receiving peer mentoring and to connect to their academic community within the university.

Inspired by a women and minorities CoP, of which I was a member at a previous institution, I formed a Research and Writing CoP in the fall of 2005 as a new faculty member, and I opened it to women from across the campus. Group members set semester-long research and writing priorities and we meet each week to establish

weekly goals (or paid \$5 if we did not meet our goals). However, what I received was a far broader peer mentoring support system than just research and writing support.

The group welcomes non-tenured, tenure-track, and tenured members as well as visiting international research, writing, or performing faculty. Over the last seven years it has become apparent that the group works best with faculty peers or near peers in the organizational structure of the institution. The term "peer," or "near-peer," mean that no-one is in a supervisory or administrative role over others in the group. Recruitment is on-going and group members level to take new jobs. Group members are also encouraged to bring along new faculty in their departments that range from Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Biology, History, Literature, Psychology, and Theatre.

The benefits of this peer mentoring group have been wide-spread, flexible, and evolving. I have a group of colleagues who support my work and ask hard questions. I am accountable to a community of scholars and that external accountability allows me to set aside the time I know I need to spend on research, rather than on other external demands that I can so often put first at my own expense. I have refined my time management abilities as I have learned the art of effective goal setting in the group. I've also gained a much stronger understanding of the institution's framework as group members come from across the university. I offer and am offered support in family and personal issues, career coaching, and managing dramatically shifting institutional politics. The group has fostered both research and teaching collaborations across different disciplines and colleagues. Career coaching consistently arises as group members consider how to direct our energies and make intentional choices about the

paths we want our careers to take. Finally, family is a consistent theme, as trailing spouses and significant others, birth, adoption, challenges of teenagers, and aging parents all become issues of discussion.

Non-hierarchical, peer mentoring groups are an effective mode of support for lone geographers. Faculty-generated, faculty-oriented, peer-to-peer support systems address a number of academic and non-academic needs for geographers. However, peer mentoring does not necessarily only have to happen face-to-face. New modes of virtual mentoring may offer additional options for lone geographers. This year, I hope to establish an ongoing conversation through the online SAGE knowledge community for lone geographers to offer a broad-ranging peer mentoring discussion, where lone geographers can network to establish CoPs for particular issues, or pose general questions to their virtual colleagues. If you are interested please let me know. ■

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Join the Stand Alone Geographers Affinity Group

"SAGE" is the stand-alone geographers affinity group for AAG members. To learn more and to join the SAGE interactive knowledge community, visit www.aag.org/about_aag and select "Stand Alone Geographers Affinity Group." Annual dues are \$1. Amanda Rees (Columbus State University) and Brian Johnson (Auburn University - Montgomery) were recently elected as new SAGE co-chairs. The AAG continues to offer support to members to participate in SAGE activities at the Annual Meeting.

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APRIL

1. Davis-Putter Scholarships for Student Activists. <http://dpsf.davisputter.org>.

MAY

15. Society of Woman Geographers (SWG) Pruitt National Minority Fellowship. www.iswg.org.
15. Society for the History of Discoveries Essay Contest. www.sochistdisc.org.
31. GTU Scholarships. www.gammathetaupsilon.org/scholarships.html.

JUNE

1. Ristow Prize in the History of Cartography. www.washmap.org.
30. AAG Honors. www.aag.org.

JULY

1. American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowships. www.indiastudies.org.

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AUGUST

22. NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program. Full proposals. (June 1 for those requiring access to Antarctica.) www.nsf.gov.

SEPTEMBER

2. AAG Garrison Award. www.aag.org/grantsawards.

OCTOBER

15. NSF Geography & Spatial Sciences, Dissertation Research Improvement Grants. Full proposals. www.nsf.gov.

NOVEMBER

20. Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Sisterhood Scholar Awards. www.peointernational.org.

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AAG Council Meeting Minutes

November 20-21, 2011, Savannah, Georgia

AAG Council members present: Audrey Kobayashi, Eric Sheppard, Amy Glasmeier, L. Allan James, Antoinette WinklerPrins, Laurel J. Hummel, Kenneth F. Foote, Michael Scott, Dagmar Budikova, Bryon Middlekauff, Jim Tyner, Derek Alderman, Brad Rundquist, Richard Wright, Alyson Greiner, Jenny Zorn, and Doug Richardson. Karen Till from Ireland and Marilyn Raphael from Los Angeles joined via skype. AAG Staff: Candida Mannozi, Patricia Solís, and Michael Solem.

Opening

Kobayashi moved to adopt the agenda. It was seconded by James and unanimously approved. She moved to reaffirm Council Meeting minutes from the Spring 2011 meeting held in Seattle that had been approved by email. Middlekauff seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Kobayashi also welcomed new Council members and the AAG Council welcomed back Executive Director Richardson from his sabbatical.

Challenges and Opportunities for the Association

Richardson provided a detailed overview of the progress at the AAG during the past decade, and discussed its current status and potential future trajectories. He elaborated on the challenges and opportunities facing the AAG since the beginning of the 21st Century, and the organizational development and structures he has put in place to address these. Multiple new initiatives were discussed, and the strong growth in AAG's membership, annual meeting attendance, international activities, research programs, and financial situation were documented. Continued new projects and programs were also described. Richardson thanked the AAG staff for their strong efforts in implementing these ongoing initiatives, programs and projects.

President Kobayashi discussed how international initiatives have expanded and her wish to advance this through a

particular mechanism or activity, perhaps by inviting and linking with other international geography associations around the AAG's current MyCOE activities leading up towards Rio+20 and beyond. She also listed several other international activities undertaken at the AAG such as the International Encyclopedia of Geography, outreach and collaborations with China, and other research and education activities that are underway or were recently launched. The IGU in Chile saw increased U.S. participation thanks to grants from the NSF to AAG, which supported 35 American geographers to attend this year's regional conference.

President Kobayashi discussed political issues related to some of our international ventures and suggested that while it might not be appropriate for the AAG to take a formal position on potential human rights or similar disputes, we should continue to be supportive of geographers in other countries. Within the discipline, we are far from representative of the population with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, disabilities, indigenous and sexual orientation, though we have done a great deal to address so-called issues of diversity. She urged all to continue to address these areas where achieving equity can be difficult, to continue working to overcome barriers to full participation. She added that it is important to continue the recently improved communication begun by previous presidents Carol Harden and Ken Foote. She anticipates the new AAG Knowledge Communities having an important impact on communication. The question of opening access to the Knowledge Communities to non-AAG members had been raised to and discussed among the Executive Committee, who recommended that this be a service available only to AAG members.

Vice President Sheppard expressed that he feels privileged to serve the AAG membership. He has attended some regional meetings already. He is committed

to equity and global learning from others through our international initiatives. Sheppard is impressed with the amount of work of the AAG and the variety of AAG initiatives. He seeks to find ways to bring geographic research to those affected by the issues we study, to engage the public, and to encourage geography departments to take a lead in internationalizing the scholarship at US universities.

Past President Foote commented that the Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) and Department Leadership Workshops continue, with recruiting to begin after the first of the year. Focus in summer of 2012 will be on how to promote strategies of inclusion and diversity in geography departments, leveraging some of the results from the AAG's ALIGNED and EDGE projects. There have been productive panel discussions at Annual Meetings and a special Chairs' Symposium, both of which continue to engage these issues. These difficult budgetary times raise concerns about the merging of geography programs with others, so a session is being organized at the New York City Annual meeting on blended Geography in Departments in Social Science and Earth Science programs. A new GFDA workshop on writing for publication is under development.

Review of Topical Developments – National Councillors

Kobayashi asked the National Councillors to consider how there are many signs across the US and in other parts of the world that the relationship between civil society and the state is undergoing respatialization in a number of significant ways. Examples might include the Occupy movement and other antiglobalization protests, the restructuring of the housing market, the impact of international agreements on the lives of ordinary people, the neoliberalization of the third sector, and so on. She asked for brief comments on the nature of such respatial-

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izations, with some suggestions of how the AAG might facilitate discussion of the most timely scholarly interventions.

Till began by remarking how the Occupy movements have attracted interest and attention around the world. She noted that it is more than just taking over public space and more than merely the unknown of the economic situations. She suggested geographers could focus on efforts to get interdisciplinary teams together to address new theories and models to rethink what is happening. Raphael agreed that thinking how space has been important in these times seems to be relevant. She asked, what is the meaning of the spaces of where these Occupy movements have been? She suggested that perhaps the AAG could host a blog or point to existing online conversations or Social Media that could culminate in a panel discussion at the New York City meeting.

Glasmeier said that she has seen many presentations and events related to the Occupy movements using data and spatial presentations without consideration for the ethical implications in presenting this information, e.g., scale, patterns, subjects. She pondered to what extent there is a role here for the AAG to act as a steward, a facilitator for others using data and its representation, particularly where there is an unintentional vulnerability of the people who are impacted by the representation of the data. How do we gain teachable moments from these events? Why does the geography of these activities matter? Geographers can demonstrate that these events are happening in places, not in the abstract. For example, the Occupy gathering in Boston is different from the one in Berkeley, Washington DC or New York. They occur in different environments, which impact their movement. Wright also agreed that AAG could act as a central clearinghouse, connecting web sites, databases, analyses – helping to connect the wider public or media with the work of intellectuals who are mapping social and physical issues of our times.

Tyner reflected that geographers have often neglected some of the most pressing

issues of our times. There are individuals, people in life and death situations and not enough work is being done, e.g., intimate partner violence, school violence, street violence, abortion, capital punishment, gun control, arms trade, and border issues. It is our obligation to engage in this research and public discourse.

James commented on how geographers could examine respatialization involving a variety of government agencies and stakeholders, such as contributing to promoting the watershed management approach to parceling out space and its interrelations. Geographers are optimally positioned to promote the need for intergovernmental coordination and interdisciplinary approaches in dealing with social, physical, and political issues.

Review of Geography Programs – Regional Councillors

The Southwest Regional Division met in Austin this year with next year's meeting planned for New Mexico State University. To better reflect its expanded mission, the department of geography at the University of Oklahoma changed its name to Geography and Environmental Sustainability earlier this year. There's a new stand-alone geographer at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith. Discussions in the Southwest Division revealed a sense they have a distinct regional identity.

The Pacific Coast Regional Division (APCG) meetings were hosted by San Francisco State University and next year will meet at Evergreen State College in Washington. Geography at UC Davis is reviving and they will host the 2012 California Geographic Society meetings. Regional meetings are popular because of field trips, networking opportunities, student research awards, better mentoring of junior faculty and students, fewer concurrent sessions, and opportunities for leadership.

This year East Lakes met in Youngstown and next year they will meet in northern Illinois at DeKalb, in a joint meeting with West Lakes. A resurgence of geographers at the University of Michigan is evident. They have had preliminary informal discus-

sions of whether the membership would want to consider merging with West Lakes.

The Middle States Regional Division meeting was held at Keene State in New Jersey. The lack of participation from Research I institutions continues to frustrate the leadership of the Middle State Division. The participation is largely from bachelor-only institutions and so they miss the energy of graduate students at the meetings.

The 2011 Middle Atlantic Division meeting was held at the University of Maryland College Park and next year they will meet with the Pennsylvania Geographical Society in Salisbury, MD. Holding joint meetings helps get a critical mass. The division is different from other divisions as it is constituted by a great number of professional geographers. Coppin State, a Historically Black College (HBCU), just got approval to start a geography major and HBCU Morgan State has now been approved to hire a geographer. George Washington University has incorporated environmental studies into their department and doubled their major base without additional resources.

Glasmeier suggested sending a message of support to our colleagues at Penn State University. Hummel volunteered to draft a letter with her, which Council later approved.

The West Lakes region has engaged in preliminary informal discussions on potential future directions for the Region and ways to increase the import and significance of the annual regional meeting by focusing on conference themes, a regional focus, and increasing the diversity of participating institutions. The 2011 regional meeting was held at DePaul University in Chicago. With almost 250 people registered, it was one of the best attended West Lakes meetings in recent years. The West Lakes Division's poster competition was inaugurated at this event. Key presentations and overarching themes at the meeting made this an engaging and thought-provoking event. In the fall of 2011, Northern Michigan University renamed their Department of Geography

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the Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences and now offers four new majors: Earth Science, Environmental Studies and Sustainability, Environmental Science, and Geomatics. They have over 300 undergraduate majors and eight tenure-track faculty in addition to Dr. Michael Broadway, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

This year's New England/St. Lawrence Valley meeting was in Montreal and next year's meeting will be hosted by the University of Maine, Farmington. A session at the AAG NYC meeting on reinvigorating regional divisions was organized. Rhode Island College will double the size of its department from one to two faculty. They also hire adjuncts. Concordia has 500 geography majors with 15 faculty members.

The Southeast Regional Division met in Savannah, Georgia and hosted the National Council meeting. It appears that regional boundaries do not reflect regional identities. Southeast is adding a Caribbean representative on the Steering Committee. The perception of inferiority of the regional organizations is a constant challenge. Perhaps a focused theme at conferences would invigorate the regional meetings, e.g., Immigration for the Southwest Division or Pacific Rim for the Pacific Coast Division. They were pleased with the results of online voting, having used it successfully now.

The Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division's Annual meeting was held in Denver and next year they will meet in Provo, Utah at Brigham Young University. They recently launched a new website. Some requests were made for the AAG to publicize more non-GIS careers on its web pages.

It was suggested that the questions put to the Regional Councillors regarding the nature of regional divisions could benefit from some more context, which Audrey Kobayashi agreed to provide. The same questions will be extended for the Spring 2012 Council Meeting in New York, to allow for additional responses and more detailed discussions.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Finances and Accounting

Glasmeyer and Richardson provided an update on the AAG finances. The financial status of the association continues to be healthy. Strong growth and positive changes in net assets over the last decade have come about by streamlining operations and adding revenue sources. The AAG also has continued to diversify its organizational revenues, developing multiple and balanced income sources. Revenues vary significantly from year to year, but generally come primarily from these multiple sources: approximately 20% membership dues and external donors, 40% events, 20% research, and 20% publications.

The Finance Committee met with the association's auditors in March. Glasmeyer summarized the Finance Committee meeting, stating that the auditors praised AAG's accounting and financial results as among the best that they have seen among similar organizations. According to the lead auditor, Bill Astrab, the AAG is very well run, transparent, and effective. The Finance Committee members were also very impressed with the financial management of the association by Richardson and AAG accounting staff. AAG has had another good year in its investments, with a continued net gain on investments over the past several difficult years (unlike most of its peer associations).

AAG is in the process of upgrading the software used for conference and membership management. Richardson reported that the AAG also recently completed an expensive and time-consuming implementation of major changes to its existing association social networking system. The new social networking software is state-of-the-art and is also integrated with the AAG's upgraded membership management system. The user interface of this social networking system is much more intuitive and is expected to provide many new functions and benefits to the AAG's Specialty Groups. Richardson noted that, time permitting, he would like to undertake a new focused fundraising campaign in support of important AAG programs, most likely in 2013.

Membership

Executive Director Richardson reported that membership continues to grow steadily and referred to the report by AAG Membership Director Adam Thocher. The AAG offers many new support services to individual members as well within the AAG sub-groups. Improvements to the website have enhanced membership support. In particular the new AAG Knowledge Communities that were launched this year have created new spaces for interaction and communication within the AAG. They have already been used extensively by Specialty Groups, some of the committees, and members generally for many purposes, including news postings, organization of sessions and special events for the annual meeting, and many other announcements.

The AAG has worked to increase collaboration and engagement with developing regions through many activities and programs and continues the AAG Developing Regions Membership Program.

Publications

The AAG received a request from Geoffrey Martin, to publish a memorial for Wes Dow in the *Annals*. Discussion resulted in a motion by Richardson to grant an exception to publish a memorial for a non-AAG President in the *Annals*. James seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Fonstad's and Mei-Po Kwan's terms are coming up for renewal in December 2013. Tom Hodler's term as Cartography Editor is also up for renewal in December, 2013. Upon recommendation from the Publications Committee, WinklerPrins moved for Council to renew all three editors' terms for Jan 2014-Dec 2018. James seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AAG received several applications for Book Review Editor for the *Annals*. The Publications Committee identified the strongest candidates. The AAG Executive Committee discussed the Publication Committee's input at its Fall meeting and recommended that Council interview three candidates at the Annual Meeting in New York. A motion was made by Winkler-

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Prins to conduct these three interviews, seconded by Greiner. It was approved unanimously. Council also discussed the possibility of having two Book Review Editors for the *Annals*.

WinklerPrins moved to approve the proposed People, Place, and Region (PPR) board of the AAG *Annals*, seconded by Scott. It was approved unanimously with one abstention. WinklerPrins moved to approve the Nature Society editorial board of the *Annals*, seconded by Scott. It was approved unanimously with one abstention.

The *Annals* are experiencing backlogs in two Sections: Methods, Models and GIS, and People, Place, and Region with Dec 2013 as the publication date for articles accepted now. Several strategies were identified by the Publications Committee and discussed and elaborated by the AAG Council. Richardson offered to discuss to with Routledge a number of the options and suggestions regarding the strategies identified.

The PG Editor had proposed an online discussion forum in order to encourage greater interactive engagement with published articles. The PG Editor would monitor the forum, to maintain discussion momentum and moderate the tone of the exchanges. Richardson moved to approve a one-year trial of an online discussion forum for the PG, to be revisited in a year. Scott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Richardson commended the work of AAG Staff Robin Maier and Miranda Lecea on the operations of the journals.

Council discussed the format, digital and hard copy, of the AAG *Newsletter*. Richardson also noted that, pursuant to a previous Council Resolution, the 2011-2012 edition of the AAG *Guide* is currently in production as an online publication, with many thanks to AAG Staff Megan Overbey for her editorial work. This year, it will be published both online and by print-on-demand, and is on schedule to be made available by the Annual Meeting in New York.

The AAG International Encyclopedia of Geography is currently under development with the core editorial team to hold

two conference-call meetings at the end of November, and to convene in person at the AAG Annual Meeting in New York City.

Meridian Place Operations

Executive Director Richardson identified recently hired staff and interns and gave a brief overview of the management of the office. He thanked Michael Solem and Candida Mannozi for their efforts during his sabbatical and in ensuring that the office ran smoothly. He also commended Teri Martin, Director of Finance as well as Jean McKendry and Patricia Solís and other staff for their support during this period.

Research

Solís and Richardson reported on a variety of new AAG strategic initiatives that had been funded and approved since the last Council meeting. They noted that these engage many of the AAG's talented staff around important disciplinary themes for which AAG has a unique contribution to make. Since the Spring 2011 Council Meeting, the AAG was awarded funding for seven new research related initiatives or support for expanding current efforts, totaling \$1,008,385. These are the Geospatial Frontiers in Health and Social Environments program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a two-year implementation of a series of three workshops assembling experts in GIScience, social sciences, public health sciences, and biomedical sciences; Catalyzing Research on Geographies of Broadening Participation from NSF's Geography and Spatial Sciences (GSS) Program with support from the NSF-wide Science of Broadening Participation Program, focused on the contributions of geography and the spatial sciences to catalyze research on broadening participation in higher education; RAPID Outreach and Scaling-up Activities for the ALIGNED Diversity Project from the NSF to incorporate additional data from 50 departments into the beta version of the toolkit and production of new multimedia outreach materials; The My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) Global Connections

and Exchange Program, funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs will develop virtual learning collaborations and classroom sustainable development projects on climate change, food security, and green economy with US Geographic Alliances and exchange sites around the world; The My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development activities towards the Rio+20 United Nations conference in 2012 has engaged many partners in federal government and the private sector, with funding support from USDA to showcase the past decade of MyCOE activities; Development of Fundamental Geospatial Datasets in Africa, additional funding from the US Department of State for expanding reach of geospatial datasets and capacity-building in the Lake Victoria region with UNEP, UN Habitat, RCMRD, and in partnership with EIS-Africa; and another five years of funding from the NSF Geography and Spatial Sciences Program to continue the long-term AAG program providing travel support for US participation in International Geographical Union Events, from 2012 to 2016.

Richardson provided further updates on other numerous ongoing AAG initiatives, including: NIH-Wide GIS Infrastructure, Geography and Human Rights, Historical GIS Clearinghouse and Online Research Forum, ALIGNED, Quantitative Social Science Digital Library, Developing GIS&T Infrastructure for Innovation and Economic Development, and NSF Travel Grants.

Educational Affairs

Solem reported on updates in various significant ongoing Educational Affairs initiatives. He noted the progress made with new Careers-related publications and research, with thanks to AAG Staff Joy Adams, Mark Revell, Jean McKendry and others. The AAG will soon launch completely revised and updated Jobs & Careers web pages and has developed a wide range of careers-related activities and sessions for the NY Annual Meeting.

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The AAG's "Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education in Geography" (EDGE) project, currently in its second phase of funding by NSF's Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering (REESE) program, features three research components: Analysis of Business, Government, and Nonprofit Professionals; Analysis of Business, Government, and Non-Profit Organizations; and Analysis of Graduate Geography Programs. The AAG has received a grant for NASA's Global Climate Change Education solicitation to Improve Teacher Competency for Global Climate Change Education. Also, NSF has awarded the AAG a grant to fund a CGGE workshop in Bangalore, India, in March 2012 to foster new educational collaborations with geography educators in India and other South Asian nations. Additional support for the workshop will be provided by the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, Taylor & Francis, and the College Board.

The National Geographic Society was awarded funding from the NSF for "Establishing a Roadmap for Large-Scale Improvement of K-12 Education in the Geographical Sciences." The AAG has a sub-award contract to conduct research agenda work. Susan Gallagher Heffron and Niem Huynh are leading the AAG's efforts on this two-year project.

The AAG's Susan Gallagher Heffron is coordinating the GENIP project to revise the National Geography Standards. The draft text is currently undergoing copyediting. The project, with additional funding support from AAG and NGS, will produce an Executive Summary and a PDF version of the Standards document. The timeline for release of this 2nd Edition of the National Geography Standards publication is scheduled for early 2012.

An AAG Resolution Supporting K-12 Geography Education is an initiative to support federal funding for Geography Education in the next "No Child Left Behind" authorization, and in other ways. Thanks to the work of many, including Richardson and also AAG Staff John Wertman, the resolution has recently gained the support of numerous high-profile signatories, in-

cluding former Secretaries of State George Schultz, James Baker, Madeleine Albright, and many other high profile individuals and national organizations.

Outreach

AAG staff participate in or attend hundreds of meetings and conferences every year, including, among many, the Esri User Conference, IGU, AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, UCGIS, R.E.P., NIH, COSSA, RGS-IGB and many others.

AAG also undertakes many activities for Careers & Employment in Geography, including recently the AAG Careers in Geography website overhaul; new Jobs in Geography (JIG) activities for Seattle 2011 and for New York City 2012; Departmental Data Survey Results; AAG presence on social media and networking sites (e.g. Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.); and new education and outreach materials development supported by activities of various external grants.

AAG continues many activities related to public policy, press and media relations, external relationships with other organizations, including other associations in geography and other disciplines. Many of these are international activities.

Annual Meetings

Richardson commended the work of AAG Conference Director Oscar Larson regarding the organization of the upcoming Annual Meeting. He noted that the AAG Annual Meetings scheduled for the next few years are as follows: New York, NY 2012, Los Angeles 2013, Tampa 2014, Chicago 2015.

With respect to AAG Annual Meeting registration rates, a proposal for reduced Annual Meeting fees for unemployed and under-employed geographers was discussed by the AAG Council. Vice President Sheppard moved that, starting with the 2013 Annual Meeting, the AAG add a registration option for unemployed and under-employed geographers (earning less than \$25,000 a year), allowing them to register at the same rate as students/retirees. It was suggested this provision be revised annu-

ally. Wright seconded, the motion was approved unanimously. Past President Foote agreed to draft an announcement regarding the Resolution for circulation to Specialty Group Chairs in which he will also correct the misleading information made by one Specialty Group regarding the Council's previous actions on this matter.

Honors and Awards

Kobayashi read the recommendations presented by the AAG Honors Committee. Greiner moved to approve the list of 2012 AAG Honors. Wright seconded. It was approved unanimously. Council continued discussion of the AAG Honors with respect to identifying ways to increase recognition of women scholars and geographers from underrepresented and minority groups among the AAG honors and awards. Kobayashi asked for Council volunteers for a small committee to work with AAG staff on the issue of nominations' diversity, and to formulate a process. Scott and James volunteered to work with Kobayashi and Solis on compiling ideas to discuss at the next council meeting.

Richardson noted that Mary Robinson, the former President of Ireland and a leading figure in human rights, will receive the AAG Atlas Award for 2012. Foote announced that the 2012 Presidential Achievement Award would recognize Laura Pulido and Dawn Wright.

The recommendation was given from the AAG Enhancing Diversity Committee for the 2011 AAG Enhancing Diversity Award to recognize Rickie Sanders of Temple University. Sheppard moved to approve the nominee, seconded by Alderman. The motion passed unanimously.

The AAG Executive Committee selected Saskia Sassen of Columbia University to receive the 2012 Honorary Geographer Award.

Committees and Council

The Council elected the nominees for the 2012 member election ballot from among the nomination slates for Honors and Nominating Committees. Zorn pre-

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sented the results of the nominations provided by the AAG Nominating Committee for the 2012 ballot. Council discussed the lack of gender parity on the ballot and will further examine issues of inclusion in AAG governance at its next meeting.

Zorn made a motion to approve the current list of AAG committee members, with the addition of two new appointments that filled vacancies for AAG Councillors on Standing Committees: Jim Tyner for the International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee and Derek Alderman for the Committee on College Geography and Careers. WinklerPrins seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Specialty and Affinity Groups

Till presented an update on the status of activity by Specialty and Affinity Groups. Solís added information from the reports submitted to AAG Council. While there are a few groups that are less active than others, overall the groups were functioning in accordance with established levels of activity. Many are very active

around organizing for the AAG Annual Meeting in New York. Till suggested that the length of the Specialty Group Chairs meeting during the Annual Meeting be extended to enhance communication with and among the Specialty Groups. In particular, the extended session could enable some active participants with the Knowledge Communities to share experiences, as well as other topics. The AAG will again offer an orientation and technical assistance session towards the end of the Annual Meeting week, to allow newly elected chairs to understand how to use the many new AAG services and features for Specialty Groups.

Council considered a request for the creation of a Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group. Council expressed some concern about overlap with other specialty groups and cautioned against establishing Specialty Groups based on a current topical trend. Till moved to approve the formation of the group, seconded by James. The motion was approved unanimously with one abstention.

Council and Executive Committee Meetings

The Spring 2012 Executive Committee will be held January 16-17 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The AAG Finance Committee Meeting for Spring 2012 will be determined at a later date. Council expressed thanks to Laurel Hummel who is attending her last Council meeting. They also expressed thanks to Doug and staff for hosting this meeting.

Council met in closed session.

Meeting was adjourned. ■

Submitted Respectfully,
Jenny Zorn, AAG Secretary

MyCOE Invites Student Participation for Rio+20 Showcase

The AAG's My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development (MyCOE) Partnership is accepting submissions of student-led projects that address sustainable development challenges using geography, mapping, or GIS. Entries will be made available for public viewing and will be displayed during the Rio+20 United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development in order to raise awareness of the importance of geography and geographic learning for sustainable development. Select projects submitted by June 1 will also receive special recognition and prizes. The Rio+20 Conference will be held June 20-22, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (www.uncsd2012.org/rio20).

Any new or existing project that uses geographic methods or analysis and maps to address sustainable development issues is

appropriate for a MyCOE Project. Projects should be conducted by or with youth (including university students) whether as individuals or in groups. A simple online submission form requests contact information, a project title, at least one map with a description, at least one photograph with a caption, and a brief project summary. Additional optional materials such as webpage links, full reports, or videos can also be uploaded.

Full project guidelines are available at www.aag.org/mycoesubmit. A special set of resources to assist with developing projects along themes of Climate Change, Food Security, Green Economy, and more are available online at www.mycOE.org. In April, a digital gallery will be launched and will enable interaction, comments, and sharing favorite projects on social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

In 1992, representatives from nations around the world gathered at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to consider how to promote sustainable development. In 2012, world leaders will again gather at Rio+20 to discuss progress, evaluate needs, and identify new priorities for how to ensure a future world that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. MyCOE will showcase the results of a decade of encouraging youth-led sustainable development projects from more than 100 countries around the world.

MyCOE partners include the AAG, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USAID, Esri, United Nations Environment Program, USGS, NASA, National Geographic Society, and others. AAG serves as Secretariat. ■

Jobs in Geography

UNITED STATES

*CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Assistant Professor in Landscape Architecture,
University of California, Davis.

The Department of Environmental Design seeks applicants for an open position in the Landscape Architecture Program at the rank of Assistant Professor. The position requires research and creative activities in the area of professional landscape architecture. We seek an outstanding applicant with demonstrable abilities in sustainable technology and applied green design OR community participation and application of social GIS to design. A Ph.D. or MLA in Landscape Architecture, or a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and a Ph.D. in a related field, at the time of appointment is required. The department is committed to an integrative, interdisciplinary approach to landscape architecture.

This candidate is expected to develop a strong program of research, contribute to the core teaching in the undergraduate and graduate courses in landscape architecture, mentor and direct research programs of graduate students, and contribute to university service activities. Further there is the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and outreach of relevance to the California Agricultural Experiment Station. This position will be recruited at the Assistant Professor rank, and is a tenure-track academic year (9-mo) position.

Apply: Candidates should begin the application process by registering online at <https://secure.caes.ucdavis.edu/Recruitment>. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, transcripts, research and teaching statements and background, copies of relevant publications and manuscripts (optional), a creative portfolio in PDF format (optional), and the names and addresses of four references. If you submit a creative portfolio (in PDF format) please upload

it in the publication category and in the file name indicate it is a portfolio. Your digital file must not exceed 10mb. The position is open until filled, but to ensure consideration, please apply by April 11, 2012.

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

APR 12-80-1

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

The Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Graduate Programs in the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles, California, invites applicants for **full- and part-time, non-tenure-track lecturers** for the 2012-2013 academic year. The GIST Graduate Programs provide world-class training for scores of working professionals and researchers. Today, it offers both a Master's degree and an updated GIST certificate program to meet the demand from government and industry for trained GIS professionals.

The successful candidates will have substantive expertise and demonstrated excellence in teaching in the Program's core areas of **geographic information science and the accompanying technologies**, and will be expected to teach classes in one or more of the following areas: concepts for spatial thinking, spatial databases, geospatial technology project management, GIS programming and customization, GIS/GPS field techniques, remote sensing for GIS, cartography and visualization, and Web GIS. Review of candidates begins immediately and continues until the positions are filled. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in a relevant field at the time of appointment. Please send electronic versions of your curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching interests and experience, a writing sample (chapter or article), samples of syllabi and teaching evaluations, and three letters of reference that speak to teaching abilities to lbanks@dornsife.usc.edu.

In order to be considered for this position, applicants are also required to submit an electronic USC application; follow this job link or

"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: January 1 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 or fax. 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.

Display ads are also available. Ads will be charged according to size: 1/6 page (2 1/4" x 5") \$400; 1/3 page vertical (2 1/4" x 10") \$650; 1/3 page square (4 3/4" x 4 3/4") \$650; 1/2 page horizontal (7" x 5") \$750; 2/3 page horizontal (7" x 8") \$900; Full page (7" x 10") \$1,100. Display ads run for one month only. Please submit the text of your display ad as a separate document, if you would like to appear in the online version of the JIG.

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

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

* Indicates a new listing

paste in a browser: <https://jobs.usc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62986>.

USC strongly values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity in employment. Women and men and members of all racial and ethnic groups are encouraged to apply.

We encourage prospective candidates to review our web sites for the Spatial Sciences Institute (<http://spatial.usc.edu>) and Geographic Information Sciences and Technology Graduate Programs (<http://gis.usc.edu/>) prior to applying. For additional information, contact Dr. John P. Wilson at 213-740-1908 or jpwilson@usc.edu.

MAR 12-71

GEORGIA, ATLANTA

The Department of Geosciences at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, anticipates to hire **two permanent, full time, academic year Lecturers** pending budgetary approval, to teach some combination of introductory courses, such as Introduction to Human Geography, Introductory Geology, Weather and Climate, Introduction to Landforms, and an upper division/graduate course in his/her specialty that complements the department's existing and emerging areas of interest. The position is a non-tenure-track, permanent, full-time, nine-month faculty appointment with a competitive salary and benefits package with an opportunity for advancement to Senior Lecturer. A Ph.D. degree in geography, geology, or a relevant discipline is required.

Georgia State University is an urban research university located in downtown Atlanta with over 30,000 degree seeking students. GSU students comprise a diverse and dynamic community seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees from over 250 fields of study. The Department of Geosciences (<http://geosciences.gsu.edu>) is an interdisciplinary and growing component of GSU, offering bachelor's and master's degrees in the Geosciences, a graduate certificate in GIS, and a Ph.D. through the Department of Chemistry.

Apply: Candidates should provide a letter detailing their instructional interests, evaluations as appropriate, and goals, the names and email addresses of at least three references, and curriculum vitae to: Dr. Jeremy E. Diem, Chair, Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Geosciences, Georgia State University, P.O. Box 4105, Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4105. To ensure full consideration, applicants should send their materials by March 1, 2012. The position is available Fall semester 2012 and is open until

filled. An offer of employment will be conditional upon background verification.

Georgia State University is a Research University of the University System of Georgia and is an EEO/AA employer.

MAR 12-68

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Lead Analyst. Thomson Reuters Lanworth, a natural resources intelligence firm, seeks a highly innovative scientist to help manage and expand a successful program providing accurate, early season estimates of the area, yield, and production of major commodity crops worldwide. Lanworth's crop production estimates are an emerging standard closely watched by the agriculture markets.

The successful candidate will: 1) manage and/or execute workflows with full accountability for quality and timeliness, 2) maintain and develop core analytical and technical processes, 3) train, supervise, and mentor junior analytical staff, and 4) communicate results in reports, presentations, and client calls.

Qualifications: Minimum 5 years' experience evaluating interactions among the physical environment, human management systems, and/or biological organisms; Competency in programming (c, FORTRAN), scripting (bash, Python), and database query (SQL) languages; Superlative written and spoken communication skills; Demonstrated ability to collect and analyze field, survey, and/or remotely-sensed data, especially in the context of crop monitoring and yield modeling; Fluency in or knowledge of Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, and/or Russian; Experience with commercial corn, soybean, oil palm, wheat, cotton, and/or sugar production; Knowledge of the futures, options, and cash markets for agricultural commodities; Master's degree (PhD preferred) in Agronomy, Plant Sciences, Geography, Atmospheric Sciences, or a closely related discipline.

Please apply directly at: <https://tcc.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=CON00006061>

MAR 12-63

*MISSISSIPPI, STARKVILLE

Assistant Professor in Geographic Information Systems. The Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University invites applications for a 9-month tenure-track assistant professor position with an anticipated start date of August 2012. This position is posted in anticipation of receiving funding for the position. If funding is not

identified, however, the job will not be filled. Specific activities associated with the position include teaching and research in the areas of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) techniques and computer applications for the geosciences.

We are looking for a candidate that has demonstrated the ability to secure external funding and publish within the GIS literature. This candidate must be able to work closely on research projects with faculty and students in all areas of geosciences, specifically geography, geology, and meteorology. This person will be required to provide quality teaching, research, and services. Specifically, the candidate will teach introductory through graduate-level courses in GIS, geospatial data management, and GIS programming, in addition to courses in the area of specialization within Geosciences. A Ph.D. degree in the geosciences or a closely related field in natural sciences with emphasis in Geographic Information Systems is required.

The department currently has 17 tenure-track faculty and 11 full-time instructors and offers B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Within Geosciences there are 4 areas of emphasis: Professional Geology, Environmental Geosciences, Geography/Geospatial Sciences, and Meteorology/Climatology. More information about the Department of Geosciences is available on our website: <http://www.geosciences.msstate.edu>.

Apply: All applicants must apply on-line at www.jobs.msstate.edu by completing the Personal Data Information Form. Submit a cover letter, resume, curriculum vitae, and a list of at least three references who would be willing to write a reference letter in the candidate's behalf (with contact information). We will begin reviewing applications upon submission. For questions about the position or the application process, please contact John Rodgers (Search Committee Chair) at 662-325-3915 or jcr100@msstate.edu.

Mississippi State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

APR 12-76

*NEW JERSEY, NEW BRUNSWICK

Rutgers University. **Assistant Instructor in Human Geography.** This is a full-time, one-year non-tenure track position beginning Fall 2012, with possibility of renewal. It carries a 2/3 teaching load, including the large introductory human geography courses, "Transforming the Global Environment" and "Space, Place and Location" (each term), plus a fifth course within the instructor's area of expertise (spring 2013,

selected in consultation with the department chair). Experience in teaching large classes (200-300 students) is desirable. TA and grading support are available. Applications reviewed upon receipt until the position is filled. Salary: mid-30s plus benefits.

To apply, please send a brief letter of application, CV, proof of teaching excellence, and contact information for three referees to: Kelly Bernstein, Business Specialist (kellbern@rci.rutgers.edu). Address inquiries to: Richard Schroeder, Chair (rschroed@rci.rutgers.edu). Rutgers University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

APR 12-78-1

OKLAHOMA, TAHLEQUAH

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK, invites applications for a full time tenure track **Assistant Professor of Geography**. The department is seeking a broadly trained geographer capable of teaching in one or both the following sub-disciplines: 1) historical/cultural geography and/or 2) geospatial techniques. Twelve-hour teaching load per semester; course load to include Fundamentals of Geography as well as those pertinent to his or her specialization, such as Historical Geography of the United States, Cultural Geography, World Regional Geography, Geographic Information Systems, and potentially Remote Sensing. Ability to contribute to the American Indian Studies degree, masters degree in American Studies, or to offer a regional course on East Asia, Africa, or South America is a plus. Prefer college teaching experience. Must be willing to develop online courses and teach at branch campuses. PhD required by time of appointment.

Apply: Complete faculty employment form and post all requested information at www.nsuok.edu/humanresources.

Application review begins on 3-15-12. AA/EOE

MAR 12-64

*PENNSYLVANIA, EDINBORO

The Department of Geosciences at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania seeks to hire two full-time temporary faculty for the 2012-2013 academic year. Position 1) Teach multiple sections of world regional and cultural geography. Position 2) Teach multiple sections of environmental issues/conservation courses that complement the existing program. A Ph.D. in geography is preferred, ABD considered. Teaching experience is required. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is building a diverse

academic community and encourages people of color, women, veterans and persons with disabilities to apply. Review of applications to begin March 21, 2012. Open until filled. Affirmative Action/EOE/M/F/V/D).

Apply: Online applications only. For more information and to apply online, visit <https://jobs.edinboro.edu/postings/155>.

APR 12-81-1

*TEXAS, COLLEGE STATION

Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly (Department of Geography, Texas A&M University) is seeking a **postdoctoral researcher** beginning immediately. This 12-month position is available for a one-year term with the possibility of a second year. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded study will identify the socio-environmental factors influencing toilet-usage habits of families in rural West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh. Duties include assisting with data collection in India, data analysis and writing of scholarly products in College Station, TX. The position requires a completed PhD in geography or related field. For complete description and application procedures visit <http://oreilly.tamu.edu> under 'Opportunities.' Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Texas A&M University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

TEXAS, CORPUS CHRISTI

TAMUCC invites applications for the following position, an **Assistant/Associate Professor of Geospatial Computer Science**, for Fall 2012.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is a learning centered institution. TAMUCC (The Island University) is located on its own island surrounded by the water of Corpus Christi and Oso bays. The beautiful natural setting is enhanced by our modern, attractive, and state-of-the-art classroom buildings and support facilities, and our colorful landscaping, and plazas that lend a distinctive tropical feel to the campus. Our Hispanic Serving Institution status provides a foundation to attain significant impacts for improving the educational attainment of our regional students, and our strategic location on the Gulf of Mexico and on the cultural border with Latin America places the Island University in perfect position to help realize its national and international prominence goals.

The College of Science and Engineering announces the newly created School of Engineering & Computing Sciences (ENCS) which prepares students to pursue productive careers

and advanced degrees in engineering, computer science, or geographic information sciences.

The School of Engineering & Computing Sciences is seeking a Assistant/Associate Professor of Geospatial Computer Science. The following are the minimum qualifications for the position: An earned Ph.D. in Computer Science or a closely related field, record of original research, with significant publications in archival journals commensurate with the candidate's level, demonstrated excellence or potential in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and in supervising graduate and undergraduate student researchers, ability to communicate effectively with an ethnically and culturally diverse campus community, and interest in supporting a Ph.D. program being established in Geospatial Computer Science.

For Associate Professor, an established record of external funding that supports the candidate's graduate and research program is also required.

Preferred qualifications: Experience with commercial geospatial computing systems and a background in research laboratories, corporations or government/non-profit sectors.

Job duties: Teach at undergraduate and graduate levels, establish and direct an active and externally funded research program, advise and mentor Geospatial Computer Science graduate students, assist with recruiting graduate students, and represent the program in national and international geospatial computing functions.

Salary range: Commensurate with background and experience. Information about the school is available at <http://encs.tamucc.edu/>.

Apply online at <https://islanderjobs.tamucc.edu>. Submit a letter of application addressing qualifications and stating research interests; current curriculum vitae including an email address; three letters of recommendation; and a copy of the transcript from the institution awarding the highest degree.

Employment is contingent upon proof of the legal right to work in the United States. An appointment is not final until proof is provided to the University. Position open until filled (or recruitment canceled). Review of applications to begin as soon as possible.

Texas A&M Corpus Christi is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to diversity.

MAR 12-53

TEXAS, KINGSVILLE

The Department of Physics & Geosciences at Texas A&M University-Kingsville invites appli-

cations for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor of Geosciences** with primary expertise in Remote Sensing/Geographic Information Science and atmospheric sciences, beginning August 2012. The review of applications will begin March 15, 2012, and continue until the position is filled.

Primary responsibilities of the faculty member will be to: 1) offer undergraduate courses in GIS, meteorology and climatology, physical geography and/or oceanography; 2) coordinate the GIS Certificate Program; 3) develop a robust, sustainable recruiting program for undergraduates in the area of geospatial technologies; and 4) help establish an Interdisciplinary Geospatial Center serving the region. Candidates must be comfortable working across disciplines, teaching introductory and advanced courses to a diverse student clientele, and mentoring undergraduate research projects. The ability to obtain external funding for faculty and student research is vital, as is an overall commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service. A Ph.D. in Geography is preferred, although applicants with a terminal degree in atmospheric science or oceanography will be considered. The faculty member normally will teach one or two GIS courses as well as two courses in introductory physical geography/atmospheric sciences per semester. Salary and benefits are competitive.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville is part of the Texas A&M University System. Located 40 miles from Corpus Christi and 120 miles north of Brownsville, Texas A&M University-Kingsville is a rapidly growing Carnegie Research Level 2 institution of ~6,200 students offering doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees. The student body reflects the ethnic diversity of South Texas with approximately 65% of the student body being of Hispanic origin. Our dynamic and fast-emerging Geosciences Program of 6 faculty and 40 undergraduate majors (<http://physics.tamuk.edu/index.html>) is uniquely positioned in South Texas, a semiarid region famous for its mild subtropical climate, friendly people, popular beaches, traditional Hispanic and ranching cultures, year-round outdoor activities, low cost of living, and winter "snowbirds" fleeing northern climes.

Apply: Applicants need to send a letter describing research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching excellence, copies of recent publications and contact information for three references to: Dr. Thomas McGehee, Chair, Geosciences Search Committee, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Department of Physics/Geosciences, MSC 175,

Kingsville, TX 78363. Email: kftlm00@tamuk.edu. Voice: 361-593-3590.

Applicants must also formally apply online by visiting <https://javjobs.tamuk.edu> and selecting the Kingsville campus. Prior to issuing a letter of appointment, official transcripts must be received directly from each degree-granting institution by the Office of the Provost, Texas A&M University –Kingsville, MSC 102, Kingsville, Texas 78363-8202. If transcripts are from an international institution, it is the responsibility of the prospective faculty member to have the transcripts translated and evaluated by an approved credential evaluator (AACRAO) <http://www.aacrao.org/credential/index.htm>.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville is committed to excellence; the University invites applications from all qualified individuals. EEO/AA/ADA.MAR 12-72

INTERNATIONAL

*CANADA, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

A contract limited appointment or tenure-track appointment at a junior level of **Assistant Professor**, beginning July 1, 2012. We seek a **human geographer** with expertise in **resource management** (energy, land, air, water, forests, or minerals) and associated environmental issues and policy. Additional consideration will be given to those with experience working with indigenous and/or resource-based communities, and those with Canadian and Great Lakes regional interests. The candidate must be prepared to teach a range of undergraduate courses in human geography. Strong teaching skills are required. The successful candidate must have completed a Ph.D. Demonstrated ability to develop an independent research program and secure external research funding is an asset.

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2-3. **Middle States AAG Division Meeting.** Shippensburg, PA. <http://departments.bloomu.edu/geo/msd>.

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