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# San Francisco: Advancing Geography in Partnership with You

The entire AAG staff from the Meridian would like to thank all of you for making the AAG's 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco a success. The theme of the meeting, "Advancing Geography in Partnership with You," was realized at every event and interaction, from Jared Diamond's opening keynote address, through the 4,700 presentations at the heart of the meeting, and the banquets, musical and other social events, to the awards luncheon on the final day of our gathering.

Over 6,700 geographers and friends from 58 countries registered for this year's meeting, marking another milestone in attendance and internationalization. Thanks to all of you for helping to advance geography in your research,

scholarship, and service throughout the year and at these annual meetings.

Those of us at the AAG headquarters have just returned from San Francisco exhilarated, exhausted, and heartened by the progress we are all making together to strengthen the AAG and our discipline's standing in the university and its relevance to the world.

Following is a short photo montage of the San Francisco meeting, illustrating a few of the many ways in which geographers are "advancing geography in partnership with each other, and with many others from around the world." Best wishes from all of us at the Meridian.

Doug Richardson and  
the entire AAG Staff



NCGE President Mark Bockenbauer with Doug Richardson, Kavita Pandit, and Tom Baerwald.



Duane Marble (right) and Mike Goodchild received lifetime achievement awards from the GIS specialty group.



Reg Golledge received AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors at the Saturday luncheon. Peirce Lewis, who was unable to attend, was also recognized with Lifetime Achievement Honors.



The Exhibit Hall featured 74 booths and a wide variety of organizations.

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Rudy Persaud of the Federal Highway Administration is welcomed by Doug Richardson.



Dick Marston delivered the Past President's Address, "Land, Life, and Environmental Change in the Mountains" following the AAG Banquet.



The dance floor was filled at the opening reception.



Kavita Pandit's Presidential Plenary, "America's Immigrants: New Geographies, New Debates" included distinguished speakers Anna Lee Saxenian, Mark Ellis, Rebecca Torres, and W.V.A. Clark.



National Book Award winner and plenary speaker Barry Lopez signs copies of Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape.



Jan Monk and Doug Richardson congratulate Joe Darden (center) for being named recipient of the AAG's Enhancing Diversity Award.