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## From the President

**T**his is my last letter as president to SEDAAG members. The whole presidential gig has been quite nice, largely because I've been able to associate with some really good folks who care about their discipline and its status within the Southeast. Unsung sacrifice abounds within the organization, and its strength derives from a sense of communal giving. I've repeated it like a broken record—SEDAAG's only purpose for being is to serve the members. Nothing more should be expected, and nothing less should be accepted. We provide the platform for professional community and the rewards that derive from a real sense of community. The fact that members end up liking each other is a symptom of SEDAAG's success.

I've talked previously about SEDAAG's meetings, journal and endowment fund. I have stressed the need for obvious hospitality to newcomers at the meetings, the need for elevating the journal to the next level and the need for providing purpose for the endowment. I believe that progress has been made on each of these fronts. SEDAAG now provides a free first-year membership to regional newcomers, and there will be a paper session devoted to new voices in the South at the next meeting. The journal's new editors, Derek Alderman and Scott Lecce, are busily assessing the journal's status during this year's transition. Steve Birdsall and his Endowment Committee are writing a game-plan for the endowment. Of course, the most rewarding outcome of all this progress is the recent turnaround in membership—according to Treasurer Susan Walcott, SEDAAG has increased in

both regular and student memberships!

Effective organizational communication is a necessary condition for success. SEDAAG now employs two types of media to keep in touch, the newsletter and the Web site. To some extent, these two outlets duplicate each other. All newsletters since 1998, for instance, can be found on the Web site. The current newsletter issue gets a special position within the site and can be read directly or printed conveniently as a .pdf file. Since about the mid-1990s, I have wondered whether an electronic copy of the newsletter could substitute the hard copy, which has substantial costs of printing and mailing, at roughly \$1,500 per year (about \$2.50 per member). However, when I ask people about this transition, there seems to be very strong sentiment for continuing the hard copy. People seem to like getting the paper and ink, with all of its assembled meaning, in contrast to the normal flood of E-mail that is often overlooked. SEDAAG's recent newsletter editors, including Gerald Webster, Allan James, Jonathan Leib and now Eric Fournier, have done a wonderful service with rich information while holding the line on costs. So, there is no immediate need to alter this member benefit. In fact, I must salute Eric Fournier, who is SEDAAG secretary and newsletter editor, and his colleagues at Samford University for a very professionally formatted newsletter. However, there will come a time when the organization will need to cut costs while maintaining benefits, and the electronic substitution for the printed newsletter will take place.

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Our collective hats are off to Bill Carstensen of Virginia Tech, who has served faithfully as SEDAAG's Web master since 1998. The Web site (with its new URL: [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org)) underwent a substantial renovation in 2000 under Bill's guidance. It now includes an elegant front page with superior navigation between well-designed components, including current and back issues of the newsletter, full-text versions of past issues of the *Southeastern Geographer*, online membership form, current and past meeting documents, abstracts and programs, and an effective graphically interfaced linkage set to all departments within the 10-state region. This is an efficient way to stay in touch with other units in the region from the comfort of your office or home. If you haven't had opportunity to visit the site, please do so.

With time, the importance of the organization's Web site, along with members' demands and dependence upon it, will compel a larger effort than Bill's volunteerism can afford. The relationship between the organization and its official Web site will need greater formality. For example, last year SEDAAG passed a policy permitting the posting of electronic

surveys to the Web site with an appropriate disclaimer. These expansions in quantity of information and functionality will require increased levels of funding. In 2000, SEDAAG offered \$1,000 from the endowment fund for the site's renovation and allocates \$500 annually for its normal maintenance. Bill Carstensen seldom collects. But I see the day when we'll wish to have searchable databases associated with newsletters and journal issues, and a full membership directory, complete with E-mail addresses. The organizations' bylaws and important Steering Committee policies also must be accessible here. SEDAAG journal editors will expect electronic manuscript submission and reviews.

Additionally, the organization's rich history needs to be recorded here, accessible for all. The construction of such a digital archive is an important task. There is a rich heritage in Southern geography, and the more accessible this history is, the more meaningful (and attractive) the community is. Many of you know that SEDAAG's historian is Allen Bushong, professor emeritus, at the University of South Carolina. SEDAAG extends appreciation to Allen for his past services, more unsung sacrifice. I will be calling on him to assist in culling important aspects of SEDAAG's history and presenting these in

digital format to Bill Carstensen. There will be a cost involved. I am also hoping that the monograph being assembled by Jim Wheeler and Stan Brunn, which will document the South's contributions to American geography as part of the AAG Centennial, will provide material for this important part of the Web site.

It is just a matter of time when SEDAAG will come to depend upon the Web site for full organizational communication. There is much to do to prepare for these demands and dependencies. I fully appreciate the efforts of those of you who will provide this smooth cultural transformation. If you have additional ideas about effective organizational communication, please do not hesitate to contact me ([mitchelsonr@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:mitchelsonr@mail.ecu.edu)), Bill Carstensen ([carstens@vt.edu](mailto:carstens@vt.edu)) or Eric Fournier ([ejfourni@samford.edu](mailto:ejfourni@samford.edu)).

Finally, I hope that you are as excited as I am with the prospect of meeting in Charlotte. Owen Furuseth and Tink Moore have done a great job with local arrangements, and Allan James and his program committee promise an exceptional intellectual exchange. Please join us in Charlotte, Nov. 22–25.

Ron Mitchelson, SEDAAG President  
East Carolina University

## From the Regional Councilor: SEDAAG Members Continue to Play a Visible Role in the AAG

The recent 2003 election of officers for the Association of American Geographers [AAG] underscored the important role that SEDAAG members play in the national organization. Ann Oberhauser of West Virginia University was elected national councilor, Jim Wheeler of the University of Georgia will serve on the Honors Committee, and Betsy Pyle was elected to the Nominating Committee. SEDAAG members also have a presence on the AAG Executive Committee (Duane Nellis as past president and yours truly as secretary). This is yet another sign of the professional vibrancy of our regional division.

In addition to running for elected offices, there are numerous opportunities for SEDAAG members to serve on AAG

Standing Committees. There are 18 standing committees that deal with issues that include membership diversity, status of women, employment opportunities, publications and geography data standards. Other committees are responsible for making recommendations for AAG Book Awards, the Glenda Laws Award, AAG Research Grants and numerous other awards. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on a standing committee or in making a nomination. I will happily forward you a full list of these committees.

Finally, many of you may be aware that AAG launched a major capital campaign entitled "Advancing Geography in Partnership with You" at the New Orleans meeting last spring. As of May 2003, AAG had received over a quarter of

a million dollars in pledges toward this campaign. In the previous SEDAAG newsletter, I outlined the many AAG-supported activities that benefit all of us, directly or indirectly. Your donations to the capital campaign ensure that these programs can continue and expand in the years to come, and will be another indication of SEDAAG's contributions to geography at the national level.

Information on contributing to the capital campaign and AAG membership forms can be found at [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions ([pandit@uga.edu](mailto:pandit@uga.edu)).

Kavita Pandit  
SEDAAG Regional Councilor  
University of Georgia

# Final Call for Papers and Posters

58th SEDAAG Meeting  
Charlotte, N.C.  
Nov. 22–25, 2003

The 2003 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 22–25. I invite you to attend the meeting, participate in the program and submit a paper or poster. The deadline for receipt of papers, abstracts and poster descriptions is Sept. 13. Guidelines are listed in this section. Paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG. We especially encourage students to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the Student Honors Competition and the Gamma Theta Upsilon Undergraduate paper sessions. Included with this call for papers are the guidelines for this year's competition. The Honors Committee is chaired by Dr. Holly M. Hapke, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858; (252) 328-1041; fax, (252) 328-6054; E-mail, hapkeh@mail.ecu.edu.

Those who wish to arrange thematic paper sessions, conduct workshops or schedule meetings should contact me as soon as possible. Specially organized sessions are particularly welcome: their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. To facilitate organization of the program, final details of special events are due by Sept. 6.

In this newsletter is a form for volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions, so please consider volunteering to act as a discussant.

Planning for the Charlotte meeting is underway. Field trips and thematic sessions are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the conference center. To reserve display space, contact Dr. Tyrel G. Moore, Local Arrangements Committee co-chair, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte NC 28223; (704) 687-4250; fax, (704) 547-3182; E-mail, tgmoore@email.uncc.edu.

Note that the SEDAAG Web site will be used this year for downloading and printing both the "Abstracts of Papers and Posters" and the "Program." Only the program will be printed and distributed as part of the registration material.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. L. Allan James, SEDAAG vice president and program chair, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-6117; fax, (803) 777-4972; E-mail, ajames@sc.edu.

## Paper, Abstract and Special Session Guidelines

The deadline for receipt of papers and abstracts by the program chair is Sept. 13. All participants must be members of SEDAAG. A membership application is included in this newsletter. Papers received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers received by the deadline will be reviewed by the program committee.

Send papers, abstracts, participation forms and special session plans to Dr. L. Allan James, SEDAAG vice president and program chair, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; phone, (803) 777-6117; fax, (803) 777-4972; E-mail, ajames@sc.edu.

## Participation Form

1. Each paper should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: title of the paper, author's name(s) and title(s), affiliation, complete address and E-mail address, if available.
2. Carousel slide projectors, overhead projectors and digital projectors will be provided. Please indicate if you need audiovisual equipment other than these. As a new policy this year, we are experimenting with providing digital projectors in each room. A standard laptop PC with a CD-ROM drive and software for PowerPoint (version 2000 to XP) and HTML (Web browser) presentations (Windows operating system only) will be provided in each meeting room. NO OTHER SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE is guaranteed to be on these computers, nor is an Internet connection likely to be available in the meeting rooms. To avoid delays associated with setup time for each paper, it is extremely important that presenters using the digital projectors

BRING A CD 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS and UPLOAD THEIR PRESENTATION.

3. If applicable, please indicate that the paper is being submitted for the Student Honors Competition, and whether it is for the master's or doctoral level competition. See Guidelines for Student Honors Competition below.

## Papers

Five copies of the text of each paper must be submitted. Maps, graphs and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form. Papers submitted for the Student Honors Competition should include 10 copies.

Papers must not exceed eight, double-spaced, typed pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited and the title page. To comply with the eight-page limit, full double-spacing and a 12-point or larger font size are required. Papers must be presented in 15 minutes or less. Additional time will be allotted for discussion and questions. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight-page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.

The title of the paper should appear at the top of page one. The author's name must not appear on this or any pages in the body of the paper. Allow at least 2.5-centimeter (1-inch) margins on all sides of each page.

Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Maps, graphs and tables must be labeled and numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience. Be certain that graphics projected on a screen can be read at eight meters (25 feet). Maps, tables and graphics may be duplicated and distributed to the audience. Overhead, carousel slide and digital projectors will be available for paper presentations.

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## Abstracts

An abstract, no longer than 200 words, must accompany all papers submitted. Abstracts should be submitted on 3.5-inch diskettes. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or ASCII formats for either IBM or Macintosh are acceptable. Indicate your name and the title of your paper on your disk, along with the software type and version, and whether it is in a MAC or DOS environment. Paper titles, authors' names and authors' institutional affiliations must be clearly identified preceding the body of the abstract. Abstracts will be reformatted for publication purposes, so formatting will not be preserved and often causes extra work in processing. Please do not imbed unnecessary formatting in the abstract. The body of the abstract must be single-spaced and without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs. Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts they submit. Although reformatted, they will be printed as submitted.

## Special Sessions

Special sessions are a valuable contribution to SEDAAG meetings, providing a topical or thematic focus for paper presentations. Organizers of special sessions should adhere to the following guidelines.

All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process, and are due Sept. 13. Organizers of special sessions should have all material sent to the program committee chair as one self-contained packet with all abstracts and disks included, as well as the name and affiliation of the session chair, and the session or individual paper discussants. It is the responsibility of the session organizer to see that all material is submitted on time and in its completed form.

Organizers should provide a special session plan to the program chair by Sept. 6, including intended participants, paper titles, session chairs and discussant(s). It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide commentary on each paper.

Time and space constraints dictate that a special session should have a minimum of four papers. The program chair reserves the right to merge papers into other sessions if three or fewer papers are submitted or survive the review process.

## Poster and Poster Description

### Guidelines

Poster descriptions and abstracts are due Sept. 13. All annual meeting program participants must be members of SEDAAG. A membership application is included in this newsletter. Poster submissions received after the deadline will be returned. Poster descriptions received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

### Participation Form

Each poster submission should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: a) the word "Poster" at the top of the page, b) title of the poster, c) author's name(s) and title(s), d) affiliation, e) complete address, and f) E-mail address, if available.

Poster boards and easels will be provided. Poster dimensions will be determined later by the Local Arrangements Committee and communicated by the program chair to all poster participants.

Please note that posters may not be submitted for the Student Honors Competition.

### Poster Description

Poster submissions must be accompanied by a two-page description, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited and the title page. Full double-spacing and a 12-point or larger font size are required. The poster description should detail the purpose statement, research design, related literature and research findings. Five copies must be submitted. Maps, graphs and tables, in draft or final form, must be included with each copy.

The title of the paper should appear at the top of page one. The author's name(s) must not appear on this or any other pages in the body of the paper. Allow at least 2.5-centimeter (1-inch) margins on all sides of each page.

Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Maps, graphs and tables must be labeled and numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in a single session and should not exceed 36 x 44 inches. Poster boards will be supplied by SEDAAG. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of one meter (three feet). Text should be confined to brief statements.

## Abstracts

An abstract must accompany the poster description. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts. Please see the requirements for abstracts indicated above.

Send participation forms, poster descriptions and abstracts and to Dr. L. Allan James, SEDAAG vice president and program chair, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-6117; fax, (803) 777-4972; E-mail, [ajames@sc.edu](mailto:ajames@sc.edu).

## Student Honors Competition

### Guidelines Objectives

The Student Honors Competition at the annual meeting of SEDAAG is designed to

1. Encourage graduate student research and publication.
2. Stimulate graduate student attendance and active participation at the annual meeting.
3. Provide a training ground for the oral presentation of research findings at professional meetings.
4. Recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.

### Eligibility

Graduate students must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time their research was done. The sponsoring department must be located within the 10-state SEDAAG region. Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as students at the time their papers are presented. Master's students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first SEDAAG meeting following graduation. Papers should represent original research. Maps, illustrations and other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. No multiple-authored papers will be accepted.

### Departmental Responsibilities

Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of graduate students' submitted papers for the honors competition and conduct preliminary screening. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that authors of papers accepted are able to

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attend the 2003 meeting in Charlotte, N.C., and be present at the awards ceremony.

### **Awards**

Normally, one master's-level and one doctoral-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the honors awards are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. The doctoral award will be for \$1,000, and the master's award will be for \$400. Each award includes one year's paid membership in the AAG and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the honors luncheon. All students who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration and honors luncheon fees waived.

### **Topics**

Papers on any geographic topic may be entered. Every paper and oral presentation will receive a critical and impartial evaluation.

### **Evaluation Procedures**

Submissions will undergo preliminary screening by the Honors Committee. Those accepted for the competition will be referred back to the Program Committee. Papers not included in the competition but accepted for the program will be placed in appropriate sessions. Each paper submitted to the honors competition will be evaluated for its quality as a written report on original research undertaken by the author, and for its oral presentation and defense. The written and oral evaluations will be weighted 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

Content will be the primary general criterion, but all papers should be well-written with appropriate illustrations and documentation. The paper should be prepared as if it were to be published, although draft copies of maps and figures for the written review are acceptable.

A primary criterion will be a well-defined research objective and a research procedure appropriate to achieving it. The paper should focus on one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer.

The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper, and will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. The oral presentations must be

lively and well-illustrated. Appropriate modifications of the written paper should be incorporated into the oral presentation wherever suitable, although major alterations of the written paper are discouraged. The quality, appropriateness and visual appeal of any maps, figures and illustrations will be important. All visual aids should be intelligible from the back of the room. In order to leave adequate time for questions, each oral presentation should adhere strictly to the time limits for delivery specified by the person chairing the session.

### **Voting**

Honors Committee members may not vote on a paper by a student from their institution or to whom they are related, although this restriction does not discourage or prevent them from participating in the discussion preceding the formal committee vote.

### **Submission of Papers**

Submissions must conform to all guidelines, with the following additions: a) ten (not six) copies of the paper, and 2) a letter from the student's department verifying the student's status, eligibility and level of competition (master's or doctoral).

Send copies of papers with abstracts to Dr. Holly M. Hapke, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858; E-mail, hapkeh@mail.ecu.edu; (252) 328-1041; fax, (252) 328-6054. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 13.

### **Gamma Theta Upsilon, Undergraduate Paper Guidelines**

Undergraduate students are urged to present papers in a special GTU paper session. These papers will not be reviewed by the Program Committee, and no honors competition will be held. Initial screening is the responsibility of faculty advisers, but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as those listed above, except that only three copies are needed. Please encourage undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

Send papers and abstracts to Dr. L. Allan James, SEDAAG vice president and program chair, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; E-mail ajames@sc.edu; (803) 777-6117; fax, (803) 777-4972.

## **Nominees for SEDAAG Offices**

Please vote in this year's SEDAAG elections. The offices up for election this year are: President, Treasurer and SEDAAG State Representative from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and West Virginia (You may only vote for State Representative from the state in which you are a member). A ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Please return your completed ballot by September 30th to: Dr. Doug Gamble, chair, SEDAAG Tellers Committee, Department of Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC 28403-3297.

The SEDAAG Nominations Committee, chaired by Owen Furuseth of UNC Charlotte, presents the following candidates for office:

### **PRESIDENT**

**Jonathan Leib** (Ph.D., 1992, Syracuse University; M.A., 1987, Syracuse University; B.A., 1985, Mary Washington College) is associate professor and graduate program director in the Department of Geography at Florida State University. He has taught at Florida State since 1995, having spent the previous three years teaching at Georgia Southern University. His research interests are in political and cultural geography, and the geography of the American South. He has co-edited one book and has published articles in such journals as the *Southeastern Geographer*, *Political Geography*, *Geographical Review*, *Cultural Geographies*, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *GeoJournal*, *Journal of Geography*, *Florida Geographer* and *Comparative State Politics*. From 1998 to 2000, he served as editor of the *Journal of Geography* (the flagship publication of the National Council for Geographic Education). In addition, he served as a director and member of the Nominations Committee for the AAG's Political Geography Specialty Group, and cohosted the PGSG's 2003 Annual Preconference. Leib has been an active member of SEDAAG for 12 years, having been a presenter, discussant, session organizer and field trip leader. He was SEDAAG secretary and newsletter editor from 2000 to 2002, and served on the *Nominees cont. on page 6*

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**Stephen J. Walsh** is a geography professor, director of the Landscape Characterization & Spatial Analysis Lab, member of the Ecology Curriculum and research fellow of the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. He is the former Amos H. Hawley Professor of Geography (1993–1996) and director of the Spatial Analysis Unit at the Carolina Population Center (1992–97), and current faculty adviser. He is the former SEDAAG vice president and program chair (2000–2002), and secretary (1992–1994). He is also past chair of the GIS and Remote Sensing Specialty Group of the AAG. In 1997, Walsh received the Outstanding Contributions Award and Medal from the Remote Sensing Specialty Group of the AAG, in 1999 he was awarded Research Honors from SEDAAG, and in 2001 he was awarded National Research Honors for Distinguished Scholarship from the AAG.

Walsh is on the editorial boards of *Plant Ecology* and *Geocarto International*, and formerly on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Geography*, *The Professional Geographer* and the *Southeastern Geographer*. He also served on the Dissertation Improvement Panel for the Geography and Regional Science Division of the National Science Foundation (1997–1999), and recently served on the Committee of Visitors of the National Science Foundation (2003). He co-edited special remote sensing and GIS issues in the *Journal of Vegetation Science*, *Geomorphology and Photogrammetric Engineering* and *Remote Sensing*. Since 2001 he has co-edited a series of books for Kluwer Academic Publishers—*GIS and Remote Sensing Applications in Biogeography and Ecology* (2001); *Linking People, Place, and Policy: A GIScience Approach* (2002); and *People and the Environment: Approaches for Linking Household and Community Surveys to Remotes Sensing and GIS* (2003). Specific research foci are on pattern and process at the alpine treeline ecotone, biocomplexity, scale dependence and information scaling, land use and land cover dynamics, spatial simulations and change modeling, health care delivery, and population-environment interactions. Major studies are underway in Ecuador, Latvia

and the USA with support from NASA, NSF, NIH, USGS and the Mellon Foundation.

#### TREASURER

**Leo Zonn** (Ph.D., 1975, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; M.A., geography, 1972, California State University, Northridge; B.A., history, 1969) is a geography professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Zonn's research interests include cinematic geography (especially Third and Fourth World Film), popular culture, cultural issues of globalization and critical geographies. He spent 11 years at both Arizona State and East Carolina University before coming to UNC at Chapel Hill six years ago. Major university administration includes 16 years as geography department chair (11 at ECU, five at UNC), and shorter terms at ECU as associate dean for research, director for International Studies and founding director for the graduate program in International Studies. Over the last 27 years he served the AAG as review editor for the *Annals*, chair of a Specialty Group and an assortment of committees. He also contributed to SEDAAG, the Pacific Coast Geographers and the Environmental Design Research Association in a number of roles, including five years as review editor of *Environment and Behavior* for EDRA. He has served on nearly 100 M.A. and Ph.D. committees.

Zonn has edited/co-edited five volumes, written chapters for a variety of books and published in a range of journals, including *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, *The Annals of Regional Science*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Landscape Journal*, *Landscape Research*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia*, *Papers and Proceedings of the Applied Geography Conferences* and *The Gerontologist*. Finally, he was the PI/ director of a Department of Education Title VI Grant (\$230,000) dealing with language and curriculum while at ECU.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

##### ALABAMA

**R. Maxwell Baber** (Ph.D 1999, University of Georgia) is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at Samford University (specializing in Cartography and Geographic Information Systems), is director of the Certificate in Geographic

Information Science program and manages the ESRI Southeastern Regional GIS Training Facility. He was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 1999, and is an active member of AAG (he is academic director of the Cartography Specialty Group), the North American Cartographic Information Society and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. Baber served on the panel of judges for the 2003 National Geographic Cartography Award, and was recently appointed Cartography editor for the *Southeastern Geographer*.

**Kelly D. Gregg** (Ph.D., geography, 1994, University of Kansas; M.A. geography, 1985, Kansas State University; M.S. soil science, 1984, Kansas State University; B.S. geography, 1980, Kansas State University) is an associate professor in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences at Jacksonville State University. He is primarily a physical geographer with a very broad focus, having received research grants from NASA, NSF and the National Park Service, all dealing with aspects of environmental assessment. He also has interests in human geography, having worked with a historian on cultural resources surveys and with archaeologists on numerous projects, and is in the final stages of publishing a road guide and short history of the Cherokee Trail of Tears. Most recently, he was involved in a major legal action concerning the PCB contamination of soils. Gregg served SEDAAG on the Geography Bowl committee for five five years and led a field trip for the Birmingham meeting. He has presented 14 professional papers at national and regional meetings, and co-authored or contributed to five publications.

##### FLORIDA

**Sharon Cobb** (Ph.D., economic geography, 1998, University of Florida; M.S., 1987, University of Idaho; B.S., 1983, University of Sheffield) is an assistant professor at the University of North Florida where she received a UNF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2002 and was appointed a research fellow at the University of North Florida Center for Public Policy and Leadership in 2001. Research interests address the geographies of offshore finance, E-commerce and applied geographic information systems. Recent publications include articles addressing

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issues of offshore finance in *Environment and Planning A*, *Geografiska Annaler, Series B*, *Geoforum*, *Growth and Change* and a forthcoming applied GIS article in *Southeastern Geographer*. In 2003, she participated in a faculty teaching exchange program to the Universidad Mayor in Santiago, Chile, where her interest in oenology increased!

**Johan Liebens** (Ph.D., geography, 1996, Michigan State University; M.S., quaternary geology, 1983, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium; B.S., geography, 1981, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium) is an associate professor for the Environmental Studies Department at the University of West Florida. Liebens teaches Physical Geography, Photo Interpretation/Remote Sensing, Geography of Soils and Lab, and Methods and Techniques in ERMP. His research interests include GIS mapping of historic resources, organic carbon stocks in soils and influence of bio-solid application on soil physical properties. Recent publications include articles in *Historical Archeology*, *Environmental Geology*, *Communications in Soil Science and Plant Analysis*, and *Annals AAG*.

#### KENTUCKY

**Holly Barcus** (Ph.D., 2001, Kansas State University, M.A., 1997 and B.A., 1995, University of North Carolina, Charlotte) is an assistant professor of geography in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy at Morehead State University. She has been a member of AAG since 1995, and SEDAAG since 2001. Her research interests include migration and population change in rural areas, GIS and rural housing. Her work has been published in *Applied Geographic Studies* and *Housing Policy Debate*. In addition to introductory geography courses, her classroom instruction includes active participation in the Appalachian Teaching Project sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission, a multi-university, multidisciplinary program designed to engage undergraduate students in applied research projects throughout the Appalachian region.

**Alice Turkington** (Ph.D., 1999 and B.A., 1993, Queens University of Belfast, Northern Ireland) is assistant professor of Physical Geography in the University of Kentucky. She joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 2001 at the

completion of a three-year post-doctoral research position. Turkington is a geomorphologist, and her main research interests are in rock weathering, urban stone decay and desert geomorphology. These interests, while focused on weathering, range broadly from the detailed level of weathering processes and micro-forms to the role of weathering in landscape evolution. Her work also ranges from highly specific studies of sandstone weathering to broad consideration of the role of spatial and temporal scale in geomorphology, using both field and laboratory experimental approaches. She edited special issues of *Catena* and *Geomorphology* and co-edited a forth-coming book, *Controls and Causes of Stone Decay* (Donhead, 2003). Her classroom instruction includes all levels of undergraduate and graduate teaching, covering topics such as physical geography, climatology, geomorphology, environmental change and heritage conservation. Turkington recently completed an unpublished student handbook entitled *The Geomorphology of Kentucky*. She has served on the SEDAAG Program Committee for one year and is an active participant at annual AAG meetings.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Carl Dahlman** is an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina. He received his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Kentucky (August 2001) where he studied political and cultural geography. His dissertation examined the geopolitics and governance of Kurdish refugee migration out of Northern Iraq to Britain and the United States. Prior to his doctoral studies, Dahlman earned a masters of urban affairs (1996), a B.A. in music and a B.S. in sociology (1993), all from Virginia Tech. He serves on the SEDAAG Honors Committee and recently completed university service for the Walker Institute of International Studies at U.S.C. Dahlman is collaborating with Gerard Toal (Virginia Tech) on a NSF-funded research project focusing on the return of displaced persons and the reversal of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. His teaching interests include regional courses on Europe, the former Yugoslavia and topics in political geography. He published most recently in the *Journal of Eurasian Geography and Economics* and several edited collections.

**Christa A. Smith** (Ph.D., 2000, University of Tennessee; M.A., geography,

1990 and B.A., history, 1987, Marshall University) is assistant professor of geography at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. Her research interests are in historic preservation, and urban and regional planning. She published work in the *Southeastern Geographer* and is currently working on a book on the social and economic impact of Habitat for Humanity. Smith successfully nominated several historic districts and structures to the National Register of Historic Places, and is involved in the creation of a joint Clemson University/College of Charleston M.S. program in Historic Preservation. Since 2000, she has served as the South Carolina geography bowl team coordinator.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

**Joe Manzo** (Ph.D., University of Kansas) is a geography professor at Concord College, Athens, West Virginia. He has been active in geography education, working with the geographic alliance movement and the NCGE. He is currently putting together a special issue on Appalachia for the *Journal of Geography*. Manzo's research interests have focused on the cultural United States. His published articles fall primarily under the themes of society and environment and the symbolic landscape. Southeast Asia serves as a secondary regional interest for him. Manzo finds the most fun in teaching.

**Brent McCusker** (Ph.D., 2001 and M.A., 1997, Michigan State; B.A., 1995, West Virginia University) is an assistant professor of geography in the Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University. His specialties include development theory, land use change and livelihood systems, with a regional focus in southern Africa. He has held numerous grants and is active in the geography community, including participation at regional and national meetings of AAG. Recent research projects include building urban indicators using GIS in Beira, Mozambique and comparing uneven regional development in West Virginia, South Africa and Mozambique. He maintains strong links with southern African universities including the University of Malawi, the Catholic University of Mozambique, University of the North (South Africa) and the University of Pretoria (South Africa), and teaches World Regional Geography, the Geography of Africa, the Geography of the Middle East and North Africa, and several graduate seminars.

# Call for Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for the following:

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. An extensive record of research and publication in scholarly journals, books and other appropriate formats
2. A record of excellence in teaching and advising, as evidenced by teaching awards, students advised and other appropriate measures
3. A record of service contributions to the individual's educational institution in the form of administrative positions, committee work and community contact
4. A record of support to the geography profession, whether through formal services to international, national or regional organizations, or informal work in the public domain

**Research Honors Award:** Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. A significant record of quality research and publication in scholarly journals, books and other appropriate formats; this record may reflect the cumulative work of several years or the publication of important contributions in a shorter period of time
2. Evidence of research leadership at both an institutional (college, university, industry) and an organizational level (professional associations) where scholarly papers are presented and students and colleagues are advised

**Outstanding Service Award:** Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Evidence of exceptional professional commitment to geography at any level, including service to professional organizations; colleges and universities; primary and secondary education; local, state or national government; and private business and industry

2. Examples of worthy contributions include, but are not limited to, appointed or elected professional offices, journal editorships, professional organization committees, speaking or otherwise providing leadership in a variety of public forums, and publication in the popular press

Send nominations with FULL CURRICULUM VITAE of candidate and three letters of support by Sept. 30 to Dr. Holly Hapke, chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; E-mail, hapkeh@mail.ecu.edu; (252) 328-1041; fax (252)-328-6054.

## MERLE C. PRUNTY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

SEDAAG annually awards the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student from the region with the objective of encouraging talented undergraduate students to pursue professional careers in geography.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must currently be juniors or seniors and enrolled as geography majors (or geography minors) in a college or university located within the Southeastern Division. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a professional career or the clear potential to pursue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree. Applicants are evaluated by the SEDAAG Honors Committee on the basis of scholastic record and professional promise.

**Notification:** Award recipients will be named at the Honors Luncheon at the 2003 Division meeting in Richmond, Virginia. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mail.

**Application Materials:** Materials submitted in the application must include:

1. A cover letter that includes a summary of educational background and academic honors
2. A statement of professional goals, not to exceed two typewritten pages
3. One copy of each undergraduate transcript inclusive of college course work through summer 2003.
4. Letters of recommendation from three individuals familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the

applicant; the letters should include an evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer

Send nominations by Sept. 30, 2003 to Dr. Holly Hapke, chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; E-mail, hapkeh@mail.ecu.edu; (252) 328-1041; fax (252)-328-6054.

## Southern Studies Special Session SEDAAG 2003

The Southern Studies Committee extends an invitation for papers to be included in a SEDAAG 2003 Southern Studies Special Session that focuses on the contemporary or historical geography of the Carolinas. Please refer to the SEDAAG Guidelines for details. Complete special session plans must be submitted to the program chair by the session organizer no later than Sept. 6. Early inquiries or indications of interest would be helpful and are most welcome. Contact Tyrel G. Moore, chair, Southern Studies Committee by mail, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223; E-mail, tgmoore@email.uncc.edu; (704) 687-4250; fax, (704) 687-3182.

## Political Geography Sessions Planned for 2003 SEDAAG Meeting in Charlotte

Organized political geography sessions are planned for the 58th meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers to be held in Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 22-25, 2003. Papers on political geography topics ranging from the local to the international scales are welcome. Depending on the number of participants, papers may be divided among multiple thematic sessions. Those interested in participating may contact any of the three organizers: Stan Brunn, University of Kentucky, (606) 257-6947, Fred Shelley, Southwest Texas State University, (512) 245-8704, or Jerry Webster, University of Alabama, (205) 348-5047.

# 58th SEDAAG Meeting Information

The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte cordially invites you to Charlotte for the 58th meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Nov. 22–25, 2003. An exciting meeting is planned, featuring a full slate of paper and poster presentations, a free Center City walking tour, self-guided trips to local attractions, social gatherings and the annual World Geography Bowl competition.

The meeting will be held at the Marriott City Center Hotel, at the core of the nation's second largest banking and finance center. Charlotte's revitalized Center City features more than a dozen bars and clubs. There is Dixie's, a Louisiana-style tavern with live entertainment; Ri Ra, an Irish Pub with fixtures restored in Ireland and shipped to Charlotte; and the Rock Bottom, where patrons can sample a range of local brews. There are also numerous dining options, ranging from Cajun to Indian to Mexican food on the go, to several specialty pizzerias. A more upscale option is the Mimosa Grill, known for its signature Southern cuisine; and a more affordable option is African-American Mert's Heart and Soul. Super Italian, French and American restaurants are a short walk from the Marriott. The Gold Rush, a free center city loop mini-bus, operates on weekdays and provides convenient transportation.

The Local Arrangements Committee is developing a restaurant guide for places within 1/4–1/2 mile of the Marriott and other selected specialty dining spots. Keep your fingers crossed: the Charlotte Area Transit System [CATS] is slated to have the restored trolley system running from the Center City to the South End entertainment district by November!

## **A Walk through Charlotte's Revitalizing Center City**

Within the last several years, Charlotte's emergence as a major financial center has triggered the rapid and comprehensive revitalization of its urban core. Join Heather Smith and Bill Graves for a Sunday morning walking tour of several of Charlotte's most intriguing revitalization sites. This free walking tour will focus on the city's Third and Fourth Wards, and will

introduce participants to the unique trajectory of gentrification in the city's first historic district, as well as to the current transformation of a once derelict industrial area into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood that houses Bank of America's Gateway Village, and the future site for Charlotte's newest university. The free tour will be 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, rain or shine.

## **Sunday Evening Opening Session**

To capitalize on the geographic significance of our meeting's urban venue, the Local Arrangements Committee has chosen to open the meeting with a presentation focused on the late 20th century social and spatial transformation of Charlotte's Center City. Dennis Rash, former vice president for community development at Bank of America and a longtime participant in Charlotte's Center City renewal, will share his experience and insights into the unique ways that public-private sector planning initiatives shaped the landscape you are visiting. The outcome is a vibrant, livable city that no longer functions solely as a job-providing destination. The tour of the Third and Fourth Ward neighborhoods provides a wonderful introduction to Rash's presentation.

## **Other Sites of Interest:**

### **Self-guided Tours of Local Attractions**

Charlotte's Center City is a busy place with an array of cultural attractions, such as the Levine Museum of the New South with its superb permanent exhibit, "From Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," and Discovery Place, a hands-on science museum. Both are just down the street from the meeting site. The nearby Mint Museum of Craft + Design provides a quiet and artistic oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city's 9–5 activity.

Other attractions are within a 30-minute drive of the conference hotel: For NASCAR enthusiasts, Lowe's Motor Speedway provides tours, a gift shop and a lap around the track (in a van, not your favorite driver's car). An associated regional concentration of NASCAR racing shops is close by. For something different, The Carolina Raptor Center, housed on the 1,290-acre Latta Plantation Nature Reserve, is a nationally known rehabilitation facility for injured birds of prey. Bald Eagles and a

variety of Hawks and Falcons reside there. The price of admission for the museums and features listed above is well under \$10 per person.

Shoppers and geographers interested in retailing will find many opportunities at Charlotte's regional malls. Concord Mills is North Carolina's number two tourist destination; it and the South Park Mall are just 20 minutes away. Detailed directions to the museums and other attractions above will be provided. You are invited to arrive early and enjoy the city!

## **Hotel Accommodations**

Special SEDAAG rates for the Marriott City Center are \$69 per night, single or double occupancy for regular SEDAAG members, and \$59 per night, single or double occupancy for students. An additional charge beyond double occupancy is \$10 per person per night. Please specify your status when making your reservations. Reservation information is detailed on the Registration Form. Guest parking at the hotel is \$10 per day. Off-site parking will be necessary for 15-passenger vans; please contact us for details in mid-October.

The Registration and Participation forms for the Charlotte meeting are included in this newsletter. You will not receive a separate mailing of conference information. Directions to the conference will appear on the departmental and SEDAAG Web sites via the SEDAAG 2003 links. Please contact the Local Arrangements Committee at (704) 687-4250 for this information if you prefer an alternative to Internet access.

## **Department Displays**

Space will be available in the second-floor foyer for a limited number of tables devoted to departmental displays to showcase research and teaching, and for recruiting students. To reserve a table for Sunday and/or Monday, please E-mail Tyrel G. Moore at [tgmoore@email.uncc.edu](mailto:tgmoore@email.uncc.edu). Space costs \$35 and can be paid by check. **The hotel can assume no responsibility for the security of display items.**

Please watch for additional details via the SEDAAG 2003 link on the department's Web site ([www.geearth.uncc.edu](http://www.geearth.uncc.edu)) or the SEDAAG Web site ([www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org)) later this summer.

# Registration Form

58th SEDAAG Meeting  
Charlotte, N.C.  
Nov. 23–25, 2003

For complete conference and participation information, visit [www.geoearth.uncc.edu](http://www.geoearth.uncc.edu) and click on the SEDAAG 2003 link.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Faculty    Student    Retiree/Companion  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty signature, if student \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A walk through Charlotte's Revitalizing Center City<br>Heather Smith and Bill Graves | Sunday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.   | Free    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Luncheon  | Tuesday, 12:15–1:45 p.m. | \$22.50 |

## Payment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty           | \$40 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student           | \$20 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree/Companion | \$20 | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total</b>                               |      | \$ _____ |

Note: The late registration fee is \$50. The on-site registration fee is \$25.

Send this form, along with your check (made payable to SEDAAG 2003), to:

Tyrel G. Moore, SEDAAG Local Arrangements co-chair  
Department of Geography and Earth Sciences  
UNC Charlotte  
9201 University City Blvd.  
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Phone: (704) 687-4250  
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E-mail: [tgmoore@email.uncc.edu](mailto:tgmoore@email.uncc.edu)

**To receive early registration prices, this form and your check must be received by October 24!**

## Hotel Registration

Charlotte Marriott City Center  
100 West Trade Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
Phone: (704) 333-9000  
Fax: (704) 347-1784

**Deadline is October 25 for reduced room rates!**

To book a room, call the Marriott City Center toll-free at 1-800-288-9240 or visit the Web site, [www.marriottcitycenter.com](http://www.marriottcitycenter.com). Remember to mention the special SEDAAG conference rate.

**Professional:** \$69 (double occupancy), \$10 for each additional person  
**Students:** \$59 (double occupancy), \$10 for each addition person

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# Participation Form

58th SEDAAG Meeting

Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 23–25, 2003

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty     Student     Retiree/Companion

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty signature, if student \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## Paper Presenters, Poster Presenters, Organizers of Special Sessions and Volunteers

### I am submitting a paper for presentation:

Regular paper titled \_\_\_\_\_

Student Honors paper titled \_\_\_\_\_

GTU paper titled \_\_\_\_\_

Special AV needs \_\_\_\_\_

### I am submitting a poster:

Titled \_\_\_\_\_

### I am proposing a Special Session (Deadline: September 6):

Titled \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a list of intended participants, paper titles, session chair and discussant(s) for the proposed Special Session.

### I am volunteering to:

Chair a session     Discuss a paper     Chair and discuss

Area of interest/specialization \_\_\_\_\_

### Deadline: September 13

Send this form and your paper/poster or special session/volunteer information to:

Dr. L. Allan James, SEDAAG vice president  
Department of Geography  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208  
Phone: (803) 777-6117  
Fax: (803) 777-4972  
E-mail: ajames@sc.edu

### Student Honors Participants

Send this form and your paper to:

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Department of Geography  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353  
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## 2003 SEDAAG Membership

SEDAAG membership continues to be a great bargain. Members receive the semiannual journal *Southeastern Geographer*, the periodic newsletter and information about the annual meeting to be held this year in Charlotte, N.C.

Dues support a number of activities, including the graduate Student Honors Competition and scholarship, the popular World Geography Bowl, and recognition for faculty achievements in research, service and lifetime achievement. Also consider making a donation to the endowment(s) when paying your dues. The John Fraser Hart Endowment is dedicated to the best Ph.D. student paper and presentation in the honors session at the annual meeting.

Share the excitement of SEDAAG by encouraging colleagues and students to join as well. The Southeastern Division is widely considered a model of an active and thriving division of the AAG. For further information, consult any officer or the Web site at [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org).

Sincerely,

Susan M. Walcott  
 SEDAAG Treasurer

**Note:** Your membership fee is separate from the annual meeting fee. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.

### SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple                                 | \$26                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired couple | \$13.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student                                | \$12.50 (Institution) |   |         |

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Please return your form, with check, to:

Susan M. Walcott, Department of Anthropology and Geography  
 Georgia State University, 33 Gilmer Street, University Plaza  
 Atlanta, GA 30303-3083

# 2003 SEDAAG Elections

**President** (vote for one):

- Stephen Walsh
- Jonathan Leib

**Treasurer** (vote for one):

- Leo Zonn

State Representative (vote for one): You may only vote for SEDAAG State Representative from the state in which you are a member. Do not cast more than one vote for State Representative.

## Alabama

- Max Baber
- Kelly Gregg

## Kentucky

- Holly Barcus
- Alice Turkington

## West Virginia

- Joe Manzo
- Brent McCusker

## Florida

- Sharon Cobb
- Johan Liebens

## South Carolina

- Carl Dahlman
- Christa Smith

**Ballots must be received by September 30, 2003.**