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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Preparations for our 2006 meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia are well underway. Local arrangements chair, Ann Oberhauser, is planning field trips to a coal camp and the Potomac Highlands. The Sunday night reception will include authentic Appalachian music. I was fortunate to have visited Morgantown a few years ago for a Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-AAG Conference. I believe both physical and human geographers will find it a fascinating place, and I hope you will join us for our 2006 meeting.

We are also actively discussing future sites for the 2007 and 2008 SEDAAG meetings. I am quite pleased to report that we have an invitation to Columbia, South Carolina for 2007, and to Greensboro, North Carolina for 2008. I would like to thank Dave Cowen at the University of South Carolina, and Gordon Bennett at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for taking on the responsibilities for these efforts. I would also like to encourage other departments to consider making invitations for 2009 and beyond. Hosting an annual meeting is an excellent means of advertising the quality of your department's academic programs and the amenities of your location.

Membership

As many of you know, we have been making a concerted

effort to increase our membership. In recent months I have contacted departmental chairs around the Division to ask them to encourage their faculty to participate in SEDAAG. We also send email messages to all current SEDAAG members reminding them to renew their membership for 2006. Finally, we secured a list of all AAG members in the South, attempted to delete all current members of SEDAAG, and sent a membership form, a brochure on the *Southeastern Geographer*, and a letter encouraging participation in SEDAAG to over 700 geographers (I am aware that a few SEDAAG members in good standing received this letter as well, for which I apologize). While it is much too soon to know if these efforts have been entirely successful, preliminary numbers indicate a slight increase in membership. We will have better sense of the value of these activities at the annual meeting in Morgantown.

In spite of these efforts, I believe we need to do more. From 1995 to 2005, the membership in the AAG rose from 7,400 to just under 9,500, nearly a thirty percent increase. There is little doubt that AAG membership in the nine SEDAAG states also grew, and the Division has witnessed a rise in the number of geography departments and programs offering undergraduate and graduate degrees. But during the same ten year time period, membership in SEDAAG dropped by over 50% and in June 2005, settled at 322 individual memberships. My goal this year was modest – a ten percent increase which would put SEDAAG above 350 members. The most recent numbers indicate we have experienced a slight increase, but remain less than half way to my goal. Thus, I ask for your help in promoting membership and participation in SEDAAG activities.

As has been the case in recent years, SEDAAG will provide a free one-year membership to new faculty in the division. If you had a successful search this past year and have a new faculty member joining your department, please pass along this information to me. I will insure that your new colleague gets on the membership rolls and receives the *Southeastern Geographer*. It is our hope that this effort will lead newcomers joining a department in the Division to maintain their membership, join us at our annual meeting and participate in SEDAAG activities in the future.

I would also like to encourage departmental chairs to aid

SEDAAG in its membership efforts. Several departments around the Division have made attendance at SEDAAG a departmental event for both faculty and students, easily confirmed by the number of university vans in the hotel parking garages at our annual meeting sites. While long university van rides can be tiring, they also provide a setting in which students and faculty can interact in a less formal setting. Many routes also allow side field trips that expose our students to interesting human and physical landscapes. Last year's van trip to West Palm Beach allowed some of my department's MS students to see their first alligator in the wild. The trip to Morgantown this coming November can be used to see firsthand the Appalachian Mountains and coal country.

It is also important that our current members encourage their "uninitiated" colleagues and students to join SEDAAG. Our annual meeting provides a setting for interaction that is rarely available at the national meeting due to the latter's size. I would also like to ask all state representatives to promote membership and participation in SEDAAG. Soon you will be contacting departments in your respective states to secure information for your annual reports. Please use that opportunity to promote the Division's efforts.

Political Geography in SEDAAG

I have been working on a project examining research on the political geography of the South with three of my graduate students. We have made an effort to assemble a complete list of all published articles, book chapters and books during the period 1980 through 2005 on the subject. The list continues to grow and is nearing 100 items. Our analysis indicates a substantial increase in work on the political geography of the South during the past quarter century. For example, there has been over a six fold increase in publications on the topic when comparing annualized output in the early 1980s versus the early 2000s. Many of these publications have appeared in the discipline's most prestigious journal outlets including the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Geographical Review*, the *Professional Geographer*, and *Political Geography*. But the most frequent outlet for political geography articles on the South is the *Southeastern Geographer*, followed by *Political Geography*, the latter frequently having impact scores among the highest of all geography journals. I note this because I believe it confirms the quality and viability of the Division's journal. An excellent method of promoting the Division's efforts is to submit high quality research articles to the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Editorship of The Southeastern Geographer

Scott Lecce and Derek Alderman have acted as co-editors of *The Southeastern Geographer* since 2004. Their four year term will end after the November 2007 issue, and regrettably they have decided not to seek a second term. In conjunction with Chris Meindl (book reviews) and Max Baber (cartography), they have done an excellent job editing the journal.

You will find a call for applications for the editorship of the journal in this newsletter. Jonathan Leib (Florida State) has agreed to serve as chair of the search committee. Jonathan served as editor of the *Journal of Geography* for three years and has the expertise to ably guide the committee's efforts. Past SEDAAG president Steve Walsh (UNC, Chapel Hill) has also agreed to serve on the committee along with Scott and Derek.

I encourage you to consider taking on the responsibility for editing the journal. Clearly it is one of the most important tasks

in SEDAAG. The committee will consider applications from individuals or editorial teams. Proposals should be sent to Jonathan Leib and the committee intends to meet with applicants at the meeting in Morgantown in November. If the search is successfully concluded this coming Fall, the new editor (or editors) will have a year to work with Derek and Scott prior to taking over the full responsibility for the journal. This overlap will insure a smooth transition.

Personal Note

As many of you know, Professor David Weaver passed away this past Spring. David was a SEDAAG mainstay receiving his graduate degrees at Florida and Georgia Tech, and having taught at West Georgia and the University of Alabama. He was instrumental in the development of Alabama's regional and urban planning program, chaired the department for 13 years, and served as the voice of experience to our faculty and students for nearly three decades. He was active in the AAG, NGS, NCGE and SEDAAG, and received this Division's Service Award in 1997. He will be greatly missed.

Jerry Webster
SEDAAG President
University of Alabama

EDITOR, *SOUTHEASTERN GEOGRAPHER* CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers invites applications and nominations for the position of Editor (or Editorial Team) of the *Southeastern Geographer* for a four-year term beginning on December 1, 2007 with responsibilities for volumes published during 2008-2011. The Editor or Editorial Team greatly influences the content and format of the journal, recruits high quality submissions that are of interest to the membership, and seeks to elevate the visibility and prestige of the journal. To facilitate these efforts, applicants should have breadth in geography and an inclusive vision of the discipline. Applicants must be capable of working closely and collegially with authors, reviewers, and the journal's Editorial Committee to assure the continued quality of the journal and the integrity of the editorial process. Applicants should provide evidence of significant resource commitments from the home institution, including space, access to appropriate information technology, and copy editorial assistance.

Letters of application should include an interpretation of the mission of the journal, a statement of intended approach to editorial duties, and a description of editorial experience. The letter of application should be accompanied by current curriculum vitas of the applicants. A letter of institutional support from an office above the departmental level should also accompany the application. Applicants should arrange for three individuals to provide letters of reference. The closing date for applications is October 15, 2006. All materials should be forwarded to the Chair of the Screening Committee, Dr. Jonathan Leib, Department of Geography, Room 323 Bellamy Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2190; Phone: 850.644.8375; E-mail: jleib@coss.fsu.edu

INVITATION TO THE 61ST ANNUAL SEDAAG MEETING

The Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia University welcomes the SEDAAG and MAD membership to Morgantown, WV for the joint annual meeting of these divisions. The meeting will be held November 19-21, 2006 at the Radisson Hotel at Waterfront Place along the scenic Monongahela River. Room rates for the conference are \$79 single/double per night. Reservations may be made by calling (304)296-1700. (Mention SEDAAG to get the special rate.)

Planned activities for the meeting include a reception on the waterfront with authentic Appalachian music, a coal-camp tour, and a field trip to the Potomac Highlands. We look forward to seeing you in Morgantown next November!! For further information contact Ann Oberhauser at (304)293-5603 or SEDAAG2006@mail.wvu.edu You may also want to view the meeting website at www.geo.wvu.edu/SEDAAG2006

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 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; 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 CV of candidate and 3 letters of

support by September 25, 2006 to: Dr. Katie Algeo, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography and Geology, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1056; E-mail: Katie.Algeo@wku.edu

Merle C. Prunty Student Scholarship

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers annually awards the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student from our 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 Banquet at the 2006 Division meeting in Morgantown, West 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 Fall 2006; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons 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 September 25, 2006 to: Dr. Katie Algeo, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography and Geology, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1056; E-mail: Katie.Algeo@wku.edu

2006 SEDAAG ELECTIONS

Please vote in this year's SEDAAG elections. The offices up for election this year are: Vice President, Secretary, and SEDAAG State Representative from Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia (*Note that you may only vote for State Representative from the state in which you are a member*). A ballot will be mailed to all SEDAAG members in the near future.

Please return your completed ballot by September 30th, 2006 to: **Dr. Bobby Wilson, Chair, SEDAAG Tellers Committee, Department of Geography, Box 870322, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL 35487.**

The SEDAAG Nominations Committee, chaired by Bill Graves, presents the following candidates for office:

VICE PRESIDENT

Eric J. Fournier (Ph.D. 1995 & MA, 1990 University of Georgia; BS 1986, Syracuse University) is Associate Professor and Chair of the Geography Department at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. While trained as an urban geographer, most of his recent work involves the study of teaching and learning in undergraduate geography with a particular interest in active and problem-based learning. Though born in Maine, Fournier has lived slightly more than ½ his life in the South—during that time he has cultivated a deep appreciation for the Atlanta Braves, slow-cooked pork, bourbon, dogwoods, humidity, turnip greens, and the Georgia Bulldogs. He has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1990. During that time he has served the Association as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, member of the Audit Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee, Chair of the Geography Education Committee, Local Arrangements Committee member for meetings in Athens and Birmingham, Editorial Board Member for *The Southeastern Geographer*, and member of the Geography Bowl “Dream Team” (MVP 2004). He has presented papers, served on panels, organized sessions, and served as a paper discussant at 12 SEDAAG meetings. Other service to geography includes Associate Editor of the *Journal of Geography*, Chair of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Committee on College Geography, and Secretary/Treasurer of the AAG’s Geography Education Specialty Group.

His current research efforts involve spatial thinking and the infusion of technology in multi-disciplinary, general education courses. He was Co-PI for the NSF-funded AEGIS (Academic Excellence through Geographic Information Science) project that helped train faculty to use spatial technologies and perspectives in their introductory classes. Fournier served as a project consultant for the NSF-funded SPACE (Spatial Perspectives and Curriculum Enhancement) initiative at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is also interested in issues related to faculty development and training and has been a Workshop Leader for the Geography Faculty Development Alliance, has led numerous faculty development workshops at national meetings, and is an active member of the International Network for Teaching and Learning Geography in Higher Education. In 2003 he received a Distinguished University Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education, and Kentucky governor Ernie Fletcher named him an Honorary Kentucky Colonel in 2006. He has published in the *Southeastern Geographer*, the *Journal of Geography*, the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, *The Journal of General Education*, *Planet*, and the *Journal of the Alabama Academy of Science*.

Russ Ivy (Ph.D. 1992, University of Florida; M.A. 1987 and B.A. 1983, University of Missouri) is Associate Professor of Geography and Department Chair in Geosciences at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He has been an AAG member since 1989, and a SEDAAG member since 1991. Russ has served SEDAAG as Florida state representative (1998-1999), Chair of the Teller Committee (2000) and Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the 2005 meeting in West Palm Beach, FL. Additionally, he has served the profession as Vice President (2001-2002) and President (2002-2003) of the Florida Society of Geographers, organizing the 2003 meeting in Boca Raton. He is also active in the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the

Historic Savannah Foundation.

Russ conducts research in the areas of transportation, tourism and urban revitalization and has published in a variety of geography and interdisciplinary outlets including *The Professional Geographer*, *Environment and Planning A*, *European Planning Studies*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Tourism Geographies*, *Journal of Small Business Management* and the *Southeastern Geographer*.

SECRETARY

Hilda E. Kurtz (Ph.D., 2000, University of Minnesota; M.A., 1996, University of Minnesota; B.F.A., 1989, Portland School of Art) is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia. She has been a member of the AAG since 1993, and a member of SEDAAG since 2001. Hilda will serve SEDAAG as a member of the 2002 Program Committee. Her research interests derive from professional experience as a PIRG organizer, and center on geography and activism, with an emphasis on environmental justice activism and the community gardening movement. Her work has been published in *Urban Geography*, and also in the *Professional Geographer* and *Ethics, Place, and Environment*.

Craig R. Laing (Ph.D. 1997 University of Tennessee; M.A. 1988 Marshall University; B.A. 1987 Marshall University) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He has been a frequent presenter and paper discussant at SEDAAG’s annual meeting and served as the Tennessee State Representative for SEDAAG in 2001 and 2002. Laing is a human geographer whose teaching responsibilities include a variety of courses including introductory human geography, world geography, urban geography, economic geography, and geography of the United States, the Southeast United States, and Asia. He has published two articles in the *Southeastern Geographer* dealing with the geography of the Appalachian Regional Commissions’ social programs and spatial changes in the distribution of Mormons in the United States and the South. Currently, Laing’s research focuses on the growth of methamphetamine production and use in Appalachia.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

GEORGIA

Jason Dittmer (Ph.D. 2003 Florida State University) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology and Geography at Georgia Southern University. He is a political geographer who studies the intersection of popular culture and geopolitics, focusing on the way in which places and politics are shaped by their representation in the media and pop culture industries. His research on these topics has been published in the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* and *Geopolitics*, among others. His recent SEDAAG presentations have been on topics ranging from representations of Jamaica in James Bond serialized comics to the use of *Dracula* to teach the social construction of regions in undergraduate courses. Dittmer is a member of the AAG and the NCGE, as well as a board member for the Political Geography Specialty Group. A member of SEDAAG since 2002, if elected he would like to focus on improving membership rates and increasing attendance at the

annual meeting.

Doug R. Oetter (Ph.D. 2002 Oregon State University; M.A. 1990 University of Georgia; B.A. 1985 University of Washington) is an Assistant Professor at Georgia College & State University, in the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy. He teaches GIS, physical geography, resource geography, environmental history, and interdisciplinary studies. He coordinates the B. A. degree in Liberal Studies and the Geography Minor program. His research is concentrated on the application of remote sensing and GIS to resource development issues, especially land cover change and river management. He has published in *Remote Sensing of Environment*, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, *Transactions in GIS*, *Ecological Applications*, *Conservation Biology*, *Ecosystems*, and others. His current work involves mapping temperate forest conversion in southern Chile, detecting forested wetland connectivity along Georgia's rivers, and problem-based learning methodologies for teaching GIS. Doug first joined SEDAAG in 1986, and rejoined upon returning to the South in 2002. He serves as a member of the SEDAAG Education Committee.

MISSISSIPPI

David M. Cochran, Jr. (Ph.D. University of Kansas 2005; M.A. George Washington University 1996; B.A. University of Texas at Austin 1990) is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been a SEDAAG member since 2003 and has presented his research at several of its annual meetings. He served as coach of the Mississippi Geography Bowl Team at the 2003 and 2004 SEDAAG meetings, and the "Dirty South" spoiler team in 2005. He is a Latin Americanist cultural geographer and works in the Mosquitia region of eastern Honduras where he studies indigenous land use, rural livelihoods, and tropical rain forest conservation. Publications based on his dissertation research are forthcoming. He is currently a Co-PI on an NSF grant to study hurricanes and their impacts on indigenous peoples of eastern Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition to SEDAAG, he is a member of the AAG and the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG).

John Rodgers (Ph.D. 1999 University of Georgia; M.S. 1994 University of Tennessee, Knoxville; B.S. 1991 University of Tennessee, Knoxville) is currently Assistant Professor of Geography in the department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University. John is a biogeographer that studies invasive species, human-environmental interactions, coastal vegetation, and paleoecology. Currently, John is researching invasive species in The Bahamas and investigating the affects of climate and hurricanes on Gulf Coast vegetation. He has served as a SEDAAG discussant, served on the SEDAAG honors committee, and served as the Mississippi Geography Bowl captain. John has published in *Physical Geography*, *Diversity and Distributions*, *Journal of Coastal Research*, and *Southeastern Geographer*.

NORTH CAROLINA

Robert N. Brown (Ph.D. 2001 Louisiana State University; M.A. 1990 Appalachian State University; A.B. 1987 University of Georgia) is currently Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Planning at Appalachian State

University in Boone, North Carolina. He teaches graduate seminars in research methods and human geography and maintains courses in world regional geography, human geography and North Carolina at the undergraduate level. Rob's primary research interests are in cultural and historical geography. A portion of his ethnographic work in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta will appear in the Spring 2007 volume of *Southeastern Geographer*. Rob's latest research project involves community identity, collective memory, and material culture on a New Deal resettlement farm in South Carolina.

Dan Royall (Ph.D. 1997, University of Tennessee; M.S. 1988, University of Tennessee; B.S. 1986, North Carolina State University) is an Associate Professor (August 2006) at the Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to moving to Greensboro in 2003, Dan was on the faculty of the University of Alabama Department of Geography in Tuscaloosa. He has been a member of SEDAAG since 1999. Dan has previously served SEDAAG as the Alabama State Representative, and as a member of the Nominations Committee, the Honors Committee, and the Program Committee. He also currently serves on the editorial board of the *Southeastern Geographer*. Dan is a geomorphologist specializing in watershed sedimentology and fluvial geomorphology, and has conducted research with field sites in Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama. Current research pursuits include studies of urban sediment magnetism, the spatial propagation of urban influences on channel morphology, and hydraulic habitat variation in severely disturbed streams. His recent work has appeared in *Catena*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Physical Geography*, and *The Professional Geographer*.

TENNESSEE

Esra Ozdenerol (Ph.D. 2000 Louisiana State University; M.L.A. 1996 Louisiana State University; B.Sc. 1993 University of Ankara) is an Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Memphis. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Tennessee, Department of Preventive Medicine. Prior to her current position, she was an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at the Florida International University. She maintains membership in the SEDAAG, AAG, UCGIS, URISA, MAGIC, and TNGIC. Her area of specialization is Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Medical Geography and Landscape Ecology. She is the PI on a Department of Labor funded federal grant project to teach geospatial technology to construction technology, alarm and police services. She is the Co-PI on Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) grant; researching natural hazards of Tennessee. She is the PI on an important local grant funded by Memphis hospitals to research Emergency Department use in Memphis, TN. She is the founder of Graduate Certificate in GIS. Ozdenerol's teaching responsibilities are in GIS/Remote Sensing, and Medical Geography. She has published in journals such as *International Journal of Health Geographics*, *Landscape and Urban Planning*, *Risk Analysis* and contributed to *World Minds* -a book given during the centennial AAG meeting. A recent book review appears in the *URISA Journal*.

Doug Heffington (Ph.D. 1992, M.A. 1987 University of Oklahoma; B.A. 1978, University of Arkansas) is Professor of Geography in the Department of Geosciences at Middle

Tennessee State University. His research and teaching interests include geoarchaeology, cultural/historical geography, and recreational geography.

VIRGINIA

Johnathan Walker (Ph.D. 2003 University of Georgia; M.A. 1991 Syracuse University; A.B. 1986 University of California-Berkeley) is currently Assistant Professor of Geography in the department of Integrated Science and Technology and coordinator of the Asian Studies program at James Madison University. Johnathan is a critical population geographer whose work bridges economic and political geography. His area of research is in East and Southeast Asia with special foci on Taiwan and the Philippines. His specific interests are in labor migration and labor immigration policy and the use of foreign labor in economic restructuring and economic stability. He is also concerned with the role of the state and the intersection of population, economy, and politics. He has served as a SEDAAG discussant and is currently a member of the SEDAAG Resolutions Committee. He has published in the *Geographical Review*.

James W. Wilson (Ph.D. 2005 University of Maryland) joined the Department of Political Science and Geography at Old Dominion University (ODU) in August 2005 as an Assistant Professor and was a visiting lecturer at ODU for the 2004/2005 academic year. Prior to that, James was the geospatial application integration manager for the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) in Richmond, Virginia. James spent nearly 20 years at James Madison University as an instructor and GIS specialist, Geographic Science Lab Director, and manager of the Media Technology Lab. James received the *Andrew Hill Clark Award* for best paper by a doctoral student from the Historical Geography Specialty Group at the 2005 AAG meeting, and an *Exceptional Service Award* from the Secretary of Technology of The Commonwealth of Virginia and VGIN in November 2001. James' research interests are in historical geography, human-environment interactions, and distributed geospatial systems. James' article "Historical and Computational Analysis of Long-Term Environmental Change: Forests in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia" appeared in a Historical GIS special issue of *Historical Geography* (Vol. 33, 2005). James participated in a "New Faces" session of the 2003 SEDAAG meeting, and has presented at other regional, national and international conferences.

FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS 61ST SEDAAG MEETING Morgantown, West Virginia November 19-21, 2006

The 2006 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Morgantown, West Virginia, November 19 - 21. Field trips and thematic sessions for the Morgantown meeting are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the conference center. For questions about local arrangements, contact: Ann Oberhauser, (304) 293-5603 ext. 4329, or at oberhauser@geo.wvu.edu. You may also want to view the

meeting website at www.geo.wvu.edu/SEDAAG2006.

You are invited to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. Students are encouraged to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the *Student Honors Competition* and the *Gamma Theta Upsilon* (GTU) undergraduate paper sessions as described in the corresponding sections below. The deadline for receipt of all papers, abstracts, and poster descriptions is Friday, **September 15th, 2006**. Early submissions are encouraged. Guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this call and on the SEDAAG website (www.SEDAAG.org). All paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG, but membership is inexpensive (a form is included in this newsletter and online). Specially organized thematic paper sessions (special sessions) are also welcome; their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. Those who wish to arrange special sessions, conduct workshops, or schedule meetings should contact participants as soon as possible and notify the Program Chair no later than **September 8th, 2006**. Check boxes for volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper are included on the participation form in this newsletter and online. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions, so please consider volunteering to serve as a discussant.

Things to Consider. We are encouraging greater use of the www.SEDAAG.org website for basic information. We will continue to use the SEDAAG website this year for disseminating both the "Abstracts of Papers and Posters" and "Preliminary Program." Only the final Program will be printed and distributed as part of the registration material. One month before the meeting, we will list the abstracts on a web page linked to the SEDAAG website. A printed version of abstracts will not be available at the meetings. Since we do not have a list of members' email addresses, pre-meeting announcements of the abstracts being listed online will only be made in this newsletter, so it is incumbent upon you to check the SEDAAG web site in early November. Also, we prefer an email submission of all papers and posters except for the student honors competition. Laptop computers and digital projectors, with Power Point, will be provided in all paper sessions. We will not provide 35-mm slide projectors. Please read the following *Guidelines with Instructions for All Participants*.

Contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to volunteer to be a discussant and/or session chair. Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive #5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001; (601) 266-4729 (voice); c.dixon@usm.edu.

Instructions for All Participants - Guidelines for 2006

All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. A membership application is available on the SEDAAG website. The deadline for receipt of all materials by the Program Chair (Clifton Dixon) is Friday, **September 15th, 2006**. Materials received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers and posters received by the deadline (except GTU submissions) will be reviewed by the Program Committee and inclusion on the program is subject to acceptance by a blind-review process.

Participation Form. Each submission should be accompanied by a Participation Form or comparable separate page containing:

- a) type of presentation (large bold print: Paper, Student Honors Paper, GTU Undergraduate Paper, or Poster),
- b) title of the paper,
- c) author's (or authors') name(s) and title(s),
- d) affiliation,
- e) complete mailing address, and
- f) email address.

Also, please indicate whether you are willing to chair a session, discuss a paper, or both. The first item, Type of Presentation, is extremely important to ensure that your submission is given a proper assignment in the program.

Document Formats. The title of the paper or poster description should appear at the top of the first page. The **author's name, address, or affiliation must NOT appear** anywhere in the paper or description because this will be sent for blind review. All papers and poster descriptions should use full double spacing with 12-point type fonts (Abstracts are single spaced). Pages must have at least 2.5 cm (1.0-inch) margins all around (top, bottom, left, and right). All pages must be numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text. Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*. Please include all maps, graphs, and tables and they must be labeled and numbered, but need not be in final form in submitted versions.

Digital File Formats. Use only PC-compatible file formats (sorry, no Mac or Unix formats). Digital files may be written in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect (we prefer Microsoft Word). Use standard filename extensions (last three letters of the filename) for these programs or clearly indicate what software was used to generate the file. (Papers for the student honors competition must be submitted in the traditional hard copy format. See instructions in that section.) If your system does not automatically screen for viruses, please check your files manually before sending.

Abstracts. All submissions (including honors papers) must be accompanied by a digital copy of an abstract that is no longer than 200 words counting title, authors, etc. (see *Document Formats* and *Digital Formats* above). Abstracts must begin with the paper title, followed by the author's name(s), and institutional affiliation(s). This is followed by the body of the abstract which should be single spaced and without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, leave two spaces between paragraphs. Abstracts will be reformatted for listing on the web, so please do not embed unnecessary formatting in the abstract such as margin settings, justification, line spacing, or changes in font types or sizes. Such formatting may cause extra work in processing or glaring discrepancies in the final format. Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading their abstracts; they will be listed as submitted.

Email Submissions. You are encouraged to submit your paper or poster description by email (except honors papers), but it is very important to follow these instructions carefully to ensure that materials can be received and kept organized. All submissions should have at least three files. Name them with your surname and first initial as follows: SurnameXpartic (participation form),

SurnameXabst (abstract), and SurnameXppr or SurnameXpstr, for a paper or poster, respectively. If your files cannot be named this way, then name them partic, abst, and ppr or pstr, and compress them into a single file named by your surname using Pkzip or WinZip. A third alternative is to name them SurnameA, SurnameB, and SurnameC. No file should be larger than 2 Mb - PLEASE. For paper files larger than 2 Mb, separate the graphics from the text, and send the graphics in one or more separate files.

For review purposes graphics can be done at low resolutions and compressed (e.g. jpg or zip) to facilitate email transfers. If graphics are loaded into word processing files, please shrink the graphics files first. If files unavoidably remain larger than 2 Mb, split them into multiple files and number them sequentially; e.g., SurnameXppr1, SurnameXppr2. Send files (submissions) to: c.dixon@usm.edu. Try to send your materials early to avoid difficulties on the last few days near the deadline. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours that your materials were received, notify the program chair immediately. All materials must be received by September 15th.

Surface Mail Submissions. If submitting your work by surface mail, you have two options (except honors papers). The preferred method is to send digital copies of the paper or poster description on a CD. If so, include one hard copy of all materials and all the necessary digital files using the formats and naming conventions as described under email submissions. Label the CD with your name and the title of your paper. Please observe the file-size limits described under email submissions so we can email them to reviewers and discussants. Alternatively, you may submit printed copies of the paper along with a CD containing a digital copy of the abstract. If so, you must provide multiple copies of the paper, references, figures, and tables. For standard papers and poster descriptions (any general session), include five copies of the materials. All GTU undergraduate paper submissions should include three copies. All student honors papers should follow the procedures for hard copies and include ten full copies. All submissions must be accompanied by a single copy of the participation form, and a digital copy of the abstract. Mail to: Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive # 5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001.

Paper Presentations for Standard, Student Honors, or GTU Sessions. Each room will have an LCD projector for Power Point or HTML presentations and an overhead projector for transparencies. The usual 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided. Please indicate if you need audio-visual equipment other than these, but do not expect a 35-mm projector. A standard laptop PC with a CD-ROM drive and software for Power Point (Vers. 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 your presentation on a CD and/or a jump drive at least 15 minutes before the session begins and upload it to the PC.**

I. Papers and Special Sessions

Papers must not exceed eight (8) double-spaced pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. The 8-

page limit is based on double spacing and 12-point type fonts. (See *Document Formats* instructions above.) Please time your paper before it is submitted. 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 8-page maximum. Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience. When projected on a screen they should be readable at 8 meters (25 ft).

Papers Checklist: Participation form, digital abstract, and paper (five copies if not digital). The participation form should indicate "PAPER" at the top. Email materials to: c.dixon@usm.edu or mail them to: Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive # 5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001.

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 the due date of September 15th for all materials applies.** Organizers of special sessions should collect and send all material to the chair of the program committee as one self-contained packet with all program forms, abstracts, papers, and disks 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. Digital copies are preferred.
- Organizers should provide a draft *special-session plan* to the program Chair (Clifton 'Skeeter' Dixon) by **September 8th, 2006** that includes the session chair, intended paper title, author's name(s), institutional affiliations, and discussant(s). These plans can be sent by email.
- Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide a discussant for 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 add papers to the session or to merge special session papers into other sessions, especially if three or fewer papers survive the review process.

Special Sessions Checklist: Organizers should send a special session plan by Sept. 8th and the completed packet by Sept. 15th. Each paper should have a Participation Form, digital Abstract, and complete Paper (five copies if not digital). Each participation form should indicate "PAPER" at the top. A finalized special-session plan should accompany the packet. Email materials to: c.dixon@usm.edu or mail them to: Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive # 5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001.

II. Posters and Poster Descriptions - Guidelines for 2006

Stands for presenting posters will be provided by SEDAAG. Poster dimensions will be determined later by the local arrangements committee and listed on the SEDAAG web site. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of one meter (3.3 ft). Text should be confined to brief statements.

Poster Descriptions. Poster submissions must be accompanied by a 2-page description, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. (See Document Formats instructions above.) **The description should not have your name, address, or affiliation on it** because it will go out for blind review. It should detail the purpose, research design, related literature, and findings of the poster. Maps, graphs, photos and tables must be included, but they do not have to be in final form.

Abstracts. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts (see Abstracts above).

Posters Checklist: Participation form, digital abstract, and poster descriptions (five copies or digital). The participation form should indicate "POSTER" at the top. Email materials to: c.dixon@usm.edu or mail them to: Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive # 5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001.

III. Guidelines for the Student Honors Competition

The Student Honors competitions consist of paper competitions for both the Master's and Doctoral level and one combined poster competition for Master's and Doctoral levels.

Objectives: The Student Honors competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers 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; and (4) recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.

Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in the Student Honors competition, the graduate student must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time his or her research was done. The sponsoring department must be located within the ten-state SEDAAG region. Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as a student at the time his or her paper is 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 the graduate student for the Honors

competition and conduct preliminary screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 2006 meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia, and be present at the awards ceremony.

Awards: Normally, one Master's-level paper award, one Doctoral-level paper award, and one Master's/Doctoral poster award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee.

The Ph.D. paper award will be for \$1,000, the Master's paper award will be for \$500, and the Master's/Ph.D poster award will be for \$500. Each award includes a year's paid membership in the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the Honors banquet (the evening of Monday the 20th). All students who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and Honors banquet fees waived.

Topics: Papers and posters on any geographic topic may be entered into the Honors competition. Every paper, poster and oral presentation will receive a critical and impartial evaluation.

Evaluation Procedures: Papers and posters submitted for the Honors competition will undergo preliminary screening by the Honors Committee. Those accepted for the competition will be referred back to the Program Committee for inclusion in one of the student honors competition sessions. Papers and posters not included in the competition but accepted for the program will be placed in appropriate sessions elsewhere in the program. 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.

Each poster submitted to the Honors competition will be evaluated for its quality as a written report on original research undertaken by the author, for its oral presentation and defense, and for its visual presentation of the poster. The written, oral, and visual evaluations will be weighted 30 percent, 30 percent, and 40 percent respectively.

- Content will be the primary general criterion in the written evaluation, but the author should use good English as well as 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 will be accepted.
- 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. Papers without such a focus will be scored lower.
- 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. It is important that the oral presentations 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 an important part of the evaluation. 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 (usually about 15 minutes) for delivery specified by the person chairing the session.

- The evaluation of the visual presentation of the poster will include quality, appropriateness, and visual appeal of any maps, figures, and illustrations and their relevance to the topic of the research. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of one meter (3.3 ft). Text should be confined to brief statements. Stands for posters will be provided by SEDAAG. Poster dimensions will be determined later by the local arrangements committee and listed on the SEDAAG web site

Voting: No Honors Committee member shall vote on a paper by a student from his or her institution or to whom they are related, although this restriction shall not discourage or prevent that member's participation in the discussion preceding the formal Committee vote.

Submission of Papers and Posters: A paper or poster submitted for the Honors competition must be accompanied by a letter from the student's advisor or head of the sponsoring department verifying the status and eligibility of the student and indicating whether it is for the M.A./M.S. paper, PhD paper, or Master's/PhD poster competition. Papers submitted for the Honors competition must conform to the *Instructions for All Participants* for procedures and formatting of papers and abstracts, with the following additions: (1) Ten (not 5) printed copies of the paper must be submitted by mail (no email submissions), and (2) a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission verifying the student's status and eligibility and the level of competition (MA/MS or PhD). Indicate on the Participation Form whether the paper is for the Master's or Doctoral level competition. Posters submitted for the Honors competition must conform to the *Instructions for All Participants* for procedures and formatting of posters and abstracts, with the following additions: (1) Ten (not 5) printed copies of a 6-page (not 2-page) description and up to 4-pages of graphics must be submitted by mail (no email submissions), and (2) a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission verifying the student's status and eligibility and the level of competition (MA/MS, PhD, or poster). Indicate on the Participation Form whether the paper is for the Master's or Doctoral level competition.

Honors Checklist: Participation form, digital abstract, hard copies of the paper or poster (ten copies), and letter from advisor or head. Indicate master's, doctoral, or poster competition. All materials to be received by **September 15th, 2006**.

Mail materials to: Dr. Katie Algeo, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography and Geology, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1056; E-mail: Katie.Algeo@wku.edu

IV. Guidelines for Gamma Theta Upsilon Undergraduate Papers

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 should be the responsibility of faculty advisors; but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as for the regular and Honors papers (see Document Format and Abstracts), except that only three (3) copies are needed (if not digital). Digital submissions are encouraged (see Email Submissions). Faculty, please encourage your undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

GTU Checklist: Participation form, digital copy of Abstract, Paper (digital or three copies), and Letter from advisor or head who has read the paper. All materials are to be received by **September 15th**.

Mail or email materials to: Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon, SEDAAG Program Chair, The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Geography, 118 College Drive # 5051, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001. c.dixon@usm.edu.

NECROLOGY

David C. Weaver

David C. Weaver died in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on April 3, 2006, at the age of 63. Born in Dudley, England, Weaver received his BA degree in geography from the University of Manchester in 1964. He pursued graduate work in geography at the University of Florida, receiving his MA in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1972. In 1980 he added a Masters in Community Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Weaver taught at West Georgia College from 1970 through 1977, moving to the University of Alabama in 1977 as Associate Professor. He was promoted to Professor in 1982, and became departmental chair in 1987, a role he played for 13 years.

After stepping down from the chair's position, Weaver continued to be an active contributor to departmental operations and a mentor to undergraduates, graduate students and faculty alike. He made substantial contributions to the development of the department's night program, teaching a wide array of different courses.

Weaver's teaching interests and abilities were broad and included historical geography, the geography of Europe, the geography of the Middle East, the geography of the American South, the geography of National Parks, introductory physical geography, climatology, geography for teachers, and a wide array of planning courses. Although Weaver touched the lives of thousands of college students, he was equally if not more known for his efforts on behalf of K-12 teachers. Beginning in 1990, he provided annual teacher workshops to improve geographic and environmental education to teachers in conjunction with the Alabama Geographic Alliance, and Legacy Inc., Partners in Environmental Education.

Weaver contributed greatly to the discipline through his professional service to organizations such as the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE), the Alabama Academy of

Science, the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG). He was the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award from the NCGE (1992), and the Outstanding Service Award from SEDAAG (1997).

Weaver also had a long research record with publications in the *Journal of Tropical Geography*, the *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, the *Southeastern Geographer*, the *Professional Geographer*, and the *Journal of Geography*, among others. He was also the author of several books and monographs, technical reports and maps.

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Special Sessions at the 61st Annual Meeting and Job Announcements

If you wish contact the SEDAAG membership about a special session for the 61st annual meeting in Morgantown, WV, please provide details to SEDAAG Secretary Doug Gamble. The information regarding the session will be forwarded to the SEDAAG membership via e-mail. In addition, if you have a job announcement you would like to distribute to the SEDAAG membership via e-mail, contact Doug Gamble. E-mail; gambled@uncw.edu, Phone: (910)962-3778.

Participation Form

61st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers
Morgantown, WV, November 19-21, 2006

Name _____ Faculty ___ Student ___ Retiree/Companion ___
Affiliation _____ Faculty Signature (if student) _____
Address _____ Email: _____
_____ Phone: _____

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

1. I am submitting a paper for presentation

___ Regular Paper Titled _____
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___ Special AV needs _____

2. I am submitting a poster

___ Titled _____

3. I am proposing a Special Session (*Deadline: September 8th*)

___ Titled _____

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

4. I am volunteering to:

___ Chair a Session ___ Discuss a Paper ___ Chair and Discuss

Area of Interest/Specialization _____

Regular Participants: Send this form and your paper/poster or volunteer information to:

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