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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### From the President

This is my fourth and final column as President of the Division. I would like to thank all of you that have occupied elected and appointed positions in SEDAAG during the past two years. It has been both a pleasure and an honor working with you and serving the Division. As many of you know, I will soon be moving back to Laramie, Wyoming to assume the chair responsibilities for the Department of Geography at the University of Wyoming. I intend to continue my participation in SEDAAG and will regularly attend the Division's annual meetings in future years. In that regard, please see the announcement and call for papers in this issue of the Newsletter for our November meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Dave Cowen of the University of South Carolina is serving as the chair of the local arrangements committee. As always, I am sure we will have a great meeting in an historic and fascinating

location.

At this writing the Nominations Committee (Thomas Crawford, Eric Fournier and Jamie Strickland) is busy putting the final touches on strong slate of candidates for this year's election including a new President, Treasurer and state representatives for Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. You will soon be receiving your ballots and I encourage you to return them promptly to Jonathan Leib, the chair of the Teller's Committee.

It is also important to note that Tink Moore's term as Regional Councilor to the AAG will conclude in June 2008, and the Division will therefore begin the process of electing Tink's replacement early in the year. Unlike SEDAAG elections which include only members of the Division, the Regional Councilor is elected by all AAG members in the ten SEDAAG states. Thanks to Tink for his many years of enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Division.

### The Southeastern Geographer

As many of you know, at the Morgantown meetings the Division interviewed prospective new editors for the *Southeastern Geographer*. Robert Brinkmann and Graham Tobin of the University of South Florida are now in the process of taking over the duties for the journal from current editors Derek Alderman and Scott Lecce. I encourage you to consider regularly submitting manuscripts to the *Southeastern Geographer*. Bob and Graham have a number of ideas to further enhance the journal, and their success will be facilitated by our support.

For example, Derek and Scott have pursued ISI listing for the *Southeastern Geographer*. Given their progress in this regard, we hope that Bob and Graham will be successful in

coming years. If so, the journal's stature will be further improved making it even more competitive as an option for faculty seeking promotion and tenure. There have also been preliminary discussions about expanding the number of issues per year to three or even four including one thematic special issue. While such efforts will necessarily be predicated upon rates of submission and costs, I applaud Derek, Scott, Bob and Graham's tireless efforts to further improve a great journal.

### **Manuscript Reviews and Academic Citizenship**

The first manuscript I published in a refereed journal appeared in the *Southeastern Geographer* in 1984. I received three detailed and thoughtful reviews of the paper which were extremely helpful towards improving the article prior to publication. Over the years I consistently received well-crafted critiques of my work whenever I have submitted papers to the journal that resulted in an improved final versions of my work. I believe this is the case because reviewers for the *Southeastern Geographer* have historically come from SEDAAG states, and our membership places a high emphasis on the quality of the articles appearing in the Division's journal. New associate editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, Bob Brinkmann, told me that the reviews of their first few manuscripts they have processed have continued to be quite good.

I note this because some if not many journals are finding it increasingly difficult to identify faculty willing to undertake manuscript reviews. In other cases reviews have become less thoughtful and complete. I believe that manuscript reviewing is a central part of academic citizenship. Without dedicated reviewers our system of peer reviewing will collapse, and the quality of the work in our academic journals will suffer. While it is valuable for all faculty to respond affirmatively to requests for manuscript reviews, it seems plainly obligatory for active publishers to do so. At the AAG meetings in San Francisco an editor confided that it was now not uncommon for some authors of articles in his journal to refuse requests for subsequent manuscript reviews. If one publishes in a journal, it seems only equitable that he or she also be willing to undertake the role of a referee when asked.

I typically referee several manuscripts per year. While at times refereeing can be difficult due to time constraints and other obligations, I find great benefits from the experience. First, I have the opportunity to read a number of excellent manuscripts each year. Second, I have the opportunity to reflect upon how referees will approach my own work. Hopefully this results in avoiding the kinds of problems I see in other manuscripts, and improving the responses from the reviewers to my own work. In short,

being a referee helps authors become better at polishing their own papers. Finally, and maybe most importantly, by accepting requests for manuscript reviews one is directly contributing to the success of our discipline. Good reviews make outstanding work better, and the better our published work the better our disciplinary reputation. They should always be candid, but also sympathetic to the author's intentions, and attempt to help the author improve the manuscript. This of course means that helpful reviews should be both balanced and frequently detailed, noting both strong and weak elements of the manuscript. Such reviews will help the editor, author and discipline.

### **SEDAAG's Challenges**

This column has been used by every recent President of SEDAAG including me to promote membership and participation. I continue to believe it is the most important issue facing the Division. Last year we did experience a significant jump in membership; hopefully this year will again result in growth. Towards that end, please encourage your colleagues to join SEDAAG and participate in the activities of the Division. Some of our members do not attend our annual meeting due to the limited numbers of sessions in their area of emphasis. To overcome this problem I encourage those in areas which are under-represented at the meeting to organize special sessions. Not only do they increase the focus on certain topics, but they also aid the program committee in its efforts to provide a well-rounded series of sessions. If you are planning on organizing a special session or sessions, please inform Vice President Russell Ivy ([ivy@fau.edu](mailto:ivy@fau.edu)) as soon as possible.

Also please remember that SEDAAG will extend a one year membership to new faculty to the Division. If you had a successful search this past year, please pass along the name of your new colleague and I will do the rest. Finally, please remember we created a new Standing Committee in Morgantown name "SAGE" for "Stand Alone Geographers." The purpose of SAGE is to engage colleagues around the Division at institutions where they are the only geographer. If you are aware of a stand alone geographer at an institution in your state, please forward their name to Tom Howard ([Armstrong State](mailto:Armstrong State), [howardth@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:howardth@mail.armstrong.edu)) and Helen Ruth Aspaas ([Virginia Commonwealth](mailto:Virginia Commonwealth), [hraspaas@vcu.edu](mailto:hraspaas@vcu.edu)). It is our hope that SEDAAG can serve as their professional affiliation of choice, and we will gain valuable new active members.

Jerry Webster  
University of Alabama  
SEDAAG President

## INVITATION TO THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SEDAAG MEETING

The Department of Geography at the University of South Carolina and the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston welcome the SEDAAG membership to Charleston SC for the annual meeting of the Division. The meeting will be held November 18 - 20 at the Francis Marion Hotel in the historic District of Charleston, South Carolina. Room rates for the conference are \$129 single/double per night. Reservations can be made at [www.francismarioncharleston.com](http://www.francismarioncharleston.com) or by calling 843-722-0600. (Use group code SEDAAG when registering).

We look forward to several interesting field trips and famous Charleston Cuisine. The Francis Marion would also be an excellent spot for extended visit to Charleston before the meeting or for Thanksgiving weekend. Dave Cowen will be the local coordinator, and can be reached at [cowend@sc.edu](mailto:cowend@sc.edu)

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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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.

**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 2007 Division meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. 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 2007; (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.

**This year all nomination materials will be accepted ELECTRONICALLY.** Send nominations with FULL CV of candidate and 3 letters of support in the body of an email and/or attached as MS Word or PDF documents by September 25, 2007 to: [curtisw@ecu.edu](mailto:curtisw@ecu.edu), Dr. Scott Curtis, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Brewster A-232, Greenville, NC 27858. The Honors Committee will work with nominators in facilitating the transition to electronic submission. Dr. Curtis also encourages names of deserving award recipients and their potential nominators.

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## SEDAAG ELECTIONS 2007

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**Remember to vote** in this year's SEDAAG elections. The offices up for election this year are President, Treasure, and State Representatives from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

**Ballots are in the mail!** Paper ballots will be mailed on or around August 20, 2007. Please watch your mail for the ballots, vote, and return ballots promptly. (The ballots are printed as postcards; we ask that you supply the stamp).

### PRESIDENT

**Derek H. Alderman** (Ph.D. 1998 & M.A. 1993, University of Georgia; B.A. 1990 Georgia Southern University) is Associate Professor of Geography at East Carolina University. Derek has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1993, when he first began attending annual meetings as a graduate student. His service within the regional division includes member of the Program Committee (2000, 2003, and 2005), chair (2002) and chair-elect (2001) of the Honors Committee, and member of the Southern Studies Committee (1998-Present). Derek's most substantial service within SEDAAG has been his co-editorship (with Scott Lecce) of the *Southeastern Geographer*, which concludes in November 2007. At the national level, Derek has chaired the AAG Cultural Geography Specialty Group (2002-2004) and, in 2007, co-founded (with Bill Graves) the Study of the American South Specialty Group. Other leadership and service positions include President and Vice-President of the North Carolina Geographical Society (2001-2003), Co-coordinator (with Rob Brown) of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance (2002-2004), and editorial board member for *Journal of Geography* (2001-2004) and *Historical Geography* (2005-Present). Derek is a cultural and historical geographer who addresses issues of race, memory, and place in the American South, most notably

the politics of naming streets for Martin Luther King, Jr. His work has received significant media attention (*New York Times*, *USA Today*, CNN, BBC Radio News, and NPR's *Morning Edition*) and has been published in *Southeastern Geographer*, *Southern Cultures*, *Professional Geographer*, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Geographical Review*, *Area*, *Social & Cultural Geography*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Urban Geography*, and *Journal of Geography*, among other journals. Derek is the recipient of several research and teaching awards, such as the AAG J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Award (2000), the NCGE Distinguished Teaching Award (2002), North Carolina Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award (2005), ECU Five-Year Research Achievement Award (2006), and the SEDAAG Research Honors Award (2006). Derek's vision for SEDAAG includes advocating for student representation on the Steering Committee, establishment of ad-hoc committees devoted to membership recruitment/retention and geography advancement/disciplinary sustainability, strategic use of endowment funds for program and special project development, creation of workshops for mentoring new scholars and re-tooling established faculty, and the inclusion of the *Southeastern Geographer* in the ISI journal citation database.

**Clifton 'Skeeter' Dixon** (Ph.D. 1988, Texas A&M University; M.S. 1980 & B.S. 1976, Louisiana State University) is professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to going to Southern Miss in 2000 as Department Chair, he served on the geography faculty at The University of Memphis for fifteen years. He attended his first SEDAAG meeting in 1977 and has been an active member since that time. Service to SEDAAG includes: Vice President (2004-2006), state representative for Tennessee (1989-1991 & 1993-1995) and for Mississippi (2002-2004), Editorial Board for the *Southeastern Geographer*, Program Chair for the annual meetings in West Palm Beach (2005) and Morgantown (2006), Local Arrangements Chair for Memphis (1998) and Biloxi (2004), World Geography Bowl (1995-2005), Chair of the Tellers Committee (2001), Honors Committee (1997-1998), and he has organized and led several fieldtrips for our annual meetings. Other professional service includes to the AAG - Program and Local Arrangements Committee to the New Orleans meeting (2003), Steering Committee for Careers in Geographical Sciences (2005-2006), Healthy Department's Initiative (2004), International Committee (1999-2001), and he has served on the Board of Directors

to the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers and editorial panels for *Relacion: Revista del Instituto de Cultural Maya de la Universidad del Mayab* and *Geographical Journal*. He received the Outstanding Instructor Award from The University of Memphis and The University of Southern Mississippi, Distinguished Young Researcher from Memphis and the Professional MVP Award from SEDAAG/World Geography Bowl (2006). His research has been funded by the AAG, the National Council for Geographic Education, NASA, NOAA, Department of Defense, Department of Health, and the National Science Foundation. He has organized and led 26 field programs to Central America, Mexico, Europe, and has taken more than 200 students and professionals on extended research programs. He has presented approximately 45 professional papers at national and international conferences, published articles in 15 journals, and collaborated in funded research in excess of \$3 million. His current research focus involves pioneer agricultural settlements in the frontiers of Central America. Locally, he is working with land use characterization in the central coastal South and collaborating with NOAA on hurricane impacts to the northern Gulf of Mexico.

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#### TREASURER

**Katie Algeo** (Ph.D. 1998 Louisiana State University; B.S., 1984 Duke University) is an Associate Professor of Geography at Western Kentucky University. She has served SEDAAG in the past as Kentucky State Representative and as Chair of the Honors Committee, and she has served on the editorial board of *Southeastern Geographer*. She teaches a variety of classes in cultural geography, tourism, research methods, and geographic information systems. Her research interests include media representations and constructions of identity, the culture history of Southern national parks (particularly Mammoth Cave National Park), and agricultural change in the U.S. South, especially the tobacco sector. She has published in *Southeastern Geographer*, *Journal of Geography*, *Southern Cultures*, and *Names*.

**William “Bill” Graves** (Ph.D. 2000, University of Georgia; M.A. 1994, University of Georgia; B.A. 1990, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is an associate professor of geography and John H. Biggs Faculty Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Bill has taught at Charlotte since 2000 and has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1993. He has served on the

SEDAAG audit committee, honors committee, nominating committee, and the local arrangements committee. In addition, he has served on the editorial board of the *Southeastern Geographer*. Other contributions to the discipline include serving as the secretary/treasurer of the North Carolina Geographical Society and as co-editor of the *Industrial Geographer*. Finally, he was an early affiliate member of the Clarke County Geographical Society (the smallest geographical society in the United States). Bill is an economic geographer with interests in financial geographies and the economic development of the South. He has published articles on these topics in *The Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography*, *The Southeastern Geographer*, the *Journal of Urban Affairs* and the *North Carolina Geographer*.

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#### ALABAMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Lisa Davis** (formerly Boulton, Ph.D. 2005, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; M.Phil. 2003, University of Wales, Swansea; B.A. 1998, University of Southern Mississippi) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama. Lisa is a geomorphologist, specializing in fluvial systems and watershed dynamics, specifically: (1) how different components of the river system are related to each other and interact to affect the river system as a whole and (2) how rivers respond to environmental change, including human and naturally-induced change. Publications based on her most recent research are forthcoming. Lisa is an active member of both SEDAAG and AAG. She has presented at SEDAAG multiple times, served as session chair, paper discussant, and Geography Bowl coach for the state of Alabama, and is currently serving on the Resolutions Committee. Lisa has presented at the AAG meeting every year since 2003 and has helped organize and chair paper sessions sponsored by the Geomorphology Specialty Group.

**Francis Koti** (Ph.D 2004 West Virginia University) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of North Alabama, Florence. He is an urban geographer who studies peri-urban development in Africa’s large cities. His recent research has focused on mapping quality of life in peri-urban residential areas in Kenya. More specifically, Francis explores the incorporation of local community perceptions of development into a GIS within a participatory GIS methodological framework. His work has been published in the *Electronic Journal of Information Systems in*

*Developing Countries* and presented in several conferences including: the AAG; SEDAAG; and the International Conference on Participatory Spatial Information Management and Communication. A member of the AAG since 1997, Francis recently joined SEDAAG and the American Planning Association (APA). If elected, Dr. Koti will focus on recruiting new members from the region as well as marketing SEDAAG'S annual meetings.

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## FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Maria Fadiman** (Ph.D. 2003 University of Texas at Austin; M.A. 1997, Tulane University; B.A. 1991, Vassar College) is an Assistant Professor of Geography in the department of Geosciences at Florida Atlantic University. She teaches World Geography, Geography of Latin America, Conservation, Land Use and Ethnobotany. Her research focuses on people's use of plants in terms of culture, sustainability, and environmental conservation. Most of her research is conducted in the rainforests of Latin America (Ecuador, Mexico and Costa Rica) and the Savannahs of Africa (Zimbabwe and Tanzania). She has been named one of National Geographic's Emerging Explorers in 2006. She is a board member for Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers and the Society of Economic Botany, and the Secretary Treasurer for the Florida Society of Geographers. She has published in *Journal of Economic Botany*, *Journal of Latin American Geography*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *California Geographer* and *San Diego Journal of History*.

**Lisa Jordan** (Ph.D. 2006 University of Colorado at Boulder) is Assistant Professor of Geography and Public Health and a research affiliate to the Center for Demography and Population Health at Florida State University. Her current research focuses on the social and public health applications of GIS, and she teaches human geography, medical geography, and GIS classes. Her research has been published in the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Geographical Analysis*, and presented at the 2007 United Nations expert group meeting on census mapping.

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## KENTUCKY STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Scott Dobler** (MA 1990 Bowling Green State University; BA Morehead State University) has been an instructor of Geography at Western Kentucky University since 2000. His area of specialization is geographic education. He is currently a

coordinator for the Kentucky Geographic Alliance, and was appointed last year as The State Geographer for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Scott teaches a broad spectrum of classes in physical/cultural geography and research tools.

**Andrew Wood** (Ph.D. 1993, M.A. 1988 Ohio State University; B.A. 1986 University of Liverpool) is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. He works at the intersection of economic, political and urban geography with research and teaching interests in globalization and the knowledge economy as well as the political and economic dynamics of cities. Currently Andy is PI on an NSF-funded project examining the globalization of the US oil industry. His recent publications include articles in *Economic Geography*, *Political Geography*, *Urban Studies*, *Area* and the *Journal of Economic Geography*. Andy has been an AAG member since 1986 and has been active in organizing sessions and presenting at both regional and national AAG conferences. He currently serves on the board of the Political Geography Specialty Group and is Vice-Chair/Treasurer of the Economic Geography Specialty Group.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Diansheng Guo** is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Geography, University of South Carolina. He received a B.S. degree (1996) from the Peking University, an M.S. (1999) from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and a PhD (2003) in geography from the Pennsylvania State University. His research interests include spatial data mining, information visualization, and their applications in various geographic research fields. He has authored publications in journals (such as *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, *Environment and Planning B*, *GeoInformatica*, and *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*) and conferences (such as *ACM GIS*, *IEEE InfoVis*, and *GIScience*). He served on program committees of the *Eighth and Ninth International Conferences on Information Visualization (IV04 & IV05)* and the *2007 International Workshop on Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Data Mining (SSTDM 07)*. He also co-organized GISSG-sponsored sessions at annual AAG meetings.

**Christa Smith** (Ph.D. 2000 University of Tennessee; M.A. 1990 Marshall University) is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Geography at



available on the SEDAAG website. The deadline for receipt of all materials by the Program Chair (Russell Ivy) is Friday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. 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.

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

**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. *Important:* 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: ivy@fau.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 17th.

**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. Russell Ivy, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

**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: ivy@fau.edu or mail them to: Dr. Russell Ivy, SEDAAG Program Chair, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (Russell Ivy) by **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007** 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. 10<sup>th</sup> and the completed packet by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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: ivy@fau.edu or mail them to: Dr. Russell Ivy, SEDAAG Program Chair, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

### **II. Posters and Poster Descriptions: Guidelines for 2007**

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: ivy@fau.edu or mail them to: Dr. Russell Ivy, SEDAAG Program Chair, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

### **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 2007 meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, 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 20<sup>th</sup>). 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. Honors submissions are to be sent electronically; hard copy submissions are not encouraged. (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. In short, four items (paper, abstract, participation form, and letter) should be emailed as separate MS Word or pdf documents to [curtisw@ecu.edu](mailto:curtisw@ecu.edu)

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**.

**Mail materials to:** Send papers via email and attached as MS Word or PDF documents to: Dr. Scott Curtis, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, [curtisw@ecu.edu](mailto:curtisw@ecu.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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Mail or email materials to:** Dr. Russell Ivy, SEDAAG Program Chair, [ivy@fau.edu](mailto:ivy@fau.edu), or Dr. Russell Ivy, SEDAAG Program Chair, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.



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