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From the President

This column is my final one as President of SEDAAG. Following the 2005 meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, the Division's newly-elected President will assume the leadership of the Division, in conjunction with the Executive and Steering Committees and the membership at-large. Therefore, I have the opportunity and distinct pleasure to make a few observations about what I believe makes SEDAAG a strong and effective organization.

Chief among those factors is the recognition of scholarship in all its many forms. We are a diverse group, and as such, no single expression of scholarship comes close to capturing all that we are and do. We address varied geographic themes, work in different places and times, use different paradigms, interpret meaning in different ways, and use different approaches to express and create scholarship – and, we are better off because of it. The notion of “one size fits all” has gone its merry way, replaced by the customization of products, ideas, activities, and scholarship. Good administrators know this very well, that scholarship has no single template, no single voice, and good organizations like SEDAAG work to cultivate diverse thinking and diverse scholarship through initiatives and programs that draw strength from its members. At the upcoming SEDAAG meeting, the program will again be diverse and rich in its scholarship. Participants will engage in research presentations, panel discussions, student paper and poster competitions, serve as session chairs and paper discussants, and students and faculty alike will be tested by the World

Geography Bowl. And we will explore various identities of place through organized field trips, self-guided tours, virtual landscapes, seminars and informal talks, and much more. SEDAAG is what we are, and we are what SEDAAG does. If there is something new and different that you want at our annual meeting or in our Division, work to make it so!

Another characteristic of SEDAAG that truly impresses me is the talent within our borders, and the willingness to share it. There is a sense of regional and Divisional identity and disciplinary pride that is striking. Over the last 2-years, I have been in the position to do more things with people of different perspectives and training and to see more widely our Division in action. I have seen the creativity, scholarship, and the sharing of ideas and efforts, and heard both praise and criticism, both of which are good for the soul. People serve in SEDAAG to make the Division better and to make it more inviting and scholarly for its members and our discipline. Previously, I thought such was the case, now, I know it to be so.

Finally, SEDAAG in the future. It seems to me that SEDAAG has already begun the necessary transition to an electronic organization to accommodate costs and efficiencies. This is surely to continue. While membership strength is of current concern, I'm confident that this will soon be rectified as the Division is too vital and the geographers in the Southeast too committed to accept anything less than a strong and active organization. At this year's meeting, we are inviting Caribbean geographers to join us in South Florida, and in 2006 we are making plans to jointly meet with the Mid-Atlantic Division in West Virginia. This will

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further enhance the distinctive flavor of our meetings. To continue to keep SEDAAG vital, I urge you to share your thoughts about what the Division should be doing, should be doing better, or should be contemplating for the future. Contact your SEDAAG officers, Executive and Steering Committees, and your SEDAAG Regional Councilor to make your ideas and intentions known. Change is a good thing, particularly when it makes our scholarship stronger and our Division more responsive.

Sincerely,
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Final Call for Papers and Posters

*60th SEDAAG Meeting
West Palm Beach, Florida
Nov. 20-22, 2005*

The 2005 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in West Palm Beach, Florida, November 20-22. Field trips and thematic sessions for the West Palm Beach meeting are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the conference center. For questions about local arrangements, contact: Russ Ivy, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, (561) 297-3295; ivy@fau.edu.

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 16th**. Early submissions are encouraged. Guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this call and on the

Invitation to the 60th Annual SEDAAG Meeting

The Department of Geosciences at Florida Atlantic University welcomes SEDAAG members to convene in West Palm Beach, FL for the 60th annual meeting. Information about the meeting will be posted on the department's website [www.geosciences.fau.edu] by mid-summer and will be continuously updated. The meeting will be held from Saturday, November 19-Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at the West Palm Beach Marriott near the City Place entertainment and dining district. From City Place, visitors can take a free trolley service to the downtown entertainment district on Clematis Street, and from there, water taxi to Palm Beach Island. Room rates for the conference are \$135 single/double per night, and reservations may be made by calling 561-833-1234 (Be sure to mention SEDAAG to get the special rate!) The hotel has been recently renovated, and the meeting space in particular is extremely luxurious.

Planned activities for the meeting include an outdoor reception with food, drinks and a Caribbean-style band on Sunday evening, and an urban/historical walking tour of downtown West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Island. Visitors can learn about the history of the area as well as the settlement history of Florida via a visit to the Flagler Museum on Palm Beach Island. There will be a physical field trip as well, probably to nearby Loxahatchee Slough. Details on this trip will be posted on the website later this summer.

Most every domestic airline serves the West Palm Beach Airport, with Usairways, Delta and Southwest offering the most frequent service. The Marriott Hotel offers free shuttle service to and from the airport.

November is beautiful in South Florida! Please plan to attend. If you have any further questions about the local arrangements, please contact Russ Ivy at 561-297-3295 or ivy@fau.edu. A complete meeting information packet will be sent later in the summer.

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 9th, 2005**. 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.

Procedural Changes. Paper and poster presentations at the meeting will be like they were at the Biloxi 2004 meeting, including that 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided. With regards to submissions of papers and posters we are

continuing to move toward changing the procedures in two fundamental ways. First, 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.* Second, we prefer an email submission of all papers and posters except for the student honors competition. 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 2005

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 is Friday, **September 16th**. 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 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 (formerly "IBM" or "DOS" compatible) file formats (sorry, no Mac or Unix formats). Digital files may be written in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect. 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 and posters 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 and posters) 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 and posters), 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 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.* If your materials are not received by the deadline, and no such inquiry is made, it will be treated as if it was not submitted on time.

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 diskette or 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 floppy disk or CD with 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

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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.**

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). Remember, 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided. **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 16th 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 by **September 9th** 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 three or fewer papers survive the review process.

Special Sessions Checklist: Organizers should send a special session plan by Sept. 9th and the completed packet by Sept. 16th. 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.

Posters and Poster Descriptions - Guidelines for 2005

Poster boards and easels 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, 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.

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 graduate students submitted papers 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 2005 meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, 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. 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. The oral presentations must be lively and well illustrated. Appropriate modifications of the written paper should be incorporated into the oral presentation wherever suitable, although major alterations of the written paper are discouraged. The quality, appropriateness, and visual appeal of any maps, figures, and illustrations will be 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 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. Poster boards and easels 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

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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 Masters 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).

Honors Checklist: Participation form, digital abstract, hard copies of the paper or poster (ten copies), and letter from advisor or head. Indicate masters, doctoral, or poster competition. All materials to be received by **September 16th**.

Mail materials to: Dr. Tim Warner, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University, 425 White Hall; P.O. Box 6300; Morgantown, WV 26506-6300. Voice: (304) 293-5603x4328. Fax: (304) 293-6522. Email: Tim.Warner@mail.wvu.edu.

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 16th**.

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.

Some Planned Changes at the SEDAAG West Palm Beach Meeting November 21-22, 2005

During the 2004 SEDAAG-Biloxi meeting, informal conversation were begun about a possible rescheduling of the SEDAAG Honors Luncheon from its customary Tuesday afternoon 12:15 – 1:45 PM time slot to Monday evening. Since then, the Executive Committee has continued those conversations. Among the concerns were the diminished attendance at the Honors Luncheon and the intent to have our Division's honors and awards ceremony to be an important and highly visible event, further enhanced by a presentation by the AAG President and the participation of the Executive Director of AAG.

At recent SEDAAG meetings, those in attendance at the Honors Luncheon have been small in number and getting smaller. Because of travel departures and the Luncheon being scheduled at the tail-end of the meeting,

many honors and award recipients have by-passed the opportunity to be acknowledged by the Division and those relatively few in attendance have become less able to sufficiently offer due credit to those being recognized. As a consequence, the event is being reduced in stature from one of great significance to our Division to something far less.

This year at the West Palm Beach meeting in November 2005, some changes will be made in the scheduling of events so that the traditional Honors Luncheon can now become the *Honors Banquet* and held at 7:00 pm on Monday evening. To accommodate this change, the World Geography Bowl (WGB) will begin a bit earlier on Monday, around 5:15 PM, immediately following the technical program, so that it can be completed by 6:45 PM. While all the details are still being sorted out, we are likely to incorporate the announcement of all the pertinent WGB information at the Honors Banquet too, so that the event is truly a comprehensive awarding of honors and distinctions, WGB included. Sunday night can be the night for dinners out with friends and exploring around town and the region, but Monday would be the Division's night for celebration of achievement at the host hotel through the Banquet, excitement generated by the WGB, the presentation by the AAG President, and the recognition of awards and honors of our members.

A certain amount of "membership mass" will be required to make this event as special as it should be, hence this "heads-up" information now and my encouragement to plan on attending the Banquet to help make the event a truly special one. We will try hard to keep the price of the Banquet low, particularly for students to attend. With the Honors Luncheon moved to Monday evening, our meeting will conclude on Tuesday by 12:15 PM with the conclusion of the morning's technical sessions, followed by the Business Meeting, thereby, making it easier to accommodate airline departures and waiting vans for travel home or to alternate destinations.

Many SEDAAG departments financially assist students with registration costs as well as travel support. I hope departments will also consider helping students attend the Honors Banquet. The event also needs faculty support through attendance and encouragement to

students and staff to attend and make the event special to those receiving our Division's honors, awards, and distinctions, and for SEDAAG more generally.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Walsh
President of SEDAAG
Professor of Geography
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Candidates for SEDAAG Office

Please vote in this year's SEDAAG elections. The offices up for election this year are: President, Treasurer, and SEDAAG State Representative from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, and West Virginia. (You may only vote for State Representative from the state in which you are a member.) A ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. The SEDAAG Nominations Committee presents the following candidates for office:

PRESIDENT

L. Allan James (Ph.D. 1988, M.S. 1983 & 1981, University of Wisconsin, Madison; B.S. 1978, University of California, Berkeley) is associate professor of geography and director of the Hydro-Geomorphology lab at the University of South Carolina. Previously he taught at the University of Georgia (1987-88) and the University of Oregon (1987). He has been a member of SEDAAG for 17 years. His service to SEDAAG includes former SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair (2002-04), Secretary and Newsletter Editor (1998-2000), Honors Committee (1998), and State Representative (1996-98 & 1990-92). James has organized several special sessions and panels at SEDAAG annual meetings and participated in numerous others. He is presently on the editorial boards of the *Southeastern Geographer* (2003 to present) and *Geomorphology* (2005 to present), and formerly of the *Professional Geographer* (1998-2000). As a lifetime member of the AAG since 1978, James is now the past-chair of the *Water Resources Specialty Group* (WRSBG), served as chair of the

WRSBG (2002-04) and the *Geomorphology Specialty Group* (GSG) (1995-96), as secretary-treasurer of the WRSBG (2000-02) and the GSG (1994-95), and on the Nystrom awards committee (2001 co-chair; 1999). He has served as web-editor for the WRSBG (1999 to present) and GSG (1996 to present). James has served on panels for the *National Research Council* (1993-95), *National Science Foundation* (four), *Environmental Protection Agency* (1997), and *California Bay-Delta Authority* (2001 to present). He has received funding from several National Science Foundation grants and other sources. His primary research interests are in fluvial geomorphology, flood hydrology, and water resources. Specifically, his research has centered on historical sediment production/redistribution and corresponding channel and flood responses in California and the Southern Piedmont. He has published in the *Annals*, *Geomorphology*, *Water Resources Research*, *Quaternary Research*, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, *Physical Geography*, and other top-tier journals. His textbook on *Watersheds and Water Resources* is in final review and will be published by Prentice Hall in early 2006.

Gerald (Jerry) R. Webster (Ph.D. 1984, University of Kentucky; M.S. 1980, Western Washington University; B.A. 1975, University of Colorado-Denver) is Professor of Geography at the University of Alabama where he also serves as departmental chair. Prior to arriving at Alabama in 1989 he held positions at the University of Wyoming and the University of Miami. Jerry has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1981. He has served on SEDAAG's Program Committee (1990, 2004), as Alabama State Representative (1992-94), as chair of the Nominations Committee (1995), as SEDAAG Secretary and Editor of the *SEDAAG Newsletter* (1996-98), and as a member of the Local Arrangements Committee (1997). Jerry has also organized several special sessions at SEDAAG meetings, guest edited two issues of the *Southeastern Geographer* (1995, 2000), and has served on the journal's Editorial Board (1996-99, 2003-present). Additionally Jerry sits on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Geography* and *Political Geography*. He has been active in the NCGE and AAG,

among other organizations. For the Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG) he has served as a member of the Board of Directors (1987-89), on the Student Awards Committee (1987-92), on the Nominations Committee (1991-93), as its Secretary/Treasurer (1994-95), and as Chair of the PGSG (1995-97). In 2000 he received SEDAAG's Research Honors Award, in 2001 he received the NCGE's Distinguished Teaching Award, and in 2004 he received the PGSG's Richard Morrill Public Outreach Award for his activities as a consultant and expert witness in redistricting litigation. In addition to publishing several items in the *Southeastern Geographer*, his work has also appeared in the *Professional Geographer*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Geography*, *Cultural Geography*, *Geographical Review*, *GeoJournal*, and *Cities*, among others.

TREASURER

Altha J. Cravey (Ph.D. University of Iowa 1994, M.S. University of Wisconsin 1988, B.A. Indiana University 1985) is an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests include global production, gender and work, and Mexican transnational migration. She is the author of *Women and Work in Mexico's Maquiladoras* (Rowman and Littlefield Inc., 1998) and more than 25 articles and book chapters. The National Institute of Health and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have supported some of her collaborative projects. She attended her first SEDAAG meeting in 1994 and has participated in the organization in various ways since that time including: state representative for North Carolina, honors committee, editorial board for the *Southeastern Geographer*, local arrangements committee, and nominating committee. She is currently serving as Treasurer of the organization, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in 2004. Cravey has also served on committees for the AAG and has chaired the AAG specialty group "Geographical Perspectives on Gender". Her current research is focused on Mexican transnational migration in the United States South.

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William "Bill" Graves (Ph.D. 2000 & M.A. 1994, University of Georgia; B.A. 1990, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is an assistant 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 (as chair), honors committee, nominating committee, and the local arrangements committee for the 2003 meeting. In addition, he also serves 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 guest editor and member of the editorial board of the *Industrial Geographer*. Finally, he was an early associate 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*

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ALABAMA

Joe Weber (Ph.D. 2001 Ohio State University; M.A. 1994 University of Arizona; B.A. 1992 University of Arizona) is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Alabama. His area of specialization is transportation, particularly mobility and accessibility to employment or services within cities, which requires the use of transport, GIS, and urban geography perspectives. His research work has focused on coupling GIS with accessibility concepts developed from time geography to measure the space-time accessibility of individuals at multiple spatial scales and among different locations. More recently he has been involved in analyzing the commuting impacts of urban sprawl within the Southeast U.S. He has published in *Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography*, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Geographical Analysis*, and the *Journal of Geographical Systems*.

Luke J. Marzen (Ph.D. Kansas State University, 2001, M.S. Oklahoma State University, 1997, B.S. Northwest Missouri State University, 1995) is an Assistant Professor of Geography at Auburn University. He recently became a member of SEDAAG and, along with other Auburn faculty, took a contingent of 7 students to the Biloxi conference last year to participate in the annual Geography Bowl. Several students also presented research they have been working with him on that is related to drought in the Southeast. His research is focused primarily on the remote sensing of water quality and quantity, change detection in disturbed environments, and in remote sensing education. He recently received funding for two projects with the USGS. The first project involved the evaluation of surface moisture using MODIS LST and NDVI products. He also is the PI on a project called AlabamaView which is part of AmericaView; a national consortium promoting research, education, outreach, and data archival of remote sensing resources.

FLORIDA

Chris Houser (Ph.D. 2004 University of Toronto) joined the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of West Florida in September 2004 as Assistant Professor. Prior to his position at UWF he held a postdoctoral fellowship with the Geological Survey of Canada, with funding from Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. Upon arriving in Florida he immediately joined SEDAAG and maintains membership in the AAG, GSA and the CAG. Chris is a physical geographer with research interests in coastal geomorphology and a specific focus on wave and current attenuation through seagrass and salt marsh vegetation. Chris also maintains a research program on the Fraser River Delta (Vancouver) and the Queen Charlotte Islands (northern British Columbia), with funding through the Climate Change Impacts & Adaptation Program of Natural Resources Canada. His teaching activities include physical geography and geomorphology at the undergraduate level, and research methods, coastal geomorphology and ecogeomorphology at the graduate level. He has published in a range of journals including the *Journal of Coastal Research*, *Geomorphology*,

Marine Geology, Sedimentology, and Earth Surface Processes and Landforms. A recent book review appears in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Heidi Lannon (Ph. D. University of Florida, 2005; M. A. University of West Florida, 1986; BSc., Hons. University of Ulster, 1984) is currently working in the public sector as System Planning Director for Gainesville Regional Utilities. Her research interests are spatial and temporal variability of the local coastal geomorphology and its impacts on land use. She is involved with water supply, wastewater disposal and new energy generation for Gainesville, particularly from renewable sources. She has been an active member of AAG and SEDAAG since 1994, presenting at several AAG meetings and participating in the SEDAAG student paper competition in 2001. Heidi was also member of the Florida Geography bowl team at SEDAAG meetings in Tampa, Chapel Hill and Lexington. She has been a member of the Florida Society of Geographers since 1994 and won the Best Student Paper award in 2000. Heidi received her membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners in 1992. Her article, co-authored with Joann Mossa, titled "Coastal Geography of Central Atlantic Florida", was published in conjunction with the National Council for Geographic Education Conference in 1997. Heidi considers training in geography an essential component for the future of Florida.

KENTUCKY

John All (Ph.D. 2002 University of Arizona; J.D. 1997 University of Georgia) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Geology at Western Kentucky University. His primary research focus is international environmental policy issues with a strong legal component including global climate change and water management. He currently serves on the Geology and Geography Committee for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and has worked with many organizations including WHO, WMO, UNEP, NASA, NOAA Office of Global Programs, NOAA National Weather Service, and NSF on these issues. His teaching activities include environmental planning, remote sensing, environmental

law, global climate change, natural resource management, and environmental ethics. He has published in journals such as *Geocarto International* and *Environmental Management* and contributed to *World Minds* – a book given during the centennial AAG meeting. His funding sources are diverse and have included NSF, NOAA Office of Global Programs, and Ducks Unlimited.

Michael Crutcher (Ph.D. 2001 Louisiana State University) is an assistant professor in the department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. Michael is a self-described urban cultural geographer interested in the U.S. South and the African American experience. Specific research interests include urban cultural landscapes and traditions, gentrification and cultural tourism. Michael has recently broadened his interests to include questions of both Southern and Black identity, and how each is negotiated and articulated through spatial processes.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Ed Carr (Ph.D. 2001 Syracuse University [Anthropology]; Ph.D. 2002 University of Kentucky [Geography]) is currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of South Carolina. He is a human geographer whose work lies at the intersection of development and the environment, especially the local management of the change and uncertainty associated with economies and environments at the social and spatial margins of globalization in West Africa. Carr has published or has work forthcoming in a number of journals across several disciplines, including *Environment and Planning A*, *Geojournal*, *Historical Archaeology*, and *Food Policy*. He is also an active participant in the global change community, serving as a lead author of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the UNEP's 4th Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4).

Mark Long (Ph.D. University of South Carolina 2001; MA. Univeristy College Cork Ireland 1995; B.A. University College Cork Ireland 1992) is currently an assitant professor in the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston. His interests include political geogaphy, nationalism, and Europe. He has taught classes in world regional geography, geography of the European Union, and

political geography. Recently at SEDAAG meetings he has presented research of perceptions of Americans and nationalism post 9/11.

WEST VIRGINIA

Sarah J. Brinegar (Ph.D. 2000 Arizona State University) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Marshall University. Her emphases in the department include promoting student research and integrating community service into academic endeavors. She serves on the West Virginia Undergraduate Day at the Capitol Committee and enjoys membership in the AAG, SEDAAG, and AAUW (American Association of University Women). Sarah Brinegar is a human geographer who applies a geographic viewpoint to a wide range of social issues; she is particularly interested in topics important to human welfare and the evaluation of public policy. Recent research, published or underway, explores the experience of homelessness, the geography of school vouchers, economic segregation in metropolitan regions, and the political economy of West Virginia land grants and the coal industry.

George Towers (Ph.D. University of Arizona 1991; M.A. University of Arizona 1985; BA Indiana University 1983) is Professor of Geography and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Concord University. Since joining the Concord faculty in 1992, he has been a frequent presenter and panel discussant at the SEDAAG annual meeting. He has served SEDAAG on the Program Committee in 1995 and 1996 and as West Virginia State Representative in 1998 and 1999. Towers' teaching responsibilities are in Human Geography and Cartography/GIS. His published research on environmental politics, GIS and society, and West Virginia has appeared in the *Professional Geographer*, the *Journal of Geography*, and *Applied Geography*.

The Issue of SEDAAG Membership

There has been a Substantial dip in SEDAAG's membership partly as a result of the change in publisher of our journal, the *Southeastern Geographer*, to the University of North Carolina Press and the manner of collecting dues. The Press now administers the collection of dues from our members, which is a service that will help the Division and its members by allowing the use of credit cards to pay dues and reducing the administrative and accounting activities of the Division's officers. However, the change in the way dues are collected and how members are contacted may have confused some into thinking that the mailings from the Press were just another advertisement or materials not connected to the Division. I hope you'll help by taking the lead in your department on behalf of a grateful Division, but encouraging membership in SEDAAG and by directing geographers, and friends of geography, to consult SEDAAG's web page to obtain all the needed membership information and application material. The web site can be found at <http://www.SEDAAG.org>, where one can easily navigate to "Membership Application." As new incoming faculty, staff, and students join geography departments throughout the southeast for the start of the 2005-06 academic year, they should be informed about SEDAAG, encouraged to become a member, and attend the annual meeting this November 20-22 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Membership fees in SEDAAG are extraordinarily low and members receive the *Southeastern Geographer*, a highly regarded journal edited by Derek Alderman and Scott Lecce, East Carolina University. The journal, newly configured and designed, publishes first-rate papers of regional and international interest on subjects that inform social, natural, and spatial scientists. Annual dues are \$30.00 for regular members, \$15.00 for students and retired faculty and staff, and \$32.00 for joint/spouse. In addition, the annual meeting of SEDAAG has long been described as the top divisional meeting of AAG drawing between 400-500 participants yearly. Participation at the

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annual meeting is a great way for young scholars to present their research in a supportive environment and for young and established scholars to share findings and to serve as session chairs and discussants on a diversity of topics. Each paper is assigned a discussant, so feedback within a challenging but friendly environment is a hallmark of SEDAAG. Also, SEDAAG sponsors student paper and poster competitions with cash awards.

For any new faculty member in the Southeast (or a never before member of SEDAAG, or a faculty member whose membership in SEDAAG has lapsed for 3-years or more), SEDAAG will pay the first year of membership dues as a way of welcoming them into the Division and encouraging them to take a serious look at all that SEDAAG offers. They should send their membership application to the SEDAAG Treasurer, Altha Cravey, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220 for special handling. The sustained membership of SEDAAG at our traditional levels and even beyond is important to Geography and most certainly to the Division. Your help is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Walsh
President of SEDAAG
Professor of Geography
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Caribbean Outreach at 2005 Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, FL

In the spirit of recent discussions about including the Caribbean in SEDAAG activities, the SEDAAG Steering Committee encourages to include Caribbean geography in the 2005 Annual Meeting. Such activities can include an official invitation extended from SEDAAG to a colleague at a Caribbean university, paper and poster sessions focusing upon Caribbean research, or forums on field research and courses in the Caribbean. The location of West Palm Beach, FL offers lower travel costs for Caribbean geographers and a setting in a landscape that illustrates the connections between the Southeast and the Caribbean. If you have a Caribbean colleague you would like invited to the 2005 Annual meeting or are interested in organizing or participating in a Caribbean focused session, please contact Doug Gamble, UNC-Wilmington (gambled@uncw.edu).

Southern Studies Special Session

The Southern Studies Committee extends an invitation for papers to be included in a SEDAAG 2005 Southern Studies Special Session. The theme for the session is open to any topic that explores cultural or developmental issues of places in the southeast. Please refer to the SEDAAG Guidelines for details and note that complete special session plans must be submitted to the Program Chair by the session organizers no later than September 8. Early inquiries or indications of interest would be helpful and are most welcome. Contact session co-chairs, Dawn Bowen, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401. (540) 654-1491 (voice) (540)-654-1074 (fax) Email: dbowen@umw.edu or, Tyrel G. Moore, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28223. (704) 687-4250 (voice) (704) 687-3182 (fax). Email: tgmoore@email.uncc.edu

Special Paper & Poster Session(s) on the Caribbean: Call for Papers

In response to a call for greater integration of the Caribbean Region into Southeastern Studies, the *Southeastern Geographer* is sponsoring special paper and poster session(s) focused on the Caribbean at the 60th SEDAAG Meeting, West Palm Beach, FL, November 20th - 22nd. The southeastern US and the Caribbean share multiple historical and current political, economic, cultural, environmental and migratory ties. With increasing globalization and transnationalism, linkages and interactions between the southeast and the Caribbean will continue to grow. Several geographers, both within and outside the southeast, have conducted scholarly research in the Caribbean region. These special session(s) seek to serve as an outlet for those conducting research related to the human or physical geography of the Caribbean region. Also of interest are papers examining linkages between the Caribbean and the Southeast. Details on how to develop and submit your paper or poster, and participation form are given on the SEDAAG web site: <http://www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/meeting/meeting.htm> Please follow the instructions and notify paper organizers Rebecca Torres (torres@mail.ecu.edu) and Vicki Berry (berryv@wssu.edu) or poster organizer Doug Gamble (gambled@uncw.edu). Please notify them of your intentions before **Friday, September 9th** and send all of your materials so that they arrive no later than **Tuesday, September 13th**. Contact: Rebecca Torres, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Brewster A-227, Greenville, NC 27858.

Participation Form

60th SEDAAG Meeting
West Palm Beach, FL
November 20-22, 2005

You may use this form or supply the information on a separate sheet.

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- Paper Student Honors Paper GTU Undergraduate Paper Poster
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SEDAAG Dues Reminder

SEDAAG dues are due on a calendar year basis. You were sent a renewal notice in January by the UNC Press. Included in your dues payment is a subscription to *Southeastern Geographer* which has issues in May and November. We strongly encourage you to pay your 2005 dues as soon as possible, so as not to jeopardize your delivery of the November issue.

Electronic Reference of the *Southeastern Geographer*

The *Southeastern Geographer* can now be accessed online through Project Muse, Proquest, and InfoTrak Onefile.