

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers
Business Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Derek Alderman, President, East Carolina University

Preliminaries

Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 Business Meeting
Necrology
Announcement of New Officers and State Representatives

AAG Update

Final remarks by Carol Harden, AAG President

SEDAAG Liaison with AAG

Doug Gamble, Regional Councilor's Report

SEDAAG President's Report

Derek Alderman

Results of 2009 Steering Committee Meeting

Derek Alderman

2010 Nominating and Honors Committee Elections

Jamie Strickland, SEDAAG Secretary Presiding:

- Nominations Committee – Joanne Halls, Chair-Elect for 2010 (5 nominations required, 2 to be elected). Candidate with largest vote total is chair-elect for 2011.
- Honors Committee – Maria Fadiman, Chair-Elect for 2010 (6 nominations required, 4 to be elected). Candidate with largest vote total is chair-elect for 2011.

Annual Meetings

Program Chair/Vice President's Report on the 2009 Meeting – Jonathan Leib

Future Meeting Sites – Birmingham, Alabama 2010 (Eric Fournier).

Fiscal Affairs

Membership and Treasurer Report (Katie Algeo)

Audit Committee Report (Katherine Hankins)

Meeting Registration Fees (Ron Kalafsky)

Endowment Committee Report (Steve Birdsall)

Publications

Secretary's Report, the *SEDAAG Newsletter* (Jamie Strickland)

Editor's Report, *Southeastern Geographer* (Bob Brinkmann and Graham Tobin)

SEDAAG Web Site Report (Bill Carstensen)

Committee and Other Reports

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| 1) Honors – Ross Meentemeyer | 6) Education – Jennifer Collins |
| 2) Nominations – Lisa Davis | 7) World Geography Bowl – Bill Carstensen |
| 3) Tellers – Scott Markwith | 8) SAGE – Tom Howard/Helen Ruth Aspaas |
| 4) Southern Studies – Tink Moore | 9) Historian – Elizabeth Leppman |
| 5) Status of Women – Esra Ozdenerol | 10) Student Representative – Dawn Drake |

Concluding Items

2010 Nominating and Honors Committee Election Results (Jamie Strickland)

Resolutions Committee (Corey Johnson)

Invitation to Birmingham, Alabama in 2010 (Eric Fournier)

Adjournment

SEDAAG 2009 – Knoxville, Tennessee

Steering Committee: Sunday, Nov. 22, 11:00 am to 4:00pm

Please make reports time efficient and substantive. Make sure that electronic copies of all reports are submitted to current SEDAAG Secretary Jamie Strickland (jstrickl@uncc.edu).

Preliminaries

- Distribute Agenda (final amendments/changes to agenda)
- Welcome and Introductions: SEDAAG President, Derek Alderman, East Carolina University
- Introductions and Congrats to In-Coming Officers and State Representatives
 - President: Russ Ivy, Florida Atlantic University
 - Treasurer: Sharon Cobb, University of North Florida
 - Historian: Elizabeth Leppman (appointed)
 - Student Representative: Dawn Drake, University of Tennessee (appointed)
 - Georgia: Robert Yarbrough, Georgia Southern University (replace Thomas Chapman)
 - Alabama: Justin Hart, University of Alabama
 - Florida: Charles Roberts, Florida Atlantic University
 - Kentucky: Alice Jones, Eastern Kentucky University
 - South Carolina: Mark Long, College of Charleston
 - West Virginia: Kevin Law, Marshall University
- Recognition of officers who are rotating out after 2009 meeting
 - President: Derek Alderman, East Carolina University
 - Treasurer: Katie Algeo, Western Kentucky University
 - Past President: Gerald Webster, University of Wyoming
 - Alabama: Lisa Davis, University of Alabama
 - Florida: Lisa Jordan, Florida State University
 - Kentucky: Scott Dobler, Western Kentucky University
 - South Carolina: Diansheng Guo, University of South Carolina
 - West Virginia: Ann Oberhauser, West Virginia University
- Opening Comments and President's Report (Alderman)

New Business

- Revision of Lifetime Achievement Award to include honorary life memberships and elimination of Honorary Life Memberships as separate award category (Alderman)
- Continuation of SEDAAG Meeting Travel Award to Birmingham 2010 (Alderman)
- John Fraser Hart PhD Student Paper Award fund raising campaign (Alderman/Moore)
- Establishment of Undergraduate Student Poster Award program (Collins)
- Recommendations from Knoxville Local Arrangements (Kalafsky/Drake)
- Presentation of Birmingham 2010 SEDAAG Meeting Plan (Fournier)
- Discussion of meeting site for SEDAAG 2011 (Ivy/Alderman)
- Recommendations from Meeting Program Chair (Leib)
- Inclusion of Puerto Rico into SEDAAG (Leib)
- Role of discussants at SEDAAG meetings (Birdsall)
- Development of written charges for SEDAAG committees and officers (Algeo)
- Electronic and non-electronic options for SEDAAG elections (Strickland)

President's Report to SEDAAG

Derek H. Alderman
East Carolina University
November 2009

Elections and Appointment Results: Officers and State Representatives

1. Congratulations to our newly elected SEDAAG officers
 - President: Russ Ivy, Florida Atlantic University
 - Treasurer: Sharon Cobb, University of North Florida
 - Historian: Elizabeth Leppman (appointed)
 - Student Representative: Dawn Drake, University of Tennessee (appointed)
 - Georgia: Robert Yarbrough, Georgia Southern University (replace Thomas Chapman)
 - Alabama: Justin Hart, University of Alabama
 - Florida: Charles Roberts, Florida Atlantic University
 - Kentucky: Alice Jones, Eastern Kentucky University
 - South Carolina: Mark Long, College of Charleston
 - West Virginia: Kevin Law, Marshall University
2. The Divisions expresses its appreciation to those ending terms of office at this meeting
 - President: Derek Alderman, East Carolina University
 - Treasurer: Katie Algeo, Western Kentucky University
 - Past President: Gerald Webster, University of Wyoming
 - Alabama: Lisa Davis, University of Alabama
 - Florida: Lisa Jordan, Florida State University
 - Kentucky: Scott Dobler, Western Kentucky University
 - South Carolina: Diansheng Guo, University of South Carolina
 - West Virginia: Ann Oberhauser, West Virginia University
3. This coming year the Executive Committee will need to appoint the Student Representative to serve for 2010. As specified in the bylaws, this officer serves as a one-year term and the appointed student should be a graduate student member of the Division. In addition, the Student Representative rotates annually among the ten member states of SEDAAG. Dawn Drake, the Division's first Student Representative has served with great distinction over the past several months, showing sincere concern for the interests and needs of students and planning professional development and social networking opportunities at the meeting. Drake's efforts establish a fine role model for future Student Representatives. I recommend that the Executive Committee follow the procedure of asking State Representatives to supply student nominees for the position along with a brief background statement on each nominee. Given that the next annual meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, it would be prudent (given travel costs) to appoint the next Student Representative from a pool of nominees from Alabama or nearby Mississippi.
4. I would recommend replacing (as soon as possible) the current system of balloting in SEDAAG in which paper ballots are mailed to members. The current system is costly and continues to produce unsatisfactory response rates relative to the total number of

members who are mailed ballots. Low ballot return is particularly poor for some State Representative elections. Over the past several years, there has been significant discussion in the Division about the need for an alternative balloting system, especially an electronic or online one. The issue has been placed on the Steering Committee Meeting agenda and it is my hope that the Division's leaders can formulate a plan for improving the ballot delivery and voting process in the very near future. Secretary Jamie Strickland has been asked to take an active role in evaluating an alternative method of conducting future elections.

Publications

1. Robert Brinkmann and Graham Tobin are completing their second year as Editors of the *Southeastern Geographer*. They continue to make major strides in raising the visibility and reputation of the journal as well as streamlining the submission process and reducing the amount of time between manuscript submission and acceptance/rejection. The Editors have brought a needed global perspective to the journal and the Southeast region through the publication of abstracts in English and Spanish, the production of podcasts (found at www.sedaag.org), and the recent publication of a special issue on Puerto Rico. Under the excellent leadership of Brinkmann and Tobin, the *Southeastern Geographer* is now a quarterly publication, which is a great accomplishment for the Division. Four issues were published in 2009 (two regular issues and two special issues). The increased publication of special issues should be applauded. It contributes to the intellectual diversity and innovativeness of the journal as well as author and reader investment and interest. It also contributes to the professional development of future editors. Brinkmann and Tobin have a special contribution to mark the 50th anniversary of *Southeastern Geographer* in 2010—the re-publication of an article by Merle Prunty from 1961 along with a contemporary commentary by John Fraser Hart. Although the journal is operating at a greater deficit than last year (\$6, 227), this is not surprising or alarming given the increase in publication and production costs associated with taking the journal quarterly. The costs of going quarterly are significantly offset by an almost \$4000 increase in revenue derived from the journal being available online through *Project Muse*. Our journal's inclusion in *Project Muse* has been one of the many positive benefits of the Division's relationship with UNC Press. Next year's Executive and Steering Committees might consider conducting interviews for the next set of journal editor(s) at the Birmingham 2010 meeting, assuming that Brinkmann and Tobin do not wish to serve another term.
2. I would recommend that the Editors prepare an announcement of the *Southeastern Geographer*'s new quarterly status for publication in the *AAG Newsletter*, perhaps timing the announcement to coincide with and mention the journal's 50th anniversary. I would also recommend that next year's Executive and Steering Committees pursue the possibility of having the journal's anniversary and quarterly status announced/advertised in an upcoming issue of the *Annals* or *Professional Geographer* as a service to the Division. At the very least, the Division should receive a discounted rate on placing such an ad in one of AAG's flagship journals.

3. SEDAAG Secretary Jamie Strickland composed and edited a single, double issue of the newsletter for 2009 (spring/summer) rather than two separate issues. For the fourth year, the newsletter was distributed electronically, using the Division's listserv, a database of member email addresses provided by UNC Press, and a departmental chair contact list. Steering Committee discussions in Greensboro revealed a need to improve the content and look of the newsletter, using it to document the life of the Division in terms of research and teaching rather than simply delivering reports and announcements. Along these lines, the 2009 newsletter contained photographs from the 2008 annual meeting, the Honors Committee report, news from programs around the region, instructional ideas and tips, and a newsletter feature called "SEDAAG Bookshelf," which showcased recent books authored or edited by geographers within the Division. The decision to publish a double-issue was driven, in part, by the wealth of newsletter content contributed by members. In addition, there is a realization that the publication of two separate newsletter issues so close to each other in time (in spring and summer of each year) is somewhat unwieldy and inefficient.
4. I would recommend that the timing of the publication of newsletters be altered to allow more time between issues. The consistent publication of a summer newsletter is necessary for distributing calls for papers and posters for the annual meeting, calls for faculty award nominations, and biographies of candidates for SEDAAG elections. I would also recommend that SEDAAG leaders continue to think about other ways of improving the newsletter and making it more responsive to member needs, achievements, and interests. For instance, future issues of the newsletter could contain op/ed pieces about the direction of the Division or photographs/vignettes from the Division's historical archives.
5. Bill Carstensen continues to serve as the coordinator/editor of the Division's web page (www.sedaag.org). He continues to be highly responsive to requests to post material, fulfilling these requests in a timely fashion. At my request, several new pieces of information have been added to the web page during 2009. They include a copy of the Division's bylaws, the minutes and reports resulting from the 2008 meeting, and a mission statement for the front page that describes the nature and activities of SEDAAG. Carstensen currently maintains the web page at no cost to SEDAAG and expresses a strong desire to create an online section that chronicles and commemorates some of the Division's history. He is also contemplating a revision of the state maps that provide links to various geography departments and programs in the region.
6. I recommend that State Representatives be asked to take an active role in reviewing the SEDAAG web page. Specifically, it might be wise to ask each State Representative to check hyperlinks to schools within his/her respective state and report any repair needs to the web editor. In addition, each State Representative can assist in identifying any schools or geography programs missing from the list on the web page, particularly college/universities that employ SAGE (stand alone geographers). This would assist SAGE coordinators Tom Howard and Helen Ruth Aspaas in their recruitment efforts.

Nominations

- Compile nominee list for Honors and Nominations Committees (Alderman will accept nominations in advance). Honor requires 6 nominations. Nominating requires five
- Nominations received thus far: Lisa Davis (UA, Honors), Katherine Hankins (GSU, Honors), Josh Inwood (Auburn University, Honors), Scott Markwith (Florida Atlantic University, Nominations), Jason Senkbeil (UA, Nominations)

Executive Committee

- Vice President/Program Chair: Jonathan Leib, Old Dominion University
- Secretary: Jamie Strickland, UNC-Charlotte
- Treasurer: Katie Algeo, Western Kentucky University
- SEDAAG Councilor to AAG: Doug Gamble, UNC-Wilmington

Other Reports

- *Southeastern Geographer*: Robert Brinkmann and Graham Tobin, Univ. of South Florida
- Student Representative: Dawn Drake, University of Tennessee
- Honors: Ross Meentemeyer, UNC-Charlotte
- Nominations: Lisa Davis, University of Alabama
- Tellers: Scott Markwith, Florida Atlantic University
- Audit: Katherine Hankins, Georgia State University
- WGB, Bill Carstensen, Virginia Tech
- SEDAAG Web Site, Bill Carstensen, Virginia Tech
- SEDAAG Endowment, Steve Birdsall, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Southern Studies, Tink Moore, UNC-Charlotte
- Status of Women, Esra Ozdenerol, University of Memphis
- Education: Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida
- Historian: Elizabeth Leppman
- SAGE, Helen Ruth Aspaas, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Thomas Howard, Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Resolutions, Corey Johnson, UNC-Greensboro (at Business Meeting)

State Reports/Remarks

Alabama: Lisa Davis, University of Alabama
Florida: Lisa Jordan, Florida State University
Georgia: Robert Yarbrough, Georgia Southern University
Kentucky: Scott Dobler, Western Kentucky University
Mississippi: David Holt, University of Southern Mississippi
North Carolina: William Graves, UNC-Charlotte
South Carolina: Diansheng Guo, University of South Carolina
Tennessee: Ron Kalafsky, University of Tennessee
Virginia: Kevin Curtin, George Mason University
West Virginia: Ann Oberhauser, West Virginia University

Award would be paid in perpetuity. Announcing this fund-raising initiative at the Knoxville meeting is strategic since Hart is speaking and being honored at the opening session. He is receiving a President's Distinguished Achievement Award.

4. For the second year, the Endowment Committee has been in charge of soliciting and evaluating proposals for the SEDAAG Early Faculty Research Grant, which is funded with the annual interest accumulated from the Endowment Account. I wish to thank Stephen Birdsall, chair of the Endowment Committee, for supervising this small grant program. As per the terms of the grant's establishment, which call for a three year trial period, it will be necessary for next year's Executive and Steering Committees to decide the fate of the grant program. Should it continue? If so, should the funds continue to come from the Endowment? Should the members of the Endowment Committee continue to administer the grant program and take responsibility for receiving and judging proposals? In general, I would recommend the continuation of the early faculty grant program, although the terms of its continuation require discussion and negotiation with the Endowment Committee.

Annual Meeting and Program

1. In his first year of service as Vice President/Program Chair, Jonathan Leib has taken on the significant task of processing 160 paper submissions and 88 poster submissions for the Knoxville meeting. He and his Program Committee should be commended for their efforts. Leib was also instrumental in significantly revising and clarifying the call for papers/posters. It is fairly apparent that the SEDAAG meeting is now running into significant time and space constraints given its growing size and the shortness of the meeting. I highly recommend that SEDAAG leaders identify ways of minimizing the number of concurrent sessions (since more concurrent sessions dilute audiences per session and contribute to meeting costs) and consider how the meeting could be lengthened, perhaps beginning sooner on Sunday or even Saturday. I recognize that such an idea conflicts with GeoBowl rounds held on Sunday afternoon, but it is necessary to begin some discussion and negotiation before we exceed a critical carrying capacity for the meeting. Extending the meeting past mid-day on Tuesday is not feasible given the Thanksgiving holidays.
2. I thank Ron Kalafsky, Dawn Drake, and the Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee for hosting the 2009 SEDAAG meeting. Kalafsky and Drake have worked tirelessly to organize a popular meeting with interesting field trips, receptions and socials, and a distinguished keynote speaker (James C. Cobb). Of particular note has been the great line of communication between meeting organizers and the SEDAAG membership. Also impressive has been the technical system that allows presenters to download presentations to conference laptops before arriving to the meeting. Thanks area also extended to Barry Neal of UT Conferences for providing meeting management labor and expertise.
3. Given the growing complexity and scale of local arrangements and program creation, I recommend that the SEDAAG Executive and Steering Committees consider establishing a new appointed committee called "Meeting Coordination." Appointed by the President, a Meeting Coordination Committee would work to assist the Program Chair and the Chair of Local Arrangements with conference-related issues and duties.

4. The Department of Geography at the University of Mary Washington is celebrating its 50th anniversary at the Knoxville SEDAAG meeting by hosting two special paper sessions. I commend this geography program for its long record of service and engagement. I thank UMW faculty, alums, and current students for choosing the conference as a place to celebrate. I would encourage more departments in the Southeast to use the annual meeting in this way.

Future Meeting Sites

1. The 2010 meeting of SEDAAG will take place in Birmingham, AL. Eric Fournier is in charge of local arrangements and has worked diligently with the Executive Committee to negotiate a hotel/conference contract that is favorable to the Division. It is worth mentioning that SEDAAG was founded in Birmingham when Merle Prunty, John Fraser Hart, Merle Myers and William Miller met in the living room of Allen Tower of Birmingham-Southern in 1947.
2. Savannah, Georgia is under serious consideration as the site for the 2011 meeting and a decision will be made soon.
3. Invitations to host future SEDAAG meetings are in very short supply. I would encourage department and programs across the region to consider hosting an annual meeting. Potential hosts might consider partnering with other universities as a way of sharing organization responsibilities. Potential hosts are encouraged to contact previous host universities for planning information.

Derek Alderman
President, SEDAAG

SEDAAG Treasurer's Report 2009

Katie Algeo, Treasurer

Financial Outlook

Despite the economic downturn, SEDAAG's financial situation remains strong. The bulk of SEDAAG's assets have been invested in fixed-rate, no risk CDs with staggered terms to ensure that funds are available to pay obligations throughout the year. Thus, for each SEDAAG fund (Operating, Hart Award and Endowment), I manage a floating mix of 2-4 CDs, trying to capture the best interest rate available at any given time. The low interest rates currently prevailing mean that we can expect reduced interest income in the future. When I took over as treasurer two years ago, long-term CD interest rates were 4.5%. They are currently less than 2%. Interest income is a relatively small portion of SEDAAG income, however, so this is not a point to worry about.

A detailed financial report is attached. The **Operating Account** increased by slightly more than \$11,000 and now stands at just over \$85,000. Fourth quarter dues have not yet been received from UNC Press, so we can expect about \$1000 more in dues. Dues income so far is comparable to last year, when we received just over \$11,000. One factor behind the healthy increase in the operating account this year was the \$9517 surplus generated by the 2008 meeting in Greensboro. The deficit to UNC Press for publication of Southeastern Geographer grew from \$1487 in 2008 to \$6227 in 2009 as the journal moved to quarterly publication. We expected this increase in costs, however, and are well positioned to cover it. The deficit will likely decline as Project Muse royalties grow (\$3,923 in 2006; \$6,787 in 2008; \$10,588 in 2009). A new program was inaugurated for the 2009 meeting to assist graduate students and early career faculty with meeting travel costs, encourage participation in the annual meeting, and to put the Operating Account funds to good use. Four faculty travel awards of \$100 and nine student travel awards of \$60 were granted, for a total of \$940 devoted to this initiative.

The **Hart Award Account** continues to be challenged by lack of growth. At the 2008 business meeting, it was decided that only the interest from this account would be used to pay the annual \$1000 Hart Award and that the Operating Account would make up the difference. For each of the past two years, the Hart Account has been able to pay about one-third of the award. Because motivating, supporting and recognizing outstanding doctoral student research is a prime goal of SEDAAG, one goal for the coming years should be to place this account on a sustainable basis through a special fund-raising campaign. An additional option would be to make additional annual transfers from the Operating Account to the Hart Award Account to increase its capital.

The **Endowment Account** also remained flat because the accumulated interest was devoted to the 2008 SEDAAG Early Faculty Grant, a new initiative last year. The Early Faculty Grant was not awarded for 2009.

Membership

Maintaining membership is critical to SEDAAG remaining a healthy organization. SEDAAG offers complimentary memberships to full-time faculty who are new to the division. This includes faculty accepting their first job, as well as those moving into the division from other regions. This year the state representatives helped identify 15 qualifying faculty members. In order to assess the effectiveness of this policy as a

SEDAAG Finances and Membership

1. In her two years as Treasurer, Katie Algeo has undertaken a proactive and wise strategy to managing SEDAAG assets, investing them in fixed-rate, no risk CDs with staggered terms. Algeo reports that the SEDAAG financial situation remains strong, a situation helped by surpluses generated by recent annual meetings. Thanks to the efforts of Gordon Bennett, Jeff Patton, and the Department of Geography at UNC-Greensboro, the 2008 meeting generated a \$9,517 surplus. These funds along with the healthy condition of the Division's Operating Account will allow for the journal to operate at a deficit while it transitions to a self-supporting quarterly publication. The Division is greatly appreciative of Algeo's hard work. She has been very helpful in policing the membership requirement for participants at the annual SEDAAG meeting, which has had a positive impact on membership figures the last two years.
2. Given the strong state of SEDAAG's financial situation (particularly in light of recent meeting overages) and the poor budget situation facing many geography programs, the Executive Committee approved the creation of a one-time travel award. The award, which targeted students and early faculty, provides modest assistance with the cost of attending the conference in Knoxville, Tennessee. Supported students and early faculty are required to present a paper or poster. Travel awards of \$100 were given to faculty and awards of \$60 were given to students. In total, four faculty members and nine students received travel awards for the Knoxville meeting.

Early Faculty Travel Award Recipients

Rebecca Dobbs, UNC-Chapel Hill
Daehyun Kim, University of Kentucky
Heidi Lannon, Santa Fe College (FL)
Henry Way, James Madison University

Student Travel Award Recipients

Rick Crowsey, University of Southern Mississippi
Priyanka Ghosh, University of Kentucky
Brian Grabbatin, University of Kentucky
Jonathan Kozar, UNC-Charlotte
Ting Lui, Florida State University
Charles Paxton, University of South Florida
Brandy Saffell, Florida State University
Meagan Todd, University of Kentucky
Joselyn Zale, University of Southern Mississippi

3. During last year's meeting in Greensboro, the Steering Committee identified the John Fraser Hart Fund as a problem since it was not growing significantly and not generating enough interest to cover the entire \$1000 prize for the best PhD student paper award. At present, the Hart Award is being supplemented by funds from the Operating Account. In light of SEDAAG's appreciation of John Fraser Hart's devotion to the Division and a desire to make the Hart Account self-sustaining, I have asked Tyrel "Tink" Moore to chair a committee in charge of raising the funds necessary to ensure that the Hart Paper

recruiting tool, I looked at how many of the 2008 recipients of complimentary memberships renewed for 2009. In 2008, we awarded five complimentary memberships, and two of those individuals re-joined for 2009. It is too early to draw any conclusions about the effectiveness of complimentary memberships, but we should continue to track this information in coming years.

As of November 14, 2009, SEDAAG had 488 members, including members from Division states and from outside the region, down from the 513 members at this time last year. The table below details membership from SEDAAG states. Membership within the division decreased by 6% from 2008. Student membership remained relatively flat from 2007 - 2009, with most of the annual fluctuation occurring in the faculty and professional memberships.

State	Student SEDAAG				Non-Student SEDAAG				Total SEDAAG			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change (2007- 2009)	2007	2008	2009	% Change (2007- 2009)	2007	2008	2009	% Change (2007-2009)
AL	5	6	7	40%	22	32	26	18%	27	38	33	22%
FL	33	28	38	15%	47	53	50	6%	80	81	88	10%
GA	13	21	20	54%	28	33	29	4%	41	54	49	20%
KY	7	9	18	157%	16	23	25	56%	23	32	43	87%
MS	3	5	3	0%	5	23	16	220%	8	28	19	138%
NC	63	62	33	-48%	61	74	68	11%	124	136	101	-19%
SC	11	6	5	-55%	22	23	23	5%	33	29	28	-15%
TN	5	9	15	200%	14	24	26	86%	19	33	41	116%
VA	5	3	4	-20%	19	29	29	53%	24	32	33	38%
WV	2	2	3	50%	17	19	17	0%	19	21	20	5%
Total	147	151	146	-1%	251	333	309	23%	398	484	455	14%

At its 2007 meeting, the Steering Committee resolved to police the membership requirement for participation in the annual meeting with greater vigilance. This effort paid off with higher membership totals for 2008. Membership among meeting participants is down for the 2009 meeting, however, relative to 2008. One week before the meeting, 41 posters had no author who was a member (compared to 21 in 2008) and 36 papers had no author who was a member (compared to 18 in 2008). While meeting registration entails a higher fee for non-members, the extent of enforcement is unclear. The issue is a difficult one to resolve, as dues collection, paper/poster acceptance, and meeting registration are each handled by a different entity. A web-based option for paying dues with a credit card might increase compliance, and UNC Press (who handles membership) should be approached about the feasibility of such an option. Other creative enforcement solutions should also be considered.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

TREASURER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2009

Operating Account

Opening Balance (11/12/08) **\$73,980.28**

Receipts:

Dues from UNC Press 2008 (does not include 4th quarter dues)	\$10,100.00
Annual AAG Support	\$1,000.00
AAG Support of 2008 SAGE Travel Awards	\$237.68
2008 Meeting (Greensboro, NC) Surplus	\$9,517.00
2008 Geog Bowl Surplus	\$130.00
Contributions from individuals for 2009 SEDAAG student reception (note: SEDAAG agreed to contribute an additional \$400)	\$350.00
Interest	\$1,982.57
Total Receipts	\$23,317.25

Disbursements:

UNC Press FY09 deficit for Southeastern Geographer thru June 2009	\$6,227.00
SAGE 2008 Travel reimbursement (2 scholars)	\$475.36

One-time SEDAAG support of AAG initiative to facilitate attendance by regional SAGE coordinators at the 2009 AAG meeting; SEDAAG matching funds to AAG; any continuance to be considered by Executive Committee	\$500.00
2008 Meeting expenses (plaques for departing officers & dinner for keynote speaker)	\$78.16
Honors Plaques (2008 faculty & student winners)	\$392.81
Merle Prunty 2008 Award	\$500.00
Student Poster & Masters Paper 2008 Awards (2 awards @ \$500 each)	\$1,000.00

Hart 2008 Award (At the 2008 business meeting, the Executive Committee decided that only interest from the Hart Account would go towards the award; the Operating Account will subsidize the rest of the award)	\$630.03
Membership refund to student who paid the regular rate by mistake	\$20.00
Complimentary SEDAAG memberships to new faculty & SAGE awardees (17 @ \$10)	\$170.00
Geography Bowl 2009 Travel Support	\$1,000.00
External hard drive for SEDAAG historian; to store digital photos & docs	\$137.79
2009 Meeting expenses (plaques & award for meeting honoree)	\$126.36
2009 Meeting Travel awards for Early Faculty (4 @ \$100)	\$400.00
2009 Meeting Travel awards for Students (9 @ \$60)	\$540.00

Total Disbursements	\$12,197.51
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Receipts minus disbursements	\$11,119.74
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CLOSING BALANCE OPERATING ACCOUNT (11/10/09)	<u>\$85,100.02</u>
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Hart Award Account

Opening Balance (11/12/08)	\$10,198.91
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Receipts:

Parkway Publishers; Royalties for the Geography of the Carolinas book	\$374.37
Interest	\$295.04
Total Receipts	\$669.41

Audit Report

SEDAAG 2009

Submitted by Katherine Hankins, chair

The Treasurer Katie Algeo submitted to the Audit Committee the Treasurer's report and spreadsheets documenting expenses and income between November 12, 2008, and November 10, 2009. She provided a detailed spreadsheet documenting all transactions, including the date, the check number, the payee or recipient, and explanatory notes. The Audit Committee reviewed the report and the spreadsheets and found no discrepancies between the report and the detailed account of the transactions.

In sum, the operating budget account, as of November 12, 2008 was \$73,980.28, and as of November 10, 2009, it totaled \$85,100.02. The opening balance of the Hart Award Account was \$10,198.91 and the closing balance was \$10,498.35. The SEDAAG Endowment Fund had an opening balance of \$29,647.06 and a closing balance of \$29,616.03. As of November 10, 2009, the overall SEDAAG assets totaled \$125,214.40.

The Audit Committee commends the Treasurer Katie Algeo on the detail and clarity of her bookkeeping.

To: Derek Alderman, President
Southeast Division, AAG

Date: November 18, 2009

Subject: Endowment Committee Annual Report

This was the second year of the SEDAAG's annual small grant competition, a program intended to provide support for early-career faculty in the Division. The report from the recipient of the first year's competition, Shrinidhi Ambinakudige at Mississippi State University, is attached.

The Endowment Committee serves as the evaluative group for the proposals submitted and selects one for the award. A call for proposals was announced in the Newsletter and a follow-up announcement was emailed to members. Eleven proposals were received, a significant increase from the six received in 2008. A significant number of the proposals were very strong and all eleven were judged meritorious, conditions that helped make the process very worthwhile for committee members although challenging. In the end, one proposal was selected unanimously as the Division's award recipient for 2009.

The process once again highlighted several modest issues that the committee believes need clarification for all involved. We will discuss these issues and make the small adjustments to further improve next year's competition.

The 2010 competition will be the third in the initial three-year program. The committee wishes to point out that the 2010 Steering Committee is expected to address the question of whether the small grant program is to be shifted to the Division's annual operating budget, modified with respect to its relation to the Division's endowment, or extended for a specific number of additional years.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 15, 2009

Dear Professor Birdsall,

I would like to thank the SEDAAG endowment committee for awarding me the 2008 - SEDAAG small grant award. It is my honor to receive this award in the first year of its instigation.

In the proposal submitted to the committee, I proposed to study the planimetric and volumetric changes in the Gangotri glacier in the Himalayas using multi-spectral satellite images. The study involved the use of Landsat, Aster and Corona satellite images to estimate the rate of retreat of Gangotri glacier. The award money helped me to hire a graduate student (\$400 - @ \$10 per hr for 40hrs) to rectify and process satellite images. It also helped me to buy Aster and Corona images (\$340).

The results of this feasibility study were first presented at the AAG Annual meeting at Las Vegas. The results showed that between 1970 and 2009, snout position of Gangotri glacier retreated about 650 meters, with an average annual retreat of 16.7 meters. The rate of retreat was not uniform in the last four decades. Between the year 2000 and 2006 the annual retreat was about 7.50 meters. However, between 1999 and 2000, there was about 73-meters retreat in the snout's position. The average annual retreat (24.44 meters) was the highest in 1970s compared to the next two decades.

A manuscript based on the results of this study has been submitted to the Bulletin of Glacier Research for publication, and is currently under review. The study results will be used in the proposal to be submitted in June 2010 to the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program of the National Science Foundation.

I would like to thank you again for honoring me with this award to develop my research program in glacier study. I believe that this small grant award is an excellent program and very useful for junior faculty like me. I strongly encourage SEDAAG to continue this program and help more junior faculties in the division.

I thank you very much,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shrinidhi Ambinakudige'.

Shrinidhi Ambinakudige

SEDAAG Secretary's Report, 2009

SEDAAG Newsletter. One double-issue of the Newsletter (Volume 28, Nos. 1/2) was produced in the 2009 calendar year. The Newsletter was circulated to the membership via email and another electronic copy was added to the Division's website. One hard copy of the Newsletter was sent to Dr. John Fraser Hart. In this year's double-issue Newsletter, there were some changes in content and format that I hope to continue in the coming year. First, some material previously published in the Newsletter (namely individual state reports) was moved to the Division's website. In its place, a section called "Notes from Around the Region" identified news and happenings from member institutions. Another new section entitled "The Teaching Corner" highlighted the teaching ideas from a very successful Active Learning special session at the Greensboro meeting. The report of the Honors Committee has been shifted from the *Southeastern Geographer* to the Newsletter and featured photographs from the annual awards banquet. Other sections included "The SEDAAG Bookshelf," entries on membership and participation in the Division and accomplishments of our colleagues across the Southeast. In early September, a new listserv was established (hosted by the University of Georgia) for SEDAAG. This is fast becoming a valuable mode of communication to the membership, particularly for time sensitive issues.

SEDAAG Ballots. For this year's election, a total of 349 ballots were sent to the active membership using a list supplied by UNC Press. The Department of Geography at East Carolina University covered the cost of the ballots while the cost of postage was covered by the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at UNC Charlotte. After the ballots were sent out via UNC Charlotte Bulk Mail Services, an issue with ballot delivery was quickly identified and rectified by the Secretary and President. An alternative electronic balloting strategy is being actively explored.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Strickland
SEDAAG Secretary
November 16, 2009

2009 SEDAAG VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

The 2009 SEDAAG program is one of the largest in the organization's history, with more than 250 persons presenting during the meeting. I would like to thank the SEDAAG Program Committee (see the program for a listing of the members) for their diligent work in reviewing submissions. I would especially like to thank Roopa Swaminathan, a Ph.D. student at Old Dominion University, who was indispensable throughout the process of putting the program together.

In terms of the program:

- there were forty paper sessions/panel discussions scheduled. Given the five possible session times, this led to eight concurrent sessions being scheduled for each time slot.
- As well, three poster sessions were scheduled (Sunday night, Monday morning, and Monday afternoon).

Papers: 160 papers were submitted for consideration for the program. After receiving the reviewers' comments, four papers were recommended for rejection. I gave the authors of these four papers the chance to revise their papers to make them acceptable. Two of the authors did so, and their papers were ultimately accepted for inclusion in the program. Of the other two authors, one withdrew their paper while the other did not respond.

Panels: Eight panel discussions were submitted on a variety of topics. All were scheduled.

Posters: 88 posters were submitted for consideration. After review, all were accepted for the program.

James O. Wheeler Award: The James O. Wheeler Award for the first paper submitted for consideration for the program was won by James O. Wheeler.

Report submitted by Jonathan Leib, SEDAAG Vice President, Old Dominion University

November 16, 2009

**Status of the *Southeastern Geographer*
Report to the Membership 2009
Robert Brinkmann and Graham Tobin, Editors
Leslie North, Editorial Assistant, Cartographic Editor**

Summary. The status of the journal continues to be sound. In 2009, we produced four issues building on the three from last year. This has resulted in greater expenditure, as expected, although much has been made up by substantial increases of revenue from project Muse. Our efforts to further enhance the submission and review process have been successful. The time lag between submission and acceptance/rejection is now approximately 42 days thanks to the many reviewers who have responded to our calls for greater timeliness. We will be examining the effectiveness of the board members in the coming weeks to see if we can gain additional efficiencies.

- A. Structural Changes to the Journal's Manuscript Management Processes.** The online submission and electronic reviews continue to receive favorable comments and we believe has helped reduce the time to publication.
- B. Personnel Changes in the Journal Editorial Team.** Leslie North is the new Editorial Assistant and Cartographic Editor. These two positions work well as one due to the nature of the role of the Editorial Assistant and the technical issues associated with figure publication. She has performed extremely well managing the office efficiently and effectively. Dr. Spencer Fleury of USF has taken on the role of Book Review Editor and is looking for reviewers.
- C. The 2009 Publications.** In 2009, the journal published four issues. Two were regular editions and two were special issues (see attached Tables of Contents). During the year, we had a rejection rate of 43 percent for all articles submitted to the journal (this does not include revise and resubmits within the count). We have accepted 17 papers and rejected 13. Several others are in a revise and resubmit process. Please see Tables attached.
- D. The 2010 Publications.** In 2010, the journal will publish four issues. Two will be regular editions and two will be special issues. The first issue of 2010, the 50th Year Edition, has been put to bed and we are working on the May and August issues now.
- E. The 2011 Publications.** We are looking for one or more editors for special issues for 2011. Please send us proposals. In addition, please continue to send in manuscripts and encourage your colleagues and students to submit manuscripts.
- F. Status of ISI Listing.** As reported last year, the journal had an open application for ISI listing and associated abstracting and ranking. We will need to apply again in the future. We urge all members to cite to the journal whenever possible.
- G. Financial Status.** The journal continues to run a deficit, and this deficit has increased as expected due to the extra costs associated with the journal. This year the deficit is \$6227. However, we did see a significant increase in project muse revenues—an increase of nearly \$4000.

Southeastern Geographer Report (2008-2009)

The following statistics reflect all of the manuscripts submitted for publication since November 2008 to today

These figures do not reflect manuscripts submitted for special issue publications

Total Received	Total Accepted	Total In Progress	Total Rejected
37	17 (46%)	7 (19%)	13 (35%) – 43% not including in progress manuscripts
<i>In Progress Manuscripts</i>			
Out for Review	Revise/Resubmit – Waiting Resubmission		
5	2		

Southeastern Geographer Report (2007-2008)

The following statistics reflect all of the manuscripts submitted for publication since the arrival of the SEG to USF

These figures do not reflect manuscripts submitted for special issue publication

Total Received	Total Accepted	Total In Progress	Total Rejected
48	19 (40%) – 49% not including in progress manuscripts	9 (18%)	20 (42%) – 51% not including in progress manuscripts

In Progress Manuscripts

Out for Review	Revise/Resubmit – Waiting Resubmission
4	5

Rejected Manuscripts

2007 Rejections	2008 Rejections	2009 Rejections
9	11	13

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Statement of Operations for Southeastern Geographer
as of June 30, 2009

	6/30/2009 Actual V48#2, 48#3, 49#1, & 49#2	6/30/2008 Actual V47#2/V48#1	Fiscal Year Ending		6/30/2005 Actual V44#2/V45#1	6/30/2004 Actual V44#1
			6/30/2007 Actual V46#2/V47#1	6/30/2006 Actual V45#2/V46#1		
<u>Income</u>						
Subscription sales	9,702	9,497	10,044	9,722	8,870	3,558
Advertising			0	200	0	0
Royalties	1,011	1,226	1,199	131	2	0
Permissions	41	21	0	0	125	0
Project Muse Royalties	10,558	6,787	5,718	3,923	360	0
Total Income	21,312	17,531	16,961	13,976	9,357	3,558
<u>Expenses</u>						
Production	7,787	5,579	5,176	4,868	5,124	2,392
Printing	8,661	4,553	5,636	5,239	5,050	2,669
Postage - Journal Mailing	2,027	1,164	1,110	975	1,039	667
Press Commission	7,227	6,136	5,936	4,890	3,275	1,245
Supplies	0	0	0	14	55	0
Postage - Office	410	622	189	315	560	635
Back Issue Storage	316	297	260	225	0	0
Warehouse Fees/Postage	1,006	622	468	429	0	0
Copyright Registration	105	45	90	60	30	0
Total Expenses	27,539	19,018	18,865	17,015	15,133	7,608
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(6,227)	(1,487)	(1,904)	(3,039)	(5,776)	(4,050)
Reserve Fund						
Balance at July 1	(1,487)	(4,943)	(3,039)	0	(4,050)	0
FY Operating (Deficit)	(6,227)	(1,487)	(1,904)	(3,039)	(5,776)	(4,050)
Payment from SEDAAG	1,487	4,943	0	0	9,826	0
Balance at June 30	(6,227)	(1,487)	(4,943)	(3,039)	0	(4,050)
Deferred Sales for Future Issues	3,421	3,892	3,703	4,392	4,117	3,594

SEDAAG Webmaster Annual Report
Laurence W. Carstensen Jr.

Knoxville, TN
November, 2009

The year 2009 has been fairly quiet for the SEDAAG website. We continue to add archival material to the site for the meetings and I welcome all job advertisements from SEDAAG schools as well. I have begun dating those so I can get them off when the time comes. As before, in the Geography in the Southeast, I ask that state representatives check the links to schools in their state and report and issues to me so they can be repaired. I am entertaining thoughts of replacing the state maps with Google earth links so the schools will show up in their settings. That will be a project for when I get the time. Similarly if there are schools that offer Geography classes missing (even if it is only 1 class) please let me know to add that school to the links.

Otherwise, the site is fairly complete. As I have reported many years, I feel that we should be adding a history section of the website as we can. I would like to add photographs, meeting listings, chronologies, departmental histories, and past officers, etc. to that portion. We have made progress in using the website over the years for dissemination of materials including the newsletter, but we really should have a section commemorating the past of the organization. As always, I will put up whatever (almost) members send me to put up.

All in all, this has been a good year. I thank the committee for their willingness to invest in the web site, and for their future (hopefully small) investments to keep it up to date! At the current workload, I am handling updates myself. I will request funds if projects require a student assistant again in the future.

(I realize that the report is about the same as last year, but that is the case)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurence W. Carstensen Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laurence W. Carstensen Jr.
Webmaster

SEDAAG World Geography Bowl

The 2008 World Geography Bowl at the SEDAAG-Greensboro meeting—the nineteenth event—involved teams from all ten Southeastern states. A total of nearly 90 undergraduate and graduate students from numerous colleges and universities participated, supported by an equal number of students, parents and faculty in the audience. More than 30 faculty members also participated in writing the rounds, arranging, moderating, and judging the event and coordinating the teams.

At the end of the round robin competition on Sunday afternoon, the team from Florida had a record of 9-0, and Tennessee came in at 8-1. These two teams were chosen to meet for the finals on Monday evening.

The Championship round was preceded by a high-spirited warm-up round between two *Dream Teams* composed of Professional Geographers and Student All-Stars from the round robin events. Student All-Stars were W. Stockwell of WV, B. Smith of SC, T Alman of AL, K. Laird of NC, B. Blickenstat of MS, and A. Foulds of KY. The Professional Geographers Team was composed of John Agnew, Carol Hardin, Derek Alderman, Tom Baerwald, Hilda Kurtz, and Graham Tobin. The Dream Team drubbed the students 140 - 70, giving the faculty a 6-5 edge over the eleven years of competition. As has become routine, the AAG president, John Agnew was the MVP for the Dream Team of Professional Geographers.

The Championship round followed between a spirited rematch between the Florida and Tennessee teams. Tennessee's only loss in the Sunday round was to Florida and Tennessee was out to revenge that defeat. Florida prevailed but by a very close 120-105 score.. Members of the winning team were Alicia Williams (USF), John McEwen (FSU), Kevin Ash (UF), Nicolas Campiz (UF), Daniel McGowen (FSU), and Erin Bunting (UF). Bill Carstensen (VT) moderated the Championship and Dream Team rounds.

Nicolas Campiz won the event's most valuable player (MVP), averaging 33.3.0 points per round, with William Stockwell of Marshall University in second place at 31.1.

Our SEDAAG supported team of MVPs (Abigail Foulds, Matt Holden, Nicolas Campiz, Billy Terry, Ben Shultz, and Byron Smith) played well in Las Vegas, making the finals before falling to the Pacific Coast Geographers 115-85.

The World Geography Bowl continues to be a significant part of SEDAAG meetings and enjoys the support of both students and faculty. Rounds were well attended and the final rounds were a lot of fun for participants and spectators alike. The WGB Committee congratulates all of the students and faculty who participated in the 2008 event in Greensboro and expresses appreciation to the local arrangements committee for their excellent work in getting the event set, and to SEDAAG for its continued financial support of our students both at the SEDAAG meeting, and at the AAG.

Bill Carstensen,
WGB Committee Chair, 2009

Report of the 2009 SEDAAG Honors Committee

Ross K. Meentemeyer, Chair
Department of Geography & Earth Sciences
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
November 22, 2009

Honors Committee Membership:

Ross Meentemeyer, Chair – UNC Charlotte
Maria Fadiman, Chair Elect – Florida Atlantic University
David Holt – University of Southern Mississippi
Jeff Popke – Eastern Carolina University
Jennifer Speights-Binet – Samford University

Faculty Awards:

The Honors committee received nominations for awards in all four faculty award categories:

- **Research Honors Award** (1 joint nomination) – Paul A. Knapp (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) and Peter T. Soule (Appalachian State University)
- **Outstanding Service Award** (1 nomination) – Laurence W. Carstensen (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
- **Excellence in Teaching Award** (2 nominations) – Douglas W. Gamble (University of North Carolina, Wilmington) [REDACTED]
Winner; Gamble
- **Lifetime achievement** (2 nominations) [REDACTED] and Tyrel G. Moore (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)
Winner; Moore

After reviewing the nominations, CVs, and supporting letters, the committee chose and/or recommended awards for all nominations.

Merle C. Prunty Scholarship:

One application was received:

- Jason Jones, University of Southern Mississippi University

Graduate Student Paper and Poster Competitions:

The Honors Committee received 13 MA and 13 PhD submissions for the student paper honors competition. Five MA papers and five PhD papers were accepted for inclusion in the Honors oral sessions at the conference. The number of paper submissions is substantially higher than the average for the last seven years (2008 – 13 papers; 2007 – 16 papers; 2006 – 13 papers; 2005 – 10 papers; 2004 – 11 papers; 2003 – 15 papers; 2002 – 20 papers).

The committee received 15 submissions to the combined MA/PhD poster competition and accepted seven of them. This is great increase from last year's two submissions.

Following the Honors oral and poster sessions, the Honors Committee met to determine the winners in the paper and poster categories.

Best Student Paper, Masters Level, 2009:

TBA

John Fraser Hart Award, Best PhD Student Paper, 2009:

TBA

Best Poster, 2009:

TBA

Southeastern Geographer Best Article Award:

A review committee, chaired by editors Graham Tobin and Robert Brinkman, selected the "Best Article" published in the *Southeastern Geographer* during the past year of 2008, based on the following criteria: "A best article should demonstrate: (a) scholarship of exceptional merit and quality that addresses a significant research issue, (b) originality of ideas and contribution to the advancement of geography in the relevant subfield, (c) clarity and effectiveness of writing style, and (d) attention to the sensibilities of a diverse audience."

This year's best article is:

Joseph A. Luchette and Tom Crawford. "A Public Participation GIS Application for Citizen-Based Watershed Monitoring in the Pamlico-Tar River Basin." *Southeastern Geographer* 48(2): 184-200.

The 2009 SEDAAG Honors Committee would like to congratulate all winners of student and faculty awards. In addition, we would like to thank all those who participated in the honors competitions and published papers in the 2008 edition of *Southeastern Geographer*. Your efforts help continue the tradition of excellence for which SEDAAG is known and encourage us all to do good work. We would especially like to thank all those who nominated students and faculty for awards. The enthusiasm and selflessness of SEDAAG's members in helping to recognize students and colleagues speaks well of our organization.

Future Recommendations

The following changes to the submission, participation, and nomination processes may serve to improve the process for all parties involved.

- It should be clearly stated how to REGISTER ONLINE WITHOUT PAYING (in case of students accepted in the Honors competition and Award winners). There was this option this year (described below), but people were not aware of it:
 - *For those in honors sessions who have not yet registered, they can go to the online registration from the SEDAAG page and submit a registration. They should put a (student) registration and a (student) banquet ticket in the cart. In the comments page where they can make special requests, they should note that they are in an honors session. When they get to the payment screen, there is a radio dial that says "invoice me." They should select that and then UT Conferences will invoice SEDAAG for their registration.*
- The students whose papers and posters were (not) accepted for the competition should be informed enough time in advance, so in case they are not accepted (and so their registration is not covered), they still have time to register themselves in the "early registration" (=cheaper) period.
- The "Call for papers and posters" document says: "All students who have their papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and Honors banquet fees waived." What about the students who have their POSTER accepted? It should be clearly stated if only paper presenters or also poster presenters will have their fees waived.
- It should be clear whether the registration for students who were accepted to the competition (and for the Honors award winners) will be REIMBURSED OR WAIVED!
- Only one week before the meeting we found out that some of the students accepted to the Honors competition were not SEDAAG members. This should be checked sooner so there is enough time for us to notify them, and they have enough time to submit their membership application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross K. Meentemeyer
SEDAAG 2009 Honors Committee, Chair
11/22/09

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

November 22, 2009

Knoxville, TN

Submitted by:

Lisa Davis
University of Alabama
Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Joanne Halls
University of North Carolina – Wilmington
Member, 2010 Chair-Elect

Joshua Inwood
Auburn University
Member

1. Offices Requiring Nominations

State Representatives: Alabama, Kentucky, Florida, South Carolina, West Virginia

Executives: Treasurer and President

2. Summary of Committee Activities

The committee successfully secured nominations for all offices with most offices having at least two nominations. The exceptions were West Virginia State Representative and President, with only one nomination each.

The committee directly received nominations from SEDAAG members in only a few cases. As a result, the Committee secured nominations by contacting department chairs/heads and previous SEDAAG office holders. In most cases, the nominee accepted their nomination after being contacted by a committee member. However, several nominees for the office of President politely declined the nomination citing ongoing administrative duties at their home institution or elsewhere as being the limiting factor.

3. Committee Recommendations

It would improve the process if there were more nominations from SEDAAG members. Previous Nomination Committees have suggested nominations being submitted in an

electronic form via the SEDAAG website or e-mail, for example, to increase the number of nominations submitted. While I do not disagree with these suggestions, I do recommend another approach that can be used on its own or in conjunction with an electronic process. It involves making the committee's work more visible and allowing members to participate in the process *during* the annual meeting when SEDAAG and all its endeavors are a priority to all in attendance, thus potentially resulting in more nominations.

I suggest positioning *Nomination Stations* (large boxes that have the Nomination Committee members names and contact information and a list of offices for which nominations are sought prominently displayed on the front, along with paper and pens) in public spaces where meeting attendees convene between sessions, such as main lobbies and reception rooms. Members would be able to write a potential nominee's name on the paper and place it in the box. At meeting's end, the Nominations Committee could gather the nominations and begin coordinating the finalization of nominations of those submitted during the meeting, as well as those received by other means. Additionally, when announcements are made, such as at the opening/welcome session, they should include information about the Nomination Stations – their locations, how long they will be available, the names of Nomination Committee members, and members should be encouraged to submit nominations while at the meeting.

SEDAAG is now enforcing a membership requirement for participation in the annual meeting. This means there is reduced risk of non-members attending the meeting and making suggestions. Members not in attendance of the meeting can still nominate people by directly contacting committee members or through any electronic nomination formats that may also be employed.

4. Acknowledgments

The chair of the Nominations Committee would like to thank Joanne Halls and Joshua Inwood, both of whom carried out their duties as committee members with the utmost professionalism and with enthusiasm. The Committee chair also wishes to thank the Tellers Committee for all of their efforts in organizing and making SEDAAG elections possible.

SEDAAG Tellers Committee Report - November 2009

Prepared by Scott Markwith, Florida Atlantic University, Chair of the Tellers Committee

Results

A total of 114 ballots were received, however 9 were not counted because they lacked postmark and were received after the deadline or were severely damaged in the mail and votes were not countable, leaving 105 net counted ballots. The following contests were decided:

President, Russell Ivy was elected over Clifton Dixon.

Treasurer, Sharon C. Cobb was elected over Michael Steinberg.

Alabama State Representative, Justin Hart was elected over Joshua Inwood.

Florida State Representative, Charles Roberts was elected over Chris Meindl.

Kentucky State Representative, Alice Jones and Haifeng Zhang tied over Qiaofeng Zhang, and

Haifeng Zhang subsequently conceded the contest to Alice Jones.

West Virginia State Representative, Kevin Law won an uncontested election.

South Carolina State Representative, Mark Long was elected over Christa Smith.

Congratulations to all of SEDAAG's newly elected officials.

Recommendations

Following on the previous year's Tellers Committee recommendations, SEDAAG elections could be conducted on-line. Using an on-line elections/survey vendor might be a cost-effective and easy strategy to accomplish this.

Report of the Southern Studies Committee, 2009

The Southern Studies Committee is SEDAAG's oldest Standing Committee and it continues to encourage scholarly endeavors that focus on the South. The Committee partnered with the Local Arrangements Committee to cosponsor the Conference Opening session that featured the SEDAAG Keynote Speaker James Cobb and a SEDAAG President's Award speaker Fraser Hart. The Committee also joined with the AAG Study of the American South Specialty Group to sponsor a paper session on Memory, Policy and Economy in the Racialized American South. The Southern Studies Committee held its traditional luncheon on Monday and welcomed Joshua Inwood as a new member. The Committee also discussed plans for sponsoring a special issue of the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyrel G. Moore
Chair, SEDAAG Southern Studies Committee

Date: November 12, 2009

To: Dr. Derek Alderman, SEDAAG President

From: Jennifer M. Collins, Chair, SEDAAG Education Committee

Subject: Committee Report

This is the first year that Jennifer Collins presided as chair and a new committee was established. The committee would like to thank Eric Fournier (former chair) and previous committee members (Doug Oetter, Heather Smith, Jerry Mitchell and Jennifer Collins) for their hard work and dedication to promoting Education at SEDAAG.

The last conference at Greensboro marked the fourth year that the Education Committee has organized sessions focusing on professional development at our annual meeting. We hope to continue to offer sessions related to professional development at future SEDAAG meetings. This is consistent with disciplinary initiatives such as the Geography Faculty Development Alliance and the AAG's EDGE (Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education) project. two years ago, 4 sessions were organized and there was fairly low attendance indicating that the committee overstretched their efforts. Last year at Greensboro, 2 sessions were organized and offered back-to-back Monday afternoon. The sessions were extremely well attended and the room was full (with positive feedback given afterwards). These sessions were called "The Active Learning Swap Shop I," which focused on active learning techniques to enhance student participation in class and "The Active Learning Swap Shop II," which focused on active learning through field-based experiences.

This year's organized sessions include:

Monday: 10:00am – 11:40am

Panel Session 10: Active Learning Swap Shop Salon B

Sponsors: SEDAAG Education Committee and AAG EDGE Project

Chair: Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida

Panel Members: Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida; Jennifer Rahn, Samford University; Lisa Jordan, Florida State University

SEDAAG members are invited to a session on active learning. Many professors recognize the importance of including some active learning techniques to present material to their class. This session will be an active learning swap-shop where you will learn some innovative and creative ideas to increase student participation in the classroom. The ideas presented will be different than those presented in the first Active Learning Swap Shop which was well attended in 2008. Topics include: First-day class ice-breakers with Geography topics, Clickers in Class (a behind the scenes look at how clickers can be used

in class and what is required of you, the professor, at the front and back end of this), A GPS scavenger hunt and Jing as a teaching tool).

Monday, 1:00pm – 2:40pm

Panel Discussion 19: Poster Madness

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Sponsors: SEDAAG Education Committee and AAG EDGE Project

Chair: Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida

Panel Members: Christopher Badurek, Appalachian State University; Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida; Jennifer Rahn, Samford University

Creating a "WOW" poster. The do's and don'ts of creating posters and discussion of delivering a poster presentation over oral presentations.

Related to Education, the Committee Chair wishes to recognize that one of the committee members Margaret "Peggy" Gripshover received SEDAAG's first "Excellence in Teaching" award at the last meeting. Her work on the committee and in the active learning session in Greensboro exemplified why she was chosen by the Honor's committee.

This year the Education Committee is submitting a proposal to add an award for the best undergraduate student poster to the list of SEDAAG awards in order to encourage more undergraduates to attend and present their research. This proposal will be discussed by the association's leadership. If approved, this will go into effect at the 2010 conference.

2009 SEDAAG Education Committee:

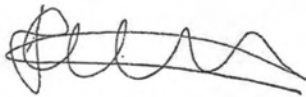
Jennifer Collins (University of South Florida, Chair)

Lisa Jordan (Florida State University)

Jennifer Rahn (Samford University)

Doug Oetter (Georgia College and State University)

Margaret "Peggy" Gripshover (Western Kentucky University)



Jennifer M. Collins, PhD.

Assistant Professor of Geography

COMMITTEE ON STAND-ALONE GEOGRAPHERS (SAGE)
REPORT TO SEDAAG STEERING COMMITTEE
11/22/09

Thomas Howard and Helen Ruth Aspaas (co-chairs)

The Committee on Stand-Alone Geographers was instituted as a SEDAAG Standing Committee at the Morgantown meeting in 2006, and authorized to make travel and attendance grants (funded 50/50 by SEDAAG and AAG) to bring two stand-alone geographers, not members of SEDAAG, to each annual meeting. Recipients must be full-time geography instructors, working in that year's host state, and must participate in the meeting as a presenter, discussant, or session chair.

This grant program was launched at the 2007 meeting in Charleston with two stand-alone geographers from South Carolina, and then repeated at the 2008 Greensboro meeting with two from North Carolina.

This year's grant recipients are Patricia Wurth, Associate Professor of GIS/Geography in the Social Science, Business and Education Division of Roane State Community College in Oak Ridge, TN, and Keith M. Bell, Associate Professor of Geography in the Department History, Geography, Economics, and Political Science at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, TN. Prof. Wurth will chair the paper session "GIS and Methods." Prof. Bell will chair the paper session "Political Geography."

Also at the Knoxville meeting SAGE will sponsor a panel session focusing on geography and community engagement. George Lonberger and Helen Ruth Aspaas are two of the SAGE members serving on the panel.

At AAG's invitation Helen Ruth Aspaas represented SAGE-SEDAAG at the AAG Council meeting in Las Vegas, and described our efforts to get SAGE established and active in the division. Representatives from each of the other AAG divisions were in attendance, as well as the AAG officers, regional councilors and AAG staff including Doug Richardson. SAGE's efforts in SEDAAG were praised, and recommended as a template for SAGE groups in other AAG divisions to follow. Other SEDAAG members in attendance at this council meeting were Derek Alderman and Doug Gamble. Also at AAG, Helen Ruth hosted a meeting of the SAGE Affinity group and addressed the same themes that were discussed at the council meeting.

The Committee looks forward to a lunch meeting in Knoxville with this year's grant recipients and any other SEDAAG members interested in the problems of stand-alone geographers. Probable subjects for discussion include:

- (1) Adding new forms of required participation, now that the discussant role has been reduced. "Panelist" would be one possibility. We might also encourage poster session presentations.

- (2) Revising the interpretation of "full-time geography instructor" with a view to encouraging long-time adjuncts. We ran across several of these in Tennessee.
- (3) Using state representatives more effectively to help identify candidates for the travel grant at future meetings. This was an aim at last year's meeting but we still have not quite worked out the best way of doing this.
- (4) Maintaining our own e-mail address list, and using SEDAAG's general e-mail address list when necessary.
- (5) Discussing the future of SAGE-SEDAAG's contribution to the AAG discussion on stand-alone geographers.

Future directions. Helen Ruth Aspaas and Thomas Howard began their efforts to organize stand-alone geographers in SEDAAG at the Charlotte meeting in 2003. They became co-chairs of the Committee on Stand-Alone Geographers when it was made an official part of SEDAAG at the Morgantown meeting in 2006. Both want to remain active in the committee but feel that the time has come to hand over the reins to new co-chairs. Helen Ruth will be assuming heavier administrative responsibilities at Virginia Commonwealth University in the coming year, and George Lonberger of Georgia Perimeter College has agreed to take over from her as co-chair. Tom Howard will stay on for one more year to provide continuity as he works with George, but he too would like to hand over to a new co-chair, at the Birmingham meeting in 2010.

SAGE-SEDAAG wants to express its appreciation to SEDAAG and AAG for supporting the effort to bring isolated geographers into the SEDAAG organization.

Southeastern Division
Association of American Geographers
Report of the Historian
November 22, 2009

Since I was appointed Historian in May, my activities have revolved around two major concerns.

1. **Finding where our records are presently located.** I received some material from Richard Sambrook, my immediate predecessor, and have had a phone conversations with Allen Bushong, emeritus at the University of South Carolina. He has about 12-15 banker's boxes of records currently stored in a small room at the University of South Carolina Library. I also received three cartons of material from Derek Alderman, on behalf of Ron Mitchelson; most of the contents are old copies of *Southeastern Geographer*.
2. **Arranging for a depository library.** Our records need a permanent home where they will be stored and conserved using professional archival standards. I sent e-mail enquiries to several libraries in our region, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has expressed preliminary interest. I will be continuing to pursue this matter in the next year. Once we have arranged for a library where our records can be on deposit, I will work on gathering everything and having it shipped to that library. I will, of course, offer any help and guidance that the librarians and archivists need.

SEDAAG has purchased a separate external hard drive on which to store electronic materials, including e-mail announcements. This material would eventually be transferred to our depository library's Web site.

Allen Bushong tells me that he does not have materials from secretaries who served at the time he was Historian. I will need help in identifying those people and collecting whatever materials they may still have.

If anyone has material pertaining to the history of SEDAAG, we would welcome its inclusion in the Division's official archives.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SEDAAG Student Officer
2009 SEDAAG Meeting
Knoxville, TN**

Tasks completed:

1. Organized student reception for Sunday evening
 - funding was provided by SEDAAG, Drs. Tom Bell & Peggy Gripshover, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Graduate Association of Researchers in Geography at the University of Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee geography department graduate students.
2. Organized a student panel discussion for Tuesday morning
 - solicited areas of interest from students
 - Panel give students chances to ask questions of interest to them, but also raise areas of concern within SEDAAG that I should make the Executive Committee aware of
 - Panel members:
 - * Myself and Austin Rutledge, University of Tennessee – graduate students and former high school teachers
 - * Graham Tobin and Bob Brinkmann, University of South Florida – editors of *Southeastern Geographer*
 - * Sally Horn and Micheline van Riemsdijk, University of Tennessee
 - * Donald Zeigler, Old Dominion University & President of Gamma Theta Upsilon
 - * Justin Hart, University of Alabama
 - * Glen Harrison, Oak Ridge National Labs
3. Served on the Local Arrangements Committee

Future Tasks:

1. Will report, via email, to the Executive Meeting on anything that comes up during the student panel discussion
2. Will assemble a book, similar to the local arrangements book, to travel from student representative to student representative

Recommendations for Future Student Representatives

Respectively submitted,

Dawn M. Drake
November 22, 2009

SEDAAG State Report--Georgia--2008-2009

Summary

Geography remains strong in Georgia, despite significant impacts of increasing budget cuts within the University System. Six schools within the University System of Georgia continue to offer geography degrees (Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, University of Georgia, Valdosta State, and Univ. of West Georgia). At least six institutions currently employ stand-alone geographers (see table below, p. 5), wherein most geographers offer service courses.

Reductions in the state's allocations for higher education have affected geography programs primarily through the faculty. Salary increments for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 were not implemented until January 2009, effectively cutting the amount of all raises by 50%. At the same time the state lowered the institutional contribution to health care plans. The combined effect of these two moves was to lower the salaries of virtually all employees of the University System of Georgia. Many tenure-track faculty lines have been filled with temporary faculty and few approvals for new tenure-track hires have been forthcoming. With significantly reduced travel funds for faculty and grad students UGA attendance at SEDAAG has suffered.

Highlights

- Two new hires at GA State
- One new hire at Kennesaw State
- Multiple grants and awards among UGA faculty
- New lab facilities at Univ. of West GA
- Georgia Geographic Alliance at Kennesaw State, which currently has a membership of just over 1,000
- GA State plans to combine the existing BA in GEOG with the BS in GEOL to a BS in Geosciences

University of West Georgia, Department of Geosciences

-Geography has grown considerably since 2004. All of the current Geography faculty were hired after that year. The number of majors in 2004 was 11 and now it stands at 43, with 4 additional Masters students.

Highlights/Awards

-Hannes Gerhardt received a grant from National Science Foundation (UWG's portion of award is \$82,000), to study state sovereignty claims on the Arctic.

-Two new GIS labs, new biogeography lab, new dendrochronology lab

Georgia State University, Department of Geosciences

-We have a full complement of faculty members teaching human (urban, economic, political) and physical (geomorphology, climatology, biogeography, and environmental conservation) and techniques (GIS, remote sensing) courses.

-Two new geography faculty were hired

Dajun Dai (GIS)

Risa I. Palm (Appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 9/1/09)

-In the coming year, the department plans to combine the existing BA in GEOG with the BS in GEOL to a BS in Geosciences with concentrations such as environmental sciences, Geotechnologies (GIS, Informatics), urban environment and traditional geography and geology concentrations. One benefit is that the geographers will capitalize on their multidisciplinary strengths to create a popular degree. The downside is that there will no longer be a stand alone degree in geography.

Highlights/Awards

-Jeremy Diem: Co-PI, Creating and Enduring Legacy of Exemplary Global Climate Education for Underserved High School students and Educators in Georgia. (NASA) (C. Morrow, PI). Amount: \$499,945. Period: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

-Katherine Hankins: Best Paper Award, *Journal of Geography*

Georgia Southern University, Department of Geology and Geography

-Two new faculty were hired to replace departing faculty (Both of these positions are temporary positions)

Jill Stackhouse has replaced Brian Bossak for 2009-2010

Charles Yorke has replaced Thomas Chapman for 2009-2010

-Recent graduates have found employment with the US Army Corps of Engineers and various local government agencies in southeastern and coastal Georgia. One student is using his GIS training for the banking industry and another with a utility services company.

Highlights/Awards

-Community Geography Initiative, begun in 2007, by Professors Chapman and Yarbrough received a Faculty Research Grant for projects to be conducted during the next year. At the end of its first year, the Community Geography Initiative had established cooperative projects with the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center, Southeast Georgia Communities Project, and Camden Community Resources, Inc. Two geography majors were involved in these projects as part of their senior thesis research.

-Yarbrough: Best Paper Award, *Journal of Geography*

-The Department was selected as an ESRI Development Center (EDC) (Dec. 2008).

-Andy Herod received the SEDAAG Research Award in 2008

-Andy Herod received the UGA William Owens Award for excellence in 2009

-Marshall Shepherd was inducted as a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society in 2009

-Nik Heynen is now Editor of *Antipode* and was the “Hallsworth Visiting Professor” at Manchester University in the United Kingdom in fall 2009

-Marguerite Madden was elected President of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) Commission IV

-Hilda Kurtz was awarded a Service-Learning Fellowship for 2008–2009

-The Center for Remote Sensing and Mapping Science, which was selected to receive a “Special Achievement in GIS” award at ESRI’s 29th Annual User Conference

-Marguerite Madden and Kim Tilley (ASPRS Associate Director) were awarded an ASPRS Presidential Citation for the creation and championing of ASPRS student assistantships.

Valdosta State University, Department of Physics, Astronomy, Environmental Geosciences, and Engineering Studies (Did not respond to multiple email requests-Data gathered from department website)

-Four full-time geography faculty members

-Nine faculty listed as contributing to Geosciences

-B.S. in Environmental Geography

Kennesaw State University, Department of Geography & Anthropology

-Dr. Jun Tu (City College of New York - CUNY) joined the Department in 2008-2009.

-No new tenure track geography faculty to be hired in academic year 2009-2010.

-Most (though not all) graduates tend to find positions in the metro Atlanta area. GIS graduates are usually hired as GIS technicians or analysts in both the public and private sectors. Recent hires into the public sector include Atlanta metro area cities, county government, the Atlanta Regional Commission and state government entities. Other students have been hired into federal positions (ex: Fish and Wildlife).

Highlights/Awards

-The BS in Geographic Information Science continues to produce outstanding graduates in its sixth year. The program has remained relatively small and has focused on the quality of its graduates, but has experienced a recent growth and currently has 48 majors.

-The BA in Geography is the newest undergraduate degree in the College of Humanities (2007) and currently has 34 majors.

-Generally, the College has been supportive of geography in spite of competition from other programs, many with 500 or more majors.

-The department is home to the Georgia Geographic Alliance, which currently has a membership of just over 1,000. The Alliance has been very active in the last year with two Geofests, a Summer Institute, hosting the "Giant Map of Asia", etc.

Garrett Smith: Director of the Georgia Geographic Alliance

Nancy Hoalst-Pullen:

- CETL Creative Activities and Research Experiences for Teams (CARET) Award, Kennesaw State University (2008)
- College of Humanities and Social Science Faculty Global Learning Grant, Kennesaw State University (2008)
- Created and directed study abroad to the Andes of Bolivia and Peru (2009)
- Co-edited book coming out with M. Patterson (forthcoming 2010)

University of Georgia, Department of Geography

Geography is a strong and respected program at UGA and we garner strong support from the Dean and upper administration. Our GIScience program is currently in a state of flux as we will be down two faculty positions by fall 2010. Our climate program with 4 faculty members is thriving and bringing in substantial grant dollars. The faculty has been increasingly successful in garnering external funding and we have been reasonably successful in securing donor funds to support our activities. We have a strong physical geography and GIScience program but suffer because of the 4-course teaching load. Many physical geographers could be in other departments like atmospheric sciences or geology where the teaching load is 3 courses or in some institutions only 2. This means the playing field is not even nationally. The administration seems unwilling to address this problem. A major concern right now is with our completing Ph.D. students. Last year 2 excellent students who would normally have been offered one or more college positions could not find a job. They delayed completing their dissertations and are supported now. I worry about the job market for 2010 as the competition for jobs is going to be quite severe given the economic situation nationally.

-No new faculty joined in 2008-09. So far we have not been authorized to make any new hire for fall 2010.

-Most of our Ph.D. students seek and obtain college teaching positions although the job market was very limited in 2009 and some students delayed completing dissertations as a result. Our Masters students get jobs in planning agencies, consulting companies, etc. Our undergraduates find a broad range of positions but GIS knowledge does help broaden the possibilities.

Highlights/Awards

Stand-Alone Geographers in Georgia

Institution	Geography Programs	Geography Faculty	Program Chair
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Rural Studies program	1	Mouyyed Hassouna mhassouna@abac.edu
Armstrong Atlantic State University		1	Thomas Howard Thomas.Howard@armstrong.edu
Columbus State University		1	Manda Rees rees_amanda@colstate.edu
Dalton State College		1	Doyle Loughren dloughren@daltonstate.edu
Georgia Perimeter College		1	James D. Engstrom jengstro@gpc.edu
Shorter		1	Jason Ritchie jritchie@shorter.edu
Young Harris		1	Robert Hill Nichols, Jr.

Comments/Suggestions for SEDAAG

The Southeastern Geographer is fantastic - an exceptional regional journal

Members of Geosciences at GA State continue to be active in SEDAAG. Two faculty members and four graduate students, six undergraduate majors attended the annual meeting in Greensboro in November 2008. One faculty member recently published in *Southeastern Geographer* with a former student. Geosciences feels well served by SEDAAG and looks forward to a continued and expanded relationship in the years to come.

Most faculty members at UGA don't publish in the journal as it is regional and many faculty members work beyond the region. SEDAAG awards programs require nominations and so it remains a "popularity contest".

SEDAAG may want to modernize and update the website, i.e. join/pay online, register for conference and submit abstracts/write-ups online, link to journal from SEDAAG website, and general updating of things like the newest awardees' names, state reports, etc.

ALABAMA STATE REPORT: STATUS OF GEOGRAPHY – 2008/2009

Lisa Davis, Alabama State Representative
Department of Geography
University of Alabama

1. Summary

In 2008/2009, BA/BS degrees in Geography were offered at six institutions (Table 1). Graduate programs in the state include: MA/MSc degrees in Geography at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, an MA degree in Public Administration with concentration in GIS (offered online) at Jacksonville State University, and a new MSc in Applied Geography at Auburn University. The Department of Geography at University of North Alabama has submitted a Notice of Intent to Propose a masters program in Geospatial Science. The state currently does not have a Ph.D. in geography offered at any institution. The overall status of Geography Departments and Programs in Alabama appears to be economically stable with growth in some areas. The overall financial stability of programs in the state is largely due to increased undergraduate enrollment. This has been a targeted effort at the University of Alabama, and that is probably the case at other institutions in the state. Specifically, there has been a slight increase in the number of geography majors in the state (Figure 1) from 2008 and a bigger increase in the number of undergrads. enrolled in geography courses (Figure 2) in comparison to 2008. Despite the expansion of programs in the areas of undergraduate instruction and the planned or recently acquired graduate degree programs in the state, the number of full-time faculty has not increased from 2008 and furthermore, comparing figures from 2006 to 2009 (Figure 3), full-time faculty numbers have increased 9%, while undergraduate enrollment has increased by 52% over the same period. Comments from department chairs on the status of geography at their institution reveal that, in addition to stretching human resources, the increase in undergraduate enrollment is stretching other institutional resources, such as classroom space and the number of computers available to students, both of which are now at capacity at most institutions in the state. In addition to creating pressure to increase enrollments to offset budget shortfalls, the national economic recession has impacted departments in the state by limiting the number of new full-time, tenure track hires at most places, with the University of Alabama being an exception, and a lack of raises for faculty over the last several years. On the upside, the increase in undergraduate enrollments may help explain an increase in geography majors in the state, which has increased by 45% from 2006 to 2008, and there have been no redundancies of faculty made at any of the institutions as result of budget issues.

2. State of Geography by Institution

2.1 Auburn University

Philip Chaney received a Quick Response Grant from the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado (funded by NSF), and Luke Marzen is a co-investigator on a \$500,000 NASA-funded Global Climate Change Education Project. The department officially implemented a new Masters program in Applied Geography. The economic crisis has been a major obstacle in the development of the new masters program because it has limited the number of graduate assistantships, faculty, and new courses proposed for the program. Despite this there has been an encouraging number of inquiries from talented geography students from around the state. The undergraduate program also continues to prosper.

2.2 Jacksonville State University

Dr. Gregg and Dr. Herbet received a National Park Service research grant. Dr. Gregg was part of a team that gathered \$7 million in outside grant money to build a Visitor/Environmental Education Center at nearby Little River Canyon National Preserve, with the intention that the center will grow into a regional center for geographic study. The LEED-certified building in which the center is housed has increased the visibility of the department on campus and in the community, but the university is not forthcoming with adequate funds to fully utilize the facility. Budget constraints, largely related to geography being in a blended department with Physics, Chemistry, Anthropology and Environmental Science, are a concern and mean that there is

Table 1: 2009 Department Composition by Institution - * indicates new hire.

Institution/Department	Current Chair	GY Faculty, Instructors, & Professional Staff
Auburn University, Dept. of Geology and Geography	Charles E. Savrda	<u>Faculty</u> : Toni Alexander, William Bailey (Visiting), Phil Chaney, Josh Inwood, Luke Marzen; <u>Instructor</u> : James Norwood
Jacksonville State University, Dept. of Physical and Earth Science	Lou Reinisich	<u>Faculty</u> : Tom Baucom, Kelly D. Gregg, Jonathan Herbert, Miriam Helen Hill; Joe Morgan*; <u>Adjunct</u> : Allison Newton
Samford University, Dept. of Geography	Eric Fournier	<u>Faculty</u> : Eric Fournier, Jennifer Rahn, Jennifer Speights-Binet; <u>Instructors</u> : Jeff Bassett and Zohra Calcuttawala*
University of Alabama, Dept. of Geography	Bobby Wilson (Interim)	<u>Faculty</u> : Seth Appiah-Opoku, David Brommer, Hobson C. Bryan, Lisa Davis, Luoheng Han, Justin Hart*, Jeff Richetto, Jason Senkbeil*, David Shankman, Joe Weber, Bobby Wilson; <u>Adjunct</u> : Michael Steinberg.; <u>Instructors</u> : Amanda Esby-Brown, Mary Wallace-Pitts; <u>Staff</u> : Tom Kallsen, Craig Remington, Linda Watson
University of North Alabama, Dept. of Geography	William Strong	<u>Faculty</u> : William Strong, Greg Gaston, Lisa Keys-Mathews, Francis T. Koti, Michael Pretes; <u>Adjuncts</u> : J.R. Atencio, Thomas Mathews
University of South Alabama, Dept. of Earth Science	Mimi Fearn	<u>Faculty</u> : Mimi Fearn, Lary Dilsaver, Roy Ryder, Carol Sawyer, Winnie Wang, Victoria Rivizzigno, Rajiv Thakur; <u>Instructors</u> : Karen Jordan, Sam Stutsman, Gina Wade; <u>Part-Time</u> : Shawn Mitchell, Glenn Sebastian, Pat Willis
Stand Alone Geographers		Merilyn O. Dabbs (Alabama A&M University); Steve Higley (Montevallo University); George Terrill (Gadsden State Junior College)

Figure 1: State Totals for Undergraduate GY Courses Offered and GY Majors, 2009 and Preceding Years

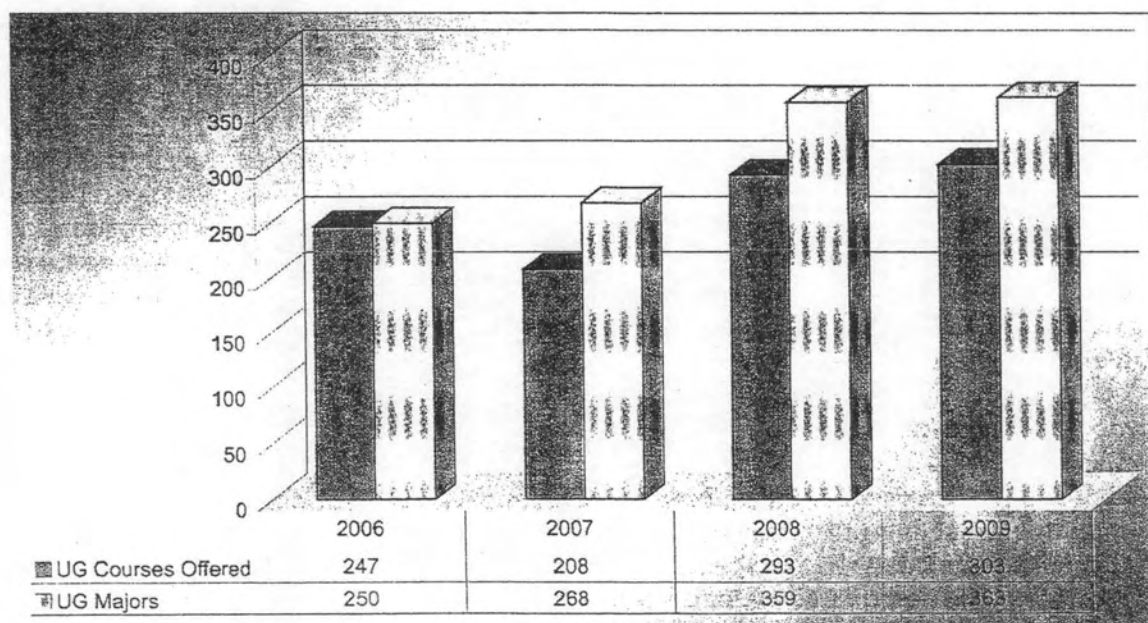


Figure 2: State Totals for Enrollment in Undergraduate Courses in GY for Majors and Non-Majors, 2009 and Preceding Years

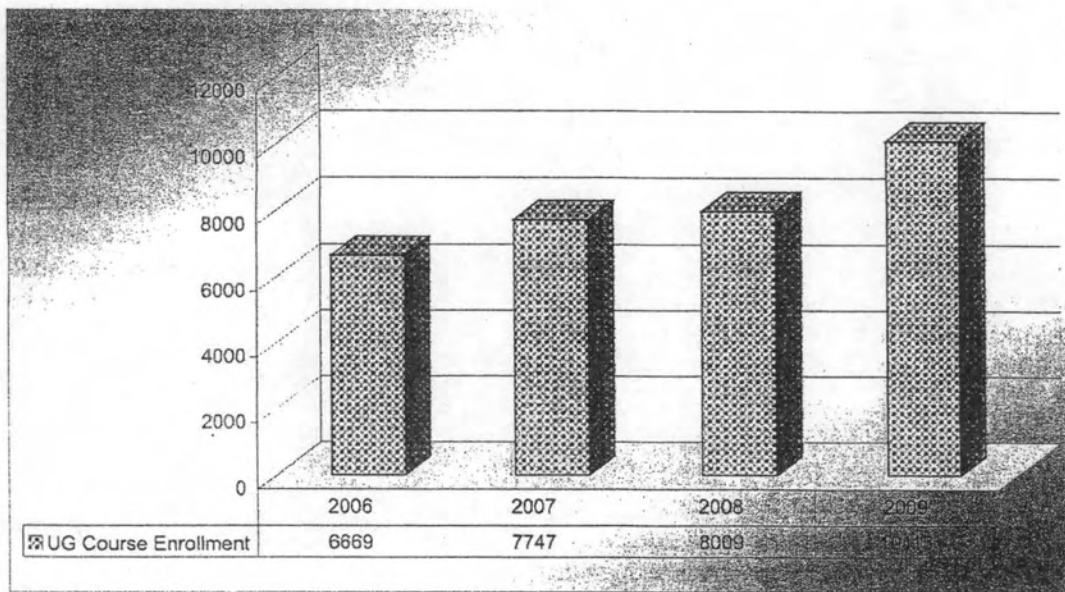
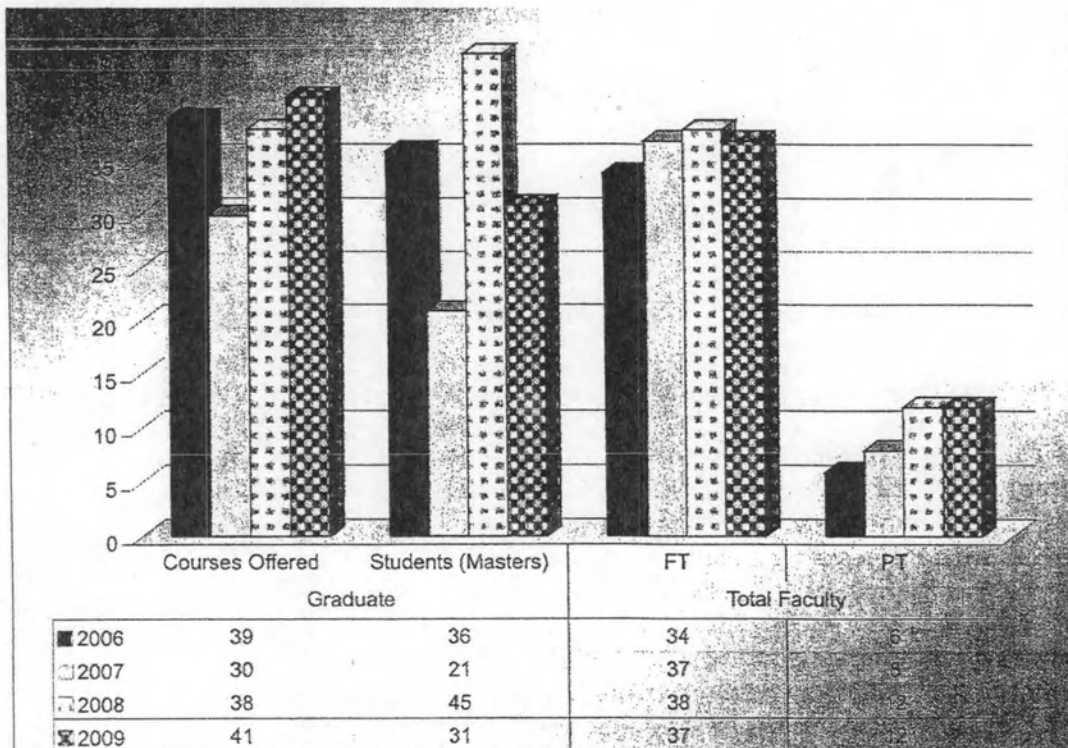


Figure 3: State Totals for Number of GY Graduate Courses Offered, Masters Students, and Faculty, 2009 and Preceding Years



considerable internal competition for a shared number of faculty lines. Currently, geography is down ½ a position since the former department head, a geographer, was replaced with a physicist, and it is difficult to procure the latest equipment for techniques classes with a limited amount of shared resources. Though it's been a challenge for geography to retain its identity in a blended department, enrollment in geography courses continues to be high, at low cost per credit hour, which helps maintain a good relationship between geography and the administration.

2.3 Samford University

Dr. Fournier was appointed Vice President for Research for the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) and will serve as NCGE President in 2012. In curriculum news, the department now offers a streamlined set of classes designed to offer students more flexibility and to allow students to transfer into the program as a first semester junior and still graduate in two years. The department also experienced record enrollment in Fall 2009 and is planning for future growth with initial discussions underway for a new Environmental Studies program to be established and housed within the Department of Geography.

2.4 University of Alabama

The department hired two new tenure-track faculty members: Dr. Justin Hart (plant geography and forest dynamics) and Dr. Jason Senkbeil (climatology and hurricanes) and is currently reviewing applications for a new department chair. Dr. Luoheng Han, previous chair, has been appointed Associate Dean for Natural Sciences at the University of Alabama. Despite the busy schedule that comes with his new appointment, Dr. Han remains an active faculty member in the department. In the 2008/2009 academic year the faculty published 23 peer-reviewed, research articles, three books, and one book chapter. Dr. Espy-Brown (P.I.) was awarded \$25,000 from the Alabama Department of Health. Dr. Weber (Co-P.I.) was awarded \$139,440 from the National Institute of Health. Dr. Davis (P.I.) was awarded an NSF-RAPID grant for \$10,000. Dr. Brommer (P.I.) was also awarded an NSF-RAPID grant for \$5780. Linda Watson (P.I.) and the Place Names Research Center secured \$544,783 in contracts from USGS. Dr. Hart and Dr. Davis have been given sizeable research laboratories in the former Biology Building at UA and have converted the spaces into Forest Dynamics and Earth Surface Dynamics Research Laboratories, which will be used to support physical geography research conducted by students and faculty. Regarding the impact of the national economic downturn, UA faculty have not received raises in several years, but the department's operational budget has remained intact, and new tenure-track hires have been made available to the department (2 in the last year alone) and one opening this year.

2.5 University of North Alabama

Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews is P.I. for a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Justice to work on crime mapping in post-disaster environments along with the departments of Criminal Justice and Sociology at UNA, and Dr. Greg Gaston is the P.I. for a NOAA Grant of almost \$500,000. The number of majors continues to increase along with the number of graduates. The department revamped the curriculum for all three of its tracks, including General Geography, Geographic Information Science, and Business Geography and submitted a Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal for a masters degree in Geospatial Science to ACHE. The department plans to hire two new faculty members (one in January 2010 and the other in August 2010). The UNA Geography Alumni Association held their 5th annual conference in October 2009, and former students provided presentations about their current work. The conference generated funds for two student research scholarships. Other than requiring more classroom space and more machines in computer labs to accommodate increased enrollment in classes, the department is doing well.

2.6 University of South Alabama

Dr. Rajiv Thakur received his Ph.D. from Indiana State University. The Geography Program had strong enrollment in its courses and an increase in the number of its majors. New classes were added to the

curriculum, including: Geography of Asia (Dr. Thakur), a writing class on the Physiographic Regions of North America (Dr. Sawyer), and a Geography Orientation course for new majors (Dr. Sawyer). Dr. Thakur and Dr. Sawyer gave research presentations at the AAG meeting in March, 2009. Dr. Thakur and Dr. Sawyer have book chapters accepted for publication, and Dr. Dilsaver published in the *Geographical Review*. Dr. Sawyer was chosen as a local host for the prestigious 2011 Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium to be held in Mobile, AL. In February 2009, GTU hosted a lecture by Dr. David R. Butler from Texas State University on western U.S. mountain tree lines, as part of the Visiting Geographical Scientist Program, which was well attended and included students from the GTU chapter from the University of Southern Mississippi. As a result of the current national economic crisis, USA faculty have had no raises for several years, and most vacant lines will remain unfilled. However, lab fees paid by students taking classes in the Department of Earth Sciences have provided financial stability for the department.

2.7 Jobs for Majors

Auburn grads. find employment in GIS/spatial analysis in industry and various state and local agencies.

University of Alabama grads. are mostly employed in the private and public sectors, such as regional planning agencies, Integraph Corporation, some as educators at the secondary level, and some pursue graduate studies, with recent graduates in Ph.D. programs at Texas A&M, University of Buffalo, and University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

3. Views on the State of SEDAAG

Submitted Views Include the Following:

- Greater participation in SEDAAG helps improve some of the things about the national meeting that are problematic. SEDAAG leadership has made good headway in increasing SEDAAG meeting participation, such as eliminating paper discussants, which was long overdue, but additional steps are required to further increase participation, such as eliminating the requirement for peer review of poster presentations before acceptance for presentation at the meeting.
- SEDAAG is the best division in the AAG. To some extent, all professional organizations favor the bigger programs, where professors have ample travel budgets and course-release that increases research productivity. We teach 9 semester-length classes per year, leaving little time for research and professional development. Often the meetings, though fun, don't really address what I do at my job.
- SEDAAG continues to provide a very viable outlet for research on the South. However, we need greater participation from geography at historically black colleges located in the South. A commission could be created to work on this issue.

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2009 South Carolina State Report

Diansheng Guo

Surveys were sent to eight departments/universities in South Carolina that teach geography courses. Six surveys were responded, among which USC-Upstate reported that its Geography minor has been discontinued since their only geography faculty member retired. Therefore, this report contains information from five universities / departments.

Overview:

The University of South Carolina in Columbia USC offers the only Geography major in South Carolina and has thriving undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Outside of USC, Geography is confined to undergraduate teaching in minor or non-major programs. While USC-Columbia continues to teach the vast majority of undergraduates in South Carolina, other institutions, particularly Coastal Carolina, also teach significant numbers of undergraduates. The course offering and educational data from five departments are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: 2009 South Carolina Geography Survey

University	Francis Marion	Winthrop	Coastal Carolina	Furman	USC-Columbia	Total
Department	Political Science & Geography	Human Nutrition	Politics and Geography	Education	Geography	
Degrees Offered	Minor	Minor	None	None	Ph.D. MS, MA, BS, BA, Minor.	
#Under Courses	8	4-6	3	2	26	45
# Grad Course	0	1	0	0	19	20
# Undergrads Taught	400	300	1375	41	2397	4513
# Grads taught	0	1	0	0	46	47
#Undergrad majors	0	0	0	0	78	78
# Master students	0	0	0	0	22	22
# Ph.D. Students	0	0	0	0	24	24
# Full-time faculty	2	1	1	1	18	23
# Part-time faculty	1	2	3	0	2	8
# New Faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adding faculty?	0	0	1	0	1	2

While most programs have been stable for the last year, Coastal Carolina is looking to expand its geography program in the next 2-3 years, with a new geographer to start in Fall 2010 and intending to add a geography minor within a year. Coastal Carolina also hopes to add an additional geographer in 2011 or 2012. USC-Columbia is currently searching for a tenure-track hire to start in Fall 2010. Departments and geographers in South Carolina have been recognized for a number of achievements in the past year (see below for details).

South Carolina Geographic Alliance

The South Carolina Geographic Alliance, housed at USC-Columbia and directed by Dr. Jerry Mitchell, continues to conduct outreach to the schools of South Carolina, through teacher training and conferences that bring new content to interested teachers. The alliance has a membership of over 10,000 educators. In 2009 the alliance conducted over 60 workshops, two Geofest meetings, and a summer institute. All of these activities served 2,400 teachers. The alliance was successful in the funding arena in 2009, receiving grants from the South Carolina Department of Education, the National Geographic Education Foundation, the Verizon Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Mitchell has also been named the editor of the Journal of Geography, the discipline's main journal dedicated to geography and education.

Placement of Geography Graduates

USC-Columbia:

Bachelor's Degree: Business, consulting, further graduate studies

Master's: 52% employed by government, 26% employed by private companies, 24% continued to PhD programs

PhD: 50% became college or university faculty members, 35% employed by government agencies, 15% employed by private business

Faculty Accomplishments:

USC-Columbia:

Carbone, Dow, and others: NOAA Sea Grant \$300,000 grant on climate outreach

Carbone, Dow, and others: NOAA Grant \$236,000, salt water intrusion and seal level

Cutter, PI on Dept Homeland Security Grant \$247,000, disaster risk for chemical releases

Cutter and Emrich: SC Emergency Preparedness Division \$400,000, geospatial analysis of risk

Cutter: United Nations University, Chair Appointment in Social Vulnerability

Ellis: NASA grant \$398,000, Aiding Mobile Bay, conservation and restoration

Graf: Appointed Chair of the Geographical Sciences Committee, National Research Council

Guo: Service Award, International Association of Chinese Professionals in GIScience

Hodgson: Dept Homeland Security Grant \$125,000, remote sensing and hazard assessment

James: Lead Organizer for 41st Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium

Jensen: AAG Lifetime Achievement Honor Award

Natalie Jensen: NSF Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Palestinian Women

Kupfer: National Park Service Grant \$25,000, Congaree National Park

Mitchell: National Geographic Education Foundation Grant \$22,000, SC Geographic Alliance

Mitchell: named the editor of the Journal of Geography

State of Geography:

Dr. Christopher D Storie (Winthrop University)

"Geography is well received at Winthrop and has solid enrollment with credit production hours approaching 700/semester. Course demand is generally high and almost all courses

usually fill fairly early during registration. There is a move to try to hire a second geographer to keep up with demand but budget cuts have made that impossible. Technology is well supported and there are little to no turf wars with other programs and departments. Overall this is a good environment to be a lone geography."

Dr. George Lipscomb (Furman University)

"I still continue to teach the "Principles of Geography" course at Furman with about 25 students a year. In addition, I also have added a two credit May Experience course entitled "Geography and Sports" to my teaching load. From my work as a Social Studies educator, I often see Dr. Jerry Mitchell and other members of the SC Geographic Alliance in my travels, and I continue to be impressed with the work that is being done to improve the geographic knowledge of K-12 students across the state."

Dr. Will Graf (USC-Columbia)

"The Department of Geography at USC was recently reviewed by the institution's new provost, who reported it to be one of the best departments in the university. Although there have been substantial budget impacts on our department, we have been protected from drastic cuts. During the calendar year 2009 we secured \$1.6 M in external grants, the highest amount in several years. Geography's turf is well protected, and the department has aggressive support from the Dean of Arts and Sciences."

Faculty List:

Coastal Carolina Alan Little

Part-time: Dan Selwa, John Danford, Tom Blakeney

Winthrop Dr. Christopher D Storie,

Part-time: Bryan McFadden, Bryan Townsend

Francis Marion Dr. C Alan Lockyer, Dr. Scott S. Brown

Part-time: Richard Doughty

Furman Dr. George Lipscomb

USC-Columbia	Professors:	Greg Carbone, Susan Cutter, Will Graf, Michael Hodgson, Allan James, John Jensen, John Kupfer
	Associate Professors:	Ed Carr, Kirstin Dow, Diansheng Guo, John Jakubs, Cary Mock
	Assistant Professors:	Sarah Battersby, Jean Ellis, Amy Mills, Caroline Nagel, Chris Upchurch
	Research Professor:	Jerry Mitchell
	Instructors:	James Byrum, Lynn Shirley, Lew LaPine

Stand Alone Geographers:

Dr. George Lipscomb (Furman University)

Dr. Christopher D Storie (Winthrop)

Alan Little (Coastal Carolina)

FLORIDA

Lisa Jordan, Florida State University

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the decline in state revenues continues to impact Florida universities. Though some universities saw closures of entire academic departments, geography departments across the state continue to persist, and some show evidence of expansion, either through the creation of new degree programs (such as the Geosciences PhD at Florida Atlantic University) or through new hires and successful recruitment (University of Florida).

There are 11 programs in Florida that involve geography in some way: Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida State University, Jacksonville University, Stetson University, University of Florida, University of Miami, University of North Florida, University of South Florida, and University of West Florida. Five of these universities responded to the SEDAAG Survey, and summaries of information for these programs are provided below. I was also able to update the data collected with information from the websites of various schools.

Institutional Information

Of the 11 universities with geography relevant programs, 4 have PhD programs, 5 have Master's degree programs, and 8 have Bachelor's programs.

University	Department	Survey	Minor	BA/BS	MA/MS	PhD
Florida A&M University	History, Political Science, Geography, African-American Studies, http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?a=histpol					
Florida Atlantic University	Geosciences, http://www.geology.fau.edu/	X		X	X	X
Florida International University	International Relations and Geography, http://www.fiu.edu/~intlrel/			X		
Florida State University	Geography, http://www.coss.fsu.edu/geography/	X	X	X	X	X
Jacksonville University	Geography, http://dept.ju.edu/geography/	X		X		
Stetson University	Geography and Environmental Science Program, http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/geography/		X	X		
University of Florida	Geography, http://www.geog.ufl.edu/	X	X	X	X	X
University of Miami	Department of Geography and Regional Studies http://www.as.miami.edu/geography			X	X	
University of North Florida	Economics and Geography, http://www.unf.edu/~pmason/		X			
University of South Florida	Geography, http://www.cas.usf.edu/geography/	X	X	X	X	X
University of West Florida	Environmental Studies, http://www.cas.usf.edu/geography/					

Geography Courses and Students

As displayed in the table below, in 2008-2009, of the Florida universities surveyed, over 7,000 college students enrolled in undergraduate geography courses, and 336 undergraduate students were declared as geography majors. Over 400 graduate students took coursework in geography, and graduate students in geography numbered nearly 147.

The placement of geography graduates varies by university emphasis, for example, undergraduate majors at Florida Atlantic University tend to be placed in environmental consulting positions and planning. The University of Florida correspondent states that

Technical skills in GIS, Remote Sensing and Air photo, combined with analytical skills as securing jobs for both grads and undergrads in Industry (consultancy; both retail and environmental), and government. Most doctoral students are still finding jobs at universities, but this has been a tough year. Several are 'weathering the storm' in post-doc positions.

University	Courses (u)/(sections)	Courses (g)	Students (u)	Students (g)	Majors (u)	Majors (g)	MS/MA	PhD
Florida Atlantic University	55	25	3066	141	55	25	21	0
Florida State University	40/90	22			161	69	39	30
Jacksonville University	20		400		25			
University of Florida	65/80	30	4000	300	95	53	19	34
Total	180	77	7466	441	336	147	79	64

Geography Faculty

There are currently over 60 geography faculty in the state of Florida (38 of whom are declared in the latest survey), 4 of whom are new faculty, and 2 new hires are expected for next year.

University	Chair	Full Time Faculty	Part Time Faculty	New Faculty	New Hires
Florida Atlantic University	Russ Ivy, ivy@fau.edu	9	2	2	1
Florida State University	Victor Mesev, vmesev@fsu.edu	10	3	0	0
Jacksonville University	Ray Oldakowski, roidako@ju.edu	2	2	0	0
University of Florida	Peter Waylen, prwaylen@geog.ufl.edu	17	0	2	1
Total		38	7	4	4

(Faculty lists are included in the appendix.)

Major Accomplishments

Major accomplishments were only reported by a few of the correspondents. University of Florida faculty scored a number of impressive grants, including: Andy Tatem, \$1.5 m Gates Foundation; Brian Child, \$1 m MacArthur; Jane Southworth, \$871K NASA; and Jason Blackburn, \$400K Civilian Research

and Development. Florida Atlantic University faculty received two Everglades Fellowship Grants and (Markwith and Xie) one USGS grant (Xie).

Stand Alone Geographers

Two stand alone geographers were identified among the schools surveyed: Mary Caravelis at Barry University and Heidi Lannon at Santa Fe College.

State of Geography

Here are the department head statements on their view of the "State of Geography" in their institution and in the state of Florida:

"Geography in Florida is not doing well ... We did get a PhD approved and are hiring - getting the PhD ... has protected us from major cuts."

"Pretty much the same as last year. Geography is relatively stable ..."

"Majors are almost up to 100 and we hope to break that barrier for the first time this year. ... Graduate program is as large as it has ever been, and the focus continues to shift to doctoral students (2:1 doctoral) with most Masters students not intending it to be a terminal degree. College and University support for the program is high as evidenced by ... the increase in GTA stipends, ... Continuing focus of collaborative research in the area of Human-Environment interactions, which has succeeded in playing on our greatest strengths and drawing in the vast majority of faculty ... Mixture of human and physical, and junior and senior, faculty on collaborative research grants. Research grant productivity up by an order of magnitude, and probably two, in the last 5 years. ... Morale is high. ... There were no major cuts, but likewise there have been no salary increases for a while."

State of SEDAAG

The following are the comments received about the state of SEDAAG.

"Anything we can do to attract young faculty - love the grants program and 'new voices' paper sessions."

"There is nothing like the zeal of the converted. I stayed away from SEDAAG for the longest time, but now feel that it is a very good organization with just the right balance between intimacy and quality both of which are sadly lacking at the national level. We are lucky to have some quality programs that have always participated and some strong emerging programs."

Appendix

1. Faculty Lists

<p>Florida Atlantic University:</p> <p>Russ Ivy Scott Markwith Leonard Berry Howard Hanson Tobin Hindle Zhiziao Xie Maria Fadiman James Gammack-Clark Charles Robert Two Adjuncts</p> <p>Jacksonville University:</p> <p>Ray Oldakowski (full) Jeff Martin (associate) Jennifer Anticknap (adjunct)</p> <p>University of North Florida (last updated 2007-2008):</p> <p>Sharon Cobb, Ph.D. Chris Baynard Ph.D. Lou Woods Ph.D. Mr Wayne Coleman Mr Joel Williams</p> <p>University of South Florida (last updated 2007-2008):</p> <p>Kamal Alsharif Fenda Akiwumi Kevin Archer Pratyusha Basu Martin Bosman Robert Brinkmann Jayajit Chakraborty Jennifer Collins Joni Downs Mark Hafen Robin Jones Hyun Kim Connie Mizak Ruiliang Pu Steven Reader Elizabeth Strom Graham Tobin Philip van Beynen Laurie Walker Part Time Adjunct Faculty: Glenn Anderson Don Weir</p>	<p>Florida State University:</p> <p>Victor Mesev Tony Stallins Jim Elsner Jay Baker Phil Steinberg Mark Horner Xiaojun Yang Tingting Zhao Lisa Jordan Kelly Watson (instructor) Two active emeritus professor: Mort Winsberg and Pat O'Sullivan Three adjuncts</p> <p>University of Florida:</p> <p>Mike Binford Jason Blackburn Brian Child Tim Fik Stephen Golant Abe Goldman Eric Keys Cori Matyas Barbara McDade-Gordon Joann Mossa Youliang Qiu Julie Silva Nigel Smith Jane Southworth Andy Tatem Grant Thrall Peter Waylen +14 GTAs</p>
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Mississippi State Report

By David Holt, Southern Miss

The status of Geography in Mississippi is mixed. We have two universities (Mississippi State and Southern Miss) that are expanding their geographic education, but we have lost geography at one university (Delta State). The budget cuts are becoming a significant obstacle to all programs in Mississippi. Most universities in the IHL have experience at least two rounds of 3.5% cuts in budget with more in the coming years. The impacts at the junior and community college level are even more profound with only one (Pearl River Community College) still teaching GIS courses. Budgetary issues have been focused on operational costs so far, but degree plans are in line to be cut next year. It is not believed that Geography will be on this cut list in the near future at the two institutions that have Geography or Geoscience degrees.

Delta State

Delta State has lost one of their geographers and is down to just Dr. Mark Bonta. State cuts are eviscerating any remaining social sciences. It appears that the GIS program that was under development and growth has been cut. Geography only exists at this point as a need to fulfill requirements for the education program.

Mississippi State

State is doing well in geography. Research funding is around \$3.2 million for their geosciences program. They have graduated 181 students in 2008-2009. The number of courses has remained consistent but the number of students is growing with total students in geosciences courses being 4312. They are maintaining 12 faculty and have just started a Ph.D. program. Budget cuts have been severe (3.5% and an undisclosed amount) but the program is continuing.

Ole Miss

Ole Miss does not have a geography department but teaches World Geography. They teach 2 sections each in Fall and Spring with a total number of students being 211. There are currently no plans to expand this. Budget cuts are streamlining current degree plans, but World Geography will continue to be taught.

Southern Miss

Southern Miss is doing well in geography. Research funding is around \$700K for their geography program. They have graduated 20 students in 2008-2009. The number of courses has remained consistent but the number of students is growing (1322). They have dropped to 11 faculty but a new hire in GLG is a GHY geomorphologist. Budget cuts have been severe (3.5% and 3.5%) but the program is continuing. The Ph.D. program is at 8 students.

Community Colleges

Pearl River County Community College is currently offering WRG and GIS courses. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is currently offering WRG and has dropped all GIS courses due to budget cuts and has dismissed the GIS professor.

Geography degrees offered in Mississippi

Geography: Southern Miss (BS, MA, Ph.D)

Geosciences: Mississippi State (BS, MA) Ph.D. program starting this year.

Earth Systems Science: Jackson State University (BS)

Meteorology: Jackson State University (BS)

Physical Science: Mississippi University for Women (BS)

School	Year	Majors	Masters	Ph.Ds	Undergrad Classes	Undergrad Students	Undergrad Degrees	Grad Classes	Grad Students	Grad Degrees	Full-time Faculty	Grants
University of Mississippi	2008-2009	0	0	0	2	201		0	0		0	
	2007-2008	0	0	0	4	30		0	0		0	
	2006-2007	0	0	0				0	0		0	
Mississippi State University	2008-2009	209	55	0	118	3618	75	112	1694	106	12	3.23M
	2007-2008	147	55	0	118			112			12	
	2006-2007	167	40	0	118			112			12	
	2008-2009	105	22	8	45	1250	18	26	72	2	11	700K
Southern Miss	2007-2008	128	32	6	45	1013	19	26		4	13	
	2006-2007	72	20	4	54		13			8	11	
	2008-2009	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	
Delta State	2007-2008	0	0	0	22	405		4			1	
	2006-2007	0	0	0	38			5			2	

SEDAAG State Report:
Status of Geography in North Carolina 2008-2009
November 22, 2009

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Despite a difficult year for university budgets the discipline of Geography has remained strong and, in some locations, experienced growth. Growth in the state's private universities includes a geography major under development at Elon University (from the combination of two popular minors), and a bachelors in global studies (with heavy emphasis on geography) is expanding at Warren Wilson College. In state-funded institutions, there are several developments: two new BS degree programs await approval at ECU, a new geography minor is under development at Winston-Salem State and geography and planning MA degrees are being offered for the first time in Asheville thanks to a distance education program conducted by ASU.

Faculty hiring has been muted when compared to past years, but faculty searches are underway at ASU, UNC Charlotte, UNC Chapel Hill and UNC Wilmington. This year only one program noted that funding issues were impeding the provision of current programming, however, geography programs at NC Central University and Western Carolina University did not respond to surveys in 2009. It should be noted that a significant number of students are enrolled in geography classes at UNC Asheville and Wake Forest University (via the college of education) and the state's community colleges. Since these constituencies have generally not been involved with SEDAAG, this portion of the discipline remains hidden.

	Full-Time Faculty	Part-time faculty	UG Classes (sections)	Grad Classes	UG Enrollment	Grad Enrollment	UG Majors	Grad Majors (MA+MS / Ph.D.)
ASU ¹	15	4	78	20	3322	248	123	43/0
ECU ¹	24	3	83	37	2480	123	39	25/0
UNCC ¹	20	1	60	48	1845	291	87	40/24
UNC-CH	17	8	68	29	2373	125	80	0/52
UNCG	15	0	80	45	2652	283	77	30/29
UNCP ²	3	1	12	2	400	8	0	0/0
UNCW	4	1	38	8	800	75	33	0/0
Elon ³	3	1	12	0	280	0	0	0/0
WSSU ⁴	1	0	8	0	140	0	0	0/0
Warren Wilson ⁵	1	0	2	0	50	0	40	0/0
Totals	103	17	427	187	14342	1153	479	139/105
Avg's	10.3	1.7	42.7	18.7	1434.2	115.3	47.9	34.5/35

¹ Planning students and faculty included in totals

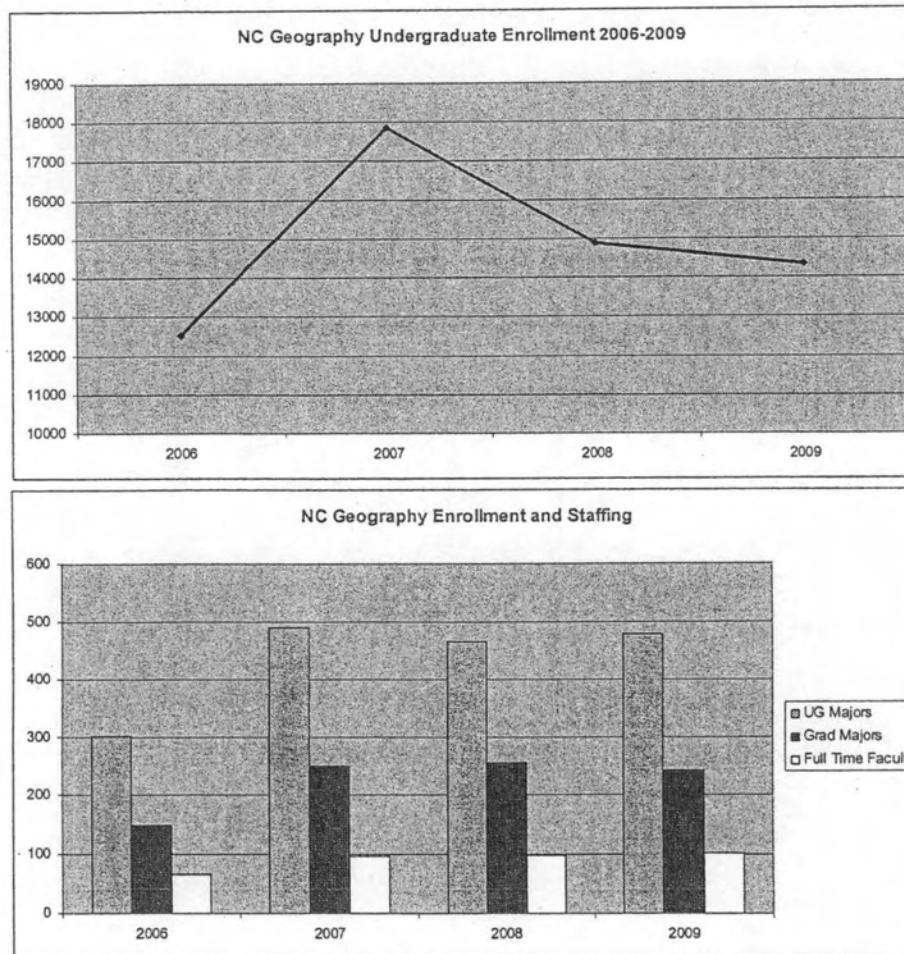
² Offers a minor in geography and a concentration in geography for education majors

³ Department of History and Geography

⁴ Department of Social Sciences

⁵ Department of Global Studies

No data provided by NCCU, WCU, UNCA, WFU



Department News:

Appalachian State University

The department highlighted an increase in the number of undergraduate majors by 20% (to 99) and student credit hours by 15% since 2007-2008. Student placement was characterized as strong although a decline in the availability of paid internships for students was noted. The department also saw the first cohort of MA students graduate from the distance education program offered via the UNC Asheville Graduate Center. An increasing number of undergraduate and graduate courses in geography and planning have been integrated into the university general education curriculum and graduate programs external to geography.

Dr. Terence Milstead (planning) moved into a tenure track position while Dr. Rosie Tighe (planning) and Dr. John Pine (Director of the ASU institute for the Environment, Energy and Economy) were added to the faculty. The department is currently searching for a new chair. Dr. Chris Badurek was nominated for an outstanding teaching award as well as an outstanding advisor award (along with Dr. Jana Carp and Dr. Rich Crepeau) by the college of arts and sciences. Dr. Mike Mayfield received a faculty appreciation award from the student government association.

East Carolina University

Student placement was noted as strong with students finding employment in federal agencies, state and local planning organization and civilian employment in the military. Two new degree programs await

approval from the state: a BS in Atmospheric Science and a BS in Geographic Information Science and Technology.

Dr. Durrell Montz was added to the faculty to replace Ron Mitchelson (after more than a decade of service) as department chair. No additional hiring is planned for 2009-2010. Dr. Derek Alderman received the UNC Board of Governors Distinguished Teacher Award as well as the AAG Globe Book Award.

Elon University

The department of History and Geography has three full-time and one part-time faculty and is planning to hire an additional adjunct this year. Placement of graduates was noted as strong, particularly for students with GIS skills. The department's expertise in GIS is in demand from the remainder of the campus community. The department is moving towards consolidating minors in GIS and geography into a major.

UNC Chapel Hill

The department has benefited from extensive renovations to its facilities. Enrollment at all levels remains strong and student placement remains solid. An increase in state-based research by faculty has also been noted.

Dr. Sara Smith (political geographer) and Dr. Gabriela Valdivia (Latin American land use) were added to the faculty this year. The department expects to search for an assistant professor in global climate change this year. Three faculty members became Institute or Center directors: Dr. Larry Band is the Director of the Institute for the Environment, Dr. Steve Walsh is the Director of the Center for Galapagos Studies and Dr. Peter Robinson serves as the Director of the Southeast Regional Climate Center. Dr. Martin Doyle received a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

UNC Charlotte

The department has experienced recession-driven increases in MA program enrollment. Demand for MA graduates has increased in the Charlotte area due to the presence of several aggressively expanding counter-cyclical businesses. The department is currently restructuring the MA degree in location analysis and is adding a GIS track at the master's level. The three year old Ph.D. program is seeing a steadily increasing flow of applications and expects to see its first graduates within the year.

Dr. Craig Allen was appointed as department chair. The department is currently searching for an assistant professor in human environment interaction. Additionally, the University's new department of Global, International and Area Studies is currently searching for a geographer with specializations in international development within Asia.

UNC Greensboro

The existing array of programs continues to mature. Graduates with GIS skills have gained employment in private sector positions while public sector employment opportunities for graduates appear to have expanded. To date the department has produced seven Ph.D. graduates and all are said to have obtained excellent employment both inside and outside academia. Budget constraints were noted to limit faculty travel but graduate student funding from research grants remains strong.

Dr. Corey Johnson (political geography) was added to the faculty last year. Dr. D. Gordon Bennett was named the North Carolina Geographical Society Educator of the Year. Dr. Elisabeth Nelson served as editor of *Cartography and Geographic Information Science* and Dr. Michael Lewis was named editor of the *North Carolina Geographer*.

UNC Pembroke

Mr. Jesse Rouse was added to the faculty as an instructor of geospatial techniques and cultural geography.

Some concern was noted about resource allocation within the split geography and geology department.

UNC Wilmington

Enrollment and student placement are reported as steady. Geography course offerings have become an integral part of university requirements. Budget restrictions were cited as a primary impediment to expansion.

Dr. Frank Ainsley began phased retirement and the department will search for a faculty member in remote sensing this year.

Warren Wilson College

The Warren Wilson Department of Global Studies employs one geographer (Dr. David Abernathy) and just added Dr. Jeffery Keith as a specialist in Appalachian studies. The department provides GIS expertise to the remainder of the college community. In addition, the department received a \$100,000 grant to monitor environmental conditions in Panamanian nature reserves. While the department was created in 2003 it is now one of the five largest majors at Warren Wilson and recently added a new minor in applied geospatial technology.

Winston Salem State University

Dr. Russell Smith is the lone geographer in the department of social sciences at WSSU. He reports that a steady increase in geography enrollments has led to discussion of a geography minor.

Views on the state of SEDAAG:

- Several respondents valued the proximity of meetings to their campuses in tight budget times
- Several respondents mentioned the need to aggressively recruit new faculty members in the region (and suggested using membership in the nominating committee as an instrument for this) to maintain the division's health.
- The stand alone geographers initiative has been invaluable in increasing activity of faculty from non-geography programs in the division
- The emergence of strong masters level schools in division leadership was noted; respondents indicated that it was unclear if this was good or bad.
- One respondent from a new program in the region said: "we have generally favorable impressions [of SEDAAG] based on what we have heard, but don't have direct experience with SEDAAG. We hope to become more involved with time."

Stand Alone Geographers:

- Russell Smith, Winston-Salem State University, Dept. of Social Sciences
- David Abernathy, Warren Wilson College, Dept. of Global Studies

Future Host of Annual Meeting:

- No programs expressed a willingness to host a meeting in the near future

State Report for Tennessee 2008-2009

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers

The general sentiment across the state concerns the negative impacts of the recession and accompanying cutbacks to education. Statewide, higher-education institutions are facing budget shortfalls, some of which have been ameliorated by funding from the national economic stimulus package. Nonetheless, university and departmental budgets have been impacted, with faculties being short-staffed, among other concerns. This issue could potentially worsen, given that the stimulus funding ends after the next fiscal year. Geographers in Tennessee, however, have been making progress despite this situation.

At the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, we have over one hundred geography majors, a number which has been increasing. Many thanks for this increase should be directed toward Dr. Peggy Gripshover, who departed for Western Kentucky University in July. There are, of course, worries that budget cuts will impact the quality of undergraduate education and the number of classes being offered to our students. On an up note, we have added a new faculty member, Dr. Phillip Li, who will offer courses in GIS and physical geography. We were also given permission to search for an urban geographer, who will start in the fall of 2010. The department has been very productive, research-wise, with continued success with publications and grant proposals.

There is good news from Tennessee Tech. In 2005, the department had been placed on warning status by the Board of Regents, due to the majors falling to fifteen students. However, this condition has now been removed, as it now enrolls over 60 majors. According to Evan Hart at Tennessee Tech, this remarkable increase can be attributed to better marketing to freshmen and "the growth of the GIS and Environmental concentrations, which have attracted many transfer students."

Dr. Hsaing Kung at the University of Memphis informs us that, "Our program is doing well and we are recruiting more students to become majors in geography." The Department of Geography at Memphis merged with Geology, Geophysics, and Geoarcheology in 2002 to become part of Earth Sciences Department, but there are still degree programs in geography at the BA, MA, and PhD levels. Dr. Nicolai Scherle from Catholic University of Eischette (Germany) is visiting their department this coming year - his specialty areas are in tourism and intercultural communication.

The Department of Geosciences at East Tennessee is fairly new, having been established in July of 2008. There are five geographers and seven geologists in their department, where they are beginning at masters program in geosciences in the fall of 2010. Another good note is that department will be moving into a renovated building the following year, in the fall of 2011.

At the University of Tennessee at Martin, budget constraints led to the administration merging for departments into others. According to Jeff Rogers at UTM, the Department of Geology, Geography, and Physics faced this situation, with the geosciences faculty being transitioned to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (now

Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources). The department will be proposing a Geosciences-Meteorology concentration (to be started in fall of 2010) and in preparation for this, have a new tenure-track faculty member onboard. Funds were also procured to install of weather station at UTM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Geography Departments in West Virginia Fall, 2009

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Geography in West Virginia is maintaining a strong presence at seven institutions that offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in this discipline. At the graduate level, West Virginia University has both Masters and Ph.D. degrees in geography and Marshall University has a Masters program. Concord University offers a Bachelors degree in geography and Bluefield State College, Fairmont State University, Shepherd University, and West Liberty State College offer undergraduate minors in geography.

West Virginia University's Department of Geology and Geography has expanded its course offerings and research in their new building, Brooks Hall, with its state-of-the art facilities and classrooms. The Department operates five computer labs and operates a virtual reality cave in the new building. This new facility has been a tremendous boost to the program and has helped to recruit new faculty and students to the Department. The WVU Geography Program has 70 undergraduate majors, 20 masters students, and 20 doctoral students in geography. Undergraduate enrollment was approximately 5500 in geography courses in 2008-09. Fourteen full time faculty teach in WVU's program and are assisted by four professional staff members. One faculty member joined the Geography Program this year in Development Geography. Geography faculty hold a variety of administrative posts: Trevor Harris is Chair of the Geology and Geography Department, Tim Warner serves as Associate Chair for Geography, Brent McCusker is Director of the Undergraduate Geography Committee, Amy Hessl the Graduate Coordinator for geography, Ann Oberhauser is the Director of Women's Studies, and Randall Jackson is the Director of the Regional Research Institute.

The Department of Geography at Marshall University has five full time and four part time faculty members. The department has twenty undergraduate majors and 20 masters students. In addition, approximately 1,000 undergraduate and 300 graduate students were enrolled in geography courses during the last academic year. According to Chairman Larry Jarrett the department is in great shape and has increased undergraduate majors over the past year.

The Geography Program at Concord University is staffed by Joe Manzo, George Towers, Jan Westerik and three part time faculty. George Towers assumed an administrative position and serves as Interim Associate Academic Dean at Concord. Joe Manzo serves as Chair of Concord's Division of Social Sciences, is the co-coordinator of the West Virginia Geographic Alliance, and is also the Director of International Programs. At the student level, twenty undergraduates are majoring in geography at Concord and enrollment in geography courses was at 750 in 2008-09.

Geography at Fairmont State University is part of the College of Liberal Arts. Two full time geography faculty, Tulashi R. Joshi and James R. Young, along with two part time faculty teach in this program at Fairmont State. Fairmont State offers an undergraduate minor in geography. In 2008-09, approximately 600 students took geography courses at Fairmont State.

At West Liberty State College, Brian L. Crawford and Robert Kruse maintain an active and vibrant program in geography with high enrollment in their courses and scholarly endeavors. Dr. Crawford is Chairman of West Liberty's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In 2008-09, enrollment reached 350 students in West Liberty's geography courses. Students at West Liberty are eligible to earn an undergraduate minor in geography or a bachelor's degree in social sciences with a concentration in geography. There are currently five students pursuing the geography concentration. West Liberty has recently established an Environmental Studies Track that incorporates geography and biology.

Bluefield State College and Shepherd University employ two stand alone geographers, John White and Roland Bergman, respectively. At Bluefield State, geography enrollment is approximately 200 and at Shepherd enrollment was 250 in 2008-09. Both schools offer an undergraduate minor in geography.

Respondents to the geography survey generally had positive things to say about the benefits they see from their participation in SEDAAG. According to one person, "The quality of the conference presentations and of the journal help to keep us invigorated about the discipline. Keep up the good work!" This response is especially true for geographers in smaller programs.