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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank everyone who participated in the 2009 meeting in Knoxville, TN. It was great to see the meeting so well attended and to feel the enthusiasm for geography in the Southeast. With the economic downturn and slashed travel budgets at most of our colleges and universities, there was some concern and debate as to whether or not attendance at the meeting would be adversely impacted. I am happy that was not the case. I think this speaks volumes to the value that SEDAAG members place on the meeting. I particularly wish to thank our local arrangements crew at the University of Tennessee. Ron Kalafsky and Dawn Drake, our first student representative for SEDAAG, did a spectacular job! I have served in that role myself and know the amount of effort that goes into local arrangements. Also, I would like to thank the SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair, Dr. Jonathan Leib, for organizing the program and the review process for the paper and poster submissions. I have

served in this role as well, and it is indeed a challenging task. Well done, Jonathan!

You have probably noticed that the SEDAAG meeting program has grown over the past few years. The Knoxville program included 3 poster sessions with a total of 85 posters presented, 32 paper sessions with a total of 154 papers presented, 8 panel sessions, 5 organized field trips and the World Geography Bowl events. The trend of growth in participants, growth in organized (themed) paper sessions and panel sessions focused on relevant problems, issues, research agendas and teaching methodologies is indeed exciting. We have every reason to be proud of our regional meeting!

Two of my favorite sessions at the Knoxville meeting were those organized in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Geography at Mary Washington. It was great to see the generations of Mary Washington faculty and students represented and to feel the sense of pride shared by all. I think we should do much more in the area of celebration of our accomplishments, and I hope the Mary Washington crew inspired us all to use the annual meeting as a venue for such. The *Southeastern Geographer* just published an issue celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> volume. Hopefully we will see some sessions organized to celebrate that milestone at the Birmingham meeting in November.

I also want to applaud two particular ideas introduced by Derek Alderman during his presidency that have positively impacted the meeting, and to assure the membership that those will continue. First, I highlight the addition of the "New Voices in SEDAAG" paper sessions that showcase new faculty hires in SEDAAG departments. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new faculty and their research in these sessions and think it is a great way to introduce these folks to SEDAAG and to keep them engaged. Second, the creation of a SEDAAG Student Representative position during the Alderman presidency had a clear impact on the Knoxville meeting. Dawn Drake, University of Tennessee, was the first to serve in that position

and played a strong role in local arrangements as well as in the organization of a student centered reception and panel session. The SEDAAG Student Representative position is appointed by the Executive Committee based on recommendations from the faculty of schools near the next meeting site. Megan Buchanan, University of Alabama, is the new SEDAAG Student Representative and I am confident that she will serve the SEDAAG student body well. If you have any concerns or ideas for the upcoming meeting that are related to student issues, please contact Megan at [mlbuchanan@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:mlbuchanan@crimson.ua.edu).

Moving forward, there are some important issues and concerns that need to be addressed with regard to the annual meeting and SEDAAG in general. The growth and popularity of the SEDAAG annual meeting comes with its challenges as well. During much of the meeting time over the past few years, we have had to schedule 8 concurrent sessions and there are indications that the pressure of growth will continue. This, of course, makes it more difficult for members to choose which sessions to attend and which to forgo, but also creates scheduling problems for Local Arrangements, the hotel, and the Program Chair. The traditional timeframe of the meeting (Sunday afternoon-Tuesday noon of the weekend before Thanksgiving) makes it hard to expand the dates of the meeting in its current form. Certainly expansion on the end of the meeting is highly problematic as we are running into the Thanksgiving holiday, and expansion on the front end of the meeting will require a shift in the traditional schedule of the World Geography Bowl. The 'new' size of the meeting also limits the number of hotels that can accommodate us and can even limit the number of cities than can accommodate us—unless we can spread the meeting out over more days. Thus, you should consider this a 'heads up' that in the near future we will have to rethink the traditional scheduling of the meeting—whether that is expanding on the front end of the meeting which will impact the traditional scheduling of the World Geography Bowl events or perhaps shifting to a different week to avoid the Thanksgiving Holiday schedule and allowing us to add a full day of sessions on Tuesday. This was an item of discussion at last year's Executive and Steering meetings and the dialogue will continue in Birmingham.

The growth in poster and paper submissions for the meeting has created another challenge. As you know, each paper and poster submission is reviewed by the Program Chair and the Program Committee to ensure the quality of the meeting. The continued rise in submissions coupled with the constraints of the traditional mid-September submission deadline is creating too much of a crunch for the Program Committee and increasing frustration for submitters. Submitters want to know as quickly as possible whether or not their paper or poster has been accepted to the program so that they can make their registration and travel arrangements in a timely fashion. However, the number of submissions that the program committee has to review has almost doubled in the last 5 years. Thus you can see the major

dilemma—the traditional deadline cannot efficiently work any longer. I have already sent out several emails on the SEDAAG listserv announcing that the submission deadline for papers has been changed to **August 20, 2010** and posters to **September 3, 2010**. The change was decided at the Executive and Steering Committee meetings in Knoxville. Please keep this in mind and pass along to colleagues and students.

Another issue that we will work on this year is to streamline and improve the election process for SEDAAG positions. We have had a couple of years recently with problems related to the traditional hard-copy, mailed ballots. Last year for example, many ballots arrived quite late and delayed the announcement of the election results. I have asked the Tellers Committee to explore on-line voting options to implement by 2011 at the latest.

The idea of the expansion of the SEDAAG region arose at the Executive and Steering Committee meetings in Knoxville as well. Colleagues in Puerto Rico have inquired into the possibility of the island officially joining the SEDAAG region and some members of the Steering Committee expressed a desire to extend the same invitation to the Caribbean. Again, this is a 'heads up' that this debate will soon be a strong point of discussion at the SEDAAG meetings.

I will close with a few general announcements of interest. First, for those of you on *Facebook*, there is now a SEDAAG fan page that you can join and keep up with the latest announcements and information. Second, the 2011 site for our annual meeting has been selected and the hotel contracts have been signed. We will meet at the Hyatt Regency River Street in Savannah, GA, in November 2011. The Local Arrangements Committee for that meeting will be Tom Howard, Armstrong Atlantic State University, and Mark Welford and Rob Yarbrough, both from Georgia Southern University. Lastly, Bob Brinkmann and Graham Tobin have announced a desire to step down as Editors of the *Southeastern Geographer*. We are indeed grateful for their service and applaud them for bringing us to a quarterly publication. I will send out a call for applications for the editorship during the summer. Interviews will be held at the annual meeting in Birmingham.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and productive summer. See you in Birmingham in November!

Russ Ivy  
Florida Atlantic University  
SEDAAG President

## INVITATION TO THE 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEDAAG MEETING

The Department of Geography at Samford University welcomes the SEDAAG membership to Birmingham, AL for the annual meeting of the Division. The meeting will be held November 21-23, 2010 at The Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria (<http://www.wynfrey.com/>). Room rates for the conference are \$129 (single), \$139 (double), \$149 (triple) and \$159 (quad) per night. Participants can call 1-800-996-3739 or via Fax at 205-444-5703. Conference registration information and a link to registration will be available soon at the SEDAAG website. Eric Fournier is the local arrangements coordinator and can be contacted at [ejfourni@samford.edu](mailto:ejfourni@samford.edu).

*NOTE: Bylaws stipulate that all people attending annual meetings must be a current member of SEDAAG, unless someone is based outside the Division. If you are not a SEDAAG member, please join before registering for the meeting. Go to SEDAAG's website ([www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org)) to get the application form. If you do not wish to join SEDAAG, please pay the non-member registration fee, which is the equivalent of the regular registration fee plus membership dues. It is the hope of the Executive Committee that all meeting participants will choose to join SEDAAG and enjoy the benefits of membership, which include a subscription to the **Southeastern Geographer**.*

### Megan Buchanan is SEDAAG's new Graduate Student Representative

At the Greensboro annual meeting, the Division's membership approved the addition of a Graduate Student Representative to the Steering Committee, a position that rotates annually among the ten member states of SEDAAG. Dawn Drake (University of Tennessee) served as our inaugural 2009 Student Representative. Our newest graduate student representative, Megan Buchanan (B.S. 2009, University of Alabama), is currently a first-year graduate student earning an M.S. degree in the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama. Megan has interests in biogeography, particularly in forest ecology and plant geography. She received the Roy Y. Gildea Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Geography award in 2009. Her forthcoming research is focused on physiographic factors that influence species distribution and on reliable interpretation of dendrochronological data. Megan's future goals include earning a Ph.D. and attaining a tenure-track position at a research University.

As the 2010 SEDAAG student representative, Megan will organize a panel discussion focusing on student interests. Topics discussed will include the preparation and objectives regarding student assistantships, the current expectations of student productivity (from graduate programs and both academic and non-academic jobs), and guidelines for searching for employment. She will also propose the addition of a *Southeastern Geographer* section focusing on student issues, concerns, and questions. The section will feature a student-submitted essay and a professor-submitted response as well as advice from former and current students.

### World Geography Bowl in Knoxville

*Submitted by Jennifer Collins and Bill Carstensen*



*Team Florida*

At the annual meeting in Knoxville, the World Geography Bowl organized and hosted by Bill Carstensen (Virginia Tech) stirred up its usual excitement. Both the Florida and Virginia teams (coached by Dr. Jennifer Collins, USF and Joe Nicolas and Dawn Bowen, University of Mary Washington respectively) scored 8-1 in the preliminary rounds. With a competitive final round, the Virginia team rose to victory defeating and taking the bowl from Florida who went undefeated for the last three years.

The Virginia team comprised of students from the University of Mary Washington: Matthew Holden, Joey Winter, Brandon Eads, Allison Thompson, Anya Bogdanow and Virginia Tech Graduate student Link Elmore. The Florida team consisted of University of South Florida students: David Roache, Charles Paxton, Ray and Alyssa Vinson; University of Florida student: Nick Campiz; and Florida State University students: Daniel McGowen and Nick Quinton. Incidentally, to our knowledge, Ray and Alyssa Vinson are the first married students participating on a team together in the bowl and reaching the finals. Questions were entertaining and had the moderators singing with questions such as "With apologies to the Pointer Sisters... (Moderators

began singing) “We are family---I got all my languages with me!” Yes, sisters are family but so are languages. **For ten points**, name the language family that includes such languages as Tamil, Nepali, Albanian, Iranian, Bengali, Spanish, and English.” ANSWER: **INDO-EUROPEAN**. Another question was a play on words, “ ‘Let’s go Peay’ [Pee] is the cheer you will hear from Austin Peay college students in this city of 100,000. **For ten points**, name this Tennessee gateway city to Ft. Campbell, where you can no longer take the last train because there is no Amtrak service.” ANSWER: **CLARKSVILLE**. The preliminary rounds were written by Tom Deaton, Dennis Edgell, Harry Trendell, Dawn Drake, Jamison Conley, Tom Bell, Joe Guttman, Dawn Drake and Peggy Gripshover. The dream team round was written by Bill Carstensen and the final animated round was written by Jeff Neff. The dream team round was just as fun where students competed against several AAG/SEDAAG officers. The Student all-star team won in a very close round 95-75 tying the series at 7-7. Carol Hardin was the Dream Team MVP, marking the latest in a series of AAG presidents to take that award.

**SEDAAG wins National World Geography Bowl Competition**

*Submitted by Jackie Gallagher*

SEDAAG was the winning team at the World Geography Bowl Competition, held at the 2010 AAG annual meeting in Washington D.C. on April 15. The team consisted of the highest individual scorers from the Southeast Regional bowl which was held at the SEDAAG annual meeting in Knoxville, TN. Coordinating was Dr. Jackie Gallagher (University of Mary Washington), stepping in for Dr. Jennifer Collins (University of South Florida) who coached the team for several years previously. SEDAAG and the AAG provide funding to student team members to help cover costs of attending the meeting.

The competition consisted of eight teams from around the country, with every AAG division fielding a team except for SWAAG (Southwest Association of American Geographers). Each team faced each other during the round robin event, and finalists were determined based on record and total points. The SEDAAG team was the second-highest scoring team overall, and played against the East Lakes team in the final, which was very close.



*Photo credit: Jim Ketchum, AAG.*

Winning team members (L to R) include: Matthew Holden (University of Mary Washington), Michael Husebo (Georgia State University), Ronnie Schumann (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Meagan Todd (University of Kentucky), Byron Smith (University of South Carolina), and Nicholas Campiz (University of Florida). Not shown is Ben Shultz (University of Tennessee).



*"Dream Team" vs. Student All-Stars*

**NOTES FROM AROUND THE REGION**

**Fundraiser for John Fraser Hart Award**

*Submitted by Russ Ivy*

A honey tasting party was held at the home of Dr. Bob Brinkmann, Co-Editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, in Temple Terrace, FL on March 27, 2010. Bob assembled 14 different honeys from Florida, other parts of the U.S. as well as

Russia, India and France. Also on hand were honey beer, wine and liquor. A great time was had by all and \$560 was raised to support the John Fraser Hart Award. Thanks Bob!



*Russ Ivy and Jennifer Collins*



*At the Home of Bob Brinkmann*

## **A Meteorologist's Perspective on SEDAAG**

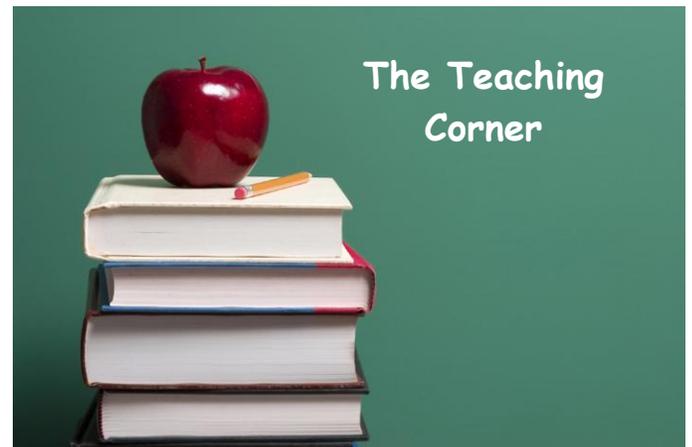
*Submitted by Charlie Paxton, National Weather Service*

I am a meteorologist who has worked for the National Weather Service (NWS) for the past 25 years. As the Science and Operations Officer in the Tampa Bay area NWS office, I lead the effort in research, development, and training. I concentrate on improving forecast methodologies and resolving forecast problems. Much of my work is focused on transferring new technologies and related techniques into our operational arena. Because social science is an ever-increasing part of the significant weather warning equation, I recently started on a Ph.D. program in Geography at the University of South Florida. Dr. Jennifer Collins encouraged me to come to SEDAAG and present some research we had conducted (initiated by a former grant) modeling south-west Florida tornadoes.

As expected, I have typically attended meteorology related conferences and workshops. The diversity of SEDAAG topics, from health and economics to global politics and religion,

amazed me. With my background in meteorology, I leaned more toward the physical side of the conference and focused on weather and climate but I also attended several of the socially focused talks. Technological advances have improved forecasting but even with the most accurate warnings with plenty of lead time, people may not understand the threat or become confused by the verbiage. Part of our responsibility in the National Weather Service as the originators of weather warnings for the United States is to prompt people to take life saving actions. It is the blend of social and physical sciences that is ultimately important and I'm content to be studying in a field where the two converge.

The SEDAAG conference had so much to offer me with the right number and balance of presentations. In addition to getting a lot out of the presentations, I enjoyed the friendly environment surrounding the conference, especially the fun-filled Geography Bowl competition, and the banquet. I look forward to my progress in my Ph.D. program next year leading to another opportunity to present at SEDAAG.



The Education Committee sponsored two sessions at SEDAAG in Knoxville, TN. The first session was called the "Active Learning Swap Shop" organized by Dr. Jennifer Collins (University of South Florida - Chair of the Education Committee), Dr. Jennifer Rahn (Samford University) and Dr. Lisa Jordan (Florida State University). Each member of the panel presented their active learning idea and the audience participated in the session.

In the first active learning swap shop session last year in Greensboro (NC), Dr. Collins presented the active learning review tool that she uses in class which she created called, "Who wants to be a Meteorologist?" One can change the name to "Who wants to be a Geographer?" The details of this teaching tool were noted in the Spring/Summer 2009 SEDAAG newsletter. This year at Knoxville, Dr. Collins introduced the tool briefly as the audience used clickers to answer the questions. Then, Dr. Collins gave a behind the scene look at the clicker software and demonstrated the ease at which clickers can be incorporated into

class through a review tool game or simply within PowerPoint presentations. The audience saw the back end of the software looking at how instructors can assign points to the questions and review student achievement on each question. Dr. Jordan then presented *Jing* as a teaching tool (this is free software which allows one to create screen-capture videos). This was shown to be a great way to facilitate learning particularly when there are many instructions for someone to follow along on the computer such as with GIS. She also provided a number of other websites with geographic teaching themes. The session concluded with a GPS team game organized by Jennifer Rahn where participants learned about GPS while at the same time exploring downtown Knoxville. Feedback from these activities have been positive with several people saying that they will adopt some of these tools/activities within their teaching and some commenting that they attended the swap shop last year and have adopted some of the ideas which emerged from that session already.

The second session organized by the Education Committee was called "Poster Madness" organized by Dr. Jennifer Collins (USF), Jennifer Rahn (Samford University) and Christopher Badurek (Appalachian State University). The session focused on how to create a "WOW" poster. The do's and do not's of

creating and presenting posters were presented and a discussion occurred regarding delivering a poster presentation or oral presentation. Advice was given from what to wear (or rather what not to wear), to poster design and content to considerations e.g. for color blindness. At the poster session, Dr. Collins also announced the new Undergraduate Poster Competition approved by SEDAAG which will occur for the first time at the SEDAAG conference in 2010. This award is to encourage undergraduate participation and research at SEDAAG.

### **Job Announcements and Special Sessions**

If you wish to inform the SEDAAG membership about a special session for the Birmingham Meeting or a job opening, please send details to Secretary Jamie Strickland at [jstrickl@uncc.edu](mailto:jstrickl@uncc.edu), and it will be forwarded to the membership at large.

### **SEDAAG Small Grant Program -- Call for Proposals**

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers is pleased to continue the division's annual Early Career Small Grant Competition for junior faculty. Funds for a small grant of up to \$750 will be drawn from the SEDAAG Endowment Fund.

Proposals on any topic that will further geographic understanding are invited. The proposal should describe either a discrete research project or specific enhancement, such as seed money, for a larger effort. The competition is open to all junior faculty, tenure-track or non tenure-track, who are members of SEDAAG and who have received a doctoral degree within the previous 5 years. Grant recipients will not be eligible in future annual competitions.

Proposals may be no longer than 3-pages and must include a title, a clear statement of purpose, and a brief budget. The proposal should be explicit about how the grant funds would be used and provide justification for proposed expenses. A list of references cited in the proposal should be provided and may be included beyond the 3-page limit. A separate attachment of the applicant's curriculum vita is welcome but no additional supplementary material should be included. A brief report of the funds' use will be provided by the recipient by November 1 following the grant award.

Proposals must be received no later than October 15, 2010. Proposals will be judged by the SEDAAG Endowment Committee: Stephen Birdsall (chair), Thomas Bell, Margaret Gripshover, Charles Kovacik, and Allan James. Electronic submissions in MS Word.doc are preferred and should be sent to: [birdsall@email.unc.edu](mailto:birdsall@email.unc.edu). The winner of the year's competition will be notified as soon as possible and recognized at the SEDAAG annual meeting's Honors banquet.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) An extensive record of research and publication in scholarly journals, books, and other appropriate formats; (2) A record of excellence in teaching and

advising as evidenced by teaching awards, students advised, and other appropriate measures; (3) A record of service contributions to the individual's educational institution in the form of administrative positions, committee work, and community contact; (4) A record of support to the geography profession whether through formal services to international, national, or regional organizations or informal work in the public domain.

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

**Outstanding Service Award:** Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) Evidence of exceptional professional commitment to geography at any level, including service to professional organizations; colleges and universities; primary and secondary education; local, state, or national government; private business and industry; (2) Examples of worthy contributions include but are not limited to appointed or elected professional offices, journal editorships, professional organization committees, speaking or otherwise providing leadership in a variety of public forums, and publication in the popular press.

**Excellence in Teaching Award:** Nominations are invited for the newly established SEDAAG Excellence in Teaching Award. The award acknowledges sustained excellence and creativity in the college classroom. Nominations from current and former students are especially welcome. Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) Exceptional commitment to effective geography teaching; (2) Record of efforts to help diffuse excellent geography teaching beyond one's immediate classroom (teaching-related publications, workshops, web sites, textbooks, etc.); (3) Recognition of teaching excellence by department, school, or other organizations; (4) Support of teaching excellence via student evaluations or comments.

**Merle C. Prunty Student Scholarship:** The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers annually awards the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student from our region with the objective of encouraging talented undergraduate students to pursue professional careers in geography.

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

**Notification:** Award recipients will be named at the Honors Banquet at the 2010 Division meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mail.

**Application Materials:** Materials submitted in the application must include: (1) A cover letter that includes a summary of educational background and academic honors; (2) A statement of professional goals, not to exceed two typewritten pages; (3) One copy of each undergraduate transcript inclusive of college course work through Fall 2010; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the applicant. The letters should include an evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer.

**All nomination materials will be accepted ELECTRONICALLY. Send nominations for AWARDS with FULL CV of candidate and 3 letters of support in the body of an email and/or attached as MS Word or PDF documents by September 24, 2010 to Maria Fadiman, Honors Committee Chair at [mfadiman@fau.edu](mailto:mfadiman@fau.edu).** Dr. Fadiman also encourages names of deserving award recipients and their potential nominators.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

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**65<sup>th</sup> SEDAAG Meeting  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
November 21-23, 2010**

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The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held November 21-23, 2010 at The Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria. You are invited to attend the meeting, submit a paper or poster, and to participate in the program as panelist or session chair.

- 🌐 All paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG (information about our membership fees can be found at [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org)).
- 🌐 Both graduate and undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to participate and present at the meeting. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers for the **Student Honors Competition**. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit papers for the **Gamma Theta Upsilon undergraduate paper sessions**.
- 🌐 Special sessions such as those organized thematically around research areas, research questions, or methodological approaches are welcome.
- 🌐 The Program Chair for the 2010 meeting is Jonathan Leib of Old Dominion University. All submissions (including Student Honors) and queries concerning the meeting should be sent to him at [jleib@odu.edu](mailto:jleib@odu.edu). He also can be reached by phone at (757) 683-3849.

## **I. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

The **deadline** for receipt of all **paper submissions** is **August 20, 2010**.

The **deadline** for receipt of all **poster description submissions** is **September 3, 2010**.

*Please note that this year's submission deadlines are earlier than in the past.*

Submissions received after the deadlines will not be accepted for consideration. All papers and poster descriptions received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee. Inclusion on the program is subject to acceptance by a blind-review process (note that GTU submissions are not reviewed).

Notify the program chair immediately if you do not receive confirmation within 72 hours that your materials were received.

All papers and poster descriptions are to be submitted as email attachments to: [jleib@odu.edu](mailto:jleib@odu.edu).

In the subject line of your submission email, please put the type of presentation you are submitting (paper, student honors paper, GTU undergraduate paper, poster) and "submission SEDAAG 2010" (for example, "paper submission SEDAAG 2010")

In the body of your email, please include the following information:

- a) type of presentation
- b) title of the paper
- c) author's (or authors') name(s)
- d) affiliation
- e) complete mailing address
- f) email address
- g) Honors category, if applicable (Ph.D. paper, Master's paper or Poster)
- h) GTU session (if applicable)

For example,

- a) Paper
- b) On the Biogeography of Penguins
- c) Bourghassi, Carmina
- d) University of Virginia at Pungo
- e) Department of Geography  
University of Virginia at Pungo  
Pungo, Virginia 23456
- f) [cbourghassi@uvapungo.edu](mailto:cbourghassi@uvapungo.edu)
- g) Ph.D. student honors paper

**YOU MUST ALSO ATTACH THE SEDAAG MEETING PARTICIPATION FORM! (See last page of the Newsletter!)**

### **Document Format for All Papers and Poster Descriptions.**

The title of the paper or poster description should appear at the top of the first page. The **author's name, address, or affiliation must NOT appear** anywhere in the paper or poster description. All papers and poster descriptions should use full double spacing with 12 point type fonts. Pages must have at least 1 inch margins all around. All pages must be numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text. Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*. All maps, graphs and tables must be included, labeled and numbered, but need not be in final form in submitted versions.

**Abstract Format.** All submissions (including honors papers) must be accompanied by a single-spaced abstract that is no longer than 200 words total. Abstracts must begin with the paper title, followed by the author's name(s), and institutional affiliation(s). This is followed by the body of the abstract. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, leave two spaces between paragraphs. Abstracts will be reformatted for listing on the web, so please do not embed unnecessary formatting in the abstract. Such formatting may cause extra work in processing or glaring discrepancies in the final format. Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading their abstracts; they will be listed as submitted.

**Instructions for Attached Files.** Use only PC-compatible file formats for your paper/poster description and abstract. Digital files may be written in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect (we prefer Microsoft Word). Use standard filename extensions for these programs or clearly indicate what software was used to generate the file. If your system does not automatically screen for viruses, please check your files manually before sending.

*Important:* All submissions should have at least two files. Name them with your surname and first initial as follows: 1) SurnameXabst (abstract), and 2) SurnameXppr or SurnameXpstr, for a paper or poster, respectively.

**No file should be larger than 2 Mb.** For paper files larger than 2 Mb, separate the graphics from the text, and send the graphics in one or more separate files. For review purposes graphics can be done at low resolutions and compressed to facilitate email transfers. If graphics are loaded into word processing files, please shrink the graphics files first. If files unavoidably remain larger than 2 Mb, split them into multiple files and number them sequentially.

### **Paper Submissions: Additional Guidelines**

Paper submissions must not exceed eight pages, *exclusive* of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. Papers must be presented in fifteen minutes or less. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight page maximum.

*Note that each room used for Standard, Student Honors and GTU paper sessions will have an LCD projector for Power Point presentations.* To avoid delays associated with setup time for each paper, it is *extremely important* that presenters using the digital projectors bring your presentation on a CD and/or a jump drive at least 15 minutes before the session begins and upload it to the PC.

### **Poster Description Submissions: Additional Guidelines**

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

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

**Poster set up.** Stands for presenting posters will be provided by SEDAAG. Poster dimensions will be determined later by the local arrangements committee and listed on the SEDAAG web site. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of three feet. Text should be confined to brief statements.

## **II. ORGANIZING A SPECIAL SESSION**

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

- All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process, **and the due date of August 20<sup>th</sup> for all materials applies.** Organizers of special sessions should collect and send all material to the Program Chair. It is the responsibility of the session organizer to see that all material is submitted on time and in its completed form.

- Session organizers are welcome to assign discussants, either for the entire session or for individual papers (though it is no longer necessary). If discussants are used, it is the organizer's responsibility to arrange for discussants before submitting the session.

- Organizers should provide a draft *special-session plan* to the Program Chair by **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010** that includes the session title, session chair, intended paper titles, authors' names (and discussants, if appropriate), and institutional affiliations.

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

## **III. GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDENT HONORS COMPETITION**

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

**Eligibility.** To be eligible to participate in the Student Honors competition, the graduate student must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time his or her research was done. The sponsoring department must be located within the SEDAAG region. Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as a student at the time his or her paper is presented. Master's students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first SEDAAG meeting following graduation. Papers should represent original research. Maps, illustrations, and other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. No multiple-authored papers will be accepted.

**Departmental Responsibilities.** Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of the graduate student for the Honors competition and conduct preliminary screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 2010 meeting and be present at the awards ceremony.

**Awards.** Normally, one Master's-level paper award, one Doctoral-level paper award, and one Master's/Doctoral poster award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. The Ph.D. paper award will be for \$1,000, the Master's paper award will be for \$500, and the Master's/Ph.D poster award will be for \$500. Each award includes a year's paid membership in the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the Honors banquet. All students who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and Honors banquet fees waived.

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

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

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

- Content will be the primary general criterion in the written evaluation, but the author should use good English as well as appropriate illustrations and documentation. The paper should be prepared as if it were to be published, although draft copies of maps and figures for the written review will be accepted.

- A primary criterion will be a well-defined research objective and a research procedure appropriate to achieving it. The paper should focus on one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer. Papers without such a focus will be scored lower.

- The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper, and will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. It is important that the oral presentations be lively and well illustrated. Appropriate modifications of the written paper should be incorporated into the oral presentation wherever suitable, although major alterations of the written paper are discouraged. The quality, appropriateness, and visual appeal of any maps, figures, and illustrations will be an important part of the evaluation. All visual aids should be intelligible from the back of the room. In order to leave adequate time for questions, each oral presentation should adhere strictly to the time limits (usually about 15 minutes) for delivery specified by the person chairing the session.

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

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

**Submission of Honors' Papers and Posters.** All Honors submissions are to be emailed to the Program Chair, Jonathan Leib ([jleib@odu.edu](mailto:jleib@odu.edu)). A paper or poster submitted for the Honors competition must be accompanied by a letter or email from the student's advisor or head of the sponsoring department verifying the status and eligibility of the student and indicating whether it is for the M.A./M.S. paper, PhD paper, or Master's/PhD poster competition. Papers submitted for the Honors competition must conform to the *Submission Instructions for All Participants* for procedures and formatting of papers and abstracts. Indicate in the submission email whether the paper is for the Master's or Doctoral level competition. Poster descriptions submitted for the Honors competition must conform to the *Submission Instructions for All Participants* for procedures and formatting of posters and abstracts. If submitting a paper, indicate in your submission email whether the paper is for the Master's or Doctoral level competition.

#### **IV. GTU UNDERGRADUATE PAPER SESSION(S)**

Undergraduate students are urged to present papers in a special GTU paper session. These papers will not be reviewed by the Program Committee, and no Honors competition will be held. Initial screening should be the responsibility of faculty advisors; but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as for the regular papers, with the addition of a letter from the student's advisor or chair who has read the paper.

#### **V. UNDERGRADUATE POSTER COMPETITION**

Undergraduate students are urged to present posters in a new poster competition. An abstract (following the guidelines stated above) should be submitted, clearly indicating that the student wishes to be considered for the

SEDAAG Undergraduate Student Poster Award. The award is \$500 and will be acknowledged at the Honors Banquet by the Chair of the Education Committee. The judging committee will consist of members appointed by the Chair of the Education Committee. The following criteria will be used in evaluating posters: clear, well-written abstract; clearly defined hypothesis/problem statement, description of methods, presentation of results; adequacy of conclusions; evidence of background literature; appearance of the poster; and ability to respond to questions. Students are eligible even if they are working with their advisor, though the advisor should write a supporting letter to the committee confirming and providing some details that the student has worked on a good proportion of the research and poster. Please note that a student should submit the poster without the advisor as co-author. However, on the poster under the student's name, please put Mentor: Dr. *advisor's name*.

*Areas and, Conservation, Cultural Ecology, Environmental Knowledge, Social Natures, Development, Ecotourism, Commodification of Nature/Culture, Environmental Justice/Social Movements, Natural Resource Management, Natural Hazards, Nonequilibrium Science*



If you would like to present a paper that addresses the theme of political ecology please contact Brian Grabbatin at: [UKPEWG@gmail.com](mailto:UKPEWG@gmail.com). We are also looking for *discussants*, so if you or someone you know fits the bill please let us know.

SEDAAG requires all presenters to submit an abstract (200 words) and short paper (less than 8 pages) by **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more information about registration, student paper competitions, and travel grants visit [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org).

**SPECIAL SESSION: CALL FOR PAPERS AND DISCUSSANTS, SEDAAG 2010: POLITICAL ECOLOGY**

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) is holding its 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on November 21-23 in Birmingham, Alabama. In past years students and faculty from the University of Kentucky, University of South Carolina, West Virginia University, and the College of Charleston have organized sessions around the theme of political ecology. This year the Political Ecology Working Group (PEWG) at the University of Kentucky will continue to offer a forum for nature/society research at SEDAAG by organizing a series of paper sessions.

*Political ecology* is a broad research umbrella that encompasses a variety of theoretical approaches and contexts. We invite professors and graduate students to contribute papers that critically examine human-environment and nature-society relationships, including, but not limited to the following themes:

*Property, Land Tenure, Environmental History, Protected*

**SEDAAG Newsletter Needs You**

Please consider contributing content to the SEDAAG newsletter, including but not limited to: photographs from the annual meeting, news about a success or interesting initiative in your program/department, examples of geographers in Southeast being highlighted in the news and media, op/ed pieces and other commentary on issues relevant to geography and SEDAAG, teaching tips and classroom strategies, or information on published articles and books that might be of interest to members.

If you have authored or edited a recent book, please consider sharing information about the book with the Division through the newsletter's new feature, "The SEDAAG Bookshelf." News about published books and all other content should be sent to Newsletter Editor/Secretary Jamie Strickland ([jstrickl@uncc.edu](mailto:jstrickl@uncc.edu)).

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**SEDAAG Elections 2010**

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**Remember to vote in this year's SEDAAG elections.** Up for election this year are Vice President and Secretary, and State Representatives from Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia (*Vote ONLY for State Representative from the state in which you are a member*).

**The ballots are coming!** Ballots will be available by **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please watch for the ballots, vote, and return ballots promptly.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Ron Kalafsky** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee. His research interests encompass location-based challenges for advanced

manufacturers, linkages between human capital and manufacturer performance, and industrial export strategies, in locations that have included the Southern US, Western Canada, Japan, and China.

He is co-editor of the *Industrial Geographer* and is an editorial

board member of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*. He teaches courses including the *Geography of the Global Economy* and the *Geography of East Asia*, and has taught courses to primary and secondary school teachers for workshops conducted by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. On a related note, he serves as an undergraduate advisor for geography and on the university's undergraduate curriculum committee. Ron was co-chair of the organizing committee for the recent SEDAAG meeting in Knoxville and has also served as Tennessee state representative for SEDAAG and on the honors committee.

**John Kupfer** (Ph.D. 1995 & M.A. 1991, University of Iowa; B.A. 1988, Valparaiso University) is a Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of South Carolina. Prior to taking his position at USC in 2005, he held academic positions at the University of Arizona and the University of Memphis and was a Research Associate at the University of Utah. He served as a SEDAAG State Representative and Steering Committee member (1998-1999) and has been on the SEDAAG Annual Meeting Program Committee (2007, 2009). In addition, John has been an active participant in SEDAAG meetings, having presented papers, served as a discussant, organized sessions, and led a field trip. Nationally, he was president of the AAG's Biogeography Specialty Group from 2003-2005 and a BSG Executive Board member (1998-2000). He is currently on the AAG's Publications Committee and is a Section Editor for *Geography Compass* and Associate Editor for *Plant Ecology*. He also served for two years on the Senior Advisory Panel for NSF's Geography and Spatial Sciences Program, for three years on the Advisory Board of the University of Arizona's Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, and as a member of the Landscape Pattern Workgroup for the Heinz Center's *State of the Nation's Ecosystems* efforts.

John's research fields include biogeography, landscape ecology, forest conservation and spatial analysis. He has authored or co-authored more than 40 refereed journal articles and book chapters / contributions and has published in disciplinary journals such as *Annals of the AAG*, *Professional Geographer*, *Progress in Physical Geography* and *Southeastern Geographer* as well as specialized journals in his areas of expertise, including *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, *Journal of Biogeography*, *Landscape Ecology*, *Ecosystems*, *Forest Ecology and Management*, and *Remote Sensing of Environment*. In 2004, he was named a Research Fellow at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona and a Summer Research Fellow at the Edward J. Meeman Biological Field Station. He has received a number of research awards, including the 2007 Henry Cowles Award for Excellence in Publication from the Biogeography Specialty Group and the University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Early Career Research Award. He also received the 2003 University of Arizona Provost's General Education Teaching Award and the 1998 University of Memphis Alumni Association Distinguished

Teaching Award.

### **SECRETARY:**

**Lisa Davis** (Ph.D. 2005, University of Tennessee; M.Phil. 2003, University of Wales, Swansea; B.A. 1998, University of Southern Mississippi) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama. Lisa first joined SEDAAG as an undergraduate in 1997 and has consistently presented research at the annual meeting since 2003, and also served in several offices within the SEDAAG organization, including Resolutions Committee (2006), Alabama State Representative (2007-2009), Nominations Committee (2007-2009), Chair of Nominations Committee (2008-2009), and the Awards Committee, Awards Committee Chair-Elect (2009-current). In addition to the offices Lisa has held in SEDAAG, she has also published her research in the *Southeastern Geographer* and is currently co-editing a special volume of the *Southeastern Geographer* with Allan James (University of South Carolina) and Scott Lecce (East Carolina University). Lisa is also an active member in AAG, having presented research at every meeting since 2003. Most of Lisa's published research to date addresses questions regarding the effects of historic land use change and agriculture on river systems located in the Gulf Coastal Plain and the Piedmont of the Southeastern U.S. She is currently conducting NSF supported research in collaboration with Dan Royall (UNC-Greensboro) that examines potential linkages between sediment storage within river channels and drought occurrence and landuse changes.

**Joshua Inwood** (Ph.D. 2007, University of Georgia; M.A. 2002 Kent State University; B.A. 2000 Michigan State University) is an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee. Since becoming a member of SEDAAG in 2002, Joshua's service includes currently serving on SEDAAG's Honors Committee and the Southern Studies Committee as well as having served on the Program, Nominations and Audit committees. In addition Joshua has reviewed many manuscripts for the *Southeastern Geographer* and organized several sessions at SEDAAG meetings. Joshua's research centers on urban (re)development, processes of racialization, landscape studies, contested notions of identity and justice studies. His overall research goal is to integrate critical theory with empirically-grounded analyses of key urban questions, especially those pertaining to urban space and notions of difference and identity. Through his research, Joshua contributes to literatures that include urban geography, cultural geography, political geography, qualitative methods, critical race theory and justice studies. Since earning his Ph.D. in 2007, Joshua has published eight peer-reviewed articles which have appeared in *The Southeastern Geographer*, *Antipode*, *Cultural Geographies*, *Social and Cultural Geography*, *Human Geography*, and *Urban Geography*, among others. In addition, in 2009 with fellow SEDAAG colleague Dr. Robert Yarbrough (Georgia Southern University), he published a special issue of *GeoJournal* focused on processes of racialization.

**Selima Sultana** A native of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Selima Sultana received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and is now an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Her research foci are in the area of Urban and Transportation Geography. She is concerned with the travel behavior of individuals and households within their urban environments, focusing on how individuals negotiate the conflicting demands of household responsibilities and the changing urban setting of their lives. While this work has so far been directed at southeastern cities (such as Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh), her current research involves a variety of other cities, including Denver, Kansas City, Seattle and Dhaka, Bangladesh. Her work has appeared in journals such as *The Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Growth & Change*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *North Carolina Geographer*, *Proceedings of the Applied Geography Conference*, and in edited collections including *Engineering Earth: The Impacts of Mega-engineering Projects*; *Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America*; and *The Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Dr. Sultana's research has been supported by the Department of Transportation through the University Transportation Center of Alabama, Center for Sustainability at Auburn University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Guilford County Child Development. Prior to her position at UNCG, Dr. Sultana held a position as Assistant Professor at Auburn University where she was an active member of the Auburn University Peak of Excellence Research Group, and served as the vice-chair for the Urban and Planning Division of the Alabama Academy of Science. She has served as the secretary and president of the North Carolina Geographical Society, and served two terms as a board member of the Transport Geography Specialty Group of the AAG. She has participated in several SEDAAG committees including the honors, steering, resolution, and nomination committees. Currently she is serving on the editorial board of *Professional Geographer* and on the scientific committee of the Network on European Communications and Transport Activities Research (NECTAR) group. She is also an active advisory board member of the Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN), which addresses various environmental and transportation problems related to current urbanization patterns in Bangladesh. Dr. Sultana is currently busy working on a few grant proposals to be submitted to the NIH and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

**Andy Walter** is an Assistant Professor of Geography and Coordinator of Global Studies at the University of West Georgia. He is also director of Food Politics, a first-year learning community at UWG. He received a BA in Geography from the University of Wyoming, an MA in Geography from the University of British Columbia, and a PhD in Geography at Florida State University. Andy is an economic and urban geographer with an underlying interest in the spatialities of the US and global political economies. In his research he has engaged primarily with issues of hunger and poverty in the United States, with projects ranging from the politics of hunger

in the US and farmworkers' struggles within fast food commodity chains to faith-based community development as a place-based anti-poverty strategy and the varying geographical approaches to poverty in Atlanta. At UWG he teaches courses in economic and urban geography, including Globalization, Atlanta's Geographies, and Global Poverty and Hunger. With a colleague he has also created a new course called Geographies of Global Financialization as part of a broader effort to improve West Georgia students' understandings of the "great recession" and the implications of financialization for a whole range of political, urban, and environmental phenomena and questions.

#### **GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Katherine Hankins** received her Master's degree from the University of Arizona in 2001 and her PhD from the University of Georgia in 2004. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Her broad interest in cities focuses on the role of neighborhood-scale activism in shaping the urban landscape. Her research and teaching have examined activism around schools, affordable housing, and environmental justice. Her current project involves an examination of faith-based community development efforts in impoverished neighborhoods in Atlanta. She has published her work in journals such as *Urban Geography*, *the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Antipode*, and *ACME*. She has been a SEDAAG member since 2002.

**Mark Welford** is a physical geographer at Georgia Southern University. His research interests include the geodynamics, biogeography and conservation of tropical montane environments and the spatial dynamics of modern and historical pandemics. He has authored or co-authored papers in *Annals of the AAG*, *Physical Geography*, *Progress in Physical Geography*, *Landslides*, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, *Cotinga*, *Bird Conservation International*, *Journal of Raptor Research*, *PLoS ONE*, *Medical Hypotheses* and *Geography Compass*. He has taught at Georgia Southern for the last seventeen years. He has been an associate editor for the *Journal of Geography* (1998-2001) and an associate editor of the SAGE's *Encyclopedia of Geography*. He is currently serving his second three-year term in Georgia Southern's Faculty Senate where he is a member of the Faculty Senate Welfare Committee. He is also a member of SEDAAG's Savannah 2011 Local Conference Steering Committee, and was a member of SEDAAG's 2009 Program Committee. He has also directed Study Abroad Trips to the Ecuador, the Czech Republic and Poland, and is a birdguide for Ventures Birding.

#### **MISSISSIPPI STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Kathy Sherman-Morris** (Ph.D. 2006, Florida State University; M.S. 1999, Mississippi State University; B.S.E 1997 Mansfield University of Pennsylvania) is an Assistant Professor of Geosciences at Mississippi State University. Kathy's research has focused on human response to hazards, the care of companion animals in disasters, communication of weather

information and geoscience education, including enhancing diversity in the geosciences. She has been a member of SEDAAG for 10 years. In the AAG, Kathy is the current president of the Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography Specialty Group. She is also a founding state coordinator of the Mississippi Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) as well as a Weather and Society Integrated Studies (WAS\*IS) fellow. Her work has been published in *The Professional Geographer*, *The Florida Geographer*, *Environmental Hazards*, *Natural Hazards*, *National Weather Digest* and the *Journal of Geoscience Education*.

## **NORTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Michael E. Lewis** is Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he teaches courses in physical geography and natural resource management. He is the editor of THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHER, the journal of the North Carolina Geographical Society. Michael maintains an active interest in the interplay between physical geography and land based natural resources. His published research has appeared in *Geographical Review*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Journal of Geography*, and *The North Carolina Geographer*. Non-academic interests include woodworking, gardening, and travel.

**Yong Wang** obtained his Ph.D. (1992) degrees in geography from University of California at Santa Barbara, USA. He has been a faculty in Geography, East Carolina University (ECU) since 1994. His major research interest includes synthetic aperture radar (SAR), and active microwave remote sensing and application, studies of responses and variations of shorelines and coastal wetlands to changes of environments and climate, and to sea level rise, landcover types and landuse changes caused by nature and human disturbances, applications of remote sensing data to earth sciences, geographic information sciences and analyses, retrieving forest physical parameters by model inversion, and image processing and analysis. His teaching responsibility includes undergraduate and graduate level courses in geographic information science and technology, with an emphasis on remote sensing. He is a long-term member of SEDAAG.

## **TENNESSEE STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Arleen Hill** (Ph.D. 2002, University of South Carolina; M.E.E.R.M. 1998, University of South Carolina; B.S. 1994, Mary Washington College) is currently an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Memphis. Arleen's teaching and research interests focus on the interaction of nature and society, specifically she is an applied hazards geographer. Her recent research explores what makes people and places vulnerable; how that vulnerability can be quantified, communicated, and reduced; and how geographic tools, techniques, and perspectives can be used to understand and

support disaster recovery and community resilience. An active member of SEDAAG, she has served as a paper discussant, Geography Bowl committee member since 2003, Program Committee member in 2004, and a reviewer for *Southeastern Geographer*. She also has organized, moderated, or chaired sessions for the Application of Remote Sensing for Disaster Response International Workshop series, National Earthquake Conferences, and Natural Hazards Workshops.

**Craig Laing** received his Ph.D. in geography at the University of Tennessee in August 1997 and is currently an associate professor of geography at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he has been since 1993. He is currently completing a year as the department coordinator for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography. Craig has published two articles in the *Southeastern Geographer* about the spatial investment strategies of the Appalachian Regional Commission's social programs and the growth of the Mormon Church in the South. He has also authored material on the cultural landscapes of Japan for a website for educators: (<http://utc.edu/Research/AsiaProgram/teaching>). In 2008, he participated in a study tour of Yunnan Province, China that focused on China's national minorities sponsored by the Asian Studies Development Program of the East-West Center. He has been involved in SEDAAG's annual meetings and has presented several papers and served as a paper discussant several times. Between 2000 and 2002, he served on the SEDAAG steering committee as Tennessee's state representative and would be honored to serve in this capacity again.

**Micheline van Riemsdijk** is an Assistant Professor in Human Geography at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She is interested in questions of belonging and exclusion, especially related to international migration. Micheline is currently investigating skilled migration policies in Europe, particularly the politics surrounding the European Blue Card. This summer, she will return to Brussels to investigate the roles of special interest groups in the decision-making process of skilled migration legislation in the European Commission. Micheline is currently the Chair of the AAG European Specialty Group and a board member of the Population Specialty Group. Micheline has served as Tennessee Team Captain for the Geography Bowl for two years.

## **VIRGINIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Dawn Bowen** is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. She has taught at Mary Washington since 1997. Her research focuses largely on ethnic settlement in western Canada, but she has completed projects on a local rails to trails project as well as the transformation of Richmond's Second Street, the hub of African-American commercial activity in the early decades of the 20th century. She previously served as the Virginia State Representative from 1998-2000. In addition, she has been a member of the Resolutions Committee (1998-99), the Editorial

Board of The *Southeastern Geographer* (2000-02), the Honors Committee (2001), the Local Arrangements Committee (2002), the Tellers Committee (2005), and the Program Committee (2000, 2009).

**Henry Way** (PhD Geography, University of Kansas, 2008; MPhil Geographical Research, University of Cambridge, 2004; BA Geography, University of Oxford, 2002) is an assistant professor at James Madison University. My teaching interests are broad, but I always making sure students develop an understanding of Virginia's human and physical environments

through their work. My research examines the cultural geographies of politics, especially the cultural and political geographies of energy regulation, infrastructure landscapes, and environmental policy-making. I am currently beginning a grant-funded project that explores the deployment of tidal power in estuary environments. I have presented papers and acted as a discussant and chair at SEDAAG meeting sessions, and I am a firm supporter of the role of the regional division to foster geographic scholarship, teaching and a sense of community.

**SEDAAG MEETING PARTICIPATION FORM**  
**65<sup>th</sup> SEDAAG Meeting--Birmingham, AL November 21-23, 2010**

**Type of Presentation**

Student Honors Poster (Undergraduate)

Student Honors Poster (Graduate)

Regular Poster Submission

GTU Undergraduate Paper Submission

Student Honors Paper Submission –Master’s

Student Honors Paper Submission—Doctoral

Paper Submission as part of organized session

Organizer \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Paper Submission

Panel Session

**Title of Poster, Paper or Panel Session:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Author(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info for Presenter—Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to Chair a session if needed.

**Participation Form** plus full paper with abstract for paper submissions, detailed abstract for poster submissions, and detailed abstract with list of panelists for proposed panel sessions should be sent electronically to the Vice President and Program Chair.

Dr. Jonathan Leib, Old Dominion University [[jleib@odu.edu](mailto:jleib@odu.edu)]

**PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 20, 2010**

**POSTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 3, 2010**