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and enjoyable meeting. Russ Ivy, the Program Chair for the meeting, did an excellent job organizing and scheduling sessions and accommodating the wishes of so many participants. I am confident that our tradition of excellent meetings will continue in Knoxville, Tennessee, thanks in large part to the organizational efforts of Ron Kalafsky of the University of Tennessee. Arranging and hosting an annual meeting has never been easy, but the task has grown even larger and more complex as SEDAAG continues to grow.

One of the highlights of the Greensboro meeting was the honors banquet and the bestowing of awards to faculty members and students. On behalf of the Division, I thank Joby Bass (University of Southern Mississippi), who chaired the Honors Committee and presided over the banquet in Greensboro. He and the rest of the Honors Committee (consisting of Jennifer Arrigo, Paul Gares, Ross Meentemeyer, and Selima Sultana) did a wonderful job of evaluating student papers and posters as well as faculty nominees for awards. The 2008 honors ceremony was particularly special because it marked the inaugural SEDAAG Excellence in Teaching Award, given to Margaret "Peggy" Gripshover of the University of Tennessee.

Congratulations are also extended to Andrew Herod (University of Georgia), recipient of the SEDAAG Research Honors Award; Donald Zeigler (Old Dominion University), recipient of the SEDAAG Service Award; and Jesse McKee (University of Southern Mississippi), recipient of the SEDAAG Lifetime Achievement Award. It is my pleasure to recognize Katie Price (University of Georgia), recipient of the John Fraser Hart Best PhD Student Paper Award; Katherine Renken (East Carolina University) and Ginette Wessel (UNC Charlotte), co-recipients of the Best Masters Student Paper Award; Leanne Sulewski (UNC Greensboro), recipient of the Best Student Poster Award; and Laura Paulik (University of Georgia), recipient of the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship. The editorial board of *Southeastern Geographer* selected a paper to receive the 2007 Best Article Award. The winning paper was authored by Thomas Chapman (Georgia Southern University), Jonathan Leib

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see and talk with many of you at the 2008 meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Regional Division owes a huge debt of gratitude to Gordon Bennett, Jeff Patton, and the entire Department of Geography at UNC Greensboro. Gordon and his colleagues delivered an exceptionally well-run

(Old Dominion University), and Gerald Webster (University of Wyoming).

Another great achievement of the Greensboro meeting was the lively discussion we had about the future of SEDAAG and how it can better serve its members. I thank the members of the Executive and Steering Committees for devoting so much time and effort to assessing the operations and vision of the Regional Division. A number of issues and needed changes were identified from those deliberations and a panel discussion held at the meeting. I would like to bring to your attention six important changes that resulted from this assessment and other ongoing initiatives in the Regional Division.

#### *New SEDAAG Student Representative*

The Division's membership approved the addition of a Graduate Student Representative to the Steering Committee at the Greensboro meeting. The Student Representative, who is appointed by the Executive Committee, will rotate annually among the ten member states of SEDAAG. Student representation within the Region is long overdue and can assist in creating a greater sense of belonging and investment among students. I am excited to announce that Dawn Drake, of the University of Tennessee, has been appointed to serve as our 2009 Graduate Student Representative. Please join me in welcoming Dawn. She has already started generating several good ideas on how to organize and serve students in the Division.

#### *Southeastern Geographer Now Quarterly*

The year 2009 is also a landmark date for our peer-reviewed publication, *Southeastern Geographer*. Thanks to the hard work and innovativeness of Editors Bob Brinkmann and Graham Tobin, the journal will begin being published quarterly this year. The shift to quarterly status allows for the publication of more manuscripts, the development of more special issues, and the raising of the journal's reputation and visibility as we continue to apply for citation index coverage. Bob and Graham have implemented some other creative measures, such as the publication of paper abstracts in both English and Spanish, the return to a "Geographic Notes" section in the journal, and the production of podcasts to disseminate publication updates and interviews with authors.

#### *Change to Discussant Policy at Meetings*

Because of the tremendous number of papers now presented at annual meetings, SEDAAG will no longer require a discussant for each paper. Organizers of special paper sessions are welcome to assign a discussant to each paper or one discussant for an entire set of papers. More members should consider organizing sessions for the SEDAAG meetings and utilizing discussants in strategic ways. These sessions could be used to bring together scholars who work on similar themes or scholars at similar stages in their careers (graduate students, junior faculty, or senior scholars honoring a key figure in geography). This will result, I believe, in even more focused discussions and commentary at meetings. At the same time, there will be more question and answer opportunities from

the general audience with the waiving of the discussant requirement for every paper. Please note, however, that all papers will continue to be peer-reviewed (by the program committee) and I have no doubt that the quality of presentations will remain high.

#### *Improvements to SEDAAG Newsletter and Webpage*

While the SEDAAG newsletter and webpage continue to serve as effective lines of communication, there is certainly room for improving their usefulness and attractiveness to members. I am currently working with our web page coordinator, Bill Carstensen, on ways of improving our Internet presence. One way of making the newsletter of greater service to members is to expand its content, thus using it to document the life of the Division rather than simply deliver reports and announcements. Along these lines, Secretary Jamie Strickland and I have created a newsletter feature called "SEDAAG Bookshelf," which will showcase recent books authored or edited by geographers within the Region. If you have newsletter content to contribute, ideas for other features, or a book to highlight, please email Jamie Strickland ([jstrickl@uncc.edu](mailto:jstrickl@uncc.edu)).

#### *Revised Call for Meeting Papers and Posters*

A critical function of the SEDAAG newsletter is to publish the call for presentations for the annual meeting in November. Within this call are instructions for submitting regular and honors papers and posters. Over the years, the submission instructions have grown very long and, at times, confusing. As I learned in 2008, several members struggled to figure out the appropriate procedure for submitting a paper and poster for the annual meeting. I am happy to report that our new Vice President and Program Chair, Jonathan Leib, has significantly revised, shortened, and clarified the call for presentations. As Jonathan spells out in the call, all submissions (papers, posters, regular submissions, and honors submissions) come to him. He has provided us some very specific and useful instructions for how to format submissions.

#### *Local Voices and Issues Initiative*

As we think about how to improve what is already a great annual meeting, I would like to make a suggestion. As you organize a paper or panel session for the Knoxville meeting or others in the future, please consider including non-geographers from the local area, especially those who come from non-academic walks of life. Too many times our meetings are held in isolation of the local political or social scene. Granted, we often organize and participate in field trips. These worthwhile activities should certainly continue. However, the Division should also consider bringing "local voices, issues, and struggles" directly into the annual meeting so that a greater segment of the membership can be sensitized to the cities and communities that host us. There are already some nice examples of this type of programming at SEDAAG meetings. At the Greensboro meeting, Josh Inwood of Auburn University organized a panel on the legacies of racial violence in the American South. In addition to assembling scholars from across the state (including non-geographers), Josh hosted activists from

the immediate Greensboro area. Also in Greensboro, Russ Smith of Winston Salem State University organized a panel that brought together local government officials from the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina to discuss the politics of municipal boundary change. At the Charleston meeting in 2007, I hosted Dot Scott, President of the local chapter of the NAACP, who participated in a session about the ongoing struggle over the Confederate Battle Flag in South Carolina and the tourism boycott being waged by her organization. Such programming not only makes for good geographic analysis but also socially responsible travel!

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([aldermand@ecu.edu](mailto:aldermand@ecu.edu)) if I can be of assistance to you.

Derek H. Alderman  
East Carolina University  
SEDAAG President

### INVITATION TO THE 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEDAAG MEETING

The Department of Geography at the University Tennessee welcomes the SEDAAG membership to Knoxville, TN for the annual meeting of the Division. The meeting will be held November 21-24, 2009 at the downtown Knoxville Hilton Hotel. Room rates for the conference are \$99 (single) and \$109 (double) per night (plus \$10 per day parking fee). Participants can call 1-800-HILTONS or 865-523-2300 (8 am – 4 pm weekdays), or reserve a room at [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) (Group Code: AAG). Conference registration information and a link to registration will be available soon at the SEDAAG website. Ron Kalafsky is the local arrangements coordinator and can be contacted at [kalafsky@utk.edu](mailto:kalafsky@utk.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 chose to join SEDAAG and enjoy the benefits of membership, which include a subscription to the *Southeastern Geographer*.*

### SEDAAG Welcomes New Officers and Representatives

Congratulations to our new SEDAAG officers:

- Vice President: Jonathan Leib, Old Dominion University (replacing Russ Ivy, Florida Atlantic University)
- Secretary: Jamie Strickland, UNC Charlotte (replacing Hilda Kurtz, University of Georgia)
- Georgia State Representative: Thomas Chapman, Georgia Southern University (replacing Doug Oetter, Georgia College & State University)
- Mississippi State Representative: David Holt, University of Southern Mississippi (replacing John Rodgers, Mississippi State University)
- North Carolina State Representative: Bill Graves, UNC Charlotte (replacing Dan Royall, UNC Greensboro)
- Tennessee State Representative: Ron Kalafsky, University of Tennessee (replacing Esra Ozdenorol, University of Memphis)
- Virginia State Representative: Kevin Curtin, George Mason University (replacing Johnathan Walker, James Madison University)

- Historian: Elizabeth Leppmann, Eastern Kentucky Univ. (replacing Ron Mitchelson, East Carolina University)
- Endowment Committee: Allan James, University of South Carolina (replacing Ron Schultz, retired)

For a complete list of SEDAAG officers and committees, please visit [www.sedaag.org](http://www.sedaag.org).

### Dawn Drake First SEDAAG 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 has been appointed to serve as our inaugural 2009 Student Representative. Dawn is a second year Ph.D. student at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. Her research interests include economic geography, industrial location, and precision agriculture. She has served on the Gamma Theta Upsilon Executive Committee as Student Representative from 2002-2004 and most recently from 2006 to present. She also is currently serving as the Student Representative for the Rural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. Dawn has been a member of SEDAAG since

coming to the University of Tennessee from the University of Delaware in 2007. She looks forward to becoming more involved with the organization by assisting in the local arrangements for the 2009 meeting in Knoxville. Dawn

is committed to improving the involvement of students within SEDAAG. Dawn's email is [ddrake2@utk.edu](mailto:ddrake2@utk.edu).

### 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 small grants of up to \$750 per year will be generated by the SEDAAG Endowment Fund.

Proposals on any topic that will further geographic understanding are invited. The proposal should describe either a discrete research project of specific enhancement, such as seed money, for a larger effort. The competition is open to junior faculty 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 brief budget indicating how the grant funds would be used, including justification for proposed expenses. A separate attachment of the applicant's curriculum vita is welcome but no 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, 2009. Proposals will be judged by the SEDAAG Endowment Committee: Stephen Birdsall (chair), Thomas Bell, Margaret Gripshover, Charles Kovacic, 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 and announced at the SEDAAG annual meeting.

- Total attendance at meeting: 430
- 81 papers presented across 19 sessions

### By the Numbers: SEDAAG Greensboro Meeting Participation, 1993 vs. 2008

Prepared by Derek H. Alderman & Jessie Messina, East Carolina University

The 2008 SEDAAG meeting was a great success on many levels. It significantly surpassed levels of participation in 1993, when the meeting was last held in Greensboro. Below are data on participants and their state of origin as tabulated from 1993 and 2008 published programs for the meetings. Participants are defined here as those appearing on the meeting program. Those who simply attended or registered for the meeting were not counted except in reporting total attendance. A participant would be anyone who presented a paper or poster (1<sup>st</sup> author only), chaired a session, organized a session, served as a member of the Steering and Honors committees, or participated in Geography Bowl (moderators, judges, and team coordinators). In compiling statistics on participation at SEDAAG meetings, each person was counted only once even if that person served multiple roles at the meeting.

#### 1993 Greensboro Meeting

- 150 people appeared on the meeting program at least once
- 47 different colleges/universities participated, representing 13 different states

#### 2008 Greensboro Meeting

- 254 people appeared on the meeting program at least once
- 55 different colleges/universities participated, representing 17 different states
- Total attendance: 461
- 134 papers and 68 posters presented across 36 sessions\*

\* Note: 1993 meeting did not have poster sessions. The 2008 meeting had a record number of posters submitted.

#### SEDAAG Meeting Participants by State, 1993 vs. 2008

State	Percentage of Meeting Participants	
	1993	2008
AL	5	6
FL	5	18
GA	23	8
KY	6	6
MS	2	6
NC	24	40
SC	9	3
TN	11	6
VA	9	5
WV	5	3
Other	3	3

Percentages are rounded and may not total to 100.

## Report of the Honors Committee, 2008

Prepared by J.O. Joby Bass, The University of Southern Mississippi

The Honors Committee of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) each year recognizes outstanding student and faculty achievements. Serving on the 2008 committee were: Joby Bass, chair (University of Southern Mississippi), Ross Meentemeyer, chair-elect (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), Selima Sultana (University of North Carolina, Greensboro), Jennifer Arrigo (East Carolina University) and Paul Gares (East Carolina University). The 2008 Honors Committee congratulates the following individuals who received awards at the recent annual SEDAAG meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to honor a record of sustained excellence in research, excellence in teaching, a distinguished record of service to their institution, communities, and to the organization and the profession. The Honors Committee designated Jesse O. McKee, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography, University of Southern Mississippi for the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Professor McKee is nationally recognized for his research, for his service to the profession and the discipline, and for his commitments to education. He received his Master's degree from Michigan State University in 1964, took a job at The University of Southern Mississippi, and returned to Michigan State in 1967 for two years to work toward his Ph.D. He then continued the career he had already begun at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, where he worked until his 2003 retirement (that's 39 years!).

Jess McKee's contributions to ethnic, population and cultural geography of North America are significant. He has authored 9 books, 40 articles and made over 40 professional presentations of his work. He was editor and founder of *The Mississippi Geographer*, a professional journal. Drawing from his research interests in ethnic populations in the U.S. and his own work with African-Americans in the South and the Mississippi Choctaw, Jess organized and edited a now well-known book, *Ethnicity in Contemporary America*, currently in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. His work with the Mississippi Choctaw has culminated in several highly regarded publications, including two books. He is also author of the leading statewide adoption high school text for Mississippi studies, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition. While doing this, he was involved in numerous research grants, including two Fulbright-Hays Awards for work in Africa and several for geographic education.

Professor McKee's commitment to the profession led him to serve in numerous positions in organizations at state, regional, and national levels over his career, including many in SEDAAG. He is recognized statewide and nationally for his involvement in

geographic education, including his work as founder and first executive director of the Mississippi Geographic Alliance and as Chair of the department at Southern Miss from 1985-1996. He has been recognized by the National Council for Geographic Education, by the AAG and in 1996, he received SEDAAG's Outstanding Service Award. As a longtime colleague remarked, "Throughout his long career...as author, editor, critic, teacher, and administrator...in my experience, there was little that he could not or would not do to advance the profession." The Honors Committee is proud to recognize Professor McKee's contributions with this year's SEDAAG Lifetime Achievement Award.

### Research Honors Award

Recipients of the Research Honors Award demonstrate abundant evidence of quality publications and research leadership. The 2008 recipient of the award is Professor Andrew J. Herod, University of Georgia.



Professor Herod came to the U.S. from England in 1986 to study geography in West Virginia, earning his M.A. studying industrial restructuring and plant closures. He then moved on to Rutgers to work toward his Ph.D. studying labor geography in the East Coast Longshore industry. Since then he has gone on to author/co-author and edit/co-edit 5 books and over 70 articles, chapters, and essays. He has received the AAG's Nystrom Award for best dissertation and University of Georgia's Creative Medal in 2001.

Professor Herod is frequently recognized and cited in the literature as a pioneer in the study of labor geography and the politics of scale. He has built an acclaimed international reputation in the study of labor issues and the roles of workers in shaping the geographic scale of their activism. Underlying much of Herod's research appears a commitment to social justice and a passion in using geographical analysis to address social inequality and economic marginalization.

In an effort to put his ideas into practice, he ran for and was elected an Athens-Clarke County Commissioner, after having served as president of the Federation of Neighborhoods and a member of the local planning commission. The Honors Committee is proud to recognize Dr. Herod's achievements with the 2008 SEDAAG Research Honors Award.

### Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award is given to recognize an individual with exceptional professional commitment to geography. The Honors Committee designated Professor Donald J. Zeigler for the 2008 award.

Professor Zeigler's commitment has been indeed exceptional.

Dr. Zeigler began at Old Dominion University in 1980 where he has served as a major voice in building their program, serving as Chair, among other things, while pursuing his research interests in political and urban geography and North Africa and the Middle East. He was a founding member and co-president of the AAG's Middle East Specialty Group.

In 2006, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia honored Professor Zeigler with the Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award. Professor Zeigler's commitment to geographic education deserves recognition. In fact, he co-founded the Virginia Geographic Alliance, where he continues to serve, and he served as 1997 President of the National Council for Geographic Education. He has served as President of the Virginia Social Science Association and the Virginia Geographical Society. He now chairs the national development committee for Advanced Placement Human Geography and is currently national president of Gamma Theta Upsilon.

In SEDAAG, Professor Zeigler's commitment has been as admirable. He has served as Virginia State Representative, served on the Editorial Board of *Southeastern Geographer*, on the Membership Committee, the Honors Committee, the Nominations Committee, and was Chair and Conference Organizer for the 1994 SEDAAG meeting at Virginia Beach. The Honors Committee is proud to recognize Professor Zeigler's contributions with this year's SEDAAG Outstanding Service Award.

### Excellence in Teaching Award

2008 marks the first year that SEDAAG officially begins recognizing exceptional commitment to effective geography teaching and efforts to help diffuse excellent geography teaching. The Honors committee designated Margaret "Peggy" Gripshover as the recipient of the 2008 award.



Professor Gripshover's commitment to excellent teaching is clear, even beyond her extensive work on the Board of Directors of the

Tennessee Geographic Alliance, and, her winning, among numerous other awards, the University of Tennessee's two highest awards for teaching, the *Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award* and the *Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award* (maybe the only person ever to win both). Her commitment to excellent teaching is clear through a reported addition of over 100 undergraduate majors since her arrival at the University of Tennessee in 2001. It is clear through student comments such as: "I learned more about global issues in [her] class than any other I have taken in college." One of Dr. Gripshover's colleagues, in a nomination letter, put it this way: "Dr. Gripshover is the best teacher of geography I have known in my

thirty-three year career. This is not hyperbole, exaggeration, or just another over-the-top nomination letter. It is a simple fact. She is a superb and innovative teacher." The Honors Committee is proud to recognize Professor Gripshover's contributions with this year's SEDAAG Excellence in Teaching Award.

### Merle C. Prunty, Jr. Scholarship

The Southeast Division annually awards the Merle C. Prunty, Jr. Scholarship to recognize an outstanding junior or senior geography student within the region and support their pursuit of advanced study in geography. Two nominations were received in 2008; Al Calvin Lim (Mississippi State University) and Laura Paulik (University of Georgia). Calvin Lim is pursuing a double major degree in Geography and History, with double minors in English and Economics.

In addition to his presence on the Dean's List, the President's List, and the National Dean's List, Lim is a martial arts expert, sharpshooter, and volunteer mechanic at the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers. Laura Paulik is pursuing a major in Geography with a minor in Spanish and has maintained a 3.9 GPA while working toward UGA's rigorous Atmospheric Sciences Certificate. She has received UGA's Presidential Scholar Award two times, as well as the Merle Prunty Scholarship from her home department. She has worked on homeless relief in Houston, led a group of students to Mobile, AL to work with people affected by HIV/AIDS, and is currently serving as chapter president of Gamma Theta Upsilon. The Honors Committee designated Laura Paulik as the recipient of the 2008 award. The Honors Committee is proud to recognize both nominees for their records of excellence.

### The Student Honors Competition

SEDAAG conducts a competition for the best student papers and poster at the annual meeting. The Honors Committee received eight Master's and five Doctoral submissions for the student paper competition. Six of the Master's papers and four of the Doctoral papers were accepted for inclusion in the Honors oral sessions at the conference. The Honors committee received two submissions for the combined Master's/Doctoral poster competition and accepted both. The poster and Master's paper competition each carry a \$500 dollar award. An endowment established by John Fraser Hart, Professor of Geography at the University of Minnesota, provides a \$1,000 award for the Doctoral paper competition. All winners receive a plaque and one year's membership in the AAG.

The John Fraser Hart Award for Best Ph.D. Student Paper went to Katie Price, University of Georgia, for her paper "Impacts of human land use on surficial soil hydraulic properties in the southern Blue Ridge." Katherine Renken, East Carolina University, and Ginette Wessel, UNC Charlotte, were named co-winners at the Master's level for their papers "Alongshore variation in beach and dune changes at microtidal inlets along the Outer Banks of North Carolina" (Renken) and "Spatial Information in the Environment: Investigations of GPS and Road

Map Navigation” (Wessel). The poster award went to Leanne Sulewski, UNC Greensboro, for her poster “The Disappearing Act: Quantifying Thermokarst Change in the Campsite Lake Watershed, Alaska.” The Honors Committee extends its congratulations to all who participated in the competitions for their fine work. Your pursuit of excellence is encouraging to us all.

**Award – Best Paper in the 2007 *Southeastern Geographer***

The Division establishes a separate committee, appointed by the editors of the *Southeastern Geographer*, to select the Best Article published in the *Southeastern Geographer* during the past year. This year’s committee consisted of L. Jeanne Palmer-Maloney, Chair (Barton College), Ed Carr (University of South Carolina), and Evan Hart (Tennessee Technological University). The committee reviewed all the papers published in 2007 in the *Southeastern Geographer*, using 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 winner is “Race, the Creative Class, and Political Geographies of Same Sex Marriage in Georgia,” by Thomas Chapman, Jonathan Leib, and Gerald Webster (*Southeastern Geographer* 47(1): 27-54). The Honors Committee extends its congratulations to the authors on this recognition of their excellent work.



**Acknowledgements**

The 2008 SEDAAG Honors Committee would like to congratulate all winners of student and faculty awards. I would like to thank the members of the committee and Scott Curtis (2007 Honors Committee chair). Scott’s advice and documentation were a tremendous help. In addition, we would like to thank all those who participated in the honors competitions and published papers in the 2007 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.

The **Southern Studies Committee** and the AAG specialty group on **The Study of the American South** are pleased to announce that a plenary session in honor of **John Fraser Hart** is being planned for the Knoxville meeting.

**SEDAAG TEAM at AAG**



At the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, Nevada, the World Geography Bowl stirred some excitement.

The SEDAAG Team went undefeated in the preliminary rounds (score 8-0). Despite a very competitive final round, the SEDAAG team lost to the Pacific Coast team, 115-85. The entire team contributed to the preliminary round victory. Team members included Nick Campiz (University of Florida), Billy Terry (University of South Carolina), Matthew Holden (University of Mary Washington), Ben Shultz (University of Tennessee), and Abigail Foulds (University of Kentucky). As the undergraduate student representative of SEDAAG, Matthew Holden was the fourth highest scorer overall and the highest underclassmen scorer of the competition. Dr. Jennifer Collins (University of South Florida) coached the team.



**Jensen and Zeigler Receive AAG Honors**

Two long-time members of the SEDAAG community, **John R. Jensen** and **Donald J. Zeigler**, received Association of American Geographers Honors at the 2009 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

John R. Jensen, of the University of South Carolina, received an *AAG Lifetime Achievement Award* in recognition of his innovations in remote sensing and GIScience and his groundbreaking application of geospatial technology in both the natural and social sciences. The AAG noted that Dr. Jensen he has been an “avid advocate of applying geography to some of the most pressing technological and environmental issues of our times, serving in advisory capacities to NASA and other state and federal agencies.” His impressive publication record includes two internationally-acclaimed textbooks and more than 500 articles, papers, and technical reports. Dr. Jensen has directly supervised over 30 Ph.D. students and over 60 Master’s students.

Donald J. Zeigler, of Old Dominion University, received the *AAG Gilbert Grosvenor Honors for Geographic Education* in

recognition of his exceptional record of leadership in advancing geography education both at the university level and in K-12 schools. AAG noted Dr. Zeigler's service as President of the National Council for Geographic Education and his significant contributions to the Virginia Geographic Alliance, the Virginia Social Science Association, and the Virginia Department of Education. He played an important role in establishing Advanced Placement Human Geography in high schools in Virginia and throughout the U.S. In 2008, Dr. Zeigler received the SEDAAG Service Award in recognition of his many years of devotion to the discipline of geography.

Please join the Division in congratulating Drs. Jensen and Zeigler on this great achievement. They embody a tradition of excellent research, teaching, and service found in many of our departments throughout the Southeast.

## Pulsipher Recognized with CLAG Career Award

**Dr. Lydia Pulsipher**, Professor at the University of Tennessee, received the Preston E. James Eminent Latin Americanist Career Award from the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG). The award is given in recognition of a lifetime achievement towards understanding the geography of Latin America. Past recipients of this award have strong career-long research contributions that build on the solid foundations of academic Latin American geography and have an impact beyond the academy.

Award Chair, Dr. Marie Price, noted that Pulsipher's work on the cultural and environmental geography of the Eastern Caribbean was duly recognized as well as her outreach beyond academia through her collaborations with Smithsonian and the Seeds of Change exhibit. Past recipients of this award include Bernard Nietschmann, Karl Butzer, Clarissa Kimber, Daniel Gade, David Robinson, William Denevan, John Augelli and James Parsons.

The award was presented at the CLAG banquet on January 9, 2009 in Granada, Nicaragua.

## Notes from Around the Region

The **Department of Geology and Geography at Auburn University** is pleased to announce that the Alabama Commission of Higher Education has approved a Master's of Science in Geography. Assistantships for the Spring of 2010 are available for qualified students. Interested students should contact: Ashraf Uddin ([uddin@auburn.edu](mailto:uddin@auburn.edu)) or check our departmental website at: [http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/departments/geology\\_geography/](http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/departments/geology_geography/) for more information.

A **Department of Geography and the Environment** was

created at the **University of Richmond** in Virginia. Prior to departmental approval, a major in geography was established in the spring of 2008. These transitions build on the momentum of three tenure-track hires and the addition of a Spatial Analysis Lab Director between 2006 and 2008. Dr. Todd Lookingbill will join the Department in the fall. He is coming from the University of Maryland's Appalachian Laboratory. His research focuses on the application of spatial ecology to the landscape-scale management of natural resources, particularly in the National Parks of the Potomac Basin. Faculty members teach and conduct research on cultural and political ecology, parks and protected areas, climate change mitigation, Amazonian borderlands, Central America, and the Middle East, among other topics. For more information, contact Mary Finley-Brook ([mbrook@richmond.edu](mailto:mbrook@richmond.edu); 804-287-6307) or view the departmental website at: <http://geography.richmond.edu/>.

## The Teaching Corner



(November 2008)

**“Active Learning Swap Shop” session presented at SEDAAG in Greensboro, NC**

The Active Learning Swap Shop was organized by Dr. Jennifer Collins from the University of South Florida and was sponsored by the SEDAAG Education Committee. The panel consisted of Dr. Margaret M. “Peggy” Gripshover (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Dr. Jennifer Rahn (Samford University), Dr. Lisa Jordan (Florida State University) and Dr. Jennifer Collins. Each member of the panel presented their active learning idea and the audience participated in the session.

**Dr. Collins** presented the active learning review tool that she uses in introductory classes which she created called, “*Who Wants to be a Meteorologist?*” One can change the name to “*Who Wants to be a Geographer?*” To run the game in your classroom:

- ④ Divide the class into two teams and have one game for each team and each player answers a different level multiple-choice question.
- ④ Select students on each team from around the classroom including the back row. Depending on the number of students in the class, not all students will be able to directly answer a question as there are only 15 questions from the \$100 to \$1 million question. However, all students participate with one of the lifelines.
- ④ The lifelines given are “Ask the class”, “Ask a friend” and “50/50”.

There are several advantages of using such a game as a review tool. Students appear more alert than in a traditional lecture format, students are actively participating, there is development of useful collaborative skills as students look to each other for help and advice with the “Ask the class” and “Ask another student” lifelines and students self-evaluate their need for additional study before a test. Is there a prize? “This is not *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*” Dr. Collins explains to the students that faculty salaries are good but not that good! ☺ In fact, Dr. Collins feels that no prizes are necessary as there is a natural energy in classroom. However, one can give a participation grade or candy. Dr. Collins has considered alternatives to the game play. For example, in addition to usual lifelines, you can have additional ones such as “Ask for a clue”. Here all students participate by writing a clue and the player chooses one clue.

While this can be done with zero technology, Dr. Collins used technology in the active learning swap shop session. The questions were displayed on Power point and the “Ask the Class” was conducted through the use of clickers. Dr. Collins’ students frequently use clickers in her classroom. She uses Iclicker for its simplicity, however there are a number of different brands and some universities have agreed on a standard clicker to be used across campus (which helps students with their costs). The audience presses their multiple choice answer on the clicker which has buttons, A-E, to press. The results are displayed on a bar chart for the audience and game participant to see. In class, Dr. Collins can also assign participation grades as the students use their clickers for every question (she just doesn’t immediately display their answers for the game). The bar code number on each clicker is individually linked to the specific student’s name.

**Dr. Gripshover’s** active learning idea was called the *Geographic Price is Right*, based on the long-running game show, the *Price is Right*. The beauty of this activity is that it requires little or no technology, equipment, or cost, yet it is an effective way to reinforce ideas covered in the lecture or readings, spur discussion, and ultimately offer positive reinforcement. Dr. Gripshover uses this activity in her 100-level world regional course but it could also work in many other lower-division courses.

The *Price is Right* is one of the most popular television game shows among college students. The show is centered around members of the studio audience who are called to “come on down” as participants in a contest to see who can come closest to guessing the retail value of a prize—without going over—and thus go on to win even bigger prizes later in the show. This setup can be easily modified to a classroom setting and instead of being asked to guess the dollar value of, say, a refrigerator, the student contestant is asked to guess the number value of any variety of geographic statistics such as life expectancy, literacy rates, per capita purchasing power parity, coal production, or acres of rainforest. Dr. Gripshover said that she can’t very well

give away a refrigerator but she does award bonus points for the answer that comes closest to the actual number.

Here is how you would run the game:

- ④ Divide the class into three teams. For each round of questions, call three new students to “come on down” to the front of the classroom.
- ④ Start with the student representing the first team and ask a question for which a number is the answer. That student, with the help of their teammates who shout out possible answers, writes an answer on the board.
- ④ Ask the same question to the second contestant and repeat the procedure with the third student.
- ④ Once the third student has written an answer on the board, you reveal the correct answer. The student who came closest to the correct value earns a bonus point for everyone on that student’s team to be added to the next exam score.

Dr. Gripshover usually asks 10 to 12 questions per game and she finds it usually works out that each of the three teams earns a nearly equal number of points.

**Dr. Jordan** presented the successes and failures of active learning activities that she has used in her GIS and Human Geography classes. She notes that geography is inherently an active learning discipline. From field trips, to GIS labs, and GPS outdoor exercises, she finds that geography is best learned and enjoyed experientially (a feeling shared by many of the session participants). Other topics discussed included: the use of geocaching exercises to teach GPS, student participation in the construction of the syllabus and learning objectives, in-lab GIS exams, student project presentations and evaluations, class GIS projects, team-based learning in geography classrooms, podcasting and multimedia activities.

If you would like more information about clickers and the *Who Wants to be a Meteorologist* idea, please contact Dr. Collins ([jcollins@cas.usf.edu](mailto:jcollins@cas.usf.edu)), for the *Geographic Price is Right*, please contact Dr. Gripshover ([mgripsho@utk.edu](mailto:mgripsho@utk.edu)), for more information about GIS and human geography, please contact Dr. Jordan ([ljordan@fsu.edu](mailto:ljordan@fsu.edu)).

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

If you wish to inform the SEDAAG membership about a special session for the Knoxville 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.

## 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 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 2009 Division meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. 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 2009; (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 25, 2009 to Ross Meentemeyer, Honors Committee Chair at [rkmeente@uncc.edu](mailto:rkmeente@uncc.edu). Dr. Meentemeyer also encourages names of deserving award recipients and their potential nominators.**

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## FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

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**64<sup>th</sup> SEDAAG Meeting  
Knoxville, Tennessee,  
November 21-24, 2009**

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The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held November 21-24, 2009 at the downtown Knoxville Hilton Hotel. You are invited to attend the meeting, submit a paper or poster, and to participate in the program as panelist or session chair. *Please note that discussants will no longer be required of every paper, but rather sessions will rely on questions and comments from the audience.*

- 🌐 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 2009 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 **September 11, 2009**.

The **deadline** for receipt of all **poster description submissions** is **September 25, 2009**.

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 2009” (for example, “paper submission SEDAAG 2009”)

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

### **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 September 11<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 **September 9, 2009** 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 2009 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.

#### **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@unc.edu](mailto:jstrickl@unc.edu)).

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## SEDAAG Elections 2009

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### Remember to vote in this year's SEDAAG elections.

Up for election this year are President and Treasurer, and State Representatives from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and West Virginia (*Vote ONLY for State Representative from the state in which you are a member*).

**The ballots are coming!** Paper ballots will be mailed by August 21, 2009. Please watch your mail for the ballots, vote, and return ballots promptly. (The ballots are printed as postcards; we ask that you supply the stamp)

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### PRESIDENT

**Clifton 'Skeeter' Dixon** (Ph.D. 1988, Texas A&M University; M.S. 1980 & B.S. 1976, Louisiana State University) is professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to going to Southern Miss in 2000 as Department Chair, he served on the geography faculty at The University of Memphis for fifteen years. He attended his first SEDAAG meeting in 1977 and has been an active member since that time. Leadership and Service to SEDAAG includes: Vice President (2004-2006), state representative for Tennessee (1989-1991 & 1993-1995) and for Mississippi (2002-2004), Editorial Board for the *Southeastern Geographer*, Program Chair for the annual meetings in West Palm Beach (2005) and Morgantown (2006), Local Arrangements Chair for Memphis (1998) and Biloxi (2004), World Geography Bowl (1995-2005), Chair of the Tellers Committee (2001), Honors Committee (1997-1998), and he has organized and led several fieldtrips for our annual meetings. Other professional service includes to the AAG: Program and Local Arrangements Committee to the New Orleans meeting (2003), Steering Committee for Careers in Geographical Sciences (2005-2006), Healthy Departments Initiative (2004), International Committee (1999-2001), organized and led an AAG fieldtrip to Yucatan (1991), and he has served on the Board of Directors to the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers and editorial panel for several professional organizations. He received the Outstanding Instructor Award from The University of Memphis and The University of Southern Mississippi, Distinguished Young Researcher from Memphis, and the Professional MVP Award from SEDAAG/World Geography Bowl (2006). His research has been funded by the AAG, the National Council for Geographic Education, NASA, NOAA, Department of Defense, Department of Health, and the National Science Foundation. He has organized and led 28 field programs to Central America, Mexico, Europe, and has taken more than 250 students and professionals on extended research programs. He has presented approximately 45 professional papers at national and international conferences, published articles in 15 journals, and collaborated in funded research in excess of \$3 million. His current research focus involves pioneer agricultural settlements in the frontiers of Central America. Locally, he is working with land use characterization in the central coastal South and collaborating with NOAA on hurricane impacts to the northern Gulf of Mexico.

**Russell L. Ivy** (Ph.D. 1992, University of Florida, M.A. 1987 &

B.A. 1983, University of Missouri) is Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Geosciences at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He has been at Florida Atlantic since 1992 and has been Chair since 2004. Russ has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1988 and has served SEDAAG as the State Representative from Florida, Chair of the Tellers Committee, Local Arrangements Chair for the 2005 meeting in West Palm Beach, and Vice President and Program Chair for the Charleston meeting in 2007 and the Greensboro meeting in 2008. He is currently on the editorial board of the *Southeastern Geographer*, and has also served as discussant for paper and panel sessions at past meetings. Russ is also very active in the Florida Society of Geographers, having served as Vice President and President and currently serves as Editor of *The Florida Geographer*.

Russ' research interests lie in transportation, tourism and urban geography. He has authored and co-authored over 30 papers, book chapters and conference proceedings. Ivy's work has appeared in such publications as *The Professional Geographer*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Tourism Geographies*, *European Planning Studies*, *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences*, the *Southeastern Geographer*, and *The Florida Geographer*.

### TREASURER

**Sharon C. Cobb** (PhD., 1998, University of Florida; M.S., 1987, University of Idaho; B.Sc.(Hons), 1983, Sheffield University) is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of North Florida. She has been a member of the AAG first joining in 1987 and a member of SEDAAG first joining in 1988. She has served SEDAAG as Florida State Representative from 2004-06, as member of the Honors Committee from 2005-06, and member of the Annual Conference Program Committee from 2006-08. Her research interests include the geographies of finance, e-commerce, and business GIS. Her work has been published in *Growth and Change*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *The Industrial Geographer*, *Geografiska Annaler* and *Environment and Planning A*.

**Michael Steinberg** (PhD 1999 from LSU, MA 1992, BA 1988 from the University of Missouri – Columbia) is an assistant professor in both the Department of Geography and the New College at the University of Alabama. Prior to Alabama, he was an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii-Hilo, and the

University of Southern Maine. Michael has been a member of SEDAAG since arriving at Alabama in 2007. At Alabama, Michael directs the environmental studies minor and is the curator of ornithology at the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Michael's research pertains to endangered species, parks and protected areas, agro-ecological diversity, and development and the environment. Michael's field research is largely set in Central America, Mexico, and the US South. He has co-edited two books, has written one single-authored work, and has authored or co-authored more than 25 refereed journal articles. His articles have been published in such journals as the *Geographical Review*, *Professional Geographer*, *Yearbook of the Pacific Coast Geographers* (in press), *Conservation Biology*, *Mountain Research and Development*, and *Economic Botany*.

#### **ALABAMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Justin Hart** (Ph.D. 2007, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; M.S. 2004, University of Alabama; B.S. 2002, University of Memphis) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama. Justin is a biogeographer with interests in ecological plant geography and forest stand dynamics. His research is largely focused on forest communities of the southeastern U.S. Recent publication outlets include: *American Midland Naturalist*, *Forest Ecology and Management*, *Geographical Review*, *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society*, *Natural Areas Journal*, *Plant Ecology*, and *Tree-Ring Research*. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the USDA Forest Service among other agencies. He has been an active member of SEDAAG since starting graduate school at the University of Alabama in 2002. Since that time, Justin has presented research and served as a paper discussant and session chair at SEDAAG meetings.

**Joshua Inwood** has been at Auburn University since 2007. I have been a member of SEDAAG since 2002. I earned my Ph.D. from the University of Georgia where I focused on the historically significant African American neighborhood of Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, GA. I have published several articles in academic journals including: the *Southeastern Geographer*, *Social and Cultural Geography*, and *Antipode*. My overall research goal is to integrate critical theory with empirically-grounded analyses of key urban questions. Through my research I contribute to literatures that include urban geography, cultural geography, qualitative methods, critical race theory and justice studies. Given that one of my first publications was in the *Southeastern Geographer* and the regional division of SEDAAG has supported my early efforts in graduate school, I am happy to serve. Finally, I have a strong commitment to seeing that the Southeast Division of the AAG maintains its place as the preeminent regional affiliation of the AAG.

#### **FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Christopher F. Meindl** received his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Florida in 1996. His research interests include

environmental historical geography, wetlands, water resources and sustainability, particularly in Florida. He has published articles in the *Annals of the AAG*, *Environmental History*, the *Southeastern Geographer* and the *Florida Geographer*—and recently guest edited an issue of the *Southeastern Geographer*, a special issue devoted to Florida. After teaching a year at Florida Atlantic University, three years at Weber State University and three years at Georgia College & State University, he moved to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, where he has taught since 2003. He is currently an Associate Professor and the Graduate Coordinator for USFSP's graduate program in Environmental Science and Policy.

**Charles Roberts** has been at Florida Atlantic University since 1990 and has been heavily involved in building FAU's GIS curriculum, as well as human and environmental geography. He has supervised over 18 Master's students and served on another 20 committees in Geography, Geology, Anthropology and Environmental Science. Roberts' research and teaching areas are remote sensing and digital image analysis applied to urban and environmental issues. He has been past president and vice president of the Florida Society of Geographers and has organized that conference, presented, chaired sessions and led field trips. He was on the committee that planned the SEDAAG conference in West Palm Beach, and he planned and led that field trip.

#### **KENTUCKY STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Alice L. Jones** (Ph.D. City & Regional Planning 1998, Ohio State; M.A. 1991 Southwest Texas State; B. Journalism 1986 U. Texas-Austin) is an associate professor of Geography at Eastern Kentucky University and director of the Eastern Kentucky Environmental Research Institute which takes an interdisciplinary and multi-institutional research and outreach approach to understanding eastern and Appalachian Kentucky's ecosystems; connecting the university's technical expertise and resources to the region's needs; and linking this research to math and science education at the university and throughout the region. An AAG member since 1990, Jones's 18 years of teaching, research, and applied planning experience has centered on the relationship between land use and water quality and watershed management, ranging from the Edwards Aquifer region of central Texas to the urban-rural fringe of central Ohio, to the dynamic agricultural and coal-mining regions of eastern Kentucky. She serves as science advisor to the Kentucky River Watershed Watch and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, is an AmeriCorps VISTA supervisor for the U.S. Office of Surface Mining's Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team, and board member of the multi-state Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable.

**Haifeng (Charlie) Zhang** (Ph.D. 2006, University of South Carolina; MA, 2002, University of Nebraska at Omaha) is an assistant professor at the Department of Geography & Geosciences, University of Louisville, Kentucky. Charlie is an urban geographer with research interests in the geographic analysis of education issues (e.g., school choice and racial

inequalities) and urban crime using GIS and spatial statistical methods. His current research deals with the impacts of school desegregation plans on white flight and residential segregation in the Louisville Metropolitan Area. He has presented papers and organized sessions at AAG, SEDAAG, and other conferences. His publications have appeared in a number of peer-reviewed journals such as the *Journal of Geography*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Internet Journal of Criminology*, and *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences*. He has also served as a manuscript reviewer for the journal of *Chinese Geographical Science* and *Urban Studies*.

**Qiaofeng (Robin) Zhang**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences, and Research Associate, Mid-America Remote sensing Center (MARC), Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky. Ph.D. in Geography, the University of Western Ontario, Canada (2003); M.S. in Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences (1995) and B.S. in Geography, Nanjing University, China (1992). Her research and teaching interests are remote sensing and GIS for land use and land cover change, urban development, resource management and landscape ecology. She is the author or co-author of 10 journal articles and 15 conference presentations including publications in the *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, *Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing*, *Landscape and Urban Planning*, *Applied Geography*, and *Journal of Arid Environments*. She has reviewed articles for five professional journals, including the *Annals of the AAG*, *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing*, and *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*. She is the inaugural recipient of the 2008 Emerging Scholar Award of the Murray State University Alumni Association. Her Ph.D. thesis won the Best Ph.D. Thesis prize awarded by the Canadian Remote Sensing Society in 2003.

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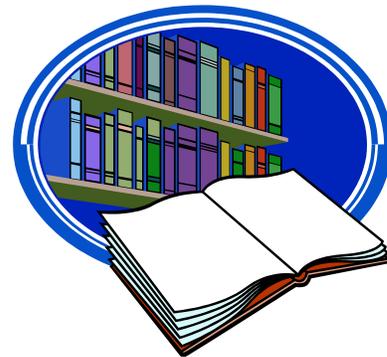
**Mark Long** teaches geography at the College of Charleston where he was the first director of the College’s minor in Geography. A graduate of USC and NUI, Cork, his research revolves around visual culture and political identity. He was involved in establishing the SAGE Affinity Group and in organizing the 2007 SEDAAG meeting.

**Christa Smith** (Ph.D., 2000, University of Tennessee) is an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Geography at Clemson University. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on urban and economic geography and Appalachia. Her earlier research focused on Habitat for Humanity and its effect on the affordable housing landscape. In addition, she explored the impact of Main Street programs as a tool for urban economic revitalization. Smith’s current research is an examination of mountaintop removal and cultural landscape change in southern Appalachia. Smith has presented papers at SEDAAG meetings and has been a reviewer for the *Southeastern Geographer*. She also served as the state of South Carolina coordinator for the World Geography Bowl.

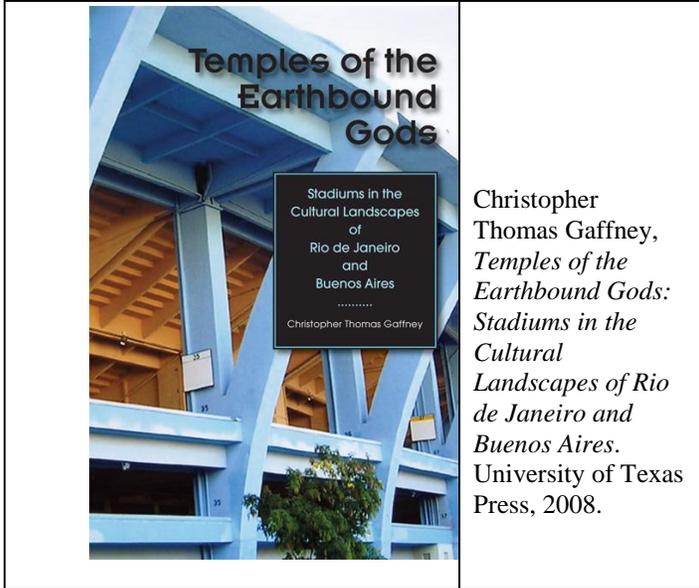
**WEST VIRGINIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Kevin Law**. I am a West Virginia native and received my Bachelor's Degree in Geography from West Virginia University in 1998. I then went on to receive my Master's and Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science from The Ohio State University in 2001 and 2006, respectively. My Ph.D. dissertation was entitled, "A Statistical Model to Forecast Short-term Atlantic Hurricane Intensity". This paper was later published in the American Meteorological Society journal, *Weather and Forecasting* and won the Association of American Geographers Climate Specialty Group Paper of the Year Award in 2008. I joined the Marshall University Department of Geography in the fall of 2006. I have developed several meteorology courses while at Marshall and have since developed a minor in meteorology. In addition, I am currently serving as the State Climatologist for the state of West Virginia.

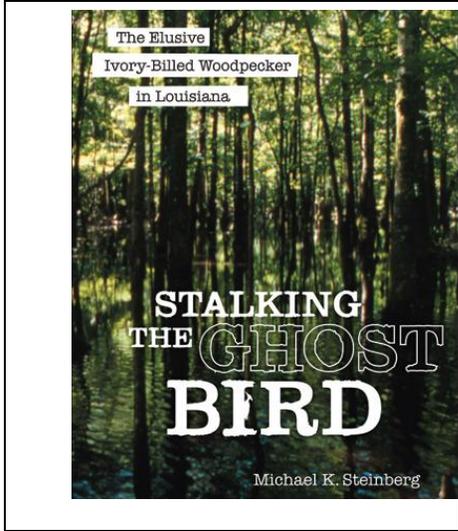
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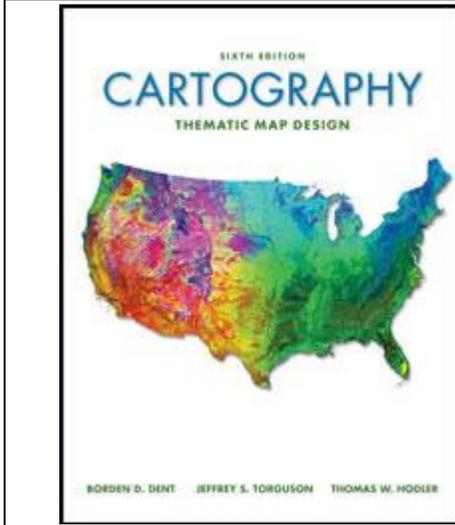
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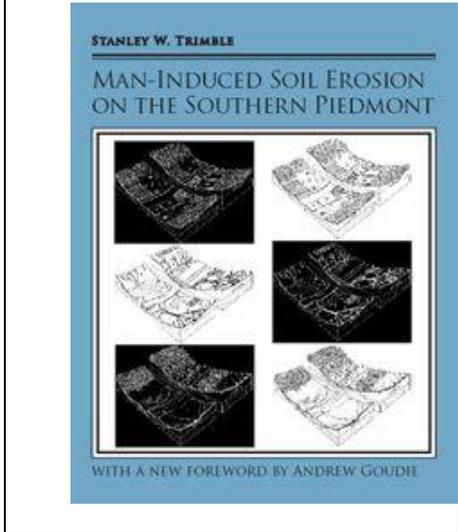
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**In Memoriam**

**Samuel T. Emory, Jr.**

It is with deep regret that the University of Mary Washington announces the death of Samuel T. Emory, Jr., founder of the Department and long-time SEDAAAG member, at his home in Fredericksburg on August 18, 2008.

Sam was born in 1933 in Durham, North Carolina, and grew up in Chapel Hill, the son of the University of North Carolina's first Geography professor. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina, and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. Sam's master's thesis was a study of the Durham Triassic Basin, and his doctoral dissertation explored agricultural land use in the lower Shenandoah Valley.

In 1959 Sam arrived at Mary Washington, and established what was then known as the Department of Geography and Geology. He guided the Department for nearly thirty years, and led it through a period of remarkable growth that brought it renown at both regional and national levels. Sam taught a wide variety of systematic and regional courses, and in his first years at the college he was also its Geology instructor. In the 1980s he introduced a field course that took students, by bicycle, through many western European countries. Sam was a true gentleman, in and out of the classroom, and was admired for his breadth of knowledge, wit, and devotion to his profession.

Sam also made his mark beyond the Mary Washington campus. He served as chairman of Fredericksburg's Republican Party in the 1970s and early 1980s, and was also active on the city's

Planning Commission, which he chaired for several years. In 1980, he and Sibby opened Sammy T's, a popular restaurant that became a cornerstone in the revitalization of the city's downtown area.

Sam Emory will be sorely missed by the Department, by the university, and by the Fredericksburg community.

*Submitted by Dawn Bowen, University of Mary Washington*

### **James B. Gouger III**

It is with great sadness that the University of Mary Washington announces the death of Dr. James B. Gouger III, former Chair of the Department of Geography and long-time SEDAAG member, on January 23, 2009, in Gainesville, Florida.

Jim was born in 1942 in Franklin, New Jersey, and received his undergraduate degree from Montclair State College in New Jersey. He then attended the University of Florida, where he was awarded the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Geography. His master's thesis analyzed agricultural development in the Stann Creek area of British Honduras (present-day Belize), while his doctoral

dissertation focused on changing land use patterns in Virginia's Northern Neck.

Jim joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1969, and retired in 1997. During this time he introduced courses in Cartography, Air Photo Interpretation, and the History of Geographic Thought, and expanded the Department's Latin America offerings. He was instrumental in organizing a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the Geography honorary society, and was its advisor for many years. Jim also began the tradition of taking Mary Washington Geography majors to the annual meetings of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, and encouraged their participation in the meetings' numerous activities, including the World Geography Bowl.

Jim Gouger left an enduring mark on the Department, and touched the lives of the hundreds of students who knew him, in the classroom, in the cartography lab, and in social settings. He will be remembered with affection.

*Submitted by Dawn Bowen, University of Mary Washington*



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**November 22-24, 2009 Knoxville, Tennessee**

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**Payments**

Please make registration checks payable to The University of Tennessee in U.S. Dollars drawn only from a U.S. bank. A Purchase order from a U.S. company or governmental entity is accepted as well as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy**

If you need to cancel your registration, you MUST DO SO IN WRITING. You may fax a cancellation notice to 865-974-0264, or you may mail a notice to UT Conferences, c/o SEDAAG 2009, PO Box 2648, Knoxville, TN 37901. You may also email your cancellation request to Conferences@utk.edu (be sure to put SEDAAG 2009 in the Subject line). If your registration is cancelled on or before November 2, 2009, you will receive a full refund less a \$15 processing fee. If your registration is cancelled on or after November 3, 2009, you will receive a full refund less a \$30 processing fee. Any cancellations received after November 18, 2009 will receive no refund. However, substitutions are welcome at any time, and will incur no processing fees.

**Conference location**

All conference sessions will be held at the Knoxville Hilton Hotel, 501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. Phone: 865-523-2300. Self parking is available at a daily rate of \$10.00 in parking lots adjacent to the Hotel. As the temperature in each meeting room of the Hotel may vary, it is advisable to bring a sweater to ensure your comfort during the sessions. Wireless Internet access is available in the Hotel to all participants.

**On-site Conference Registration and Check-in**

Registration check-in will begin on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 9:30am and 3pm until 6:30pm in the Lobby of the Hilton Hotel. The Registration Desk will again be open on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30am until 10:00 am. If you have not pre-registered for the conference, you will be able to pay in cash, check or credit card onsite. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are accepted.

**Lodging**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Hotel for the SEDAAG Conference. All reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Reservations should be made before **October 20, 2009**, to be assured of accommodations. After that date, requests will be filled on a space-available basis.

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**Field Trips: Sunday November 22, 2009**

**Field Trip #1: Physical & Human Geography of the Great Smoky Mountains: Cades Cove**

**Led by Dr. Henri Grissino-Mayer, University of Tennessee Department of Geography**

**9:00am to 6:00pm \$ 35 per person (includes transportation and box lunch)**

Come along on a trip to discover both the physical and human geography of the southern Appalachians. Cades Cove in Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the primary destination of the approximately 10 million park visitors each year. The picturesque cove is often shrouded in early morning fog through which visitors can glimpse park wildlife, especially turkey and white-tailed deer. The cove is a popular destination more so because of its frequent "bear sightings" that entertain visitors of all ages. The cove was first settled by European-Americans around 1819 and the community became close-knit during the next 115 years, until park establishment in the 1920s forced all living there to evacuate. The cove today is famous for its rustic 19th century architecture that displays how the people of the cove lived, worked, and died in a very isolated environment. We will leave Knoxville at 9:00 AM and arrive at Cades Cove about 10:00 AM. We will then drive the 11-mile one-way loop road around Cades Cove and enjoy the many sites and attractions, and stop occasionally to view the scenery. A rest stop at the Visitor Center will provide a chance to see first-hand the building structures of 19th Century Appalachia. We should arrive back in Knoxville by 6:00 PM. A box lunch with a choice of sandwiches will be provided.

**Field Trip #2: Museum of Appalachia**

**Led by Dr. John Rehder, University of Tennessee Department of Geography**

**11:00am to 6:00pm \$ 50 per person (includes transportation, box lunch, and admission fees)**

Join us on a fun-filled afternoon at the Museum of Appalachia, a living history museum of mountain life in the southern Appalachians. We will depart the Hilton at 11am and travel to the outdoor museum in Clinton, Tennessee. The Museum of Appalachia contains excellent examples of folk log house types, outbuildings and barn types. These include authentic smokehouses, cribs, sawmill, blacksmith shop, sorghum mill, church, and school. Live farm animals graze and mosey around; vegetable and flower gardens are part of the landscape experience. An indoor museum has displays of material folk culture in farm implements, logging and woodworking tools, fishing and hunting artifacts, and thousands of other cool old stuff. An adjacent gift shop/ book store is also here for those interested. The field trip will close with a scenic overview of nearby Norris Dam, the first of many Tennessee Valley Authority dams built in the region. We will return to the hotel at approximately 6pm. A box lunch with a choice of sandwiches will be provided.

**Field Trip #3: The Wine and Cheese of East Tennessee**

**Organized by Dawn M. Drake, University of Tennessee Department of Geography**

**Led by Jorene Hamilton, University of Tennessee Department of Geography**

**12:00pm to 6:00pm \$60 per person (includes transportation, admission fees, and appetizers)**

Wine and cheese, what a perfect combination! Our field trip will depart the Hilton at 12pm and travel to the Sweetwater Valley Cheese Farm in Philadelphia, Tennessee where we will take a tour of the farm to see the chain of production from "cow to cheese." The tour will include information on how the farm manages dairy cow diet and health using computers and recycles byproduct materials to reduce waste. It will conclude with a "lec'tour" of the cheese factory and a tasting. There also will be time to make purchases of Sweetwater Farm's cheese. The field trip will then continue on to Loudon, Tennessee and the Tennessee Valley Winery where we will discuss winemaking in this climate, tour their facilities, sample their products, and, if you desire, purchase their wines. We will conclude with appetizers and wine tasting at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in Knoxville. Fleming's consistently ranks among the top restaurants on the *Wine Spectator's* annual dining guide. The restaurant offers over 100 different wines by the glass. While the cost of the appetizers, such as mini crab cakes, tenderloin bouchee, and apple gorgonzola crostinis, is included in the price of the field trip, any wine you wish to consume will need to be paid for while at Flemings. We will return to the hotel by approximately 6pm.

**Field Trip #4: The Little River that Could****Led by Carol Harden, University of Tennessee Department of Geography & AAG President****1:00pm to 6:00pm      \$25 per person (includes transportation)**

This half-day trip follows the Little River from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where its waters are Outstanding Natural Resource Waters, through its crossing of Chilhowie Mountain, and to its confluence with the Tennessee River. We'll consider the river's history, the nature of its banks and bed, its behavior in floods and droughts, as well as land use and land-use change in the Valley and Ridge portion of the watershed. Along the way, we'll meet with a representative of the Little River Watershed Association and discuss changes being implemented to improve water quality in the lower reaches. The Little River watershed is an EPA-designated Targeted Watershed. We will depart the Hilton at 1:00pm and return at approximately 6:00pm. Dress for the weather.

**Field Trip #5: Walking Tour of Downtown Knoxville****Led by Jack Neely, Staff Writer for *Metro Pulse*****1:00pm to 4:00pm      \$ 5 per person**

The walking tour will outline the history of Knoxville, perhaps one of America's more complicated cities. Knoxville was founded as a territorial capital during the first term of George Washington's administration, and the village later served as Tennessee's first capital and was a modest publishing center. After losing that status in 1818, Knoxville languished, especially when geographical and financial problems delayed the arrival of railroads until 1855. Profoundly divided before and after the Civil War, it bloomed as an important industrial city in the 50 years after the war, with a diversified mix of iron, marble, lumber, furniture, and railroad-car factories and shops, plus regional wholesaling warehouses. Much of downtown's architecture dates from that period. The university, which had not been a major part of Knoxville's economy or culture in the 19th century, grew enormously in the 20th century. In 1933 the city became the headquarters of the Tennessee Valley Authority, during that agency's internationally famous and controversial early years, but slumped aesthetically; in 1947, bestselling travel writer John Gunther called it the Ugliest City in America. Knoxville was rebounding some by the time it hosted the 1982 World's Fair, which is remembered with a park and two very unusual theme structures. In recent years, downtown Knoxville has revived as a place to live and visit, largely through park development and renovations of its historic buildings. We will depart from the Hilton at 1pm and explore the city for approximately 3 hours. Walkers may exit the group at any time as we will stay in the general vicinity of the Hilton.

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**SAGE (Stand Alone Geographers) Travel Fellowship**  
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The SAGE group of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) recognizes that there are many solo geography practitioners in our profession, and we are trying to attract these stand alone geographers into SEDAAG. To do so, we are offering a Travel Fellowship for Tennessee SAGE geographers to attend the regional meeting in Knoxville. We are encouraging you to apply.

Applicants must have at least one post graduate degree in geography, must be fulltime instructional employees, must be solo geography practitioners in their institutions of higher learning, and must be housed in a non-geography department or program.

Please include a letter from your department or division head indicating that you will be granted leave to attend this professional meeting if you are selected.

Please submit a letter justifying your rationale for attending the SEDAAG meeting.

If you have questions, please contact:

Dr. Thomas Howard [Thomas.Howard@armstrong.edu](mailto:Thomas.Howard@armstrong.edu) Phone: 912-344-2698

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Geography courses taught during the past academic year and enrollment by course.

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