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Letter from the President

Let me welcome you to the new academic year by first sharing a couple of success stories that give geography great visibility at their institutions and across the Southeast. Geographers at the University of Tennessee begin their fall semester in their own \$4.5 million classroom building. Funded by a gift from geography alumni Bob Burchfiel, it gives the department a remarkable presence on the UT campus. If further evidence of a well-connected department were needed, the new doors open with the \$200,000 Ralston Family Endowment, dedicated in support of GIS research and development. Elsewhere, the April AAG *Newsletter* showcased the successes of South Carolina's Geographic Alliance. Housed in USC-Columbia's Center of Excellence for Geographic Education, the Alliance activities are a model of curriculum development and teacher training. The program's extensive geography faculty and graduate student participation impressively link teaching and research. Teaching resources and strategies, for example, incorporate advanced cartographic methods and technologies developed by USC graduate students in their research. The intersection of teaching, research, and service has garnered an array of external funding. Amid all this progress, South Carolina Alliance Coordinator Chuck Kovacik notes that geography must remain vigilant and respond to what society expects from our discipline. With the opportunities and expectations that a new year holds, I can't think of a better time to suggest that we return to the classroom with a renewed sense of commitment to our discipline and to our profession. External expectations make that commitment increasingly urgent. State Reports in the Spring SEDAAG *Newsletter* voiced continuing concern for programs threatened by state-level directives that establish minimum quotas for the number of graduates produced by major programs. Even if they seem to ignore a host of deeper issues such as the intrinsic value of individual disciplines, a restructuring that may narrow the curriculum, and possible risks to academic standards, demand-driven quotas quickly filter down to institutional decisions. Risks are greater for small programs but larger ones aren't exempt, either. What can we do? When Ron Abler was asked that same question during his visit to Charlotte last spring he quickly replied, "Pay attention to students — they need encouragement and time from faculty." Establishing our first line of defense in our classrooms and offices plays to our strength because geographers, as a group, are very student-centered. Although it may take more work and innovation, geography's content and research lend themselves to the career-opening skills that students seek from their classes. University administrators evaluate activities such as service-based class projects and internships highly because they cut across the teaching, research, and community service institutional mission components. These connections involve no erosion of standards. Instead, they allow us to capitalize on perspectives and technologies that are the domain of geography. The choir I'm preaching to soon may be dozing. I must mention two sources that reinforce our need to pay attention to our students and our future. Together, they might comprise a 12-step program for recovery, but solutions are not that simple. Ron Abler's "Five Steps to Oblivion II" (*AAG Newsletter*, January 2000) provides an alternately humorous and sobering view of the world that geography departments reside in. Sallie Ives, founding Director of UNC Charlotte's Teaching Center, shared with me the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) website: www.washington.edu/computing/windows/issue20/teaching.html.

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Future SEDAAG
Meetings
2000 - Chapel Hill, NC
2001 - Lexington, KY

It contains "The Seven Steps to Effective Teaching" focused on the role of technology in teaching and learning. Conceptually, it begins with faculty-student contact and elaborates on the points I've offered here. University administrators look to the AAHE for ideas; we can learn something there, too. We like to think of the cases where geography has narrowly avoided elimination as exceptional --- limited to just one or two here and there every several years or so

--- but maybe the best advice is an ounce of prevention. The advantages we realize by addressing these issues ultimately weigh a lot more. Be sure to vote in the SEDAAG elections and to nominate your best rising senior for the Prunty Scholarship. I wish you all the best for a good semester. We anticipate a good turn out in Chapel Hill and I look forward to seeing you there. Tyrel G. Moore President, SEDAAG
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NEWS AND NOTES

SEDAAG Meeting in Chapel Hill

The Department of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to again invite the Division to North Carolina and to Chapel Hill for its annual meeting. We are well aware that the membership has come to expect a conference that is intellectually stimulating and enjoyable, and intend to continue that tradition. Chapel Hill is widely recognized as almost the quintessential university community. The Carolina Inn, our meeting place, nestled into the western edge of campus, is an exceptionally attractive and relatively intimate facility that should nicely meet the Division's needs while insuring that we are the only game in town. A pleasant 10-minute stroll from the Inn will take you across one of the more inviting university campuses in the United States to such facilities as our excellent main library, Carolina's bookstore, and the Department of Geography's home in Saunders Hall. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill's commercial core, dotted with shops and restaurants, is only a block from the Inn. You will discover that Chapel Hill has a cosmopolitan restaurant scene with cuisines and prices to fit most tastes.

The conference will as usual run Sunday through Tuesday (November 19-21). Plan to be here by noon Sunday to watch the always interesting and competitive SEDAAG Geography Bowl,

or even earlier to take one of the field trips that will introduce you to the Carolina Piedmont. Better yet, come the day before and share a Saturday night on Franklin Street. Think about visiting the Jugtown folk pottery area or High Point's collection of outstanding furniture houses on your way--both are little more than hour away from Chapel Hill. Weather in central North Carolina in late November is characteristic of much of the upper South--unpredictable. We can hope for balmy days around 70, but you should also recognize the possibility for damp days with highs in the 40s. We will be sending registration packets with more information by the end of September. By early September you will also be able to get meeting information by visiting our departmental website at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/geog/> and clicking on SEDAAG 2000. That site will be updated through the fall. Also please contact me at jflorin@email.unc.edu with inquiries.

We look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill in November.
John Florin
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee



In Memoriam

Happily, no deaths of our members have been reported. If you know of SEDAAG members who have passed away, please report this information to me and I will pass the information along to the spring *Newsletter* Editor.

- Allan James, Editor

FROM THE TREASURER

The SEDAAG fiscal year is approaching its close, and I have sent out two dues notices to members. This newsletter report will constitute the third notice, after which, as required by Division policy, I will remove from membership those individuals with the following number combinations on their mailing labels: 99S, 98R, 98RET, 98SP. Members should contact me if there is a problem with the records.

Division treasurers have tried over the years to use various means to enhance earnings by investing temporarily surplus operating and reserve funds in interest-bearing accounts and the SEDAAG Endowment in a certificate of deposit. In the last calendar year, SEDAAG accounts earned more than \$2000 in interest, about 1/3 of which was from the SEDAAG Endowment.

SEDAAG members continue to support the endowments generously and have contributed nearly \$700 since November 1, 1999. The donors since the last newsletter:

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Susan Brooker-Gross
John Fraser Hart

-- Thank you! John Winberry, Treasurer

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Panel Discussions at Chapel Hill:

Future Role of Disciplinary Organizations

A panel discussion will be held at the November meeting in Chapel Hill. Panelists will discuss the future roles of disciplinary and professional organizations. Experience and forecasts for the future information assessment of the needs of academic and applied geography, and of the ways that organizations such as SEDAAG can support those needs in the 21st century. For information contact Susan R. Brooker_Gross, Information Systems and Computing, Mail Code 0457, 1900 Kraft Drive, Suite 225, Virginia Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ., Blacksburg, VA 24060
Ph: 540_231_1715; Email: srb144@vt.edu.

Remote Sensing / GIS Data Integration

A panel discussion session is planned at the SEDAAG meeting at Chapel Hill on "Remote Sensing and GIS Data Integration." Each panelist will be given about 10 minutes to briefly comment on the issue, followed by an open discussion among audience and panelists. This session is sponsored by the Remote Sensing Specialty Group (RSSG) and the GIS Specialty Group of the AAG. At least five panelists are participating, including C.P. Lo, Michael Hodgson, L. Han, Basil Savitsky, and myself. For questions or if others wish to participate, contact Dr. Qihao Weng: Dept. of Geography, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487_0322, Phone: (205)348_0086, Fax: (205)348_2278, E_mail: qweng@bama.ua.edu.

Political Geography Sessions

Organized political geography sessions are planned for the 55th meeting of SEDAAG in Chapel Hill. Papers on political geography topics ranging from the local to international scales are welcome, but papers on political boundaries and/or issues pertinent to North Carolina's political geography are particularly appropriate. Those interested in participating may contact any one of the three organizers: Stanley Brunn, Univ. Kentucky, (606) 257_6947, brunn@pop.uky.edu; Fred Shelley, Southwest Texas State Univ., (512) 245_8704, fs03@swt.edu; or Jerry Webster, Univ. Alabama, (205) 348_1532, gwebster@bama.ua.edu.

Graduate Recruitment in Chapel Hill

SEDAAG 2000 will again provide time and space for departments to recruit undergraduates to their graduate programs. Our annual meeting always attracts a large number of undergraduates, and many of them are contemplating an advanced degree in geography. Please encourage your undergraduates exploring graduate school options to attend. Departments wishing to participate should plan on staffing a table with a faculty member and a graduate student during the day on Monday. Displays, handouts, and other materials should fit on a small table. For more information, and to let us know that your department will have an information table at the meeting, please contact John Florin, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 27599-3220; or jflorin@email.unc.edu

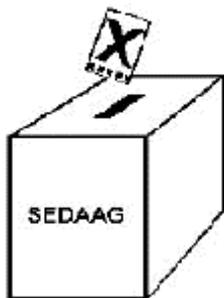
State Representative for Mississippi State

Taylor Mack has agreed to serve as the replacement state representative for Doug Gamble who has relocated to UNC Wilmington. Thanks, Taylor!

ELECTIONS

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD: USE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Election time is here again, and this year we elect a new Vice President and Secretary, as well as state representatives from Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The nominations committee chaired by Tom Bell, University of Tennessee, has compiled the following list of nominees who would be willing to serve if elected. Biographical information provided by the candidates is included here to assist in your decision making. Please take time to mark the ballot and return it by September 30, 2000. **Note that only state members may vote for that state's representative.** Remember your vote counts! Return to: Professor Russell Ivy, Dept. Geography and Geology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL 33431



Stephen J. Walsh; is a Professor of Geography and Director of the Landscape Characterization & Spatial Analysis Lab (LC&SAL), Research Fellow, Carolina Population Center; Research Fellow, Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is the former Amos H. Hawley Professor of Geography (1993_1996) and Director of the Spatial Analysis Unit at the Carolina Population Center (1992_1997). He is the past Chair of the GIS (1997_1999) and the Remote Sensing (1995_1997) Specialty Groups of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). In 1997, Professor Walsh was the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution Award and Medal from the Remote Sensing Specialty Group of the AAG, and in 1999 was awarded Research Honors from SEDAAG. He is on the editorial boards of *Plant Ecology* (1996_present), *Journal of Geography* (1995_present), *The Professional Geographer* (1997_2000), and the *Southeastern Geographer* (1992_1999). He also has recently co-authored special remote sensing and GIS application issues in the *Journal of Vegetation Science* (1994) and *Geomorphology* (1998), and a book with Kluwer Academic Publishing, *GIS and Remote Sensing Applications in Biogeography and Ecology*, Millington, Walsh, and Osborne co_editors (2000). He also was awarded (Walsh, Welsh, Evans, Rindfuss, and Entwisle) the Best Scientific Paper Award in Remote Sensing from ERDAS Corporation at the 2000 Conference of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Professor Walsh's research interests are in GIS, remote sensing, spatial analysis, physical geography, and population_environment interactions. Specific research foci are in pattern and process at the alpine treeline ecotone, nature and society interactions, health care delivery, scale dependence and information scaling, and landuse/landcover dynamics and change modeling. Major studies are underway in Ecuador and Thailand on nature and society, in North Carolina on river dynamics and landscape ecology as well as health care delivery in rural environments, and in Montana on the alpine treeline ecotone. Selected service to Geography has included membership on the Dissertation Improvement Panel (1997_1999) of the NSF Geography & Regional Science Program; Secretary of SEDAAG (1992_1994) and Editor of the *SEDAAG Newsletter*; and member of the AAG Research Committee (1999_present).

VICE PRESIDENT:

Joann Mossa (Ph.D., 1990, Louisiana State University; M.S., Louisiana State University; B.A., Rutgers University) is Associate Professor of Geography and Undergraduate Coordinator at the University of Florida. Her service to SEDAAG includes the Nominations Committee (1999), Technical Program Committee (1993 and 1998), Tellers Committee Chair (1998), Honors Committee (1997), Florida State Representative to the Steering Committee (1994_95), and Florida Team Coordinator for the Geography Bowl (1993_1999). She has been a panel discussant regarding Women in the South and Physical Geography in the South, and has been presenter, session chair and/or discussant at SEDAAG meetings. Her research and teaching is in physical geography and geomorphology, particularly human impacts in rivers of the southeastern U.S. She has co_authored *Natural Landscapes of the United States*, and has published articles in *Applied Geography*, the *Journal of Geography*, the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, *Physical Geography*, *Zeitschrift für Geomorphologie* and in numerous other environmental and geologic journals. In the recent past, she has been Chair and Secretary_Treasurer of the AAG Geomorphology Specialty Group, and Chair, Vice_Chair and Executive Board Member of the AAG Coastal and Marine Geography Specialty Group. Currently, she is on the editorial board of the *Southeastern Geographer* and the *Journal of Geography*, is co_editing a special issue of *Zeitschrift für Geomorphologie*, and is Vice President of the Florida Society of Geographers.

SECRETARY:

Altha J. Cravey: (Ph.D., 1993, University of Iowa; M.S., 1988, University of Wisconsin_Madison; B.A., 1985, Indiana University_Indianapolis) is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She first joined SEDAAG in 1994 and served as the North Carolina Representative from 1997 to 1998, Co_Chair of the Division's Committee on the Status of Women in Geography from 1998 to 2000, and will serve as a member of SEDAAG's Honor's Committee in 2000_2001. A former active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers her publications and research center around globalization, labor and gender issues in contemporary Mexico. She has received funding for her work from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences. The author of Women and Work in Mexico's Maquiladoras (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998), her research can also be found such journals as *Economic Geography*, the *Southeastern Geographer*, and *Progress in Human Geography*.

Jonathan Leib is Assistant Professor at Florida State University and Editor of the *Journal of Geography*. Jonathan received his Ph. D. from Syracuse University in 1992 and taught for three years at Georgia Southern University before coming to FSU in 1995. His research interests are in political geography, with an emphasis on race and representation in the American South. His work has been published or accepted for publication in journals such as the *Southeastern Geographer*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Geography*, *GeoJournal* and *Ecumene*. He was co_editor of the 1998 book, Teaching Political Geography, and has written several book chapters. Jonathan is currently finishing a three year term as editor of the *Journal of Geography*, the National Council for Geographic Education's flagship publication. He has served on SEDAAG's Honors and Audit Committees, and is an active participant in SEDAAG meetings having been a presenter, discussant, session organizer and field trip leader.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Georgia

Associate Dean **Thomas W. Hodler** earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana Univ., Bloomington, in 1969 and 1971 respectively. He earned his doctoral degree in geography from Oregon State Univ., Corvallis, in 1977. After teaching geography at Western Michigan Univ. for four years, he joined the faculty at the University of Georgia in 1981 where he holds the academic rank of Professor of Geography. He served as Graduate Coordinator 1995 to 1998 and was appointed Assoc. Dean of the Graduate School in July 1999.

Dr. Hodler's research is in the areas of cartographic visualization, animation, and interactive atlas design and production. He co_authored The Atlas of Georgia in 1986 and The Interactive Atlas of Georgia in 1994 and 1996. He is presently investigating the role of map animation as applied to interactive atlases with specific focus on map sonification. He is currently serving as cartographic editor for the journals *Urban Geography* and the *Southeastern Geographer*. Dr. Hodler has served as student director of the Cartography Specialty Group and is past Technical Editor of *Cartography and GIS* (when it was *The American Cartographer*). He is a member of the AAG, SEDAAG, North

American Cartographic Information Society, the Council of Graduate Schools and the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools.

Mississippi

Michael Brown (Ph.D., 2000, Univ. North Carolina - Chapel Hill; M.S., 1995, Mississippi State Univ.; B.S., 1991, Western Illinois Univ.) is an Assistant Professor of Geography within the Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State Univ. He has been a member of the AAG since 1994 and of SEDAAG since 1996. His current research addresses severe storm environments in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. and the role of soils and vegetation in the development of convection in the Deep South. He is also working on a precision agriculture study with the State Climate Office of Mississippi. He has recently presented papers at AAG, SEDAAG, and National Weather Assn. (NWA) conferences and has published in the *International Journal of Climatology*.

North Carolina

Heather Anne Smith: (Ph.D., 2000, University of British Columbia; M.A., 1993, Queen's University; B.A., 1989, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Junior Year Abroad, 1987_1988, Univ. of Bristol), is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is also the Coordinator of the College of Arts and Sciences' Urban Studies Minor. Heather has been a member of SEDAAG since her return to North Carolina in 1999 and serves on the Tellers Committee this year. Other professional memberships include the AAG (since 1993) where she is a member of the Urban Geography Specialty Group; the Canadian Assn. of Geographers (CAG) (since 1991) where she served as the Regional Representative for the Canadian Women and Geography Committee; and the Institute of British Geographers (IBG) (since 1993). She is also a member of the Urban Affairs Assn. and the National Council for Geographic Education. Heather is an urban/social geographer whose research focuses on the interplay between global and local restructuring. She is especially interested in issues of polarization, gentrification, concentrated urban poverty, social exclusion and immigration. In addition to regular paper presentations at the AAG and CAG, Heather has co_published articles in the *Canadian Journal of Regional Science* and *Urban Studies*. As a researcher with the Vancouver Center of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis she explored the myth of a Canadian urban underclass and prepared commentary and working papers investigating the relationship between immigration and deprivation. Her love of geography and teaching stems directly from her experiences as an undergraduate at Chapel Hill.

North Carolina

Pete Soulé has been a member of SEDAAG since 1986 and has attended 13 of the last 14 annual meetings. For the division, he has served on the Honors Committee, the Resolutions Committee, the Program Committee (2000 meeting), and the editorial board for the *Southeastern Geographer*. In addition, he is a frequent manuscript reviewer for the *Southeastern Geographer* and has served as

a paper discussant and/or session chair at most SEDAAG meetings he has attended. For the AAG, he has served on the Program Committee and the Grants Committee. He has been on the faculty at Appalachian State Univ. since 1993 and currently holds the position of Professor. Prior to joining ASU he was a faculty member at the Univ. of Alabama. His research interests are in climatology and global change, and he has published in a variety of refereed journals, including the *International Journal of Climatology*, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Global Change Biology*, and the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Tennessee

Craig R. Laing is an assistant professor of geography at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. He graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in geography from Marshall University and a PhD in geography in 1997 from the University of Tennessee. Graig has made six presentations at various AAG and SEDAAG meetings dealing with spatial aspects of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Craig's article entitled "*Spatial Investment Strategies of Federal Assistance to Appalachia*" published in the May, 1999 *Southeastern Geographer* discussed the geography of the Appalachian Regional Commission's social programs. For the last several years, Craig has worked with the Tennessee Geographic Alliance and currently serves as one of three regional coordinators with the Alliance. Since the fall of 1998, Craig has served as the interim Tennessee state representative to SEDAAG to fill out the term of John Kupfer.

Virginia

Helen Ruth Aspaas is Assistant Professor in the Geography Program in the Dept. of Urban Studies at Virginia Commonwealth Univ. in Richmond. She came to VCU in the fall of 1998 from Utah State Univ. so is a relative newcomer to SEDAAG. She

attended the Memphis meeting in 1998 where she presented a paper and served as a discussant. Her membership in AAG has been continuous since 1984. Her teaching responsibilities focus on the broad undergraduate general education geography courses, and she is actively involved in the Virginia Geographic Alliance. Her research interests address women's roles in rural economic development in East Africa, Southwestern United States and rural Virginia. She has published in *The Social Science Journal*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Women and Natural Resources*, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* and *The Virginia Geographer* and is co-author for the supplements to the Lydia Pulsipher World Regional Geography text.

Virginia

Joseph E. Garcia: (Ph.D., 1992, and M.S., 1987, Univ. of Georgia; B.A., 1979, Rutgers Univ.) is Associate Professor of Geography and Earth Science at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia. He has been a member of SEDAAG for 13 years and of AAG for 11 years. He currently serves as an Editorial Board Member of the *Southeastern Geographer* and as a member of the Audit Committee. In the past he has served as a paper discussant, session chair, and as a Program Committee member. His research interests are in geomorphology and hydrology, with an emphasis on stream processes. He has published articles in *Southeastern Geographer* and *Physical Geography* and served as a consultant for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District of Virginia. In 1995, he received both the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching and Teaching Incentive Program awards from the Univ. of South Florida.



NOMINATIONS OPEN

Special Awards

Nominations remain open for three special awards. **Send nominations by September 23**, to **Dr. Susan Walcott**, Chair, Dept. Anthropology and Geography, GSU, 33 Gilmer St., Univ. Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303_3083. Email: swalcott@gsu.edu

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 forms; (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 (reflecting the cumulative work of several years or the publication of important contributions in a shorter period of time, and (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; and (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.

Send nominations by September 23, 2000, to: **Dr. Susan Walcott**, Chair, Dept. Anthropology and Geography, GSU, 33 Gilmer St., Univ. Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303_3083. Email: swalcott@gsu.edu

NOTE: Please furnish a complete curriculum vitae for each candidate as part of the nomination packet. Awards to more than one candidate will be considered.

Student Awards

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.

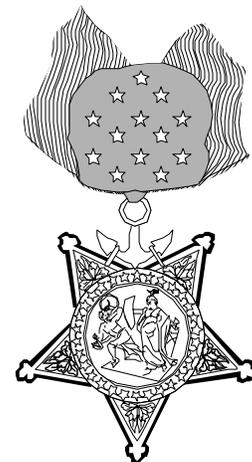
Eligibility: Applicants must currently be juniors or seniors and enrolled as geography majors (or geography minors) in a college or university located within the Southeastern Division. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a professional career or the clear potential to pursue academic 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 Luncheon at the 2000 Division meeting in Tampa, Florida. 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 summer, 2000; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the applicant. The letters should include evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer.

Send Applications by September 23, 2000, to:

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Dept. Anthropology and
Geography, GSU, 33 Gilmer St.,
Univ. Plaza, Atlanta GA
30303_3083. Email:
swalcott@gsu.edu



Last Call for Papers & Posters: 55th SEDAAG Meeting

Chapel Hill, November 19-21, 2000

The 2000 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Chapel Hill, November 19-21. I invite you to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. Given the popularity of our first two poster sessions, we will offer a poster format at the Chapel Hill meeting. The deadline for receipt of papers, abstracts, and poster descriptions is September 15. Guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this section. Paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG. We especially encourage students to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the Student Honors Competition and the Gamma Theta Upsilon undergraduate paper sessions. Included with this call for papers are the guidelines for this year's competitions. The Honors Committee is chaired by Dr. Susan Walcott, Dept. of Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State University, 33 Gilmer St., University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083; swalcott@gsu.edu.



Those who wish to arrange thematic paper sessions, conduct workshops, or schedule meetings should contact

me as soon as possible. Specially organized sessions are particularly welcome: their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. To facilitate organization of the program, final details of special events are due by Sept. 1, 2000. On the back of this *Newsletter* is a form for volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions. Planning for the Chapel Hill meeting is underway. Field trips and thematic sessions are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the hotel. To reserve display space, contact John Florin, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Geography Dept., UNC-Chapel Hill. Our policy is to create a smoke free environment at our annual meetings. Please contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to volunteer to be a discussant and/or session chair. Ron Mitchelson, Program Chair, Geography Department; East Carolina Univ.; 227A Brewster Bldg.; Greenville, NC 27858; (919)328-6230; Fax: (919)328-6054; mitchelsonR@mail.ecu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR 2000 PAPERS, ABSTRACTS, & SPECIAL SESSIONS

The **deadline** for receipt of papers and abstracts by the Program Chair is **Sept. 15, 2000**. Papers received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee. **All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.** A membership application is included on the back of this *Newsletter*.

Participation Form

- (1) Each paper should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) title of the paper; (b) author's (or authors') name(s) and titles; (c) affiliation; (d) complete address; and (e) electronic mail address, if available.
- (2) Carousel slide projectors and overhead projectors will be provided. Please indicate if you need audio_visual equipment OTHER than these.
- (3) If applicable, please indicate that the paper is being submitted for the Student Honors competition, and whether it is for the masters or doctoral level competition. See "Guidelines for Student Honors Competition" below.

Papers

- (1) **Five (5) copies of the text of each paper must be submitted.** Maps, graphs, and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form. Papers submitted for the Student Honors competition should include ten (10) copies.

- (2) **Papers must not exceed eight (8) double-spaced typed pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. To comply with the eight-page limit, full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** Papers must be presented in 15 minutes or less. Additional time will be allotted for discussion and questions. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight-page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.
- (3) **The title of the paper should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name must not appear on this page or on pages in the body of the paper. Pages of the text must have at least one inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides.
- (4) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.
- (5) **Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.
- (6) **Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience.** Be certain that graphics projected on a screen can be read at 25 feet. Maps, tables, and graphics may be duplicated and distributed to the audience. Overhead and carousel slide projectors will be

available for paper presentations.

Abstracts

- (1) An abstract must accompany all papers submitted. The abstract may be no longer than 200 words.
- (2) Abstracts should also be submitted on 3.5 inch diskettes. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII formats for either IBM or Macintosh are acceptable. Indicate your name, title of your paper, software type and version, and whether it is in MAC or DOS environment on your disk.
- (3) Since the abstracts will be reformatted for publication purposes, a strict format will not be imposed. However, paper titles, authors' names, and authors' institutional affiliations must be clearly identified preceding the body of the abstract.
- (4) The body of the abstract must be single spaced and without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs.
- (5) Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts they submit. Although reformatted, they will be printed as submitted.

Special Session Guidelines

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:

- (1) All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process.
- (2) Organizers should provide a *special session plan* to the program chair **by Sept. 1** which should include intended participants, paper titles, session chair, and discussant(s).
- (3) Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide commentary on each paper.
- (4) Time and space constraints dictate that a Special Session should have a minimum of four papers. The Program Chair reserves the right to merge papers into other sessions if three or fewer papers are submitted or survive the review process.

Send papers and abstracts to -

Ron Mitchelson, Program Chair, Geography Dept.; East Carolina Univ.; 227A Brewster Bldg.; Greenville, NC 27858; (919)328_6230; Fax: (919)328_6054; e_mail: MitchelsonR@mail.ecu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR 2000 POSTERS AND POSTER DESCRIPTIONS

The **deadline** for the receipt of poster descriptions and abstracts is **Sept. 15, 2000**. Poster submissions received after the deadline will be returned to authors. Papers describing posters received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee. **All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.** See the membership application on the back of this *Newsletter*.



Participation Form

- (1) Each poster submission should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) the word "POSTER" at the top of the page; (b) title of the poster; (c) author(s)' name(s) and titles; (d) affiliation; (e) complete address; and (f) electronic mail address.
- (2) Poster boards and easels will be provided.
- (3) Posters may not be submitted for the Student Honors competition.

Poster Descriptions

- (1) **For review by the Program Committee, poster submissions must be accompanied by a two-page description, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. Full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** The poster description is necessary for the review process and should detail the purpose statement, research design, related literature, and research findings. For

the review process, **five (5) copies of the text of the poster description must be submitted.** Maps, graphs, and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form.

- (2) **The title of the poster description should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name must not appear on this page or on pages in the body of the description. Pages of the text must have at least one inch margins at the top and bottom and on the right and left sides.
- (3) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.
- (4) **Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.
- (5) Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in a single session and should not exceed 36" by 44". Poster boards will be supplied by SEDAAG. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of 3 feet. Text should be confined to brief statements.

Abstracts

An abstract must be submitted with the poster description. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts. Please see the requirements for abstracts indicated above.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDENT HONORS COMPETITION

Objectives: The Student Honors competition at the annual SEDAAG meeting is designed to (1) encourage graduate student research and publication; (2) stimulate graduate student attendance and active participation at the annual meeting; (3) provide a training ground for the oral presentation of research findings at professional meetings; and, (4) recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.



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

Departmental Responsibilities: Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of graduate students submitting papers for the Honors competition and conduct preliminary screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that the authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 2000 meeting in Chapel Hill, NC, and be present at the **luncheon** awards ceremony.

Awards: Normally one master's-level and one Ph.D.-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. For the first time, the Ph.D. award will be for \$1000 thanks to John Fraser Hart's generous gift, and the Masters award has been doubled to \$400. Each award includes a year's paid membership in the Assn. of American Geographers (AAG), and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the Honors luncheon. All students who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and Honors luncheon fees waived.

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

Evaluation Procedures: Papers 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. Papers 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.

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 upon one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer. Papers without such a focus will be scored lower.

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

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

Submission of Papers: A paper submitted for Honors competition must be accompanied by a letter from the student's advisor or head of the sponsoring department verifying the status and eligibility of the student and indicating whether it is for the M.A. or Ph.D. competition.

Papers submitted for the Honors competition must conform to guidelines for papers and abstracts, with the following additions: (1) **TEN**, rather than six, copies of the paper must be submitted, and (2) **a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission**, verifying the status and eligibility of the student and the level of competition (M.A. or Ph.D.).

Copies of papers with abstracts should be sent **by Sept. 15, 2000** to **Dr. Susan Walcott**, Chair, Dept. Anthropology and Geography, GSU, 33 Gilmer St., Univ. Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303-3083. Email: swalcott@gsu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR GAMMA THETA UPSILON UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS

Undergraduate students are urged to present papers in a special GTU paper session. These papers will not be reviewed by the Program Committee, and no Honors competition will be held. Initial screening should be the responsibility of faculty advisors; but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as for the regular and

Honors papers, except that only three (3) copies are needed. Please encourage your undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

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WRITE ON!

Please submit announcements and information that you consider relevant for the SEDAAG *Newsletter*. Early submission of items is encouraged so that I can estimate our printing needs. If possible, send submissions by email or on floppy disk so they will be in digital form. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or simple ASCII (DOS) files are all ok.



SEDAAG WEB SITE

Bill Carstensen continues to monitor the SEDAAG web site which contains a number of interesting features and links including state reports, past newsletters, officers and addresses, a membership application, links to the Southeaster Geographer, AAG, and other sites, etc. This is a good first stop for any questions you may have about our organization and its officers.

Thanks Bill!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This is the last *Newsletter* issue that I will edit. I'm amazed at how quickly the four issues have gone by. It has been an honor and a wonderful learning experience to act as *Newsletter* editor. There is no better way that I know of to learn how SEDAAG works than to act as secretary/editor. I thank all the contributors, especially Tink Moore, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Chapel Hill for a memorable meeting.

Allan James, Ajames@sc.edu

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Volunteers for the Chapel Hill SEDAAG Meeting

I will: () Chair a Session; () Discuss a Paper; () Chair and Discuss at the November 19_21, 2000 meeting.

Name: _____

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