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## From the President

“Play to your strengths!” I think about this phrase when I consider new academic opportunities and new possible research initiatives. Maintaining a comparative advantage is another way of interpreting this phrase, particularly when it comes to submitting research proposals to national competitions and trying to gauge a proposal’s probability of success while still in the design stage. To be successful with funding organizations, you need to have good ideas, show explicit links to theories that frame the study, give perspective and context to clearly articulated research aims, have a well-crafted research design, and suggest outcomes that are compelling, germane to the solicitation, and are supported by the design.

A successful proposal begins very early in the process—deciding if a proposal is even possible given competing commitments and opportunities, considering the path the research might take, and realistically assessing expertise and competitiveness. I try to objectively evaluate my capabilities and experiences relative to the objectives of the solicitation, and where necessary and opportune, consider adding to my core strengths through collaboration.

Over the years, my collaborative research has been extremely rewarding, and I think successful, using a variety of metrics, whether associated with my alpine treeline research in Montana and now the U.S. West, human-environment interactions in Thailand and Ecuador, health-care delivery in North Carolina, or the development and use of geospatial data and spatial digital technologies for landscape characterization, and for linking people, place and environment for land use/land cover studies and human dimensions research. The collaboration has made the research stronger, the proposals more competitive and the

learning more exciting. The friendships made have been long-lasting, and the training for my students more integrative and synthetic. The benefits to accrue are many, but the costs can be significant, too.

For me, the costs began early and were quite basic to start—trying to find a common language of science that resonated across the social, natural and spatial sciences. Initially, my collaborators and I resorted to defining critical terms, assigning each other key readings in alternate disciplines and having discussions to get to know each other personally and professionally. The costs were the time and effort involved, and the feeling of being a relative neophyte in someone else’s science.

The benefits were our collective belief that we could be a formable team and successfully compete in national competitions for research funding by asking and answering complex questions that were multidisciplinary in nature, required theories and concepts from across the sciences, and integrated practices and procedures that extended across our collective disciplines and even beyond. It helped that I was a tenured faculty member, had other research initiatives underway, and could afford some risk time and effort to see what might develop. More than 10 years of uninterrupted collaboration with one group and nearly 20 years with the other speak to how rewarding and successful the collaboration has been, and how relevant the science and training conducted.

Now back to “Play to your strengths!” Geographers have considerable comparative advantages for being successfully involved in integrative research that might entail collaborative teams, but not necessarily so. Most geographers receive broad training across the sciences with core strengths in

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chosen fields and selected perspectives. The capability to consider crosscutting issues, to be familiar with a diversity of methods and approaches, to develop considerable strengths in core areas as well as related fields, and to be interested in theory and practice are considerable strengths to play to, particularly in this time of integrative research and relevance to some of society's most compelling questions. For instance, in my areas of study, NASA has a Landcover/Landuse Change Program that has emphasized deforestation in the Amazon Basin. NIH has a number of new Roadmap Initiatives that deal with the synthesis of methods as well as the study of people, environment and health. NSF sponsored a Biocomplexity Program for many years, and now has begun a new research program, Social and Human Dynamics, in which the human dimensions of complex systems are emphasized, and more.

All these programs link across the social, natural and spatial sciences, involve multiple frameworks as diverse as Complexity Theory and Life Course Theory, and encourage integration and synthesis across the sciences as being fundamental. Geographers have distinct comparative advantages in training and perspective to successfully compete, and many departments have social, natural and spatial scientists on their faculties who also have ties to faculty in diverse fields of study for possible collaboration. A number of these special proposal competitions run for considerable periods of time, while other areas of study are more generally emphasized. The key is to identify a funding program or set of funding programs and begin to marshal the expertise, possibly conduct pilot studies or proof-of-concept research,

devise important research questions and create a team identity.

Generally, the time from proposal solicitation to submission is short, too short to start from scratch once the call for proposals hits the streets. My suggestion is to think strategically now about your comparative advantages, the interests of department faculty and students, and begin to identify groups of scholars who might be interested in collaboration and proposal development. Also, instead of always reacting to research solicitations that generally have short fuses, consider where you want to go with your research (as an individual or as a group of scholars), what a competitive research team might look like, and identify critical research themes where comparative advantages are obvious or developable. From my experience, adding a special capability to the core group, such as a spatial modeler or someone engaged in social networks research, may add to the group's capabilities, depending upon the nature of the research solicitation.

In sum, geographers are well-trained and have much to offer to the suite of integrative research initiatives being sponsored by lead government organizations and foundations. We should play to our strengths by conducting a critical review of our research capabilities, enhancing core strength through collaboration across the sciences and synthesis across the team, setting realistic research themes and trajectories, and viewing a research proposal as a process. While securing funding may be the goal, the benefits of the process are considerable.

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## Final Call for Papers and Posters

*59th SEDAAG Meeting  
Biloxi, Miss.  
Nov. 21–23, 2004*

The 2004 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Biloxi, Miss., Nov. 21–23. Field trips and thematic sessions for the Biloxi meeting are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the conference center. For questions about local arrangements, contact Clifton Dixon, Geography Department, University of Southern Mississippi, at (601) 266-4729 or [c.dixon@usm.edu](mailto:c.dixon@usm.edu).

You are invited to attend the meeting, participate in the program and submit a paper or a poster. Students are encouraged to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the Student Honors Competition and the Gamma Theta Upsilon [GTU] undergraduate paper sessions, as described in the corresponding sections below. The deadline for receipt of all papers, abstracts and poster descriptions is Friday, Sept. 17. Early submissions are encouraged. Guidelines are listed in this call and on the SEDAAG Web site, [www.SEDAAG.org](http://www.SEDAAG.org). All paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG, but membership is inexpensive (a form is included in this newsletter and online).

Specially organized thematic paper sessions (special sessions) are also welcome: their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. Those who wish to arrange special sessions, conduct workshops or schedule meetings should contact participants as soon as possible and notify the program chair no later than Sept. 10. You may also indicate your interest in volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper by marking the appropriate box on the Participation Form in this newsletter or online. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions, so please consider volunteering to act as a discussant.

## Are You a One-Person Geography Department?

Many Southeastern geographers are members of large and active geography departments, but some are not so fortunate. They are one-person geography departments, housed in a variety of settings: history departments, sociology departments, earth science departments, colleges of education, colleges of agriculture.

In fact, SEDAAG has no idea where many of these people are, and it's possible that some of them have redefined themselves out of geography altogether. Anyone reading this newsletter probably

hasn't taken such a drastic step.

There is strength in numbers, even if the numbers can't be on the same campus. At the November meeting in Biloxi, Miss., there will be a session for isolated geographers, a chance to meet others in the same situation and engage in a roundtable discussion of the various problems and opportunities of being the one geographer on campus. For more information, or to suggest participants for this session, contact Tom Howard at [howardth@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:howardth@mail.armstrong.edu).

## Procedural Changes

Paper and poster presentations at this year's meeting will be similar to past presentations, except that 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided. With regard to submissions of papers and posters, SEDAAG is moving toward changing the procedures in two fundamental ways. First, greater use of the Web site, [www.SEDAAG.org](http://www.SEDAAG.org), for basic information is encouraged. The SEDAAG Web site will be used to disseminate both the abstracts of papers and posters, and preliminary program. Only the final program will be printed and distributed as part of the registration material. One month before the meeting, the abstracts will be listed on the SEDAAG Web site. A printed version of abstracts will not be available at the meeting. Since SEDAAG does not have a list of members' e-mail addresses, premeeting announcements of the abstracts being listed online will be made only in this newsletter, so it is incumbent upon you to check the SEDAAG Web site in early November. Second, SEDAAG is instigating a voluntary move toward e-mail submissions of all papers and posters except for the student honors competition. To implement these changes, this call for papers section of the newsletter has been revised considerably. Please read the following Guidelines for All Participants.

Notify Dr. Allen James if anything is ambiguous or contradictory, and corrections will be made to online versions.

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## Guidelines for All Participants

All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. A membership application is in this newsletter and on the SEDAAG Web site. The deadline for receipt of all materials by the program chair is Sept. 17. Materials received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers and posters received by the deadline (except GTU submissions) will be reviewed by the Program Committee. Inclusion on the program is subject to acceptance by a blind-review process.

## Participation Form

Each submission should be accompanied by a Participation Form or comparable separate page containing:

1. type of presentation in large, bold print (paper, Student Honors paper, GTU undergraduate paper or poster)
2. title of paper
3. author name(s) and title(s)
4. affiliation
5. complete mailing address
6. e-mail address

Also, please indicate whether you are willing to chair a session, discuss a paper or both. Including the type of presentation on your Participation Form is extremely important to ensure that your submission is given a proper assignment in the program.

## Document Formats

The title of the paper or poster description should appear at the top of the first page. The author's name(s), address or affiliation must not appear anywhere in the paper or description. All papers and poster descriptions should be double-spaced with 12-point type fonts. (Abstracts are single-spaced.) Pages must have at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) margins on all sides. 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*. Maps, graphs and tables must be labeled and numbered, but need not be in final form in submitted versions.

## Digital File Formats

Use only PC-compatible (formerly IBM or DOS compatible) file formats (sorry, no Mac or Unix formats). Digital files may be written in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or ASCII formats. Use standard filename extensions (last three letters of the filename) for these programs, or clearly indicate what software was used to generate the file. (Papers for the student honors competition must be submitted in the traditional hardcopy format. See instructions in that section.) If your system does not automatically screen for viruses, please check your files manually before sending.

## Abstracts

All submissions (including honors papers) must be accompanied by a digital copy of an abstract that is no longer than 200 words, including title, authors, etc. (see Document Formats and Digital Formats above). Abstracts must begin with the paper title, followed by the author's name(s) and institutional affiliation(s). The body of the abstract should be single-spaced without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, leave two spaces between paragraphs. Abstracts will be reformatted for listing on the Web, so please do not embed unnecessary formatting in the abstract such

as margin settings, justification, line spacing, or changes in font types or sizes. Such formatting may cause extra work in processing or glaring discrepancies in the final format. Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading their abstracts; they will be listed as submitted.

## E-mail Submissions

It is not required but is encouraged that you submit your paper or poster description by e-mail (except honors papers). All e-mail submissions should have at least three files. Name them with your surname and first initial as follows: SurnameXpartic (Participation Form), SurnameXabst (abstract), and SurnameXppr (paper) or SurnameXpstr (poster). If your files cannot be named this way, then name them partic, abst, and ppr or pstr, and compress them into a single file named by your surname using Pkzip or WinZip. A third alternative is to name them SurnameA, SurnameB and SurnameC. For paper files larger than two megabytes, separate the graphics from the text, and send the graphics in one or more separate files. For review purposes, graphics can be done at low resolutions and compressed (e.g. jpg or zip) to facilitate e-mail transfers. If graphics are loaded into word processing files, please shrink the graphic files first. If files unavoidably remain larger than two megabytes, split them into multiple files and number them sequentially (e.g. SurnameXppr1, SurnameXppr2). Send files to the e-mail address specified in the sections below. Try to send your materials early to avoid difficulties near the deadline. If you do not receive confirmation that your materials were received within 48 hours, notify the program chair immediately. If your materials are not received by the deadline, and no such inquiry is made, it will be treated as if it were not submitted on time.

## Surface Mail Submissions

If submitting your work by surface mail, you have two options (except honors papers). The preferred method is to send digital copies of the paper or poster description on a CD. If so, include one hard copy of all materials and all the necessary digital files using the formats and naming conventions as described under E-mail Submissions. Label the diskette or CD with your name and the title of your paper. Please observe the file size limits described under E-mail Submissions so your submission can be e-mailed to reviewers and discussants. Alternatively, you may submit printed copies of the paper along with a floppy disk or CD with a

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digital copy of the abstract. If so, you must provide multiple copies of the paper, references, figures and tables. For standard papers and poster descriptions, include five copies of the materials. All GTU undergraduate paper submissions should include three copies. All student honors papers should follow the procedures for hard copies and include 10 full copies. All submissions must be accompanied by a single copy of the Participation Form and a digital copy of the abstract. Mail to the appropriate address given in the following sections.

### **Paper Presentations for Standard, Student Honors or GTU Sessions**

Each room will have an LCD projector for Power Point or HTML presentations and an overhead projector for transparencies. The usual 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided. The Steering Committee decided that three projectors in each room were too much. Please indicate if you need audio-visual equipment other than these, but do not expect a 35-mm projector. A standard laptop PC with a CD-ROM drive and software for PowerPoint (version 2000 to XP) and HTML (Web browser) presentations (Windows operating system only) will be provided in each meeting room. No other software or hardware is guaranteed to be on these computers, nor is an Internet connection likely to be available in the meeting rooms. To avoid delays associated with setup time for each paper, presenters using the digital projectors should bring their presentation on CD 15 minutes before the session begins and upload it to the PC.

### **Papers**

Papers must not exceed eight double-spaced pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited and the title page. The eight-page limit is based on double-spacing and 12-point type fonts. (See Document Formats instructions above.) Please time your paper before it is submitted. Papers must be presented in 15-minutes or less. Additional time will be allotted for discussion and questions. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight-page maximum. Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience. When projected on a screen, they should be readable at eight meters (25 feet). Remember, 35-mm slide projectors will NOT be provided.

Papers checklist: Participation Form, digital abstract and paper (five copies or digital). The Participation Form should indicate "Paper" at the top.

E-mail materials to  
AJames@GWM.sc.edu, or mail them to:  
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### **Special Sessions**

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

1. All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process and are due on Sept. 17. Organizers of special sessions should collect and send all material to the chair of the program committee as one, self-contained packet with all program forms, abstracts, papers and disks, as well as the name and affiliation of the session chair and the session or individual paper discussants. It is the responsibility of the session organizer to see that all material is submitted on time and in its completed form. Digital copies are preferred.

Organizers should provide a draft special-session plan to the program chair by Sept. 10 that includes the session chair, intended paper title, author's name(s), institutional affiliation(s) and discussant(s). These plans can be sent by e-mail.

2. Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide a discussant for each paper.

3. 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.

Special sessions checklist:  
Participation Form, digital abstract and complete paper (five copies or digital). Organizers should send a special-session plan by Sept. 10 and the completed packet by Sept. 17. Each Participation Form should indicate "Paper" at the top. A finalized special-session plan should accompany the packet.

E-mail materials to  
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### **Posters**

Poster boards and easels will be provided by SEDAAG. Poster dimensions will be determined later by the Local Arrangements Committee and listed on the SEDAAG Web site. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of one meter (3.3 feet). Text should be confined to brief statements.

### **Poster Descriptions**

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

### **Abstracts**

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

Posters checklist: Participation Form, digital abstract and poster descriptions (five copies or digital). The Participation Form should indicate "Poster" at the top.

E-mail materials to  
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### **Student Honors Competition Guidelines Objectives**

This Student Honors competition is for papers; posters will not be considered.

The Student Honors Competition at the annual meeting of SEDAAG 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.
4. Recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.

### **Eligibility**

Graduate students must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time their research was done. The

sponsoring department must be located within the 10-state SEDAAG region. Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as students at the time their papers are presented. Master's students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first SEDAAG meeting following graduation. Papers should represent original research. Maps, illustrations and other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. No multiple-authored papers will be accepted.

### **Departmental Responsibilities**

Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of graduate students' submitted papers for the honors competition and conduct preliminary screening. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that authors of papers accepted are able to attend the 2003 meeting in Charlotte, N.C., and be present at the awards ceremony.

### **Awards**

Normally, one master's-level and one doctoral-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the honors awards are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. The doctoral award will be for \$1,000, and the master's award will be for \$400. Each award includes one year's paid membership in the 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 and honors luncheon fees waived.

### **Topics**

Papers on any geographic topic may be entered. Every paper and oral presentation will receive a critical and impartial evaluation.

### **Evaluation Procedures**

Submissions 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. 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, but all papers should be well-written with 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 are acceptable.

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.

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 important. 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**

Honors Committee members may not vote on a paper by a student from their institution or to whom they are related, although this restriction does not discourage or prevent them from participating in the discussion preceding the formal committee vote.

### **Submission of Papers**

Submissions must conform to all guidelines, with the following additions: a) ten (not six) copies of the paper, and 2) a letter from the student's department verifying the student's status, eligibility and level of competition (master's or doctoral).

Send copies of papers with abstracts to Dr. Holly M. Hapke, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858; E-mail, hapkeh@mail.ecu.edu; (252) 328-1041; fax, (252) 328-6054. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 13.

### **Gamma Theta Upsilon, Undergraduate Paper Guidelines**

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 is the responsibility of faculty advisers, but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as those listed above, except that only three copies are needed. Digital submissions are encouraged (see E-mail Submissions). Please encourage undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

GTU checklist: Participation Form, digital copy of abstract, paper (digital or three copies) and letter from adviser or head. All materials are due Sept. 17.

E-mail materials to  
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## **New Submission Guidelines Utilize Web and E-mail**

Last fall in Charlotte, S.C., the Executive and Steering Committees agreed that it was time to begin making some fundamental procedural changes for disseminating calls for papers and posters, and for submitting papers for the annual SEDAAG meeting. As you will see in the Calls for Papers and Posters section of this newsletter, three changes are in store:

1. Greater emphasis is being placed on the SEDAAG Web site ([www.SEDAAG.org](http://www.SEDAAG.org)) for dissemination of information. That site will link to other sites, such as local arrangements that change from year to year. In particular, the SEDAAG site will host instructions for paper and poster submissions. This year is transitional, so detailed instructions are given both in the newsletter and online. Next year, if membership feedback is positive, only a notice directing members to the Web site and an outline description of procedures will be printed in the newsletter, and details will only be listed online. This will not only save the cost of printing multiple pages of instructions twice each year, but also will allow linking between documents to facilitate communications. Beginning immediately, log onto [www.SEDAAG.org](http://www.SEDAAG.org) and go to Call for Papers. Follow the instructions listed there for submissions.
2. E-mail submissions of abstracts, papers and poster descriptions are encouraged. While voluntary, the Program Committee hopes that most participants (except student honors papers) will take advantage of this means of submission. Please follow instructions closely about how to format documents and submit materials by e-mail. A great potential for chaos exists if file names are irregular or file sizes are too large. Please note that

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# Candidates for SEDAAG Office

Please vote in this year's SEDAAG elections. The offices up for election this year are: Regional Councilor, Vice President, Secretary, and SEDAAG State Representative from Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. (You may only vote for State Representative from the state in which you are a member.) A ballot is enclosed in this newsletter.

The SEDAAG Nominations Committee presents the following candidates for office:

## REGIONAL COUNCILOR

**Tyrel G. Moore** (Ph.D. 1984, M.S., University of Tennessee; B.S., Western Kentucky University) is associate professor of geography at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He has been a member of SEDAAG for more than 25 years. His service to SEDAAG includes: Local Arrangements (1987, cochair 2003); past president (2002–03); president (2000–01); vice president and program chair (1997–98); Honors Committee (1993–94, chair 1994); North Carolina state representative to the Steering Committee and Membership Committee (1991–92); Southern Studies Committee (1995–present, chair 2000–present); Tellers Committee (1990); and Audit Committee (1989). Moore is also a reviewer for the *Southeastern Geographer*. An AAG member since 1973, he served on the 1996 Local Arrangements Committee and is actively involved in the Contemporary Agriculture and Rural Land Use Specialty Group. His teaching interests are in world regional geography and urban, regional and rural planning. He has published articles on regional development and planning in *The Professional Geographer*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Progress in Rural Planning and Policy* and *The North Carolina Geographer*, where he serves on the Editorial Board. His most recent published research appears in *The New Countryside: Geographic Perspectives on Rural Change*. In 2001, he received a Distinguished University Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. In 2003, he received SEDAAG's Faculty Honors Outstanding Service Award and the Bank of America

Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2004, he received the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**Gerald "Jerry" R. Webster** (Ph.D. 1984, University of Kentucky; M.S. 1980, Western Washington University; B.A. 1975, University of Colorado–Denver) is departmental chair and professor of geography at the University of Alabama. Before joining the Alabama faculty in 1989, he held positions at the University of Wyoming and the University of Miami. Webster has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1981. He served on SEDAAG's Program Committee (1990); as Alabama state representative (1992–94); as chair of the Nominations Committee (1995); as SEDAAG secretary and editor of the *SEDAAG Newsletter* (1996–98); and as a member of the Local Arrangements Committee (1997). Webster also has organized several special sessions at the SEDAAG meeting (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002), guest edited two issues of the *Southeastern Geographer* (1995, 2000) and served multiple terms on the Editorial Board of the *Southeastern Geographer* (1996–99, 2003–present). Additionally, Webster sits on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Geography* and *Political Geography*. He has been active in the NCGE and AAG, among other organizations. For the Political Geography Specialty Group [PGSG], he served as a member of the Board of Directors (1987–89), on the Student Awards Committee (1987–92), on the Nominations Committee (1991–93), as secretary/treasurer (1994–95) and as chair (1995–97). In 2000, he received SEDAAG's Research Honors Award, and in 2001, he received the NCGE's Distinguished Teaching Award. In 2004, he received the PGSG's Richard Morrill Public Outreach Award for his activities as a consultant and expert witness in redistricting litigation. In addition to publications in the *Professional Geographer*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Geography*, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Geographical Review*, *GeoJournal* and *Cities*, among others, he has published seven articles in the *Southeastern Geographer* with an eighth in review.

## VICE PRESIDENT

**Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon** (Ph.D., Texas A&M University; M.A., B.S., Louisiana State University) is professor and chair of

the Department of Geography at the University of Southern Mississippi. He was on the geography faculty for 15 years at the University of Memphis. For the past 25 years, he has worked throughout most of Latin America. Some of his research has been sponsored by NSF, the Organization of American States and NASA. He has organized and led 12 field programs to Central America and Mexico, and has taken more than 150 students and professionals on extended research programs. He has presented approximately 35 professional papers at national and international conferences, published articles in 15 journals, and collaborated in funded research in excess of \$2.2 million. He attended his first SEDAAG meeting in 1977 and has been an active member since that time. Service to SEDAAG includes: state representative for Tennessee and Mississippi, Editorial Board for the *Southeastern Geographer*, Local Arrangements for the Memphis meeting and for this year's meeting in Biloxi, Miss., and Program Committee for several other meetings. Dixon has served on committees for the AAG, the National Council for Geographic Education, NASA, the American Geographical Society and the National Science Foundation. His current research focus involves mapping the environmental impacts of agricultural colonization in fragile tropical ecosystems. Locally, he is working to establish a center for the study of hurricane impacts along the littoral of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

**Eric J. Fournier** (Ph.D. 1995, M.A. 1990, University of Georgia; B.S. 1986, Syracuse University) is associate professor and chair of the Department of Geography at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Before joining the Samford faculty in 1997, he held teaching positions at the University of Georgia and Kennesaw State University. He has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1989. He has served as SEDAAG secretary and newsletter editor for the past two years. He also served on Local Arrangement Committees for meetings in Athens and Birmingham, was chair of the Audit Committee and was an Editorial Board member for the *Southeastern Geographer*. Other service to geography includes positions as associate editor of the *Journal of Geography*, chair of the AAG Committee on College Geography and secretary/treasurer of the AAG Geography Education Specialty Group. While trained

as an urban geographer, most of his recent work involves the study of teaching and learning in undergraduate geography with a particular interest in active and problem-based learning. In 2003, he received a Distinguished University Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. He also is interested in issues related to faculty development and has been a workshop leader for the Geography Faculty Development Alliance. He has published in the *Southeastern Geographer*, *The Journal of Geography*, *The Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, *The Journal of General Education* and *The Journal of the Alabama Academy of Science*.

## SECRETARY

**Doug Gamble** (Ph.D. 1997, University of Georgia) is assistant professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of North Carolina–Wilmington. Previously, he worked at Mississippi State University. He is active in SEDAAG, having served on the Student Honors Committee, Program Committee and Teller Committee. Recently, he was named co-editor of the *North Carolina Geographer*. Gamble is a physical geographer with interests in applied climatology, hydrology, coasts and islands, and the Caribbean. His teaching activities include weather and climate, remote sensing, hydrology, and field methods and courses in the Bahamas and the Outer Banks. He has published in a range of journals, including the *Southeastern Geographer*, *Journal of Coastal Research*, *Physical Geography* and *Climate Research*, and received research funding from NOAA, AAG and other sources.

**Selima Sultana** (Ph.D. 2000, University of Georgia; M.S. 1993, Georgia State University; B.S. 1987, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh) is an assistant professor of geography at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Her research interests in urban transportation geography are based on coupling travel behavior studies with GIS-based methodologies. Her ongoing work examines whether information and telecommunication technologies [ICTs] lead to sustainable urban transportation or unregulated urban growth and sprawl. Before joining the UNCG faculty, she taught at Auburn University and the University of Georgia, and also worked as an intern-planner at

Atlanta's Bureau of Planning. While at Auburn, she was vice chair of the geography section of the Alabama Academy of Science. She has been actively involved in various international nonprofit organizations, such as the Bangladesh Environment Network [BEN]. Her service to SEDAAG includes the organization and chair of special sessions and serving as a member of the Program Committee. She has published in *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography* and *Southeastern Geographer*. Her research has received funding from the University Transportation Center for Alabama, Sustainable Eufaula Project and the Auburn University Center of Sustainable Forestry.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

### GEORGIA

**Jeremy E. Diem** (Ph.D. 2000, M.A. 1997, University of Arizona; B.S. 1994, Pennsylvania State University) is an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology and Geography at Georgia State University in Atlanta. He has been a member of SEDAAG since 2002. His research pertains to human impacts on land-atmosphere interactions, which includes atmospheric pollution and precipitation enhancement. He has published in *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Atmospheric Environment*, *Environmental Management*, *Environmental Pollution*, *Journal of Applied Meteorology*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association* and *The Professional Geographer*.

**Xiaobai "Angela" Yao** (Ph.D. 2002, University at Buffalo, State University of New York; M.S. 1997, International Institute of Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences [ITC], the Netherlands; B.S. 1990, Wuhan University, China) is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia, where she joined the faculty in 2002. She has been an active member of AAG since 1999 and recently joined SEDAAG. Her service to SEDAAG and AAG includes being an ad-hoc reviewer of the *Southeastern Geographer* and serving on the AAG Standards for Geographic Data Committee. In 2003, her dissertation received nomination for Outstanding Dissertation in Social Science and Education for the 2004 Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools [NAGS]

Outstanding Dissertation Award. Her recent work involves handling qualitative spatial relations in geospatial information systems, and knowledge discovery and spatial data mining. She also has research and teaching interests in transportation and cartography.

### MISSISSIPPI

**Mike Brown** (Ph.D. 2000, University of North Carolina; M.A. 1995, Mississippi State University; B.S. 1991, Western Illinois) is an assistant professor in the Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University. He is a climatologist/meteorologist with interest in land-surface-atmosphere interactions. His research explores the impact of heterogeneous surfaces upon formation regions of convection in Illinois and Mississippi. He also has studied severe local storms in the mid-Atlantic region in an attempt to identify processes generated at the earth's surface that augment the mesoscale atmosphere, creating an environment of enhanced instability and shear. He served SEDAAG as Mississippi state representative from 2000–02. He also has been on the SEDAAG Program Committee.

**Jerry A. Griffith** (Ph.D. 2000, University of Kansas; M.S. 1990, Oregon State University; B.S. 1986, Pennsylvania State University) is an assistant professor at the University of Southern Mississippi. Before joining the faculty at Southern Mississippi in 2002, he held a National Research Council postdoctoral research associateship with the U.S. Geological Survey EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls, S.D. He serves on the Editorial Board for the *Southeastern Geographer*, and responds to e-mails from the "Ask-A-Geographer" list on the AAG Web page for biogeography and remote sensing. He has actively served AAG in a variety of ways, including judging poster and illustrated paper competitions for the Remote Sensing, GIS and Cartography Specialty Groups at annual AAG meetings, meetings of the U.S. Chapter of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (U.S.—IALE), and the Third International Conference on Geospatial Information in Agriculture and Forestry. Griffith also served as program chair for the Remote Sensing Specialty Group [RSSG] at the AAG Centennial Meeting, and as student director of the RSSG and organizer of special sessions at

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meetings of SEDAAG, AAG and U.S.—IALE. He continues his postdoctoral research on national land cover change. This summer, Griffith was awarded a NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship at John Stennis Space Center in Mississippi; he will focus on the use of ASTER satellite data to monitor invasive plant species in Colorado. He will attend this summer's Geography Faculty Development Alliance, teaching a workshop at the University of Colorado. Griffith has published in 14 peer-reviewed journals. Some of his other service activities include volunteer positions with the National Park Service at Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and Badlands National Park in South Dakota. While a doctoral student in Lawrence, Kan., Griffith volunteered as a Big Brother, at Headquarters (a suicide/crisis/counseling hotline) and as adviser for the University of Kansas student chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Joanne Halls** (Ph.D. 1996, M.S. 1990, University of South Carolina; B.A. 1985, University of Denver) is assistant professor of geography and director of the Spatial Analysis Lab in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of North Carolina–Wilmington. Before joining UNCW in 1999, she managed a natural resources consulting firm in Columbia, S.C. Her teaching and research interests include watershed nonpoint source pollution modeling, coastal land use development, integration of ecological models with GIS, empirical studies of geographic data models, and quantitative assessments/simulations of spatial data error and impacts on spatial models. Recent publications include: “Application of Digital Bathymetry Data in an Analysis of Flushing Times of Two Large Estuaries” and “The Oculina Banks Experimental Research Reserve: A Habitat Assessment Using Multimedia and Internet GIS,” which appeared in the AAG’s centennial commemorative volume. She has published in *Transactions in GIS, Ecological Modelling, Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing* and *Journal of Coastal Research*. With colleagues Douglas Gamble, Elizabeth Hines and Michael Benedetti, she is a new editor of the *North Carolina Geographer*.

**Jamie L. Strickland** (A.B.D., University of Georgia; M.A. 1993, B.S. 1990, University of North Carolina–Charlotte) has been a lecturer at UNC–Charlotte since 2001. Previously, she held a faculty position in the Department of Geography and Geology at Western Kentucky University (1999–2001). She has been an active participant in SEDAAG meetings since 1990. Her service to the division includes the Resolutions Committee (2000), Tellers Committee (2001) and the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2003 annual meeting in Charlotte. In addition, she serves as a member of the North Carolina World Geography Bowl Committee. Strickland has a strong commitment to undergraduate education and will be listed in the eighth edition of *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*. Strickland’s research focuses on the spatial aspects of employment and geographic mobility among older adults as well as various aspects of the population geography of Appalachia. Her work has been published in the *Southeastern Geographer* and the *North Carolina Geographer*.

#### **TENNESSEE**

**Evan A. Hart** (Ph.D. 2000, University of Tennessee; M.S. 1996, Virginia Tech; B.A. 1991, Mary Washington College) is an assistant professor of geography in the Department of Earth Sciences at Tennessee Technological University. He taught for one year at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville. His research interests are in fluvial geomorphology, flood hazards and hydrology. He has presented his research several times at SEDAAG and AAG meetings, and has published articles in *Physical Geography* and *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*.

**Doug Heffington** (Ph.D. 1992, M.A. 1987, University of Oklahoma; B.A. 1978, University of Arkansas–Little Rock) is professor of geography in the Department of Geosciences and director of the Global Studies Program at Middle Tennessee State University. Before joining the MTSU faculty in 1992, he held positions at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla. Over the past decade, he has worked with SEDAAG on the conference in several capacities, such as the Planning and Honors Committees. Recently, he organized the Tennessee teams for the annual

Geography Bowl. Other service includes chairing the Ethnic Geography and the Indigenous Geography (formerly known as the American Indian) Specialty Groups within the AAG. Trained as a cultural/historical geographer, he is interested in cultural landscape interpretation and the interface between geography and anthropology. He believes field work is essential in the training of geographers and incorporates field components into all his classes. In 2000, he was awarded a grant for the enhancement of geographic literacy by the National Council for the Social Studies for his work in geography education and fieldwork. He has published in *Pathways, Focus, Social Education, Ethnicity in Contemporary America: A Geographical Appraisal* and the *Geographical Bulletin*.

#### **VIRGINIA**

**Michael Harrison** (Ph.D. 1998, University of Florida; M.A., 1992, University of Georgia; B.S. 1982, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) is assistant professor of geography and environmental studies at the University of Richmond. Before joining the UR faculty in 2001, he held a teaching position at the University of Southern Mississippi from 1998 to 2001. He has been an active member of SEDAAG since 1991. He has served as chair of the Audit Committee since 2003 and is a member of the Editorial Board for the *Southeastern Geographer*. Primarily trained as a climatologist, his work has involved a number of important environmental issues, including wetland delin-eation, Florida wildfire modeling and ENSO-related precipitation variability. In 2004, he received the Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology from the University of Richmond. He has published in *Physical Geography, International Journal of Climatology, Computers and Geosciences* and *Climate Change*, and has recently submitted articles to the *Southeastern Geographer* and *Physical Geography*. In addition, he is coauthor of “Mississippi Studies: Supplementary Teaching Activities and Resources for Students.”

**Johnathan Walker** (Ph.D. 2003, University of Georgia; M.A. 1991, Syracuse University; A.B. 1986, University of California–Berkeley) is assistant professor of geography at James Madison University. Before joining the faculty at JMU in 2003, Walker held positions at the University of New Hampshire and the

University of Illinois–Chicago. He has been an active SEDAAG member, and an active presenter and discussant at SEDAAG meetings. Trained in political economy, Walker's research focuses on labor geography and critical population studies. He is interested in the role of non-native labor in economic restructuring as well as gender issues in labor geography. He has published in the *Geographical Review*.

## Nominations Needed for SEDAAG Historian

The SEDAAG Executive Committee is accepting nominations for the position of SEDAAG historian. Self-nominations are appropriate.

The historian position entails the collection of appropriate materials from SEDAAG meetings and other special events that showcase the work of SEDAAG geographers and SEDAAG more generally, as well as the management of the SEDAAG archives. The archives include text, photographs and other materials that require only modest storage space.

For many years, Allen Bushong, emeritus professor of geography, University of South Carolina, served as SEDAAG historian and archivist of the SEDAAG collection. Many thanks to Bushong for his efforts on behalf of SEDAAG over these many years, and to the Department of Geography for its support.

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Copies of *The Role of the South in the Making of American Geography* are available from James O. Wheeler, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, jowheel@uga.edu. The books cost \$20, plus \$4.95 for shipping. Please encourage your libraries to order copies of this important book.

## New SEDAAG Treasurer Appointed

Dr. Leo Zonn, professor of geography at UNC–Chapel Hill and SEDAAG treasurer, accepted a faculty position at UT–Austin and requested that he be replaced as SEDAAG treasurer. According to the SEDAAG bylaws, replacement positions are filled by the president by appointing a new officer to complete the term of office, with approval by the Steering Committee. Zonn's term runs through the 2005 SEDAAG meeting. SEDAAG offers thanks and well wishes to Professor Zonn for his long-term commitment to SEDAAG and geography. As professor and chair of geography at East Carolina University and later at UNC–Chapel Hill, Zonn had a considerable impact on the education of North Carolina's geographers. He will be missed!

Altha Cravey, associate professor of geography at UNC–Chapel Hill, agreed to assume the SEDAAG treasurer position, and her appointment was approved by the Steering Committee. Cravey earned a doctorate in geography from the University of Iowa, where her dissertation was supported by the four-year Iowa Fellowship and later published as *Women and Work in Mexico's Maquiladoras* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998).

As a former construction worker and former active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, she became interested in labor unions, geographies of work, international development and globalization. These concerns led her to pursue research on transnationality, labor justice and gender issues in Mexico and the United States. Cravey is immersed in ethnographic research in the social spaces and transnational social circuits of Mexican migrants living in the Southern United States.

She enjoys taking students into the field, and in 2004, she was awarded an Ueltschi Grant for a new service-learning course on Transnationality and Migration (Geography 152). She has published papers in various journals, such as *Economic Geography*, *Antipode*, *Progress in Human Geography*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Journal of Geography*, and *Social and Cultural Geography*. In 2001, she was appointed associate professor of geography at the UNC–Chapel Hill.

Stephen J. Walsh  
SEDAAG President  
UNC–Chapel Hill

## SEDAAG Members Invited to Biloxi

The 2004 SEDAAG meeting will be held from Saturday, Nov. 20, to Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Grand Casino in Biloxi, Miss. Geographers from Mississippi State and Southern Miss will host.

SEDAAG members will stay at the Bayview Hotel, which is one of two hotels at the Grand Casino. The Grand Casino Biloxi is a complete resort with a full-service spa and Gulf-view pool, 10 restaurants, 24-hour gaming floor, a nightclub and nightly entertainment in the 1,800-seat Grand Casino Theatre. There is also a Kids Quest supervised childcare center and a teen arcade. Several fieldtrips are being considered.

On Sunday, SEDAAG will host a golf tournament at the Grand Bear Golf Course, a Jack Nicklaus–designed links. The golf tournament will be limited to five teams (three people per team) and will likely be a scramble format. The winning team will

receive an award and become the defending champions of SEDAAG.

During the summer, a meeting Web site will be posted on the USM Department of Geography server. You can read more about the Grand Casino Biloxi at [www.caesars.com/Grand Casino/Biloxi](http://www.caesars.com/Grand_Casino/Biloxi).

Attendees can fly into Gulfport, which is about 15 minutes away, or can arrive about 30 minutes away in Mobile. There are shuttles running from Gulfport to Biloxi.

Mississippi state law requires that you must be at least 21 years old to enter the casino and to reserve a guest room.

For more information, please contact Skeeter Dixon at [c.dixon@usm.edu](mailto:c.dixon@usm.edu) or (601) 266-4729. A complete meeting package with hotel arrangements, registration application for field trips, golf tournament and other pertinent information will be sent in August.

# SEDAAG Committees 2003–04

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## Special Session(s) on Water, Soils and Sediment: Call for Papers

Allan James and Dan Royall are organizing one or more special sessions that will group together papers concerned with studies of hydrology, water resources, soil erosion, soil geomorphology, fluvial geomorphology, nonpoint source pollution or sedimentation. If you are researching these areas from either a scientific or policy perspective, please consider participating. See <http://www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/meeting/meeting.htm> for details on how to develop and submit your paper. In addition to submitting the participation form online, please notify Dan Royall of your intentions before Friday, Sept. 10, 2004. He must receive your materials no later than Monday, Sept. 13.

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you should receive e-mail confirmation of receipt within 48 hours of sending your materials. If not, inform the program chair at [AJames@GWM.@sc.edu](mailto:AJames@GWM.@sc.edu) immediately. E-mail submissions will greatly facilitate and reduce the costs of printing and mailing originals, and of forwarding copies to reviewers and discussants.

3. Meeting rooms at the annual conference will no longer be provided with 35-mm slide projectors. Each room will be provided with an LCD digital projector for PowerPoint or HTML presentations along with an overhead projector for transparencies. The Steering Committee decided that maintaining three projectors in each room is expensive and logistically difficult. If you have 35-mm slides that you would normally use, you should scan them into a digital format and either have transparencies made or load them into a PowerPoint or Web-based (HTML) format for projecting with a digital projector.



## Report from the Regional Councilor

Dear SEDAAG members:

The AAG Council met in March 2004, just before the centennial meeting in Philadelphia. Let me highlight a few items that will be of interest to SEDAAG members.

### **New Resource for Department Chairs**

The AAG Council created a new “Healthy Departments” Standing Committee. The committee’s charge is to help geography departments in colleges and universities strengthen their programs by sharing, developing and disseminating materials and information of use to department heads. The committee represents an important resource for departments in need of rapid input in response to challenges arising within their campus environments. AAG Vice President Vicky Lawson ([lawson@u.washington.edu](mailto:lawson@u.washington.edu)) chairs this committee.

### **AAG Publications**

In addition to the print version, the *AAG Newsletter* will henceforth be available online to members. This effort is intended to give members immediate access to the newsletter, thereby counteracting the delays associated with bulk mailing. The AAG is also in the midst of a search for a new editor for *The Professional Geographer*.

### **Future AAG Meetings**

Future AAG meetings will be in Denver (2005), Chicago (2006) and San Francisco (2007). For the 2008 meeting, Boston is the most likely option.

### **Other Conferences**

The AAG is sponsoring or cosponsoring three conferences in addition to the centennial meeting this year. These are the Mapping in the News conference held in Washington D.C. (May 14–15, 2004), the Race/Ethnicity and Place conference to be

held at Howard University (September 17–18, 2004), and the GIScience conference (October 2004). The AAG is exploring the possibility of a 2005 conference that looks at the links between geography and the humanities.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding AAG activities or any issues you would like me to take before the council. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your regional councilor.

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