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NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2014 Meeting
Hosted by York College of Pennsylvania
Yorktowne Hotel
York, PA 17403

October 24-25, 2014

President's Message

I would like to thank Kelly Frothingham for hosting an excellent 2013 meeting at SUNY Buffalo State. We will continue that tradition in York, Pennsylvania in 2014.

This year's Middle States meeting will be held on October 24-25 at the Yorktowne Hotel in York, PA. The conference will be hosted by York College of Pennsylvania. York College is a private college with a history dating back to 1787. We have 50+ undergraduate academic majors. York College is situated adjacent to the city of York on a 190 acre campus a couple of miles south of the conference venue. If you would like to learn more about York College please visit this website: <http://www.ycp.edu/>.

The Yorktowne hotel is located right in the heart of downtown York and is surrounded by some great restaurants, shops, brew pubs, and museums. York is known as the White Rose City and has a population of about 44,000 people as of the 2010 census. Within walking distance to the college you can find a wide range of museums and attractions from the 18th through 21st centuries.

Much more information about the Fall 2014 conference will be forthcoming in August in the Summer newsletter.

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Fall 2013 MSD Meeting Report – SUNY Buffalo State, NY

The 2013 Middle States Division Annual Conference was held on October 18-19 at SUNY Buffalo State. Eight-six people attended the annual meeting, which was held in the newly-renovated Campbell Student Union on Buffalo State's campus. A total of 46 paper and nine poster presentations were given during the two-day conference. As usual, we had an excellent showing of students from Middle States Division colleges and universities. The winning Geo Bowl team, which will represent the MSD at the AAG national meeting in Tampa, includes both undergraduate and graduate students from Kutztown, Penn State, SUNY Geneseo, and SUNY New Paltz. The team will be defending the championship won at last year's national meeting in Los Angeles and we wish them the best of luck! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2014 meeting in York, PA, and want to thank David Fyfe (York College) in advance for organizing our next conference! *Kelly Frothingham*

Stand Alone Geographers (SAGE)

Dear Fellow Geographers, I would like to introduce myself as the new Stand Alone Geographers (SAGE) representative for the Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). I represent all geographers working outside a geography department--whether it be in a different academic department, in government, or in the private or non-profit sectors. Because we tend to be more isolated -- although not less passionate about geography -- it is important that our opinions and concerns are expressed to the larger organization. I intend to be that voice. Please reach feel free to reach out to me at any time with matters that you would like to bring to the AAG's attention. If you know of others who would benefit from being part of this group, kindly share their contact information with me. I am looking forward to the Fall 2014 Middle States AAG Meeting in York, Pennsylvania, on October 24th-25th. I hope to organize a panel discussion on SAGE concerns at that meeting and would welcome hearing from anyone interested in participating in that panel. Enid Lotstein Ph.D. Bronx Community College City University of New York
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Middle States Geographer

The Middle States Geographer is the official academic journal of the Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers. The journal is published annually and includes papers from external submissions and the division Annual Meeting. The Middle States Geographer contains papers authored by both faculty and students (with peer-review by at least two reviewers) and covers a wide range of topics.

We invite all who present papers at the upcoming Fall 2014 MSDAAG meeting to submit a manuscript for publication in the next issue of the Middle States Geographer, although manuscripts from all researchers are welcome. Paper submission guidelines are available on the journal's website at: www.msaag.org.

You may also contact the editors: Adam Kalkstein at the USMA West Point, Adam.Kalkstein@usma.edu or Paul Marr at Shippensburg University, pgmarr@ship.edu if you have questions about submitting a manuscript or if you are interested in serving as a reviewer. Students presenting papers should also consider submitting for their paper for publication in the journal.

The Middle States Geographer is entirely an online journal. Articles from 1987 (Volume 20) through 2012 (Volume 44) may be viewed at the journal website. The 2012 issue (Volume 45) will be available soon. The online format of the journal widely increases accessibility to readers and exposure for authors, while reducing printing costs. Furthermore, color graphics are now possible at no cost to authors.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Fall 2014, York, Pennsylvania

The 2014 Middle States Division AAG Meeting will be held at the Yorktowne Hotel in downtown York, PA on Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th.



York College of Pennsylvania would like to welcome everyone to York, PA. Our venue will be at the conference hotel in downtown York. The fall 2014 meeting will consist of two days of paper and poster sessions. Friday will include paper and plenary sessions, buffet dinner, and the Geography Bowl competition. On Saturday, a morning of paper presentations will be followed by a buffet luncheon and student paper awards. Please join us for this event.

Want to plan your stay early? York College has arranged for block of rooms at the **Yorktowne Hotel** available at the rate of \$89 plus tax per night. Please make sure you mention "Middle States Division of the AAG" when making your reservations. Please also reserve your room early; rooms at the meeting rate are only available until September 30, 2014 and space is limited.

Yorktowne Hotel – Downtown York, PA

48 E Market Street, York, PA 17401 (717) 848-1111 <http://www.yorktowne.com/>

Rate: \$89 plus tax

Location: site of the conference in downtown York.

Stay Tuned: A call for papers, posters, and panels will be forthcoming in August in the Summer 2014 Middle States Division newsletter.

Call for Nominations

Please consider joining the leadership of MSDAAG. We are currently soliciting nominations for the secretary for 2015. Voting will take place in September 2014. The newly elected positions will be announced at the Fall 2014 Meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL PROVIDE ALL THE GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES. YOU MAY CONTACT DAVID FYFE (dfyfe@ycp.edu) FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Secretary

The term for Secretary will run January 2015 – December 2015. The Secretary will then progress in subsequent years through the positions of Vice President and then President.

The Secretary is in charge of keeping the meeting minutes from board meetings and judging the student paper competition. The board has two meetings a year, one is a conference call in the Spring and one at the annual fall meeting.