



Association of American Geographers
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NEWSLETTER

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Call for Papers and Posters

Fall 2013 Meeting
Campbell Student Union Building
SUNY Buffalo State

October 18-19, 2013
Abstracts due by September 20, 2013
(See page 5 for meeting information)

President's Message

I hope that everyone is enjoying a restful, but productive summer. The fall semester will be starting shortly for many of us and the MSDAAG 2013 annual meeting is right around the corner.

This year's Middle States meeting will be held on October 18-19 at SUNY Buffalo State in Buffalo, NY. The past few years at Buffalo State have been marked by a lot of construction and I am pleased that our annual meeting will be taking place in the newly renovated Campbell Student Union. I encourage you to check out the new Science and Mathematics Complex and Technology Building while you are on campus for the meeting. If you would like to learn more about Buffalo State to prepare for your trip to campus, please visit this website: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/campus.xml>.

Buffalo State is a truly urban campus surrounded by trendy cafés, museums, restaurants, shops, parks, and Victorian-styled housing. Please make some time to walk Elmwood Avenue and visit Buffalo's up-and-coming waterfront.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at this year's meeting and another great MSD regional conference.
Kelly Frothingham, SUNY Buffalo State

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World Geography Bowl



Grant Saff, Regional Councilor, coordinated the Middle States Division (MSD) winning team at the 2013 World Geography Bowl held on April 12, during the AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. The World Geography Bowl is an annual quiz competition for teams of college-level geography students representing the AAG's nine regional divisions. The MSD team consisted of the top six scoring individuals from the MSD Regional Bowl competition held at Shippensburg University in November, 2012.

The 2013 MSD team's roster was: James Baker, undergraduate student, William Paterson University; Jase Bernhardt, graduate student, Penn State University; Ekaterina Bezborodico, graduate student, Rutgers University; Raechel Blanchetti, graduate student, Penn State University; Shawn Dacey (team captain), undergraduate student, SUNY Oneonta; Samuel Finn, graduate student, Shippensburg University.

The MSD team did exceptionally well in the preliminary rounds, winning seven of their eight matches. The championship round pitted the top two teams in a match-up from a round-robin tournament. In the final round, the MSD team defeated the Middle Atlantic Division (MAD) by a score of 120-90. Jim Baker won the individual award as MVP, which is a remarkable achievement for an undergraduate. Please join us in congratulating the MSD team on their excellent performance.

Participate this year in the MSD Geography Bowl at the annual meeting at SUNY Buffalo State! The highest-scoring students will be invited to represent the Division at the World Geography Bowl at the AAG annual meeting (to be held in Tampa, Spring 2014) and will receive partial funding to participate. All Division undergraduate and graduate students are invited to compete this fall. Form a team (5-6 people) or sign up this fall to be placed on a team. Information on playing or setting up a team can be found at <http://www.geography.vt.edu/sedaag/WGB/WGBMain.htm>. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact our regional vice president Dr. David Fyfe, York College, at dfyfe@ycp.edu. The Geography Bowl will take place after dinner on Friday night, October 18th.

Student Paper Competition

All **STUDENTS** are urged to come and present a paper at the fall 2013 meeting. MSDAAG also encourages all graduate and undergraduate students to submit and present research papers to the Student Paper Competition. **CASH PRIZES** are awarded. Student status is as of May 1, 2013. Meeting fees **are returned** to students who both submit the completed paper in writing by the deadline and present the paper at the meeting. Completed papers must follow the *Middle States Geographer* guidelines which can be found at <http://www.msaag.org/submission-guidelines/>. Entrants should submit abstracts not to exceed 250 words and send electronic copies of completed papers to Mark Blumler: mablum@binghamton.edu, MSDAAG Secretary & Student Paper Competition Chair, by September 20, 2013.

2014 AAG Annual Meeting

Join the Association of American Geographers at the AAG Annual Meeting in **Tampa, FL, April 8 - 12, 2014**, for the latest in research and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience. The AAG Annual Meeting is an interdisciplinary forum open to anyone with an interest in geography and related disciplines. All scholars, researchers, and students are welcome. For more information, visit www.aag.org/annualmeeting.

Middle States Geographer Information

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 Fall 2013 MSDAAG meeting to submit a manuscript for publication in the next issue of the Middle States Geographer. Paper submission guidelines are available on the journal's website at <http://geographyplanning.buffalostate.edu/middlestates.html>. 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 2011 (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.

Call for MSD Officer Nominations—deadline is September 6, 2013

Please consider joining the leadership of MSDAAG. We are currently soliciting nominations for the secretary and SAGE representative (Stand Alone Geographers) for 2014. Voting will take place in September 2013. The newly elected positions will be announced at the Fall 2013 Meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL PROVIDE ALL THE GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES. YOU MAY CONTACT KELLY FROTHINGHAM (frothikm@buffalostate.edu) FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Secretary

The term for Secretary will run January 2014 – December 2014. 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 conference call in the Spring and one at the annual fall meeting.

SAGE Representative

The term for SAGE (Stand-Alone Geographers) representative is for a minimum of 1 year. SAGE representatives may hold this position for any length of time. The SAGE representative is responsible for attending SAGE Affinity Group functions (e.g. meetings, conference calls), reporting SAGE activities to the MSD board, and fostering ties between MSD and stand-alone geographers throughout the Middle States region. While not a prerequisite, we prefer that this position be held by a stand-alone geographer.

Request from the Regional Councilor

As the Middle States Regional Councilor I have been asked by the AAG to provide an overview of any recent activities, challenges, events and news in our Region. Please let me know if you have anything to report, or any concerns that you would like me to raise at the forthcoming AAG Council meeting on October 30th. I would appreciate it if you could send this to me no later than October 20th. This need not be anything formal and I will respect confidentiality if you request it. Some issues that are of particular interest to the AAG are concerns over the health of our programs, budget cuts, enrollments, new initiatives and programs, any new hiring and so forth. Also any suggestions or opinions regarding the effectiveness of the AAG, the Annual Meeting, AAG publications or the Region are most welcome.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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MSD Website Update

The Middle States Division webpage has been undergoing a facelift and upgrade over the past year. We encourage you to take some time to explore the new website located at <http://www.msaag.org/>. Much of the content has been updated and expanded. If you would like to send in news, job postings, etc. for us to add to the website, please send an email to: middlestatesaag@gmail.com.



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Fall 2013, SUNY Buffalo State

The 2013 Middle States Division AAG Meeting will be held in the Campbell Student Union Building at SUNY Buffalo State on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th.

SUNY Buffalo State is located in the city of Buffalo, New York. The fall 2013 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.



CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND PANELS

Paper Sessions

Paper sessions are 80 minutes long and consist of four presentations of 20 minutes. Papers of all topics of a geographic nature are welcome. Concurrent paper sessions will be held on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th. Each room is equipped with a digital projector and screen. We urge participants to use PowerPoint software for their presentations and to have your presentation on a flash drive. If you are interested in organizing a themed paper session (consisting of four paper presentations), please contact Kelly Frothingham at frothikm@buffalostate.edu or 716-878-6736.

Poster Session

The poster sessions will be held on both Friday and Saturday. Since poster space is limited, please keep all posters to 30 x 40 inches.

Panel – Roundtable Sessions

Panel discussions and roundtables are also welcome. Panel discussion sessions typically consist of three to four panelists, and are organized around a theme. Roundtable discussion sessions are 'open format' where the chair of the roundtable facilitates a discussion among all attendees focusing on a theme or issue. Students are welcome to organize both panel and roundtable sessions. If you are interested in organizing either a panel or a roundtable session please contact Kelly Frothingham at frothikm@buffalostate.edu or 716-878-6736.

Program

The program will be available on-line at the Middle States Division website in early October, 2013 and will be sent out to MSD members soon afterwards. Maps of the area and campus can be found in the front section of the program.

Registration

If you are presenting a paper, poster, or involved in a panel/roundtable session:

- Use the **Online Registration Form Link** found on page 9 to submit a title and an abstract (not exceeding 250 words) by *September 20, 2013*.
- Fill in the **Payment Form** also found on page 9. Please make checks payable to MSDAAG and postal mail both the Payment Form and check to the address at the bottom of the form by *September 20, 2013*.

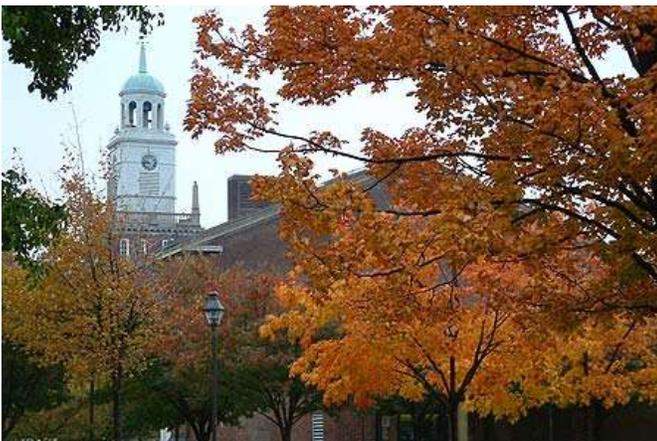
If you are attending the conference but **not** presenting a paper, poster, or involved in a panel/roundtable session:

- Fill in the **Payment Form** found on page 9. Please make checks payable to MSDAAG and postal mail both the Payment Form and check to the address at the bottom of the form by *September 20, 2013*.

If you are submitting a paper for the student paper competition:

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- Fill in the **Payment Form** also found on page 9. Please make checks payable to MSDAAG and postal mail both the Payment Form and check to the address at the bottom of the form by *September 20, 2013*.
- Write "Student Paper Submitted" on the lower left side of the check, and it will be refunded after you have presented the paper at the conference.

Sorry, but credit cards cannot be accepted for advanced registration or at the meeting. There are no refunds after October 4, 2013.



MAKE YOUR LODGING RESERVATIONS

SUNY Buffalo State has arranged for a block of rooms at the **Holiday Inn Buffalo Downtown** available at the rate of \$99 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, 2013 and space is limited.

Holiday Inn Buffalo Downtown

620 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 886-2121 <http://www.hibuffalodowntown.com/>

Rate: \$99 plus tax

Location: 2.7 miles to the campus, the hotel offers a free shuttle to campus.

Additional Accommodations:**Best Western, Buffalo**

510 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 886-8333 <http://bestwesternnewyork.com/buffalo-hotels>

Rate: \$129 (approx.)

Location: 5.5 miles from the conference

Embassy Suites, Buffalo

200 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, 14202 (716) 842-1000 <http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/embassy-suites-buffalo-BUFESES/index.html>

Rate: \$199 (approx.)

Location: 5.5 miles from the conference

Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo

120 Church St . Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 845-5100 <http://www.adamsmark.com/>

Rate: \$148 (approx.)

Location: 5.3 miles from the conference

Days Hotel, Buffalo Airport

4345 Genesee St. Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716) 631-0800 <http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/new-york/buffalo/days-hotel-buffalo-airport/hotel-overview>

Rate: \$129 (approx.)

Location: 8.8 miles from the conference

Hilton Garden Inn, Buffalo Airport

4201 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716) 565-0040 <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/hilton-garden-inn-buffalo-airport-BUFAGGI/index.html>

Rate: \$189 (approx.)

Location: 8.2 miles from the conference

Quality Inn, Buffalo Airport

4217 Genesee St., Buffalo, NY 14225 (716) 633-5500 http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-buffalo-new_york-NY116

Rate: \$99 (approx.)

Location: 8.3 miles from the conference

DIRECTIONS TO BUFFALO STATE

If your point of departure is:

From the East (via the NYS Thruway/Interstate 90): Take Exit 51 (NY 33 West) to NY 198 West. Exit NY 198 at Elmwood Avenue South. The college is immediately on the right.

From the West (via the NYS Thruway/Interstate 90): Take Exit 53 (Interstate 190) to NY 198 East; exit at Elmwood Avenue.

From the North/Niagara Falls: Take Interstate 190 South (over the Grand Island Bridge) to NY 198 East; exit at Elmwood Avenue.

From the Peace Bridge: Take Interstate 190 North to NY 198 East; exit at Elmwood Avenue.

From the Greater Buffalo International Airport: Exit the airport onto Rt. 33 West for approximately 5.5 miles. Continue to Rt. 198 West (Scajaquada Expressway). Stay on expressway approximately 2.2 miles. Exit at Elmwood Avenue South. Continue on Elmwood Avenue. approximately 0.2 mile. Enter Buffalo State College to the right on Rockwell Road.





BUFFALO STATE

The State University of New York

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM LINK:
<https://survey.itec.suny.edu/opinio/s?s=4987>

PAYMENT FORM:

Association of American Geographers - Middle States Division
2013 Meeting Registration
 October 18th – 19th, 2013, Campbell Student Union, SUNY Buffalo State

<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>Before Sept. 20</u>	<u>After Sept. 20</u>
FULL REGISTRATION (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, all sessions)	\$85	\$95
STUDENT REGISTRATION (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, all sessions)	\$30	\$40
FRIDAY ONLY (Friday dinner, all Friday sessions)	\$50	\$60
SATURDAY ONLY (Saturday lunch, all Saturday sessions)	\$50	\$60

Name _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Affiliation _____

Email Address _____

Check # _____

Make checks payable to: **MSDAAG**
 Mail Registration Form to: Dr. Kelly Frothingham
 Geography and Planning Department
 SUNY Buffalo State
 1300 Elmwood Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14222

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