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Fall 2008

Register for the Fall Meeting

Fall 2008 Meeting
Bolger Conference Center, [Gordinier Hall](#)
Millersville University, Millersville, PA
November 7-8, 2008
Catch early registration until October 7, 2008

*Reduced room rate offer at Heritage Hotel
extended to October 1, 2008*

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President's Message

As we transition into cooler, drier, fall air, final preparations are being made at Millersville University for the annual MSDAAG conference. After a few years of some relatively large meetings, this year's smaller conference will allow greater freedom to catch particular presentations, mingle with others, and see downtown Lancaster early Saturday morning. There will be a buffet meal on each of the two days, and at the Saturday awards luncheon, Dr. Michael Solem, AAG Director of Educational Affairs, has enthusiastically agreed to give the keynote address. Michael is one of the leading scholars and researchers in geography education, and is the US representative to the IGU Commission on Geography Education. He is familiar with the new programs and international initiatives underway at the AAG, and will be describing some of these endeavors in detail.

Attached please find a copy of the preliminary conference program -- it should guide you in making lodging decisions. Note that if you want to receive the conference rate for lodging, reservations must be made by Oct. 1 or Oct. 7, depending on your lodging choice. Happy Travels!

-Kathy Schreiber

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Additional division information may be found on our website:
<http://departments.bloomu.edu/geo/msd/index.html>

Election for Secretary and Regional Councilor of MSDAAG

It's time to bring on new MSDAAG leadership! This newsletter contains the ballot for selecting the next MSDAAG Secretary and Regional Councilor. Many thanks to John Dobosiewicz and Laurie Hummel for their willingness to serve this upcoming term. Please vote according to the accompanying ballot directions, and then consider serving yourself in an upcoming year. The success of MSDAAG is dependent upon the willingness of our region's members to serve in leadership positions!

What do the officer duties involve? The Secretary position runs from January – December. The Secretary will then progress in subsequent years through the positions of Vice President and President. The secretary is in charge of keeping the meeting minutes from board meetings and judging the student paper competition; the Vice President is in charge of writing questions for and leading the Geography Bowl at that year's regional meeting, and the President is in charge of organizing the MSDAAG bowl team for the national competition, meetings of the board, communication with the regional division including newsletters, and the annual meeting for that year.

The Regional Councilor term runs from June – June for three years (2009 -2012 this term). The Regional Councilor acts as a liaison between the Middle States Division executive board, the region's Geography Departments, and the national AAG. The primary responsibilities are to communicate news, issues, and initiatives between the national and regional boards. The Councilor is required to attend executive board meetings of the Middle States. These normally take place in conjunction with the fall meeting and sometime in the spring (may be at a common site or by conference call). The Councilor is also a member of the national Council of the AAG and must attend two meetings each year. These take place just prior to the AAG meeting in spring and in the fall (often in conjunction with one of the AAG's regional divisions). The councilor should also remain in contact with the region's departmental chairs and must prepare brief regional reports for the national AAG on the state of Geography within the region.

Ballots must be received by November 5, 2008. All currently registered members of the AAG who reside in the division are eligible to vote.

Biographical Sketch for Secretary Candidate

John F. Dobosiewicz

I have been an assistant professor in the Department of Geology & Meteorology at Kean University since 2001. I teach courses in climatology, hydrology, geographic information systems, and astronomy. My research interests include GIS applications to watersheds and issues regarding sustainable development. I taught high school earth and physical science prior to receiving a Ph.D. in Geography from Rutgers University. I am the president of the New Jersey Earth Science Teachers Association and editor of the newsletter of the organization. I have directed and participated in activities to increase the number of students pursuing undergraduate science and math degrees, developing and delivering professional development for teachers, and enhance undergraduate science education. I am a trustee of a local non-profit organization and worked successfully to acquire open space funding for a city park and to establish of the certified Elizabeth River / Arthur Kill Watershed Association. These collective experiences have given me the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with a broad constituency.

Biographical Sketch for Regional Councilor Candidate

Laurie Hummel

Greetings! I am Laurie Hummel, Associate Professor and director of the Geography Program at West Point. A product of Penn State and Colorado's graduate programs, I've been an active member of the AAG since 1990 and have served in the recent past on two AAG national committees. If elected as Regional Councilor I promise to serve as a committed liaison among the region's sixty-nine member departments, and also between Middle States and the national AAG council. The Middle States Region is a productive and important element of the AAG, and deserves collegial and professional representation at the national level. Thanks for reading this and Go Geo!

Lodging Reservations and Directions

If you have not yet made your lodging arrangements, there is still time to take advantage of the reduced room rates for the conference. The reduced rate offer at the Heritage Hotel has been extended to **October 1**. The deadline for Mainstay Suites is **October 7**. Be sure to mention the "Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers when reserving your room. See the attached registration form for more details about the lodging arrangements. Details are on the MSDAAG website.

Directions between lodges and the Bolger Conference Center will be posted on the MSDAAG website.

General directions to the MU Campus and Gordinier Hall can be found at

http://www.millersville.edu/~socialeq/directions_to_millersville.php and <http://www.millersville.edu/directions/>

World Geography Bowl

If you are a student, we invite you show off your geography prowess in a spirited competition of the region's best. The highest individual scorers will go on to compete at the National Geography Bowl Championships this spring at the AAG meeting in Las Vegas. The Middle States region has taken the national championship for the last two years, and so we must prepare again to help MSDAAG maintain her glory. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, contact Lawrence McGlenn, SUNY-New Paltz, at mcglennl@newpaltz.edu. The Bowl will take place Friday night, November 7th.

Middle States Geographer

Papers that are presented at the MSDAAG annual meeting are eligible to be submitted for possible publication in *Middle States Geographer*, MSDAAG's peer-reviewed publication of geographic research.

Initial submission: One hardcopy and one digital copy (Microsoft Word or Adobe pdf) of the manuscript must be submitted at the registration desk during the annual meeting in order to be reviewed and considered for publication. Both tables and figures should be embedded in the text file of the manuscript submission. Manuscripts must not exceed eight (8) pages in total, single spaced, 10 point, Times Roman or CG Times font, with 1 inch margins all sides. Do not right justify. Manuscripts will undergo a normal peer review and will be returned to authors within six to eight weeks. Manuscripts that are accepted for publication should be revised to consider reviewers' comments where appropriate.

Submission of a revised manuscript: One hardcopy and one digital copy (Microsoft Word ONLY) of the revised manuscript should be returned to Kelly Frothingham or Stephen Vermette within four weeks of receiving the reviewers' comments. Both tables and figures should be embedded in the text file of the manuscript submission.

For further information and complete style guidelines, see the website of *Middle States Geographer*.

http://geographyplanning.buffalostate.edu/msg_guidelines.htm



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**Association of American Geographers - Middle States Division
 2008 Meeting Pre-Registration Form (Complete a Separate Form for Each Person)
 November 7-8, Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania**

Last Name	First Name	(____)_____ Phone #	Email	
Address		City	State	Zip
Affiliation				

<u>REGISTRATION FEES</u>	<u>Before Oct. 7</u>	<u>After Oct. 7</u>	<u>Enclosed</u>
FULL REGISTRATION (Friday supper, Saturday Lunch, all sessions)	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$ _____
STUDENT REGISTRATION (Friday supper, Saturday Lunch, all sessions)	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$ _____
LIMITED REGISTRATION (Includes all sessions, no meals)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$ _____
FRIDAY ONLY (Friday supper, all Friday sessions)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY ONLY (Saturday Keynote Lunch, all Saturday sessions)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$ _____
		TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to MIDDLE STATES AAG. Postal mail registration form and check to:
 Kathy Schreiber, Department of Geography, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER OCTOBER 7. Credit cards are not accepted with postal registration or at conference.

VOTE-----VOTE-----VOTE-----VOTE-----VOTE-----VOTE

Cut and mail in the ballot portion of this page to:
Kathleen Schreiber, Department of Geography, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville University, Millersville PA 17551

To be eligible to vote, you need to be a current member of the AAG
Please put your name and return address on your envelope, but not on the ballot.
Names will be used to ensure eligibility to vote, but will not be kept with the ballot to ensure
anonymity.

Middle States AAG Ballot For Secretary

Biographical information for each candidate can be found on page 2.

John Dobosiewicz _____

Write-In _____

Do not identify yourself on the ballot, but please make sure your name is legible on the mailing envelope so that voting status can be verified. Please mail your ballot to arrive by Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Any ballots arriving after this date will not be counted.

Middle States AAG Ballot For Regional Councilor

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Laurie Hummel _____

Write-In _____

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Preliminary
**Program of the Middle States Division of the
Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting**

November 7-8, 2008
Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Millersville, Pennsylvania

Friday, November 7

11:00am-1:00pm	Executive Board Meeting—Old Main
1:00pm-2:40pm	Session 1
3:00pm-4:40pm	Session 2
4:40pm-4:55pm	Beverage Station—Lehr Dining Room
5:00pm-6:20pm	Session 3
6:20pm-8:00pm	Dinner—Lehr Dining Room
8:00pm-11:00pm	Geography Bowl—Lehr Dining Room & Old Main

Saturday, November 8

9:45am-10:15am	Beverage Station—Lehr Dining Room
10:20am-12:00pm	Session 4
12:15pm- 2:20pm	Awards Luncheon

Book Exhibition Friday and Saturday, 1st Floor near Registration Booth

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Friday, November 7

11:00am-1:00pm

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

ROOM: OLD MAIN

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1:00pm-2:40pm Session 1

SESSION 1A: WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

CHAIR:

ROOM: AUDUBON

- Cattell, L.**, Eastern Mennonite University, **L. Huoy**, Resource Development International – Cambodia; **M. Sampson**, Resource Development International – Cambodia, **and K. Irvine**, SUNY-Buffalo State. *Comparing Source and Point-of-Use: How Handling, Storage and Treatment Affect Water Quality in Cambodian Homes.*
- See, M.**, Bridgewater College, **Narong Surinkul and Thammarat Kootatep**, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, **and Kim Irvine**, SUNY- Buffalo State. *Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of E. coli and Salmonella in Irrigation Canals of Peri-urban, Pathumthani, Thailand.*
- Glick, A.**, Eastern Mennonite University, **E. Chea**, Royal University of Phnom Penh, **and D. Graber-Neufeld**, Eastern Mennonite University. *Application and Longevity of Organophosphate and Carbamates on Water Spinich in Wetlands of Phnom Penh.*
- Hernandez, Cesar**, SUNY- Buffalo State, **Douglas G. Neufeld**, Eastern Mennonite University, **Kunthy Sok and M. Sampson**, Research Development International – Cambodia. *Levels Of Pesticide Residue In Cabbages In Phnom Penh Markets*
- Ngoen-klan, Ratchadawan, Kom Sukontason, Kabkeaw L. Sukontason, Somsak Piangjai, Duanghathai Sripakdee, Puckavadee Somwang, and Kittikhun Moophayak**, Chiang Mai University, Thailand **and Mickey Sampson**, Resource Development International – Cambodia **and Kim N. Irvine**, SUNY-Buffalo State. *The Epidemiology of Liver Fluke Infection in Southeast Asia.*

SESSION 1B: RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAIR:

ROOM: OLD MAIN

- Cuthbert, Angela L. and Ronald J. Baker II**, Millersville University. *An Econometric Analysis of Fuelwood Use in Africa.*
- Sternberg, Rolf**, Montclair State University. *The Role of Hydroelectricity in Nation Building – The Brazilian Record*
- Alexander, Eunice and Joy Fritschle**, West Chester University. *Carbon Storage of West Chester Borough Parks.*
- Conlow, Lindsey**, Rowan University. *Evaluating Emergency Evacuation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant*
- Ridgeway, Jason**, United States Military Academy. *Let Them Have Dominion Over All the Earth: Are Christians Anti-Environmental?*

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3:00pm-4:40pm Session 2

SESSION 2A: CLIMATOLOGY AND METEOROLOGY

CHAIR:

ROOM: AUDUBON

- Henderson, Keith G.**, Villanova University. *The Autumn Transition Season for Humidity in the Northeast U.S.*
- Ramsay, Bruce H.**, CICS/ESSIC/NOAA and University of Maryland. *The Influence of North American Snow Cover Extent on the North Atlantic Oscillation.*
- Cuviello, Matthew P.**, United States Military Academy. *Predicting Winter Precipitation Type in the Piedmont Region of North Carolina.*
- Hawkins, Timothy W. and Danielle Doyle**, Shippensburg University. *Assessing a Small Summer Urban Heat Island in Rural South Central Pennsylvania*
- Cutolo, M.**, SUNY- Buffalo State, **S. Kok**, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, **and S. Vermette**. SUNY- Buffalo State. *Establishing a Meteorologic Network in Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Challenges and Preliminary Results.*

SESSION 2B: TOPICS IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

CHAIR: WILLIAN KORY, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT JOHNSTOWN

ROOM: OLD MAIN

Cincotta, Richard, National Intelligence Council and **Laurel J. Hummel**, United States Military Academy. *Youthful Age Structures, Economic Development, and Stability: Studies in Contrast.*

Klos, Justin, Penn State University. *Determining Correlations between Voting Behavior and Selected Demographic Characteristics in a Changing Electorate.*

Crossney, Kristen, West Chester University. *The Who, What and Where of High Cost Mortgage Lending In Philadelphia.*

Owusu, Thomas, William Paterson University. *Economic Performance of Immigrants and Non-Immigrants in the Urban Labor Market in the U.S.: The Case of the City of Paterson, New Jersey.*

Wolfel, Richard L., United States Military Academy. *Walking the Fine Line: Islam, Landscapes and Nationalism in post-Andijon Uzbekistan.*

SESSION 2C: HISTORIC LANDSCAPES

CHAIR:

ROOM: MATISSE

Pipkin, John S., University at Albany. *Making a Moral Place.*

Marr, Paul and Michael Ross, Shippensburg University. *The Distribution of Wealth on the Pennsylvania Frontier: 1765-1775.*

Tanner, Sean, CUNY-Hunter College. *Ambiguous Territory: Landscapes of Landownership in Post-Civil War Guatemala.*

Malinowski, Jon, United States Military Academy. *The Shin Hollow War: Factional Tension in 19th Century Orange County.*

Fyfe, David A., York College of Pennsylvania. *Social and Economic Networks in Central New York around the Turn of the Twentieth Century as Seen through the Lens of Small-Town Newspapers.*

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4:40pm-4:55pm

BEVERAGE STATION

ROOM: LEHR DINING ROOM

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5:00pm-6:20pm **Session 3**

SESSION 3A: TOPICS IN GEOMORPHOLOGY

CHAIR: FRANCIS GALGANO, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

ROOM: AUDUBON

Pope, Gregory A., Montclair State University, and **Patricia L. Beyer**, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. *The Rock Art Susceptibility Index Applied to Stone Conservation.*

Coutu, Gary, West Chester University, and **Geri Pepe**, West Chester University and ESRI. *Beach Morphology Change Study using ArcGIS Spatial Analyst.*

Galgano, Francis A., Villanova University. *Shoreline Behavior Along the Atlantic Coast of Delaware*

SESSION 3B: TOPICS IN WATER QUALITY

CHAIR:

ROOM: MATISSE

Brew, Wayne, Montgomery County Community College. *The Mystery of Rocky Spring; The Transport of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in a Karst Setting, Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.*

Jesikiewicz, Janelle, Villanova University. *Acid Mine Drainage and Water Pollution, Butler Mine Tunnel, Pennsylvania.*

Gould, Joseph J., Kim N. Irvine, Kerry Kleinfelder, and Jessica Bakert, SUNY- Buffalo State. *The Collection of Water Quality Data and the Development of a Sediment Transport Model Using BASINS SWAT for the Cayuga Creek Watershed in Niagara County.*

SESSION 3C: GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

CHAIR:

ROOM: OLD MAIN

Thompson, Wiley C. United States Military Academy. *More than a field trip: Local Interpretative Opportunities Foster Learning and Encourage Community Stewardship.*

Kiphart, Kayla J. and Timothy W. Hawkins, Shippensburg University. *Teaching Upper Atmospheric Meteorology in Two and Three Dimensions.*

Sharp, John, SUNY-New Paltz. *Reading Iran: A Geopolitical Examination of Geography Texts.*

Manuel, James J., Shippensburg University. *An Investigation of the Recently Drained Chambersburg Reservoir in South-Central Pennsylvania.*

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6:20pm-8:00pm

DINNER

ROOM: LEHR DINING ROOM

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8:00pm-11:00pm

GEOGRAPHY BOWL

ROOMS: LEHR DINING ROOMS AND OLD MAIN (INITIAL MEETING IN LEHR)

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Saturday, November 17

9:45am-10:15am

BEVERAGE STATION

ROOM: LEHR DINING ROOM

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10:20am-12:00pm Session 4

SESSION 4A: GEOSPATIAL TECHNIQUES AND APPLICATIONS

CHAIR: LAWRENCE MCGLINN, SUNY – NEW PALTZ

ROOM: OLD MAIN

Siska, Peter P., United States Military Academy. *Modern Methods of Spatial Analysis for Geography: Kriging and Sequential Gaussian Simulation.*

Di Gianni, Joseph J., Montclair State University. *Spatial Regression Analyses of Travel Mode Behavior and Housing Tenure for an Inner Metropolitan Suburb.*

Convery, Matthew and Dorothy Ives-Dewey, West Chester University. *Champions of GIS; Municipal Implementation and Internal Organizational Diffusion of GIS Within Pennsylvania Local Governments.*

Jantz, Claire, Shippensburg University. *Urban Land Cover Change Modeling as a Tool for Planning: A Case Study in the Upper Delaware River Watershed.*

Jakin, David and Lawrence McGlenn, SUNY- New Paltz. *Associations among GIS Datasets and Habitats.*

SESSION 4B: SUSTAINABILITY

CHAIR:

ROOM: MATISSE

Sullivan, Alexandra, CUNY- Hunter College. *Urban Agriculture: A Potential Agent of Human-Environmental Sustainability*

Mano, Jo Margaret, SUNY-New Paltz. *England's Proposed Eco-towns.*

Bagnasco, Angela, Villanova University. *Geographic and Environmental Considerations for Establishing Sustainable Land Use.*

Schifferle, L., University at Buffalo, **A. Panuvatvanich and T. Koottatep**, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, **and S. Vermette**, SUNY- Buffalo State. *Nitrogen Mineralization in Fecal Sludge as it Applies to the Sustainable Landscape.*

SESSION 4C: POSTERS

ROOM: AUDUBON

Heist, Brett and Nick Szelak, Millersville University. *Evaluating Lancaster City's CCTV Network Using GIS.*

Vermette, Stephen and Sheila Christopher, Buffalo State College. *Using the Rate of Accumulated Freezing and Thawing Degree Days as a Surrogate for Determining Freezing Depth in a Temperate Forest Soil.*

Krueger, Amy M., Great Lakes Center/ SUNY- Buffalo State and **Kelly M. Frothingham**, SUNY-Buffalo State. *A Review of Steps Taken to Identify and Evaluate Potential Streambank Restoration Sites in a Western New York Stream*

Geiger, Charles, Millersville University. *Statistical Software for Geography Undergraduates: GeoStats.*

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12:15pm- 2:20pm

AWARDS LUNCHEON

ROOM: LEHR DINING ROOM