

# Middle States Division - Association of American Geographers

## NEWSLETTER

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### Call for Papers

Fall 2005 Meeting  
Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

October 14-15, 2005

Abstracts due by  
July 15, 2005  
(see inside for details)

### President's Message

As we leave the spring conference season behind us, it's time to start planning for fall. SUNY Fredonia, in Western New York, will host the Middle States annual conference at Chautauqua Institution on October 14th and 15th.

The 2004 meeting hosted by Keith Henderson and his students at Villanova University was a big success, providing us with the opportunity to share our work and experiences with colleagues in an informal and supportive setting. We were fortunate to have Vicki Lawson join us. We're looking forward to a similar event at Chautauqua Institution. If you're not familiar with the "Chautauqua Experience," it has been copied throughout the world since it was founded on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in 1874. The Chautauqua philosophy is that everyone has a right to be all we can be and know all that we can know. What better environment in which to have a scholarly conference?

Chautauqua Institution has been a refuge for intellectual renewal for many public figures and leaders. It is a forum for open discussion of public issues, international relations, literature and science. Approximately 100 lecturers appear at Chautauqua every summer. In fact the Summer 2005 program includes a week of lectures devoted to "Why Geography Matters." Both Harm de Blij and Alec Murphy will be presenting lectures that week. Thus, the aura of geography and its importance will greet us as we arrive this fall.  
- Ann Deakin, SUNY Fredonia

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Additional division information may be found on our website:

<http://departments.bloomu.edu/geog/msd/>

### Fall 2004 Meeting Report - Villanova, Pennsylvania

The 2004 Annual Meeting was held on the Villanova University campus Oct 29-30. We had 143 registrants, 15 sessions, and 63 presentations. We were fortunate AAG President Vicki Lawson was able to attend and give the keynote address. Eight schools competed in the Geography Bowl, including Bloomsburg, Geneseo, George Washington, Montclair, Vassar, Villanova, West Chester, and West Point. Six students then advanced to the Bowl in Denver to represent the Middle States Division. Thanks to all who participated!

### World Geography Bowl

Congratulations to the 2004 – 2005 Middle States Bowl Team for coming in 4<sup>th</sup> in Denver! Want to organize a team to compete in the Middle States Geography Bowl this year, with a chance to compete in Chicago? Contact Sean DiGiovanna, Rutgers University, [digiovann@rutgers.edu](mailto:digiovann@rutgers.edu). The Bowl will take place Friday night, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Fall 2005 Meeting - Chautauqua Institution, New York

The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held at Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York October 14-15. <[www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org)> The conference will be hosted by SUNY Fredonia's Dept of Geosciences and Interdisciplinary Studies in GIS program. Chautauqua Institution is located in Western New York on Chautauqua Lake. The conference itself will be held in Bellinger Hall. Aside from the year round residents and staff, we will have the Institution to ourselves, therefore, parking, which is located next to Bellinger Hall, won't be a problem. Furthermore, once you park your car, you won't have to move it until the conference is over. The conference, lodging, and meals will all be held in Bellinger Hall. Chautauqua County, which is home to Chautauqua Institution, is predominantly a rural county. For those of you coming by way of the New York State Thruway (I-90), you'll be able to smell the ripe grapes between the Northeast, Pennsylvania and Silver Creek, New York exits. For those traveling via the Southern Tier Expressway (NYS 17/I-86), you'll pass through the Indian Reservation crossing the Allegheny Reservoir. Although the conference won't begin until afternoon on Friday, it may be more convenient for you to arrive Thursday, the night before the conference. Bellinger Hall will be open, but there will be no meals available. Instead, there are several restaurants nearby. Directions to these restaurants will be posted on the Middle States website.

Our conference will consist of two days of papers, posters, and panel sessions. Friday night will include a buffet supper, cash bar, and the Geography Bowl between participating students. We will have a Keynote Speaker for the Saturday luncheon, as well as the distribution of the Student Paper Awards. I hope that we will attract a large attendance from faculty, professionals, and students from across the region. Please let me know ([deakin@fredonia.edu](mailto:deakin@fredonia.edu)) if you have any questions, or would like any help in organizing a session or panel. I hope to see you all at Chautauqua in October. If you would like to be on the program, please submit an abstract (not exceeding 250 words) by 15 July 2005. Hard copies of abstracts are acceptable, but the preferred method would be to attach your abstract as a Word file and send to [deakin@fredonia.edu](mailto:deakin@fredonia.edu). To ensure your place on the program, please also fill out the accompanying registration form, enclose a check, and send it to Ann Deakin, Department of Geosciences, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia, NY 14063.

#### MAKE YOUR LODGING RESERVATIONS

Bellinger Hall (on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution)  
P.O. Box 66, Chautauqua, NY 14722-0066 (716) 357-6239  
\$73 a night for a room (sleeps 2) with a private bath (sleeps 2)  
\$62 a night for a room (sleeps 2) with a shared bath (2 rooms per bath)

**STUDENTS** are urged to come and present a paper. The reduced rate for enrolled students is \$40.00 before September 15. There will be a Student Paper Competition, with **CASH PRIZES**. Student papers can be submitted to be considered for publication in the Middle States Geographer. Student status is defined as of May 1, 2005. Paper Competition Guidelines are available on the division website: <http://departments.bloomu.edu/geog/msd/index.html>. For the student paper competition, send abstracts to Ann Deakin at [deakin@fredonia.edu](mailto:deakin@fredonia.edu) by July 15 (see page 3), and send completed papers to Steve Schnell, MSDAAG Student Paper Competition, [schnell@kutztown.edu](mailto:schnell@kutztown.edu).

## Middle States Geographer

Appearing soon, Volume 36 of the Middle States Geographer includes papers from external submissions and the Villanova 2004 Meeting. This edition contains papers authored by both faculty and students (with peer review by at least two reviewers), and covers a wide range of topics. If you are interested in submitting a paper or serving as a reviewer, please contact the editors. Paper submission guidelines are provided on the division website (see address below). Available back issues can be purchased by sending a check for \$6 each (payable to Middle States AAG) to Kim Irvine, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY 14222. The article contents of Volumes 32-35 are available on the division website: <http://departments.bloomu.edu/geog/msd/journal.html>.



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### Association of American Geographers - Middle States Division 2005 Meeting Pre-Registration Form (Complete a Separate Form for Each Person) October 14-15, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York

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

<u>REGISTRATION FEES</u>	<u>Before Sept. 15</u>	<u>After Sept. 15</u>	<u>Enclosed</u>
FULL REGISTRATION (Friday supper, Saturday Lunch, MS Geographer)	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$ _____
STUDENT REGISTRATION (Friday supper, Saturday Lunch, MS Geographer)	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$ _____
LIMITED REGISTRATION (Includes MS Geographer, no meals)	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$ _____
FRIDAY SUPPER	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY KEYNOTE LUNCH	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____

**Make Checks Payable to MIDDLE STATES AAG.** Send registration form, check, and abstract (via email) to:  
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## Proposal to Change the By-Laws

It is proposed that the By-Laws be changed to reflect current practice in the form of the following:

- ▶ The board has the authority to appoint an Executive Director to handle year-to-year operations, budgeting, and finances. The Executive Director shall serve, at the pleasure of the board, as an ex-officio member of the board.
- ▶ The office of "Secretary/Treasurer" shall be renamed "Secretary."
- ▶ The board has the authority to appoint an Editor of the *Middle States Geographer*. The Editor shall serve, at the pleasure of the board, as an ex-officio member of the board.
- ▶ The board has the authority to appoint a Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall serve, at the pleasure of the board, as an ex-officio member of the board.
- ▶ Past Presidents may remain on the board as ex-officio members for as long as they care to serve.



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## Middle States AAG Ballot Secretary/Treasurer Election & Proposed By-Laws Change

Biographical information for each candidate can be found on page 4.

Barbara Hildebrant \_\_\_\_\_

Denyse Lemaire \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Saff \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen Schreiber \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed By-Laws Change. Information for proposed change can be found at the top of this page.**

Yes, I approve the proposal to change the By-Laws. \_\_\_\_\_

No, I do not approve the proposal to change the By-Laws. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 July 15, 2005.**

## Biographical Sketches for Secretary/Treasurer Candidates

*First, a note of thanks to the following candidates for volunteering to be involved with the Middle States Division of the AAG. We all know how scarce time is, so the fact that Barbara, Denyse, Grant, and Kathy have put their names forward is commendable and much appreciated. Regardless of who takes the most votes, we earnestly hope that all will continue that interest by participating in committee work and even running again next year. Please show your support of these candidates by sending in your ballot!*

**Barbara Hildebrant.** I am an assessment specialist in the History and Social Sciences Test Development group at Educational Testing Service, Inc., Princeton, NJ. I am responsible for all geography and anthropology tests at ETS, including Advanced Placement Human Geography, and PRAXIS geography and anthropology and NAEP geography. I also teach geography courses on occasion at Rutgers University and Cultural and Physical geography at Raritan Valley Community College. I earned my B.A. in anthropology from Drew University, my M.A. in anthropology from the University of Washington and my Ph.D. in geography from Rutgers University. In my position at ETS, I organize teacher workshops and conferences, and participate in conferences, primarily on the national level. Lately, I have become more interested in regional conferences as a means of making contact with graduate and under-graduate geographers, as well as becoming more familiar with tenured faculty at local institutions. I anticipate becoming more involved with the Middle States division of the AAG, encouraging the participation of graduate and under-graduate students, and making an effort to connect geographers working in the private sector with geography faculty at the annual meeting and beyond.

**Denyse Lemaire-Ronveaux.** I was hired at Rowan University in New Jersey in 1998 and I am associate professor of geography in the Department of Geography and Anthropology. I am the president of the Delaware Valley Geographical Association. I was the Vice President from 2003 to 2005. I chaired the Encountering the environment session, AAG Middle States Division Meeting, October 30, 2004. I Chaired the Regional Geography session, NCGE in Kansas City in October 2004, I co-chaired the local arrangement committee for the AAG Centennial in March 2004, I co-organized the Silent Auction for the same conference; I was the book exhibit coordinator and one of the organizers of the Geography Bowl at the Middle States conference October 1996 in Philadelphia. [http://www.rowan.edu/open/geo\\_anthro/faculty/lemaire.html](http://www.rowan.edu/open/geo_anthro/faculty/lemaire.html)

**Grant Saff.** I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Economics at Hofstra University. I received my Ph.D. from Rutgers in 1996. My research is situated within economic and urban geography, focusing mainly on issues relating to segregation, urban exclusion and urban economic development. Some of this research has been published in the Annals, the Professional Geographer and the Middle States Geographer. I have also, for a number of years, acted as a reviewer for the Middle States Geographer, and have attended the annual meetings since 1996. I have also been active in the AAG, attending all the annual meetings since 1993. I was also a member of the local organizing committee for 2000 AAG Annual Meeting in New York, where I organized and conducted one of the field trips. I would welcome the opportunity of becoming more involved in the running of the MSDAAG, and helping promote attendance and participation of the annual meeting. Coming from a small department, I have an understanding of the issues that many of us face within our institutions, and I think that it is particularly important for those of us from small department's maintain representation on the MSDAAG board. I would thus welcome your support. [http://people.hofstra.edu/faculty/Grant\\_Saff/](http://people.hofstra.edu/faculty/Grant_Saff/)

**Kathleen V. Schreiber.** Kathy Schreiber is an associate professor of geography at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. Trained broadly in physical and environmental geography at the University of Delaware, she maintains a research emphasis in applied climatology. Recent projects have involved hydroclimatic analysis of dengue incidence in Puerto Rico and Brazil, evaluation of outbreaks of childhood asthma in relation to weather, and development of an air quality watch/warning system for Lancaster PA. Kathy recently served as president and vice president of the Delaware Valley Geographical Association, arranging 5 dinner meetings with speaker presentations, 2 field trips, creation of the DVGA website, and publication of the DVGA brochure. She looks forward to serving the Middle States region and will work toward increasing the visibility of the organization while seeking increased student, faculty, and private/public sector participation in MSD activities. [http://muweb.millersville.edu/~geography/faculty/kathy\\_schreiber.html](http://muweb.millersville.edu/~geography/faculty/kathy_schreiber.html)