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Fall 2007 Meeting
The Inn at Reading, Reading, PA
November 16-17, 2007
Register by October 15, 2007
for reduced rate

Preliminary Program and Ballot for Division Secretary inside this issue. Don’t forget to vote!

President’s Message

Soon, our fall meeting will be upon us! In putting together the paper sessions, I was reminded of one of my favorite things about regional meetings. In the national meetings, paper sessions are often narrowly focused. The smaller, more intimate nature of the regional meetings, however, ensures a degree of eclecticism and breadth within each set of papers, and re-connects us with other areas of the discipline. Indeed, I’ve always enjoyed the often unintended connections that emerge between seemingly unlike papers, and the breadth of what I see at the meetings reminds me of the diversity of the field that is one of the things that attracted me to geography in the first place.

In addition a large range of poster and paper presentations (the largest number we’ve had in many years, in fact!), there are several special sessions. One is designed for undergraduate students who are considering going on to graduate school. Spread the word among your students and encourage them to attend (for the low student rate). In addition, there will be a session on creating healthy departments, and dealing with and enhancing diversity. Finally, Tom Baenwald will give a presentation on funding opportunities at the National Science Foundation. In addition to being AAG President, he is also one of two program directors for the Geography and Regional Science Program at NSF, so he’s not just making this stuff up. Tom will also present the keynote address “Broadening our Horizons” at the awards luncheon on Saturday.

In this issue, you will also find your ballot to vote for the next Secretary of the MSDAAG. Please send your ballot in to arrive by November 14, and see you in Reading in November!

- Steve Schnell, President, MSDAAG

Additional division information may be found on our website: http://departments.bloomu.edu/geo/msd/
Election for Secretary of MSDAAG

Enclosed in this newsletter is the ballot for the next Secretary of Middle States AAG. In case you don’t have your laminated copy of our bylaws handy in your wallet or purse, here’s what that entails. The secretary-elect will take office starting in January 2008. As Secretary, the winner will run the Student Paper Competition, and take minutes at the board meetings. The following year, they advance to the office of Vice-President, where they will be in charge of organizing the Geography Bowl competition. Finally, the following year, they will become President of the division, and will be in charge of organizing the annual meeting that fall. Below, you will find personal statements of our two candidates. Many thanks are due both to John and Amy for volunteering to be involved with the division. We all know how scarce time is, so the fact that these candidates have put their names forward is commendable and much appreciated. Regardless of who receives 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, found at the end of this newsletter. Ballots must be received by November 14. All currently registered members of the AAG who reside in the division are eligible to vote.

Biographical Sketches for Secretary Candidates

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 establish 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, inclusive of physical and human geography, education and outreach.

Amy Richmond
I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at the United States Military Academy at West Point. I was hired here in 2005. I received my PhD and MA from Boston University in Geography. I received a B.S. from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry School. I am an environmental geographer. I apply geography to understanding environmental resources and economic systems. My research is multi disciplinary and primarily focuses on energy and the environment as well as environmental valuation techniques. My primary focus is on teaching; I teach physical geography, world regional geography and environmental geography. I have recently started the West Point geography club and see it as an excellent way to get undergraduate students involved in MSDAAG. I welcome the opportunity of becoming more involved in MSDAAG I see it as an excellent way to link local geography programs together and give faculty and students a forum to interact. I welcome your support.

http://www.dean.usma.edu/Departments/Geo/Faculty&Staff/bio-Richmond.htm

MAKE YOUR LODGING RESERVATIONS

If you have not made your lodging reservations, don’t forget to do so. Reservations for the special rate must be made by October 14, 2007.

The Inn At Reading; 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610 (800) 383-9713

Be sure to mention the “Reading Conference Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers” group for the special meeting rates, $89 a night. Reservations for the special rate must be made by October 14, 2007.
World Geography Bowl

It’s not too late to put a team together to compete in the regional Geography Bowl championships at the fall meeting. Whether you’ve got a whole team, or just a single person, there’s room for you. Test your geographical mettle against the region’s finest. The highest individual scorers will go on to compete at the National Geography Bowl Championships this spring at the AAG meeting in San Francisco. Help Middle States defend our national championship! If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, contact Kathleen Schreiber, Millersville University, Kathleen.Schreiber@millersville.edu. The Bowl will take place Friday night, November 16th.

Middle States Geographer

Presenting a paper at the Middle States AAG meeting? Submit your paper for possible publication in the Middle States Geographer, MSDAAG’s peer-reviewed publication of geographic research. As you know, this year will mark the first issue published entirely in digital form. As a result, it will be much more widely accessible than previous editions have been.

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 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
Association of American Geographers - Middle States Division  
2007 Meeting Pre-Registration Form (Complete a Separate Form for Each Person)  
November 16-17, The Inn At Reading, Reading, Pennsylvania

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Make Checks Payable to MIDDLE STATES AAG. Send registration form, check, and abstract (via email, if planning to present a paper, poster, or discussion session) to: Steven Schnell, Department of Geography, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA 19530; middlestatesmeeting@yahoo.com.

*** If you are a student and have submitted a paper to the Student Paper Competition, note "submitted paper to student competition" on your check.***
Cut and mail in the ballot portion of this page to:
Steven Schnell, Department of Geography, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown PA  19530

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
Secretary Election

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

John Dobosiewicz

Amy Richmond

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 14, 2007. Any ballots arriving after this date will not be counted.
Preliminary Program for Middle States Division of the Association of American
Geographers Annual Meeting
November 16-17, 2007
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Friday, November 16
11:00am-1:00pm  Board Meeting
1:00pm-2:40pm  Session 1
3:00pm-4:40pm  Session 2
5:00pm-6:40pm  Session 3
7:00pm-8:30pm  Dinner
8:30pm-10:30pm  Geography Bowl

Saturday, November 17
8:00am-9:40am  Session 4
9:40am-10:20am  Session 5: Poster Session and Coffee/Drink Break
10:20am-12:00pm  Session 6
12:20pm-2:20pm  Awards Luncheon

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Friday, November 16
11:00am-1:00pm
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
ROOM:

Session 1: 1:00pm-2:40pm

SESSION 1A: STUDYING STREAMS
CHAIR:
ROOM:
Gary W. Coutu and Carmen Vega, West Chester University. Impacts of Land Use Changes on Runoff Generation in the East Branch Brandywine Creek Watershed using a GIS-Based Hydrologic Model.
Jun Kawashima, Dayanna Castillo, Daniela Shebitz and John Dobosiewicz, Kean University. A Preliminary Assessment of the Ecological Integrity of a Campus Stream.

SESSION 1B: CHANGING URBAN GEOGRAPHIES
CHAIR:
ROOM:
Gregory A. Pope and Jennifer L. LaPoma, Montclair State University. An Analysis of Topsoil Quality in Urban Curbside Landscaping.
Laura Pangallozzi, Rutgers University. The Legal Geography of Integration Strategies in U.S. Inner Suburbs.
Adam Steinberg, Rutgers University. Camden City, New Jersey: Rotten Center or Crucial Hub?

SESSION 1C: TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY
CHAIR: MARGARET F. BOORSTEIN, C.W. POST COLLEGE OF LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
SESSION 1D: FOOD, LAND, AND LIFE
CHAIR:
ROOM:

Marilyn Guidry, Cheyney University. A Spatial and Seasonal Comparison of Fruit and Vegetable Shelf Space in South and Southwest Philadelphia.
Ian Dunham, Temple University. Think Benevolently, Eat Locally: The Local, Regional, and Increasingly Global Motivation for Community Gardening in Philadelphia, PA.
Richard A. Russo, University of Maryland. Counting Calories and Miles: Geographical Restraint and a Critique of Progress in the Local Food Movement.
Jason Minderlein, Rowan University. Analyzing the Status of Farmland and its Development in New Jersey.
Lawrence McGlinn, SUNY-New Paltz. A Geography of Land Trusts in New York State.

SESSION 2A: TOPICS IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION
CHAIR:
ROOM:

Kseniya Popov, SUNY-Geneseo. Human Trafficking in Cambodia: A Regional Perspective.
Anouk Patel-Campillo, Cornell University. From Producer-Driven to Buyer-Driven Chain? Dynamism and Reorganization in the Dutch Cut flower Agro-industry.
Richard Deal, Edinboro University. The Electoral Geography of Pennsylvania’s Taxpayer Relief Referendum of 2007.
Denyse Lemaire and David Kasserman, Rowan University. The Teaching of Undergraduate University Courses in the Field - A Critical Evaluation.
Angela Cuthbert, Millersville University. Service Learning and Geographic Education.

SESSION 2B: HUMAN MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL LANDSCAPES
CHAIR:
ROOM:

Andrew G. Knee, Rowan University. Analyzing the Effectiveness of the New Jersey Pinelands Management Plan.
Shahalam M.N. Amin, Bloomsburg University, and Humayun Kabir, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Community Participation in the Management of Freshwater Wetlands in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Tanguar Haor.
Joy Fritschle, West Chester University. Restoration in the National Parks: The Redwood National Park Experience.

SESSION 2C: RESPONDING TO NEOLIBERAL STATES: MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES
CHAIR: BRIAVEL HOLCOMB, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
ROOM:

Claudia Villegas Delgado, Rutgers University. Conceptualizing a Space of Dignity: The Case of the Zapatista Rebellion in Mexico.
Rodolfo Alejandro Hernandez Corchada, City University of New York, State’s Representations on Immigration: Naturalizing Mass Migration in the Neoliberal Period in Mexico.
Arianna Martinez, Rutgers University. Creative and Inclusive Solutions to Hazelton PA Ordinance

**SESSION 2D: EXPLORATIONS IN HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY**

**CHAIR:**

**ROOM:**


**Charles Travis,** Rowan University. *Literary Geographies in 1930s Ireland.*

**Jon Malinowski,** United States Military Academy. *The Muskrat-Beaver War: Early Environmental Conflict in Orange County, NY.*

**Justin D. Procopio** and **Barry J. Kronenfeld,** George Mason University. *An Ecological Landscape Analysis of Presettlement Land Survey Records: How Much of Fairfax County was Burned by Native Americans?*


**Session 3: 5:00pm-6:40pm**

**SESSION 3A: TOPICS IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

**CHAIR:**

**ROOM:**

**Jessica A. Barksdale,** Temple University. *Queer Geography: Gay Space.*

**Adrian N. Mulligan,** Bucknell University. *Countering Exclusion: the ‘St. Pats for All’ Parade.*


**Laurel J. Hummel,** United States Military Academy. *Exploring the Links: The Demographic Dimensions of Conflict.*

**SESSION 3B: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**ROOM:**

**PRESENTER/ORGANIZER: TOM BAERWALD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEGRAPHERS.**

**SESSION 3C: TOPICS IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY**

**CHAIR:**

**ROOM:**

**Roger W. Brown,** Columbus State University (GA). *Ten Years After: Patterns and Trends of Vegetation Establishment on Four Reclaimed Pennsylvania Coal Mines.*

**Francis A. Galgano Jr.,** Villanova University. *Beach Erosion Anomaly Areas: Types and Causes.*

**Katarina Doctor,** George Mason University. *Analyzing the Probability of Sinkhole Formation in Frederick Valley, Maryland.*

**Stephen Vermette** and **Lisa Hall,** SUNY-Buffalo State College; and **Laurel Caverns Geological Park. Cave Climatology of Laurel Caverns, PA.***

**SESSION 3D: AFRICAN GEOGRAPHY**

**CHAIR:**

**ROOM:**

**Jessica S. Lehman,** Penn State University. *Access to Social Services as an Element of Marginalization: The Case of Health Insurance for Small-Scale Gold Miners in Ghana.*

**Monica Nyamwange** and **Pin-Shou Liu,** William Paterson University. *Constraints Facing Tourism in Kenya.*


**Darrell A. Norris,** SUNY-Geneseo. *Myspace is Their Space Too: The Diffusion and Demographics of Myspace.com in the Developing World.*
Saturday, November 17

Session 4: 8:00am-9:40am

SESSION 4A: HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS
CHAIR:
ROOM:

Tammy Trush, Rowan University. *An Environmental and Locational Piece of the Autism Puzzle.*
Christopher M. Yanavich, Rowan University. *Evaluation of Gloucester County, New Jersey Bicycle Infrastructure.*
Stephen Vermette, SUNY-Buffalo State College; Doug Graber Neufeld, Eastern Mennonite University (VA); and Joel Bernosky, SUNY-Buffalo State College. *Mapping of Airborne Particulates: Phnom Penh, Cambodia.*
Dana Bauer and Laurie Pickard, Temple University. *Cooling the Planet, One Consumer at a Time: Framing Scale and Responsibility in the Retail Carbon Offset Market.*
Rolf Sternberg, Montclair State University. *Hydropower and the Environment.*

SESSION 4B: LOCATING THE DIVERSE ECONOMY: COMMUNITIES, COMMONS, AND SITES OF WAR
CHAIR: KEVIN ST. MARTIN, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
ROOM:

Margo Andrews, Rutgers University. *Political Possibilities of ‘Placing’ People onto the Land: Re-imagining Community, Commons, and Nature.*
Bradley Wilson, Rutgers University. *Fair Trade Dreams: Moral Economies of Peasant Unionism in Nicaragua.*
Anastasia Wincorn, Rutgers University. *The History, Diversity and Spatiality of Community Supported Agriculture in New York City.*
Richard Nisa, Rutgers University. *Iraqi Economies: War in the Shadows of Capitalocentrism*
Discussant: Kevin St. Martin, Rutgers University.

SESSION 4C: FOREST ENVIRONMENTS
CHAIR:
ROOM:

Mark A. Blumler, SUNY-Binghamton. *Near Eastern Pollen Diagrams and “Deforestation.”*
Youngsang Kwon and Chris P.S. Larsen, SUNY-Buffalo. *A Comparison of Forest Growth Rates Across the Eastern USA Using Forest Inventory and Analysis Plot-Level Data and MODIS-Vegetation Indec Products.*

SESSION 4D: OPEN DISCUSSION: HEALTH AND DIVERSITY OF OUR GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENTS
ORGANIZER: KEITH HENDERSON, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
ROOM:

Facilitator (Healthy Depts.): Tom Baerwald, AAG/National Science Foundation
Facilitator (Diversity Initiatives): Ines Miyares (Hunter College)
**Session 5: 9:40am-10:20am**

**Poster Session and Coffee/Drink Break**

**Room:**

Kelly G. Fallows, Rowan University. *Mapping Success of the Abbott Districts in New Jersey.*

Mary Perrelli and Kim Irvine, SUNY-Buffalo State College. *Synthesis and Mapping of Environmental Data for the Niagara River Tributaries.*

Amber Westcott, Rowan University. *Beach Morphology of Fortescue, NJ.*


William F. Maryniewski, Mary Perrelli, and Joseph Territo, SUNY-Buffalo State College. *Using a Web Mapping Application to Assess Tree Damage on the Buffalo State Campus.*

Arie Hoogendoorn, Jeffrey C. Brunskill, and Sandra Kehoe-Forutan, Bloomsburg University. *A Study of Spatial and Temporal Anomalies Associated with the Placement of Gravestones at McHenry Cemetery in Orangeville, Pennsylvania.*

Joshua MacFerren, Rowan University. *Documenting the Influence Transportation Mode on the Settlement Patterns of South Jersey.*


John Dobosiewicz, Kean University. *Illustrating Global Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability using GIS.*


Kelly M. Frothingham, SUNY-Buffalo State College. *Investigating the Impact of Dam Removal on Stream Channel Morphology—Step One: Creating an Inventory of Dams in WNY.*

**Session 6: 10:20am-12:00pm**

**Session 6A: Urban Renewal and Gentrification**

**Chair:**

**Room:**

Stephen Stover and James P. Lewandowski, West Chester University. *Economic Development and the new Baseball Stadium in Washington DC.*


Claire Jantz and Paul Marr, Shippensburg University. *Gentrification and Neighborhood Dynamics in Harrisburg, PA.*

**Session 6B: Nationalism, The Military, and the State**

**Chair:**

**Room:**

Jon A. Bushman, United States Military Academy. *The Historical Development of the Site of the National World War II Memorial.*


Steven Oluic, United States Military Academy. *The Sandzak Region of Serbia - Transitioning to a Radical Islamic Space?*

**Session 6C: Too Much Water (Or Not Enough)**

**Chair:**

**Room:**

Tao Tang, SUNY-Buffalo State College; and Gregory Keyser, CRA Infrastructure and Engineering, Buffalo, NY. *Spatial Analysis of Household Water Supply and Demand in a Distributed Geographic Network in the Town of Amherst and Clarence, New York.*

Robert Roth, Penn State University. *The Use of Remotely Sensed Imagery and GIS Analysis for the Automated Detection of Water Infiltration on Residential Structures.*

Joseph P. Henderson, United States Military Academy; and Henri D. Grissino-Mayer, University of Tennessee. Dendroclimatic Reconstruction of Drought History in the Southeastern Coastal Plain using Longleaf Pine.


SESSION 6D: PANEL DISCUSSION: CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL - AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOR UNDERGRADUATES.
ORGANIZER: KEITH HENDERSON, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

ROOM:
Panelists: Briavel Holcomb, Rutgers University
Jake Lewandowski, West Chester University
Gary Coutu, West Chester University
Robert Mason, Temple University
Ines Miyares, Hunter College
Jodi Vender, Penn State

12:20pm-2:20pm

AWARDS LUNCHEON
• Business Meeting – Steven Schnell, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
• Results of Secretary Election
• Keynote Speaker: Tom Baerwald, President, Association of American Geographers: Broadening Our Horizons.
• Student Paper Awards