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NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2013 Meeting
Campbell Student Union Building
SUNY Buffalo State
Buffalo, NY 14222

October 18-19, 2013

President's Message

I would like to thank Paul Marr for hosting an outstanding 2012 meeting at Shippensburg University. I sincerely hope that we can continue that tradition at SUNY Buffalo State in 2013.

This year's Middle States meeting will be held on October 18-19 at Buffalo State in Buffalo, NY. Buffalo State is the largest comprehensive four-year college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. We offer more than 150 undergraduate academic programs and educate over 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students each year. The college is known for its strong community connections and a continuing commitment to providing high-quality lifelong learning opportunities.

Buffalo State is a truly urban campus located in the city's museum district, one of Buffalo's most exciting neighborhoods. Our campus is adjacent to the world renowned Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Delaware Park, which was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. The campus is surrounded by trendy cafes, restaurants, shops, and Victorian-styled housing. Our 125-acre campus is walkable and the MSD meeting space will be in the newly renovated Campbell Student Union. If you would like to learn more about Buffalo State, please visit this website: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/campus.xml>.

Much more information about the Fall 2013 conference will be forthcoming in August in the Summer newsletter.
Kelly Frothingham, SUNY Buffalo State

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Fall 2012MSD Meeting Report – Shippensburg University, PA

The 2012 Middle States Division Annual Conference was held on November 2-3 at Shippensburg University. Although the wind and rain in south-central Pennsylvania was tremendous as the eye of Hurricane Sandy passed directly over Shippensburg, we escaped without any significant damage. Unfortunately, many of our colleagues along the eastern seaboard were not so fortunate. The conference had 118 registrants, but Sandy kept approximately 20% of the registrants from attending. Our thoughts are with those who suffered losses due to the storm. For those registrants who were able to attend, we had 16 paper sessions with 57 papers and a poster session with 8 posters. The "Bobcats", with representatives from SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Oneonta, and Penn State, won the GeoBowl and the six students with the top individual point scores will be partially funded to attend the World GeoBowl at the AAG National Meeting in Los Angeles. The 'Afterburn' faculty-student gathering at the ShipWreck Tavern was a rousing success, as was the Saturday afternoon field trip to the Gettysburg National Battlefield. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2013 meeting in Buffalo, NY, and want to thank Kelly Frothingham (Buffalo State) in advance for organizing our next conference!

Stand Alone Geographers (SAGE)

The Stand Alone Geographers (SAGE) is an affinity group through AAG for geography practitioners who are either working alone (within or outside of academia) or outside of a geography department. Up to this point we have been attempting to identify the SAGEs within the region to determine how to best support those who are tasked with representing the discipline without the support of geography colleagues. The idea is to eventually provide a forum for discussion and sharing of resources for geographers who work alone or in small programs or departments at their respective institutions and to increase their visibility in the discipline and in the Association of American Geographers. If you are a Stand Alone Geographer please contact David Fyfe (dfyfe@ycp.edu) for more information.

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 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.

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 in one of Buffalo's most exciting neighborhoods. 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.

Want to plan your stay early? SUNY Buffalo State has arranged for 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.

Stay Tuned: A call for papers, posters, and panels will be forthcoming in August in the Summer 2013 Middle States Division newsletter.

Call for Nominations

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.