Call for Papers & Posters

Fall 2005 Meeting
Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY
October 14-15, 2005
Abstracts due by September 5, 2005
(see inside for details)

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Request for Department Information

Please forward department news, trends, and developments to our Regional Councillor, Greg Pope. He incorporates this information in his bi-annual report to the AAG Council. Contact him by e-mail or post at the address below by September 1st.

Dr. Gregory Pope | Chair, Dept of Earth & Environmental Studies | Montclair State University | Mallory Hall 254 | Montclair NJ 07043 | popeg@mail.montclair.edu

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World Geography Bowl
Contact Sean DiGiovanna (Rutgers University) at digiovann@rutgers.edu if you’re interested in forming a Bowl team. The Bowl will take place Friday night, October 14th. So far, West Point and Penn State are making plans to bring teams!

Undergraduate & Graduate Student Paper Competitions
Submit an 8 page, single-spaced paper in 10 point font to Dr. Steve Schnell at schnell@kutztown.edu by Sept 21 for presentation at the 2005 Fall Conference at Chautauqua Institution. In addition to the cash prizes awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners, every student who submits and presents a paper will receive a refund for his or her conference registration. For more details, refer to the MSDAAG website: http://departments.bloomu.edu/geog/msd/

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> The conference will be hosted by SUNY Fredonia's Dept of Geosciences and Interdisciplinary Studies in GIS program. The conference, lodging, and meals will all be held in Bellinger Hall. 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. Please note that Bellinger Hall will still be available Saturday night, for those who don’t want to make the trip back until Sunday.

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 are very honored to have Dick Marston, AAG President, as our Keynote Speaker for the Saturday luncheon.

Want to Organize or Participate in a Session or Panel?
Thus far, sessions have been organized on Land Use Change in Oneonta, New York and Economic ‘Niches’ in the Global Economy. There have been suggestions for potential session/panel topics on the following topics:

- Healthy Departments
- Recruiting & Retaining Undergraduate Majors
- Supporting Women in Geography
- Internships & Career Development in Geography
- Interacting with Alumni, Service Learning, Public Scholarship, and Community Engagement Activities

Please let me know if you have any interest in forming and/or participating in any of these sessions/panels at deakin@fredonia.edu.

If you would like to be on the program, please submit an abstract (not exceeding 250 words) by 5 September 2005. There’s room for more paper presentations and, in particular, posters. 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. 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. Please not that there are no registration refunds available after September 15, 2005.

The best time to make your lodging reservations is beginning the week of August 29th. Chautauqua’s season is June 26 to August 27, so they are currently very busy with summer guests, residents, camps, lectures, performances, among many other activities. If you haven’t done so already, peruse their website <www.ciweb.org> to see all they offer.

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)
**Middle States Geographer**

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](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

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*Make Checks Payable to MIDDLE STATES AAG.* Send registration form, check, and abstract (via email) to: Ann Deakin, Geosciences, SUNY Fredonia | 114 Houghton Hall, Fredonia, NY 14063 | deakin@fredonia.edu

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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 along as they care to serve.

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 September 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

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/

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/~geograph/faculty/kathy_schreiber.html