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New Jersey
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Paper Submission Deadline:
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President's Message

First, I would like to thank Margaret Boorstein for hosting the Annual Meeting out on Long Island last Fall. With help from her students and colleagues at the C.W.Post College/Long Island University's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Margaret put together a pleasant and successful conference amidst uncertain times. This year's Annual Meeting returns to New Jersey, hosted by Montclair State University over the Columbus Day Weekend (October 11-12). While continuing the tradition of collegial confabs, we also hope you come away with a favorable view of New Jersey's second largest university, our active Earth & Environmental Studies Department, and the interesting scenic and historic locations surrounding the suburban Watchung Mountains. We are working on ideas for post-meeting field trips and a special K-12 Geography Workshop at the beginning of the meeting. Please let me know if you have any ideas of your own for papers, sessions, or workshops.

Our Annual Meeting is a chance for college scholars, government and corporate professionals, and K-12 teachers to convene and share ideas. To that end, please encourage students, undergraduate and graduate, to attend. The Middle States Annual Meeting presents an excellent opportunity to showcase serious research in a constructive venue. Professional and financial incentives make student participation hard to turn down. Student registration is discounted, but students who also submit and present papers for the Student Paper Competition (guidelines found in this newsletter) also receive a free membership in the AAG. Add to these attractions the opportunity to participate in the champion-building Middle States Geography Bowl (see accompanying story). That should be enough to fill a vanload for a trip to Montclair. Pre-registration forms are attached to this Newsletter. Make your plans now, and we look forward to seeing you in October!

Middle States Geographer Publication Guidelines

Papers given at the Annual Meeting are eligible for publication consideration in the Middle States Geographer, the official, peer-reviewed journal of the Middle States Division. Submitted papers are reviewed by the editors and two external reviewers. A decision on publication will be made by November 15, 2002. Papers accepted for publication must be revised as suggested and submitted on disk with a paper copy by December 15, 2002. All conference participants, college and university libraries in the Middle States Division, select other educational institutions, and the Library of Congress receive the journal. To submit your paper for publication consideration, submit 3 copies of your paper (prepared in the standard journal format) to the registration desk during the conference (or to the address below).

MIDDLE STATES GEOGRAPHER

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Paper Guidelines

Papers may not exceed 8 pages, including all figures, endnotes and bibliography. Set all pages to be single spaced, 10pt Times Roman or CG Times with 1 inch margins all around. Do not right justify. The format should be:

Paper Title (12 pt bold capitals)

Author(s) name(s) (10 pt)

Department

College/University

City, State, Zip

Abstract

Abstract (12pt bold capitals). After the word "Abstract" insert two spaces and type the abstract text in 10pt italics. Do not indent the first line of the abstract. Abstracts are 250 words maximum. After the abstract text, hit enter two times to leave an empty line before starting the text. First level subheadings should be centered, 12pt bold and in all capitals. Second level subheadings should be 10pt bold, left justified, with Important Words capitalized. Third level subheadings, if needed, should be left justified 10 point bold italics with only the first word capitalized.

Tables should be typed within the paper. Use only horizontal lines of separation. Tables should be numbered and titled with important words capitalized. Leave sufficient space for maps, illustrations, etc. and send clean copies with final paper. Type captions beneath illustrations. Capitalize the work Figure and the first word of the caption. Endnotes should be used instead of footnotes, left justified, and typed like first level subheadings. Indent all paragraphs except the Abstract. Do not align text with the space bar; use the tab key. Paginate beginning with page 1. Suggest a running header. Numbers ten and less should be written out, those over 10 in Arabic format. Put all formatting at the beginning of the paper. All maps and figures must be included for publication consideration. Reproduction permissions are the responsibility of the author. Incomplete papers will not be considered for publication.

Student Paper Competition Guidelines

Any geographic topic may be entered in the competition. Papers must represent original research. Thesis or other proposals for future work are not acceptable. Papers must conform to the paper guidelines as stated above. Incomplete papers will not be considered. Maps, illustrations, and other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. The paper must be received by the awards committee chair, with the appropriate number of copies (3), by the stated deadline within the "call for papers" announcement.

The appropriate conference application form should also accompany the submission. Students should not only be registered conference participants, but must present their research at the conference. This presentation may take the form of a paper or a poster. The presentation itself is not judged for the competition. Single-author or

multiple-author papers are acceptable. Papers will be judged in the category that reflects the status of the highest-ranked author (i.e.: a graduate and undergraduate joint paper submission would be judged in the graduate category). Student papers co-authored by faculty are not eligible for the competition.

The sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of students submitting papers for the competition and conduct screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. A letter verifying the student's eligibility from the student's advisor must accompany the submission. The student must have been enrolled in a program of study and in residence at the sponsoring institution at the time his or her research was done. Ph.D. students must be enrolled as students at the time of their presentation. Masters students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first division meeting following graduation.

Each author on a paper submission will be granted a paid one-year membership in the Association of American Geographers. There are two award categories: Undergraduate and Graduate. The awards will consist of a certificate and monetary award.

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Middle States Geographer

Middle States Geographer Volume 34 includes papers from external submissions and the Long Island 2001 Meeting. Volume 34 has new design and includes papers authored by both faculty and students with peer review by at least two reviewers; the papers cover a wide range of topics. If you are interested in submitting a paper or serving as a reviewer, please contact the editor. Available back issues can be purchased by sending a check for \$6 each (payable to Middle States AAG) to Kim Irvine.

Middle States Geography Bowl Team takes World Championship!

The MSD Geography Bowl tradition has always been strong. We regularly place highly in the World Geography Bowl and often have individual high scorers at the tournament. This year's team, Bill Hughes of Vassar and Tom Mitchell, Peter Kabachnik, Julie Silva, Bob Donovan, and Kulsum Farooqi, all from Rutgers, made a significant leap of excellence. On March 21 in Los Angeles, the team achieved the elusive Championship by triumphing over the perennial favorite Southeast Division (SEDAAG). Rutgers' Tom Mitchell came away as tournament high scorer. Our students were awarded cash prizes as well as digital and book atlases. This should be incentive to organize a Geography Bowl team from your own school to participate in our regional tournament, to be held the

evening of October 11 at the Fall Meeting. The Geography Bowl builds excitement about geography!

Going to the Annual Meeting?

DON'T FORGET HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

The following hotels are offering discounts:

Holiday Inn, Totowa

(3¼ mi. W on Rt. 46). 973-785-9000 \$99/night.

Code: "Geo".

Holiday Inn, Wayne

(6¾ mi. W on Rt. 46). 973-256-7000 \$75/night.

Code: "Midstates Assoc. of Geographers".

These hotels will release the rooms held at the special rate 4 weeks before the meeting.

WEB LINKS

Additional meeting information can be found at the MSD Web Page: <http://planetx.bloomu.edu/~geog/msdaag/>

and at the Earth & Environmental Studies Montclair State University Web Page:

[Http://www.csam.montclair.edu/earth/eesweb/index.html](http://www.csam.montclair.edu/earth/eesweb/index.html)

Geography at Montclair State University

MSU's Department of Earth & Environmental Studies and Geography program are healthy and growing in the 2002/2003 academic year. New faculty (in GIS and remote sensing), a new Laboratory for Environmental Modeling, and a revised and updated curriculum will add to growing research opportunities, enhanced student activities, and additions to the department's graduate programs. Earth & Environmental Studies offers a B.A. degree in Geography along with a minor in Urban Studies, and degrees in Geoscience (BS and MS), and Environmental Studies (MA). Along with a traditional geography degree, students may focus on a concentration in Urban Studies or a certificate in Social Science Education. Recent graduates have obtained employment with New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection, US EPA, municipal and county health, planning, and recreational offices, private environmental consulting firms, and real estate development companies. The Geography faculty are active in research with projects ongoing here and abroad (e.g. China, Argentina, Portugal, Philippines). Recent research topics encompass human dimensions of global change, environmental sustainability, Pleistocene paleoclimatology, geoarchaeology, hydroelectric power, and urban housing.

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2002 Meeting Pre-Registration Form
October 11-12, Montclair State University,
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
Beat the Crowd & Register Early!
Complete a Separate Form for Each Person.

Name

Phone

Email

Address

Affiliation

REGISTRATION FEES

Before Sept. 15 After Sept. 15 Enclosed

REGULAR (includes MS Geographer)
\$50.00 \$60.00 \$_____

STUDENT (Friday Supper, Saturday Lunch)
\$25.00 \$30.00 \$_____

K-12 TEACHER (Saturday Lunch)
\$30.00 \$35.00 \$_____

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Saturday Lunch)
\$20.00 \$25.00 \$_____

MSD REGISTRATION PACKAGE
\$75.00 \$85.00 \$_____

(Friday Supper, Saturday Lunch,
MS Geographer)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Make Checks Payable to MIDDLE STATES AAG.
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