Preliminary Program for Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting  
November 16-17, 2007  
The Inn at Reading, Reading PA

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

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 ID: FOOD, LAND, AND LIFE

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 2: 3:00pm-4:40pm

SESSION 2A: TOPICS IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

CHAIR:

ROOM:

Kseniya Popov, SUNY-Geneeso. Human Trafficking in Cambodia: A Regional Perspective.

Anouk Patel-Campillo, Cornell University. From Producer-Driven to Buyer-Driven Chains? 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 Lemare and David Kaserman, 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: BRIVAL 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:


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:

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

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

Amy Richmond, United States Military Academy. How Government Policies Influence Declining Fertility Rates in Developed Countries.


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 GEOGRAPHERS.

SESSION 3C: TOPICS IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

CHAIR:

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

SESSION 3D: AFRICAN GEOGRAPHY

CHAIR:

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.


William B. Kory, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Liberia: The New Beginning?


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. Yanovich, 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 Wincom, 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 Index 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.
Mary Jo Crance and Kelly M. Frothingham, SUNY-Buffalo State College. The Influence of Ice Cover on Stream Flow and Channel Morphology.
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 Sandžak 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