

*Middle States' Division
of the
Association of American Geographers*



*2009 Annual Meeting
SUNY-New Paltz
New Paltz, NY
November 6 & 7, 2009*

Preliminary Program

Friday, November 6

**12:15-2 PM - Middle States AAG – Board Meeting – Teaching & Learning Center,
College Hall**

1:00 PM – Registration Begins – South Lobby, Lecture Center

2:30 PM– Paper Session 1 – Lecture Center

International and Global Issues

Chair : **Salvatore Engel-DiMauro**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz

2:30 - **Jason Kreyling**, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “An Investigation into National and Global Emergency Medical Systems”

2:50 – **Tatiana Hoffecker**, Department of Earth Science and Geography, Vassar College, “The Development of Kenyan Running: From Colonialism to Olympic Success”

3:10 - **Samuel Schrager**, Department of Geography, Binghamton University, “Arable Land in International Perspective”

3:30 - **Denyse Lemaire**, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “Wine production in France in light of the restructuring imposed by the European Union”

Regional Physical Geography

Chair : **Gregory A. Pope**, Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, Montclair State University

2:30 - **Catherine M. Foley and Mary Ann Cunningham**, Department of Earth Science and Geography, Vassar College, “Breaking the rules: can we use ISC data for landscape analysis?”

2:50 - **Francis A. Galgano**, Department of Geography and the Environment, Villanova University, “Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Beach Erosion Adjacent to Stabilized Micro-Tidal Tidal Inlets”

3:10 - **Gregory A. Pope with Andrew J. Temples, Thomas J. Glynn, Joanne C. Kornoelje, Sean I. McLearie, and Jahalla R. Simmons**, Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, Montclair State University, “The nature of certain boulder-rich deposits in the upper Big Flat Brook drainage, Sussex County, New Jersey”

Reimagining the Symbolic Landscape

Chair : **John Pipkin**, Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany

2:30 - **Christopher Bartell**, Department of Geography, SUNY Geneseo, “Reading the Writing on the Wall: Territoriality in Belfast, Northern Ireland”

2:50 - **Alex Peimer**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz, “Official maps and environmental politics: A critical appraisal of USGS topographic quadrangles for Washington and Oregon states, 1960-2000”

3:10 - **John Pipkin**, Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany, “Whig Dreams, Urban Nightmares, and the Rural Cemetery”

3:30 - **Katrinka Somdahl-Sands**, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “Witnessing Dancing in the Streets: *Go! Taste the City*”

3:50 PM-4:20 Break – Refreshments – South Lobby, Lecture Center

4:20 PM - Paper Session 2 – Lecture Center

Economic Development – The Local View

Chair : **John I. Sharp**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz

4:20 - **Dorothy Ives-Dewey**, Geography and Planning Department, West Chester University, “Transforming the Physical Landscape: One Community’s Attempt to Adapt to a Knowledge- based Economy”

4:40 - **Michael F. Ziolkowski**, The College at Brockport, Business and Economics Department, “Telecommunications Master Plans and Global Competitiveness”

5:00 - **John I. Sharp and Kenneth Deegan**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz, “Urban Economic Discourse: Professional Sports Subsidies”

5:20 - **Jeffrey Silfies**, Rowan University, “The Wal-Mart Supercenter in America: Is Bigger Always Better?”

Historical Geography – Digging into the Past

Chair : **Laurel J. Hummel**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy

4:20 - **Laurel J. Hummel**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Necrogeography in the Hudson Valley: The West Point Cemetery Through a Geographer’s Lens”

4:40 - **Paul Marr**, Department of Geography-Earth Science, Shippensburg University, “Finding Fort Morris: The Search for Shippensburg's Elusive Colonial Fort”

5:00 - **Wendy A. Mitteager, Erik M Scrivener, and Ralph S. Stupple**, Geography Department, SUNY Oneonta, “Exploring the idea of Americana as the backbone of the successful tourism industry in Cooperstown, NY”

5:20 - **Jon Malinowski**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Snap, Crackle, New York: Regional Contributions to the Historical Geography of the American Breakfast”

Land, Water, Agriculture and Energy in International Perspective

Chair : **Linda Greenow**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz

4:20 - **Charles McGlynn**, Geography and Anthropology Department, Rowan University, “Cebu City’s Water: Local Adaptations to Degradation”

4:40 - **Cait VanDamm**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz, “The Nutritional Values of Urban Agriculture in Cuba”

5:00 - **Sean Tanner**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, “Lawless Lands: The Experience of Land Titles in Guatemala”

5:20 - **Rolf Sternberg**, Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, Montclair State University, “Hydroelectricity, Geopolitics: A Functional Interdependence”

Climate I: Climate, Vegetation, and More

Chair : **John Dobosiewicz**, Department of Geology and Meteorology, Kean University

4:20 - **Colin Bittner and Stephen Vermette**, Department of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College, “Using Station Climatology to Forecast Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation: Buffalo, New York”

4:40 - **Timothy W. Hawkins and Katherine Shuren**, Department of Geography and Planning, Shippensburg University, “Climate Trends Along the Appalachian Trail, United States and the Potential Effects on Thru-Hiking”

5:00 - **Peter Siska**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Matching the Pollen Distribution Patterns and Vegetation”

5:20 - **Dana Litwornia**, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “Comparison of the Terroirs of Burgundy and Bordeaux”

6:15 PM – Dinner Buffet at Terrace Restaurant, Southwest of Lecture Center

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM – GeoBowl – Lecture Center – Rooms 100 & 102

Saturday, November 7

8:30 AM – Registration – South Lobby – Lecture Center

9:00 AM - Paper Session 3 – Lecture Center

Political Geography and Culture – From Local to Global

Chair : **David Fyfe**, Department of History and Political Science, York College of PA

9:00 - **Richard L. Wolfel**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering and the Center for Languages, Cultures and Regional Studies (CLCRS), United States Military Academy, “Employing the IDI as a Validation Tool for Scenario Based Assessments”

9:20 - **Jaime L. McKay**, Department of Geography, SUNY Geneseo, “Erosion of Bush Bedrock, or A Mere Weathering? The 1-390 Effect on Voting Trends in Livingston County, NY.”

9:40 - **Alicia Dezik**, Department of Geography, SUNY Geneseo, “Micropolitan Backlash: Foreclosures and the Republican Vote in 2008”

10:00 - **Edward Heath Robinson**, Department of Geography, The State University of New York at Buffalo, “An Initial Evaluation of the Geopolitical Ontology in Wolfram|Alpha’s Knowledge Computation Engine”

Climate II: Winds, Clouds, and Particulates

Chair : **Stephen Vermette**, Department of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College

9:00 - **Tao Tang^a, Wenhui Zhao^b, Huili Gong^b, Wenji Zhao^b, Lei Cai^a**, ^aDepartment of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College; ^bDepartment of Environment and Natural Resources, Capital Normal University of China, “Spatial and temporal changes of air particle pollution concentration and its impact on respiratory diseases”

9:20 - **Lindsey Higgins¹, Dave Zelinsky², and Neil Laird³**, ¹Department of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College; ²Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Purdue University; ³Department of Geoscience, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, “Climatology of Lake-Effect Clouds over the Great Lakes”

9:40 - **Joseph Petre and Stephen Vermette**, Department of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College, “Buffalo’s Lake Breeze Project: Summer and Fall 2009”

10:00 - **Lisa Rundall and Timothy W. Hawkins**, Department of Geography and Earth Science, Shippensburg University, “A synoptic meteorological analysis of PM_{2.5} concentrations for Carlisle, Pennsylvania”

Urban GIS: Past and Present

Chair : **Paul Marr**, Department of Geography and Earth Science, Shippensburg University

9:00 - **Aaron Clark and Joy Fritschle**, Department of Geography and Planning, West Chester University, “A GIS analysis of the pre-Columbian Chaco landscape: applying new tools to old problems.”

9:20 - **Patrick Gallagher**, Department of Geography, SUNY College at Geneseo, “Identification and Analysis of Orthodox Jewish Enclaves in Brooklyn, New York: A GIS Based Approach.”

9:40 - **Michael Pianka**, Department of Geography, SUNY-New Paltz, “Micro-scale GIS Mapping: Historic Huguenot Street”

10:00 – **Gary Coutu and Abraham John**, Department of Geography and Planning, West Chester University, “Using Citygreen/GIS to Analyze the Ecological and Economic Benefits of Tree Canopy in the Central City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania”

Regional Resource Issues

Chair : **Mark A. Blumler**, Dept. of Geography, SUNY-Binghamton

9:00 - **John Hasse and Vanessa Dornisch**, Department of Geography & Anthropology, Rowan University, “Impervious surface, land management, smart growth”

9:20 - **Candace Quinn**, Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, Montclair State University, “Recycling Program at Montclair State University”

9:40 - **Mark A. Blumler**, Dept. of Geography, SUNY-Binghamton, “The Marcellus Shale in global context”

10:00 - **Guillaume Turcotte**, Department of Geography and the Environment, Villanova University, “Pennsylvania Sunday Hunting Allowance’s Effect on Recreational Users”

10:20 AM - 10:50 AM – Break – Refreshments – South Lobby, Lecture Center

10:50 AM - Paper Session 4 – Lecture Center

Cultural Geography – Identities

Chair : **Darrell A. Norris**, Department of Geography, SUNY Geneseo

10:50 - **Darrell A. Norris**, Department of Geography, SUNY Geneseo, “The World is not Flat on the Great Plains: Myspace.com adoption and reach in Heartland Communities.”

11:10 - **Adam J. Mathews**, Department of Geography, Binghamton University, “Blues Falling Down Like Hail: The Geography of African-American Blues Music”

11:30 - **Jeffrey J. Vincent**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Cajun Country: More Than Just A Home... It’s A Way Of Life”

11:50 - **Thomas Owusu**, Department of Geography & Urban Studies, William Paterson University of New Jersey, “Immigrants and Poverty in American Cities: Insights from the City of Paterson, New Jersey “

Marginalization and Gentrification

Chair : **Brian J. Godfrey**, Dept. of Earth Science and Geography, Vassar College

10:50 - **Ingrid M. Butler**, Department of Geography, Syracuse University, “‘Unworthy to Return’: Using Black Geographies to Analyze the Production of Space in Post-Katrina New Orleans”

11:10 - **Kristen B. Crossney**, Department of Geography and Planning, West Chester University, “Mortgage Lending and Neighborhood Trajectories in Atlanta Neighborhoods”

11:30 - **Brian J. Godfrey**, Dept. of Earth Science and Geography, Vassar College, “Peter Cooper Village and Stuyvesant Town: Demise of an Affordable Rental Community in Manhattan”

11:50 - **Hamil Pearsall**, Geography and Urban Studies Department, Temple University, “The next wave? Environmental remediation and gentrification”

Geographic Knowledge Across Scales

Chair : **Chris Fuhriman**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy

10:50 - **Chris Fuhriman**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Cinematic representations of landscape: the (reel) Korean Demilitarized Zone”

11:10 - **Andrei Israel**, Department of Geography, Penn State University, “What Geography Educators Can Learn From Place-based Education, and Vice-versa”

11:30 - **Skye Naslund**, Department of Geography, State University of New York College at Geneseo, “Geographic Literacy and the African Continent.”

11:50 - **Rui Li**, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, “Stuck in the Stacks: Using Space Syntax to Understand the Impact of Layout Complexity of Complex Buildings on Wayfinding”

Hazards Near and Far

Chair : **Amy Krakowka**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy

10:50 - **Albert J. Beck and Dr. Timothy W. Hawkins**, Department of Geography and Earth Science, Shippensburg University, “A Comparison of Selected Wisconsin Counties Using an Atmospheric Hazard Vulnerability Index”

11:10 - **Richard J Bartholomew**, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “High tensions in the Highlands: Siting High Voltage Transmission Lines in Northern New Jersey”

11:30 - **Lei Cai^a, Tao Tang^b, Wenhui Zhao^c**, ^aDepartment of Economics, Buffalo State College; ^bDepartment of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College; ^cCollege of Environment and Natural Resources, Capital Normal University of China, “Spatial Relations of Air Particle Pollution Distribution to Residential Incomes and Perceptions”

11:50 - **Katherine R. Fichtner**, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, “Disaster Preparation and Vulnerability Improvements at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico in Response to Hurricane and Earthquake Hazards”

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM - Poster Session – South Lobby, Lecture Center

Rena Cybulski, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “The Paradox of Starvation and Obesity in Developing Countries”

Benjamin L. Franek, Department of Geography and Geosciences, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, “Building of a Fluvial Benchmark/Monitoring System by a Local Watershed Organization”

Megan Gallagher, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “Looking for New Jersey farms, Where did they go?”

Lindsey Higgins¹, Stephen Vermette¹, and Tom Niziol², ¹Department of Geography and Planning, Buffalo State College, ²Buffalo Office of the National Weather Service, “Upstate New York’s Cool Pool Project: Phase I”

Jessica J. Kelly, Department of Geography, Millersville University, “Detecting Forest Cover Change and Transition in the Tropics”

Alexandrea Smith, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “The Geography of NJ Potholes: The Impact of Geomorphological Processes on the State's Road Infrastructure”

Siobhan O’Connor, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, "Rethinking Urban Poverty: A Deconstruction of the Suburbs"

Wenhui Zhao, Wenji Zhao, Capital Normal University of China; **Tao Tang, Lei Cai**, State University of New York, College at Buffalo, “Temporal and Spatial Variation of IPM Concentration in Beijing and Its Influence Factor Analysis”

Daniel F. Silver, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Rowan University, “An Independent Study of Permeable Surfaces in New Jersey”

Arielle Hesse, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, “Fairmount Park and Parkside Neighborhood: Separate, while adjacent”

Carrie L. Burkholder, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, ”Developing a Web Mapping Application using Open Source Software for the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum”

12:15 PM –Lunch Buffet at the Terrace

Featured Speaker, Carol Harden, President AAG, "Geography and Ecosystem Services: Land, water, and people in the Andes and Appalachians”

Awards

- Student Paper Competitions

- GeoBowl Winners

Directions to Meeting

Make your way to Exit 18 of the New York State Thruway (I-87). It is roughly ½ of the way from NYC to Albany. The exit is for Rt. 299, also the exit for Poughkeepsie.

After the toll booth at exit 18, you will come to a light at the intersection with 299. Turn left at this light, west on 299 (Main St.). Continue straight for about 1.4 miles on Main St., going through three traffic lights as you head into the village. At the 3rd light, near M&T Bank, there is a sign to take a left to SUNY-New Paltz. Do not follow this sign! Keep straight into the heart of the village. At the 4th traffic light, the intersection of Rt. 208 (South Chestnut St), turn left (south) onto 208. This is between Fat Bob's Restaurant and the Home Towne USA store. Continue for 0.6 miles, then turn left into the SUNY-New Paltz West Entrance (Hawk Drive). On Friday, you will need a visitor's parking permit. After you enter, on the right is a yellow machine that vends visitor permits for \$1.00. Get one and display it according to instructions. Saturday arrivals do NOT need a permit. Continue to a T intersection with South Road, turn left and go through the first stop sign onto the Southside Loop. You will pass the entrance of the Athletic and Wellness Center. After the center, turn left and park where you can. The parking lots (Elting and Wallkill) extend down the hill, but park as close to the top of the hill as you can.

From the parking lot, walk away from the Athletic and Wellness Center, north. The first large building is the Sojourner Truth Library. The next large building is the Lecture Center. Enter the east side of the Lecture Center (up the stairs, away from the parking lots) and follow signs to meeting registration.

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