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2009 Geography Graduate Conference ~ Sat, Feb 28th – Sun, Mar 1st

Program

All events held in Walker Building, Penn State University Park Campus.

Saturday, February 28th

9:00-9:55, 1st floor: Registration, breakfast and coffee

10:00-11:55, rm. 112: Paper session: Physical geography & GIScience

Nancy Brown, Penn State: “Interactions of site quality and genetic variability in *Cupressus bakeri*, Baker cypress.”

Rui Li, Penn State: “Stuck in the Stacks: Assessing and Solving Wayfinding Problems in Complex Buildings.”

Adam Naito, Penn State: “Twentieth Century Changes in Vegetation and Suitability of Wildlife Habitat in Lassen National Forest, California.”

Johnathan Rush, Ohio State: “Visualizing a large population in the space-time aquarium.”

Armand Silva, Penn State: “Climate Diagnostics of Jet Contrail Outbreaks and a Regionalization for the United States.”

10:00-11:55, rm. 110: Paper session: Political, economic, & cultural geography

Brian Dunmire, U.S. Military Academy: “The Blue and Green Amazon: Brazil and Effective Sovereignty.”

Patrick Hagge, Penn State: “The ‘New Northwest’: the Birth of Wal-Mart, Tyson, and the Transformation of Small-Town Economies in Northwest Arkansas from 1960 to the Present.”

Crista Livecchi, Penn State: “Seeing things as they are and as they might become: Reimagined landscapes and geographical staging.”

Thomas Sigler, Penn State: “Regionalism, Sprawl, and Spatial Segregation: Lessons from San Diego.”

Marina Viola, Penn State: “Walt’s Vision of the West: A textual analysis of Disney’s California Adventure.”

12:00-12:30, rm. 319: Lunch

12:30-1:15, 3rd floor: Poster session

Thomas Comer, U.S. Military Academy: “Do ‘Bare Branches’ Float Best?”

Brandon Counts, U.S. Military Academy: “Somalia, A cry for help.”

Amanda Krugh, West Virginia: “Economic Restructuring: livelihoods, past and present, in a rural Pennsylvania community.”

Caroline Leland, West Virginia: “Dendrochronological Applications for Climate Reconstruction using Eastern redcedar: An Exploratory Study.”

Stuart Mcfarlane, U.S. Military Academy: “Egypt and Gaza.”

Robert Roth & Jin Chen, Penn State: “Geographic disparities in cervical cancer mortality in the US: 2000-2004.”

Ratchanok Sangpenhcan, Penn State: “Climate change impacts on cassava production in Northeastern Thailand.”

Amanda Tavel, U.S. Military Academy: “Nutrient Concentrations and the significance of population change in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.”

1:15-2:55, rm. 319: Paper session: Human-environment geography

Jessica Barnes, Ohio State: “Bringing climate change home: Knowledge dissemination through print journalists' practices for localizing climate change.”

Seth Baum, Penn State: “Ethics, Geopolitics, and Catastrophic Climate Change.”

Phil Birnie, Ohio State: “Frontiers in case-study research: Enacting new assemblages of possibility to address our global climate crisis.”

Peter Howe, Penn State: “Perceptions of hurricane risk among Florida business owners and managers.”

3:00-4:25, rm. 319: Paper session: Place & education

Lisa Braverman, Indiana: “Place as Collateral: Using Social Imaginaries in Geography.”

Andrei Israel, Penn State: “Critical Literacies and Cultural Landscapes: paths to a radical politics of the landscape.”

Greg Lankenau, Penn State: “Feminism and Environmental Education: A Critical Match.”

Christopher Riley, Ohio State: “Thinking about Scale in Educational Policy Analysis: The Problems and Possibilities of Implementation Gaps.”

4:30-6:30, rm. 208: Professional development workshop

Michael Solem, Educational Affairs Director, Association of American Geographers; ‘Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education’ (EDGE) Director. *Limited to 22 participants. Sign up at registration.*

Sunday, March 1st

**SPECIAL SESSION: BALANCING ON THE ACADEMIC LADDER—
SUPPORTING WOMEN IN GEOGRAPHY AND BEYOND**

9:00-9:55, 1st floor: Breakfast & coffee

10:00-10:55, 112: Keynote, “Changing Places.”

Janice Monk, Professor, Geography & Regional Development, The University of Arizona

11:00-12:25, 319: Panel discussion, “Life in the department.”

Topics may include: departmental climate, mentoring, access to information, and student organizations.

12:30-1:10, 319: Lunch

1:15-2:30, 319: Panel discussion, “Life beyond the department.”

Topics may include: publishing, work/life balance, career track, outreach, and networking.