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LSU Geographers Receive Award for Post-Katrina Research



The LSU GIS Clearinghouse Cooperative was awarded the 2007 Meredith F. Burrill Award by the Association of American Geographers. This group from Geography and Anthropology (Michael Leitner and alumnus Jackie Mills) received the honor for their contributions in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The prestigious Burrill Award was established to honor individuals or groups that have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research in geography on the one hand, and practical applications or policy implications on the other.

Since August 29, 2005, when Hurricane

Katrina made her infamous landfall along the Gulf Coast, Michael Leitner, alumnus Jacqueline W. Mills, and other LSU faculty have been involved in numerous aspects of managing this disaster with geospatial tools and geographic information. Jacqueline W. Mills is Assistant Professor-Research in the Disaster Science and Management program at Louisiana State University (LSU), an interdisciplinary program housed within the Department of Geography and Anthropology. Michael Leitner is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Anthropology. Integration of various disciplines and intra-disciplinary specializations represented in this team has led to a formidable and successful effort to develop GIS-related disaster response strategies and practical applications from geographic research to improve future responses to catastrophes, support government agencies, and educate at-risk communities relating to hazard and disaster management in coastal Louisiana.

From exploring methods for integrating mapping with field data acquisition for Red Cross Disaster Assessment Teams (DATs) to providing geospatial decision support as part of a large team of faculty, research associates, and graduate students in the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to developing a hazard mitigation education program for coastal Louisiana parishes to assisting the state with post-hurricane crime analysis to creating the LSU GIS

Geography Professor Named First Woman Faculty Athletics Representative at LSU



In January, Associate Professor Dydia DeLyser was named LSU's first woman Faculty Athletics Representative. The FAR, a position mandated by the NCAA for each institution that participates in intercollegiate athletics, reports directly to the Chancellor and provides a faculty perspective on the university's athletics administration by serving in an advisory and oversight capacity. In her new role, DeLyser serves as Chair of LSU's Athletic Council, advises the Chancellor on all matters related to intercollegiate athletics, and represents LSU at NCAA and SEC (Southeastern Conference) meetings. She is responsible for overseeing the welfare and academic

success of some 500 student athletes, as well as for ensuring their, and LSU's, compliance with all NCAA rules and regulations. Since agreeing to serve, DeLyser has taken a pro-active role, for example, in initiating a Student Athlete Graduation Success Task Force, developing and Executive Committee for the Athletic Council, revising PS-110 (the university's Policy Statement that specifies the duties of the FAR and role of the Athletic Council), recommending revisions to PS-22 (the university's Policy Statement governing excused missed classes), serving on hiring committees for the positions of Compliance Director, Learning Specialist, and Academic Advisor, and meeting with athletics administrators, coaches, and student athletes to gain their input on the FAR's role. In order to maintain her research productivity, DeLyser has accepted a reduced teaching load for the three-year duration of her appointment.

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From the Chair

I guess the biggest news is that Paul Farnsworth unexpectedly turned in his resignation as chair in June. With a mix of regret and gladness we say farewell to a colleague who spent 17 years at LSU. We regret losing an unselfish and dedicated colleague who took on the chairship, twice, at times when we truly needed his steady leadership. While we regret his departure, we are glad for Paul and his family that they will finally be able to reside under one roof again. I suspect they are glad too. He won't be racking up the frequent flier miles like he did for many years, but quality time with Laurie and Alexandra will more than offset that loss. We wish him well as he makes the leap into the world of private-sector archaeology.

It has been an exceptionally busy year in Geography and Anthropology. After starting the semester with a faculty retreat to chart our course for the upcoming years, we began the search for three new colleagues. This exceptional hiring spree reflects support from Dean Ferreyra and the College of Arts and Sciences. For each position, we conducted three interviews, a process that consumed much of our spring semester. We made offers to and have three excellent new hires on our faculty: Fahui Wang, Lei Wang, and David Brown (see more on them elsewhere). They add new talents and will help us reshape the department. With several geography faculty on special assignments, we also brought in Wendy Patzewitsch from Texas A&M as an instructor. Wendy will be handling critical introductory sections.

During the spring, we hosted the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History. Over 500 participants arrived in Baton Rouge to partake in several field trips, including a "rolling seminar" through New Orleans, and 80 paper sessions. Former Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, was among the featured speakers. Numerous students and faculty from the department also participated.

Paul Farnsworth has moved on, and Miles Richardson is also moving into the next phase of his career. He'll be taking a year off and then return to teach one course a semester in 2008-2009. With these departures and several anthropologists on research leave during the upcoming year, we will be deliberating how to fill those important positions. In the interim, we have added an anthropology instructor, Angela Demovic, from Tulane. We are optimistic that we will be able to conduct two anthropology searches this year.

The department hosted a highly successful symposium where visiting scholars Stuart Aiken (San Diego State), Jonathan Phillips (Kentucky), and Sarah Elwood (Washington), addressed the challenges scholars face when they encounter the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide and how they had straddled that chasm in their own work.

We also hosted Alexander Murphy from Oregon as part of an Atlantic Studies symposium organized by the English Department with support from G&A. Andrew Sluyter played an active role in

organizing the spring symposium. Our involvement in this effort will expand in the coming year. Kent Mathewson co-authored a proposal to create an Atlantic Studies Cluster. The university is investing funds into three innovative clusters and we will be part Atlantic Studies, along with English and History. This will enable the cluster to hire several faculty members who will lead interdisciplinary research on Atlantic Studies.


Michael Leitner, along with alumnus Jackie Mills, and colleagues from other LSU units garnered the Meredith F. Burrill Award from the AAG in 2007 for their work in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The prestigious Burrill Award was established to honor individuals or groups that have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research in geography on the one hand, and practical applications or policy implications on the other (see more below).

Our department has been tapped for assistance at the administrative level. Bob Rohli is serving as Director of Residential Life, while Dydia Delyser was invited to be the Faculty Athletic Representative. While we miss these colleagues in the classroom, their selection for administrative jobs indicates we've been fortunate to bring in top caliber faculty in recent years.

Over the summer, we hosted several prominent geographers over the summer as part of the AAG's Healthy Departments Workshop. Incoming AAG President Tom Baerwald presided over the event and was joined by a stellar line up that included Stephen White (Dean, Kansas State), Risa Palm (Provost, SUNY), Richard Marston (Kansas State), and Doug Sherman (Texas A&M).

We want to thank our alumni for their continued support of the department and want to assure them that the department is on solid footing.

Craig E. Colten,
Professor and Interim Chair



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Geographers Receive Award (from page 1)

Clearinghouse Cooperative (LGCC), the largest post-disaster geospatial data clearinghouse, geography has been the central component to their research, educational, and volunteer activities. Key to this involvement is the shared belief that bridging geographic research with real-world applications holds tremendous benefit to society. For example, as part of the long-term recovery process following Hurricane Rita, community meetings were held wherein models of hurricane storm surge were displayed with maps of elevation, levees, evacuation routes, and coastal land loss. The result are coastal communities that are more aware of their hurricane risks, which has empowered them to ask more informed questions of their government leaders and enabled them to prepare and mitigate more appropriately. In essence, knowledge of one's geography equals power for

spatially informed decisions. The following is an overview of both applied and basic research produced by this team beginning with activities surrounding the landfall of Hurricane Katrina to ongoing projects in the recovery, mitigation, and planning phases of this disaster.

This group, along with other faculty, staff members and graduate students at Louisiana State University voluntarily helped create, manage, and staff Geographic Information System (GIS) efforts in the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the weeks immediately following landfall. Although the work of this voluntary force is commendable due to the way in which geographic techniques were used to save lives, this award nomination is specifically for the post-response phase, and the support and research stemming from the LGCC.

The LGCC and the clearinghouse concept in particular have received recognition as important resources by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Institute of Environmental Health, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Institute of Justice, and the Smithsonian. In addition, the LGCC has served a support function to the Special Hurricane Katrina Investigation of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) and to the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to help them utilize geospatial information to better understand the geography of potential and existing events, as well as serving as a research partner on emerging geospatial technologies with the National Park Service.

Anthropology Professor Co-curates State Archives Exhibit

Joyce Marie Jackson, associate professor of Anthropology in the LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology and photographer J. Porter Nash co-curated an exhibit of Nash's photographs and artifacts of the New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians at the Louisiana State Archives Building in February and March of this year. This exhibit was a smaller installation of the exhibit that was on view at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C. for six months in 2006.

Although primarily about the traditions of Mardi Gras and the men that create and wear the elaborate costumes during parades, those are only aspects of what the exhibit represents. "The exhibit is also about families, intergenerational traditions, and community," said Jackson. "Many of the men involved are blue collar workers in their day-to-day lives, but as 'Big Chief' or 'Wild Man' they become larger than life personalities."

That loss of identity among Mardi Gras Indians after Hurricane Katrina might also be viewed as a microcosm of the city of New Orleans itself. A city once steeped in many time-honored traditions, such as Mardi Gras, is slowly trying to regain its footing as a thriving community and tourist destination.

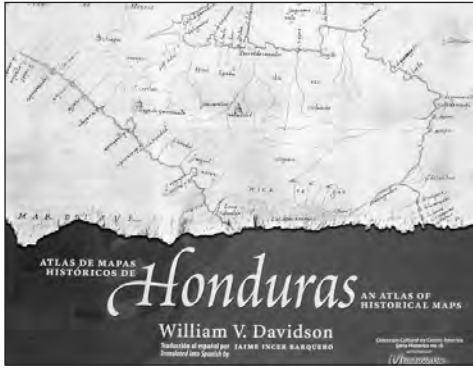
Both Jackson and Porter have said that, in light of the many negative images of New Orleans represented in the media over the last 18 months, they hope their exhibit has given and will continue to give visitors a more positive impression of New Orleans' people and culture.

"Dressing as Mardi Gras Indians gave these men a sense of pride that they may not have had otherwise," said Jackson. "I hope as many of them as possible come back to New Orleans this Mardi Gras and that this tradition can continue."



Photograph by J. Nash Porter

Retired Geography Professor Publishes Honduras Atlas



Retired LSU Geography professor and department chair, William V. Davidson has recently published *Honduras, An Atlas of Historical Maps*. The latest publication in the series of high-quality books on Central America from Fundación Uno's *Colección Cultural de Centro América* is an atlas that illustrates the progression of geography and history of Honduras. The 122 maps, on 114 color plates, were acquired from the major antique map depositories in Europe, the USA, and Central America, and a few private collections. In addition to explaining the context of each rare and important map, the bilingual text includes such topics as "On Honduran Toponymia" and "Cartographical Evidence of How Honduras Got its Name." Among the numerous little-known maps are those of Tegucigalpa and vicinity (1763), Comayagua Valley (1853), Tencho Curato (1797), Gulf of Fonseca (1682), Department of Gracias (1834), northeast Caribbean coast (1788), and Black River and hinterland (1779). An interactive CD of 57 maps is encased in back cover. Translations are by Jaime Incer Barquero, the foremost geographer and environmentalist in Nicaragua, recognized by National Geographic Society in 2006 as Conservationist of the Year for Latin America.

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Anthropologist on the Porch in Seventh Ward

Anthropologist Helen Regis is making a difference in the struggling neighborhoods in New Orleans. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, she became involved in what has become a highly celebrated project. On the Porch is a grass-roots neighborhood organization dedicated to reviving and perpetuating the unique cultural life of the Seventh Ward.

It has organized two "Arts Alive!" camp for neighborhood children. At the camp kids learn arts that help them appreciate and restore what has been disrupted by the storms of 2005.

In May, the Porch organized the first 7th Ward Festival that featured musical entertainment and drew some 500 spectators. Students from the University of Kansas built a portable stage for the event. Not only did the festival, which Dr. Regis helped organize, showcase local talent, its organizers hoped it would help offset the threats to cultural traditions such as Second Line and Mardi Gras Indians.

In addition to arts related activities, Dr. Regis and others have helped establish connections with the New Orleans Neighborhood Housing Services. The local organization assists neighborhood residents secure assistance finding affordable housing as they return.

Gambit, a New Orleans weekly, and *The Nation* both featured the organization this spring.



Miles Richardson Appointed Professor Emeritus

Miles Richardson has been appointed Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography & Anthropology. Miles retired from the Department this May after over forty years of dedicated teaching, distinguished research, and extraordinary service to LSU.

Miles is proud of being from Palestine, Texas. Although he never finished high school, he attended college after military service in the Korean War, and earned a B.S. at Stephen F. Austin State College in 1957. His PhD in Anthropology was granted in 1965, at Tulane University; his dissertation research was published as a monograph, *San Pedro, Columbia; Small Town in a Developing Society*, which continues in print, and is widely used in teaching ethnography and Latin American anthropology.

Miles is the editor of three books, and the author of three more, most recently his celebrated 2003 publication *Being-in-Christ and Putting Death in Its Place: An Anthropologist's Account of Christian Performance in Spanish America and The American South*, with LSU Press. He has published over fifty articles, some in Spanish, articulating his humanistic approach across all fields of anthropology; this range and depth of scholarly production is truly remarkable. Several of his papers, most notably "Being-in-the-Market versus Being-in-the-Plaza," and "Anthropologist The Myth-Teller" have been reproduced in several anthologies. He has also published works of fiction and poetry.

He has been active in the American Anthropological Association, especially in the Society for Humanistic Anthropology; he edited the journal *Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly* from 1984-1990. He was a founding member of Southern Anthropological Society in 1965, and has served this



Photo provided by Carey Schwartz

organization in many capacities over the years, including as President. He is a longtime member of the Association of American Geographers, and frequently presents papers in that venue.

Before coming to LSU, Miles taught at Indiana State College of Pennsylvania, and over the years has been a Visiting Scholar at Princeton, the University of Texas Austin, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. At LSU, Miles has taught thousands of students, and directed numerous MA Theses and Doctoral Dissertations. Two of the dissertations he directed won the LSU Distinguished Dissertation Award. These numbers cannot convey the devotion that Miles' students have for him; to say that he is beloved by his students is not exaggeration. Former students keep in touch, and eagerly seek him out at conferences. Current students respectfully attended the recent memorial service for Miles' daughter. Miles held the Fred B. Kniffen Chair from 1989-1997, and was awarded the Doris Z. Stone Professorship in 1997. In 2005, he received both the LSU 2005 Distinguished Faculty Award and the Brij Mohan Distinguished Professor Award.

His service to LSU includes diligent work on every Departmental Committee, many College and University Committees, terms on both the A&S College Senate and the Faculty Senate, and two stints at Department Chair. He has been President of the LSU Chapters of both Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi.

On May 12, a pool-side party was held at the home of Patrick Hesp and Graziela da Silva in honor of Miles. The standing room only crowd of Miles' colleagues, past and present students, and friends celebrated and reminisced about his many years in the department. Retired geography professor and former department chair Bill Davidson emceed the event, saying that in all his years in academia, he knew of no other professor who was so beloved by his students as Miles. The department presented Miles with a gift of original artwork created by Mary Lee Eggart, research associate in the Cartographic Section. The guests were then treated to Miles' rendition of "Your Cheatin' Heart," accompanied by Patrick Hesp on guitar. Although now retired, Miles will continue to subvert the dominant paradigm.

Anthropology Professors **Mary Manhein** and **Robert Tague** received The Center for Freshman Year Teaching Awards, sponsored by the Tiger Athletic Foundation. This award is presented annually to four faculty members who teach first and second year students. The faculty are nominated by their students.

Anthropology Professor **Jill Brody** was honored with the 2007 Individual Achievement in the Humanities Award by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for the impact she has had on public awareness and appreciation of the humanities in Louisiana.

Endowed Professorships Announced

On May 31, 2007, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences announced the selection of

Jill Brody for the Fred. B. Kniffen Professorship

Patrick Hesp for the Richard J. Russell Professorship,

Robert Tague for James J. Parsons Professorship.

Three new faculty to join department in Fall 2007

David P. Brown (Ph.D., Arizona, 2004; Asst Prof) Climate variability, global change, spatial analysis, North America

Lei Wang (Ph.D., Texas A&M, 2006; Asst Prof) GIS, quantitative methods, terrain and hydrological analysis, remote sensing

Fahui Wang (Ph.D., Ohio State, 1995; Prof) urban, economic, and transportation geography, public policy GIS, quantitative methods ; China, S.E. Asia, U.S.

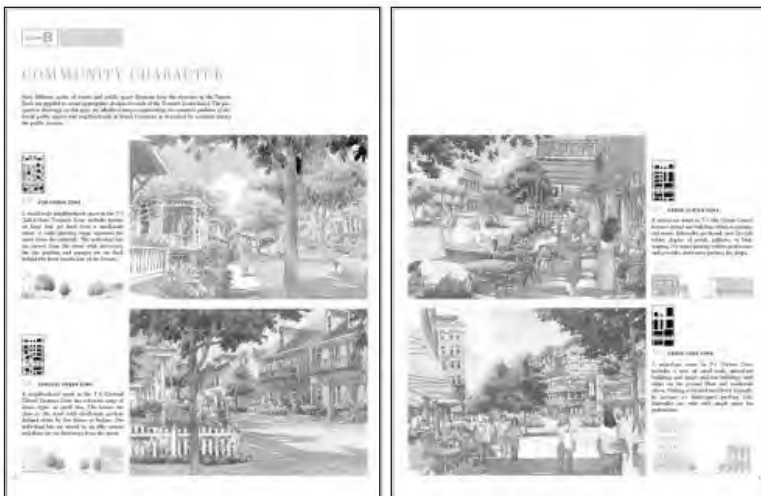
G&A Professor and students contribute to award-winning urban design book

Anthropology Professor Jay Edwards, his Anthropology 4440 students, and Geography Ph.D. candidate John Welch participated in the development of the Louisiana Speaks: Pattern Book that was recently awarded the prestigious Charter Award by the Congress for New Urbanism. Honorees set the gold standard for urban design and development and serve as powerful examples for future development.

Louisiana Speaks is a long-term planning initiative of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) that is supported with private funds provided through the LRA Support Foundation. In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Louisiana Speaks initiative works toward the development of a sustainable, long-term vision for South Louisiana. It is apparent that rebuilding efforts must ensure that structures and communities be safer, stronger, and smarter. The Pattern Book serves as a tool for builders and planners who will address these needs.

It contains patterns and techniques for building housing, neighborhoods, and towns at a greatly accelerated pace while remaining true to the values and traditions of the people of Louisiana. It also provides guidance on incorporating hazard-resistant design and improved construction techniques into the built landscape.

Visit the Louisiana Speaks website (<http://www.louisianaspeaks.org/>) for a downloadable version of the Pattern Book.



New Faculty Profile **William Rowe**

This past year, the Department of Geography and Anthropology welcomed its newest faculty member, William C. Rowe. Dr. Rowe joins us after completing his Ph.D. in geography at The University of Texas at Austin under the noted cultural ecologist, Karl Butzer and completing a two-year post-doc at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is the first joint appointment for the Department as he also has duties with the International Studies Program here at LSU.

Dr. Rowe will complement the Department's current strengths in cultural ecology and environmental geography; however, he expands our base of human geography both through his regional work and his research in new subdisciplines for our Department. Dr. Rowe's primary research is in two regions Central Asia and Afghanistan and the Middle East and North Africa. Dr. Rowe completed did his bachelor's work at Georgetown University, Université de Genève, and the American University in Cairo in Arabic, French, and linguistics, and his master's work on water management in Morocco at The University of Texas at Austin before concentrating on the Central Asian country of Tajikistan and the Persian language for his dissertation on the cultural ecology and cultural geography of that post-Soviet country. Much of his research revolves around environmental issues, but he also has done extensive research on Islamic renaissance in that region and on geolinguistic changes caused by the Soviet government and the relationship Tajikistan has with other Persian-speaking countries. Dr. Rowe will be teaching Introductory Human Geography Asia and Africa, economic geography, and geography and development. He will also be adding three new courses geography of religion, Geography of Central Asia and Afghanistan, and Geography of the Middle East and North Africa in addition to his duties for International Studies. Currently, Dr. Rowe is finishing writing up his work on Tajikistan and has begun intensive field research in western Afghanistan on the economic and environmental transformation of the ancient Silk Road city of Herat in the wake of twenty-five years of occupation and conflict. To that end, the Royal Geographic Society in London has awarded him this year's Wilfred Thesiger/Government of Oman Fellowship in Human Geography to finish his work next summer. The Department is very excited to welcome Dr. Rowe and the breadth of experience he brings.



Dr. Rowe at one of his field sites near Herat, Afghanistan.

Department Commended for Success of Workshop

Dear Paul:

On behalf of the Association of American Geographers, I want to thank you and the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University for hosting the fourth AAG Healthy Departments workshop last weekend.

All participants and panelists judged the workshop to be an enormous success, and a significant reason for that success related to the accommodations and support that you and your colleagues provided us at LSU. The department's facilities were excellent, and they engendered lively conversation in both plenary and breakout sessions. The Cook Hotel provided comfortable rooms to relax and refresh ourselves. The New Orleans field trip led by Craig Colten on Friday proved to be an excellent way for our group to see first-hand the continuing devastation wrought by Katrina on that great city, and it helped bind us together as a group. We enjoyed our meals in the atrium of the Howe-Russell building, and the Saturday evening picnic at the Colten house provided a great opportunity to relax and interact with a number of LSU G&A faculty members. We're sorry that the heat of that day prevented you from enjoying time with us that evening, but we are grateful for the support you provided to help make that event a success.

The previous three AAG Healthy Departments workshops had been judged to be major successes, but the reactions of all of the participants indicated that this year's event is the new standard against which such gatherings will be judged in the future. Thanks once again for offering to host this meeting and for carrying through on your offer so well. While Craig was present much of the time and clearly deserves special recognition, we know that others assisted him and you in many different ways. Please forward this message of thanks to all of them, too.

Best wishes to all in your department for a happy and productive summer for a great academic year in 2007-2008!

Thomas J. Baerwald
Vice President, Association of American
Geographers (July 2006-June 2007)
President, Association of American Geographers
(July 2007-June 2008)

Selected Faculty Summer Highlights

❖ **Jill Brody** spent the last part of the summer doing field work in Mexico.

❖ **Craig Colten** has been selected as Secretary of the Association of American Geographers.



❖ **Dydia DeLyser** participated in the AAG's Geography and the Humanities conference over the summer and continues her research on women aviators.

❖ **Jay Edwards**, along with several LSU collaborators, will see the publication of a book on South Baton Rouge. He also received an Atlas Grant from the Board of Regents.



❖ **Heather McKillop** continues her work on Maya sites. She spent a portion of the summer at meetings and in the coastal waters of Belize.

❖ **Steve Namikas** traveled to China to conduct field during the spring, and spent most of the summer hard at work in Baton Rouge.

❖ **Helen Regis** has received an Atlas Grant from the Board of Regents and was featured in an article in *The Nation* for her work with the Seventh Ward Porch. (See page 4.)

❖ **Patrick Hesp** continued his global wanderings in search the perfect dunes. He participated in field work in Mexico and Portugal over the summer.

❖ **Barry Keim** continues to field inquiries about the climate and hurricanes, and he also has testified as an expert witness in several cases recently.

❖ **Richard Kesel** was in France to present a paper over the summer and may have also tasted some wine while on the continent.

❖ **Michael Leitner** participated in a GIS conference in Russia over the summer where he presented two papers.

❖ **Tony Lewis** spent much of the summer assisting staff at the Louisiana DEQ field check their remotely sensed imagery of the Florida Parishes.



❖ **Bill Rowe** recently received word that he is the recipient of a Royal Geographical Society grant and also just returned from Armenia and Turkey.



❖ **Andrew Sluyter** recently returned from Barbuda and Antigua where he and graduate student **Amy Potter** were conducting research as part of the American Geographical Society's Bowman Expeditions.



❖ **Robert Tague** continued his research on modern human skeletons, spending five weeks at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.



Graduate Degrees Academic Year 2006-2007

Ph.D.

Dunn, Robert Aubrey “Fever, Firepower, and Flood: The Transformation of the Missouri River Bottomlands in the Dakotas 1804-2005” (Mathewson, 2007)

Duval-Diop, Dominique Miriam “Rediscovering the Delta: A Reassessment of the Linkages Between Poverty, Economic Growth and Public Policy Using Geographically Weighted Regression Analysis” (Leitner, 2006)

Hemmerling, Scott Allan “Environmental Equity in Southeast Louisiana: Oil, People, Policy and the Geography of Industrial Hazards” (Colten, 2007)

Hinman, Sarah Elizabeth “Spatial and Temporal Structure of Typhoid Fever in Washington, D.C., 1895-1909: A Geographic Information Systems Exploration of Urban Health Concerns” (Curtis, 2007)

Kiage, Lawrence Morara “Vegetational Change and Land Degradation in the Lake Baringo Area, Kenya, During the Late Holocene: Evidence from the Paleorecord and Remote Sensing” (Liu, 2007)

Vinnakota, Srinivas Kumar “Socioeconomic Characteristics of Cancer Mortality in the United States of America: A Spatial Data Mining Approach” (Lam, 2006)

Wilson, Harry James “The Urban Development of Spanish Colonial Pensacola, 1781-1821” (Curtis, 2007)

Zhou, Guiyun “Detecting the Socioeconomic Conditions of Urban Neighborhoods through Wavelet Analysis of Remotely Sensed Imagery” (Lam, 2006)

Masters of Arts

Dalbom, Christopher James “Underground in the Confederate Capital: Punk Subculture in Richmond, Virginia” (DeLyser, 2006)

Masters of Science

Kemp, Michael Ulric “Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Solar Radiation in Louisiana” (Rohli, 2007)

Pennington, Christopher James “Burn Scar Mapping in the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Using Landsat TM and ETM+ Imagery” (Lewis, 2006)

Graduate Student Awards & Honors

R.J. RUSSELL PRIZE

Fall 2006

**William Arden
Bethany Rogers
Harry Willson**

Spring 2007

**Michael Bitton
Rachel Burke
Wayne Cranston**

ROBERT C. WEST PRIZE

Fall 2006

Ezra Boyd

Spring 2007

**Richard Hunter
Amy Potter**

Ramin Zamanian won the student paper award from three AAG Specialty Groups: Geography of Religions and Belief Systems, Cultural, and Latin America. His paper was entitled “A Material/Conceptual Landscape Analysis of the Virgin of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Site in Mexico City, Mexico”

Undergraduate Degrees Spring 2007

Anthropology *Bachelor of Arts*

Chase Gerard Adams	Andrew Edward Ferguson	Donald George Meaux
Samuel Eason Barksdale	Stephanie Shannon Fuenzalida	Lucy Christian Morrison
Adrianna Lorese Bivens	Robert Christopher Glasgow	Albert Henry Paxton
Jonathan David Breaux	Stephen George Haddad	Paige Alise Pruitt
Raegan L Buckley	Nicole Marie Hages	Thomas Patrick Sanderson
Melissa Michelle Cazeaux	Tegan Meredith Hanson	Phillip Andrew Taylor
Kristin E Cloud	Dorian Leigh Hess	Senna Rose Thornton-Barnett
Amber Leigh Davis	Katherine May Hu	Claire Catherine Treadaway
Brittany Lynn Dement	Kelly Leigh Keeton	Allison Danielle Whitt
Kimmarie Ashleigh Dutton	William Edward II LeFevre	Carleigh Ann Wilson

Geography *Bachelor of Arts*

Niamh Jane Minion
James Keith Richard
Scott Rigel Scribner

Geography *Bachelor of Science*

Amy Marie Abbate
Christopher Joseph Cothron
Deigh Anna Stephanie Greene
Brad Michael Griffin
Kizzie Autumn Gabrielle Martin
Melanie Ann Maurin
Michael Anthony Messenger

Phi Beta Kappa Award



The Department of Geography & Anthropology is privileged to extend congratulations to **Michael Ryan Rhea** whose academic accomplishments were recognized when he was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate academic honor society.

Congratulations, Michael!
We are very proud of you.

Katherine Schultz, the 2002 State Champion of the Louisiana Geographic Bee enrolled in LSU this year as a Geography major!

Alumnus Profile

Dominique Duval-Diop

Dominique Duval-Diop (Ph.D., Geography, LSU), Senior Associate, works in Louisiana to advance research initiatives on equitable development in the hurricane recover process. Previously Duval-Diop assisted in the start-up of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, acting as its director of Long-Term Planning and served for one year as the policy and reporting manager in the disaster recovery unit of the Office of Community Development in the Louisiana Division of Administration. She has an extensive background in budget and fiscal analysis, GIS and planning, economic development, social services and labor policy; she was a National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Technical Advisor in Madagascar and the Ivory Coast, and a member of the Leadership/Greater Baton Rouge Class of 2005. Duval-Diop holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Northwestern University, a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University, and a doctorate in economic geography from Louisiana State University.

Alumni Updates

Allison Cascio is Outreach Director for the Center for Planning Excellence in Baton Rouge.

Brady Couvillion has taken a position with the Louisiana Geological Survey in Baton Rouge.

Jonathan DeLaune has joined a cultural resource firm in New Orleans where he will be doing historical geography.

Bill Fagan is Chief of Staff for FEMA's cultural resources activity in Louisiana.

David Farritor can be found in the DC area working for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

Charles Flanagan is a GIS planner for the State of Louisiana.

Lynn Hardegree has taken a position with the Corps of Engineers in Mobile, Alabama.

Christopher Hurst is enjoying frequent cross-country assignments for FEMA.

Bryan Landry is working on a Ph.D. in geography at Arizona State University.

Molly McGraw is teaching geography at Southeastern Louisiana University

Jackie Mills is headed to southern California and will have an appointment with USC this fall.

Rebecca Sheehan was in New Orleans for a portion of the summer doing follow-up field work on Jackson Square.

Bretton Somers has joined Gulf States Research Corporation as a Field Archaeologist. He has already conducted field work in Arizona in advance of the construction of the new border barrier.

Meg Streif and **Greg Bohr** are teaching geography at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

Ramin Zamanian is starting a Ph.D. program at Oklahoma State after claiming the student paper prizes from three AAG speciality groups: Geography of Religions and Belief Systems, Latin American, and Cultural Geography.

LET US KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!



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