



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

THIS WEEK IN GEOGRAPHY @ UNC

March 16-20, 2009

- **Monday:** Dillys **Bowman** will present her dissertation 'Commitment, Connectivity and the Neighbors: Greenway trail placement in North Carolina' noon-1pm in 204 Saunders.
- **Wednesday:** Faculty Meeting, 3.30-5.00pm, Saunders Hall Conference Room.
- **Friday:** Lis **Root** will present her dissertation on 'Birth Defects in North Carolina and the social, economic and environmental factors that influence the geography of the disease' 9.00-10.00am Saunders Hall, Room 213.

Visit of prospective graduate students

Noon Pizza lunch with graduate students in Saunders.

2:00 Meeting with members of Graduate Committee for questions and answers, information about program, etc.

3.30-5.0pm: Department of Geography Colloquium, UNC at Chapel Hill *Geography Department Graduate Student Presentations*. Learn about your colleagues' research.

5:30 or 6:00 until 8:30 Reception.

Keep the Dates Open

- **March 22-27:** Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas.

Achievements

- Liz **Root** accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position at CU Boulder in the Geography Department, starting August 2009.
- Tim **Baird** was awarded a 2009 George Melendez Wright Scholarship to attend the biennial conference of the George Wright Society in Portland, OR where he presented his paper "Beyond the Trees: Protecting Parks in the Next 100 Years" on March 5. He was also awarded a 2009 AAG Dissertation Research Grant to acquire electronic equipment for his field research in Tanzania.
- Nina **Martin** presented '*Community-Based Organizations' Role in Social Reproduction: Assisting Migrant Women Navigate the Low-Wage Labor Market*' at the 2009 Low-Wage Work, Migration and Gender Conference at the University of Illinois, Chicago, March 13-14.

Other News

- Alvaro **Reyes** will join the department as a Carolina Post-doctoral Fellow in Fall 2009. Alvaro is currently completing his dissertation at Duke on the conversations between US civil rights activists and Italian autonomists. As part of his post-doctoral fellowship he will be working on black and brown political geographies of immigration in central North Carolina.
- **Professors and Instructors:** Send Scott **Kirsch** a brief course description for your Fall 2009 courses, along with any images you would like to include in the flier. These will be posted on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor and online. Here is the page from Spring 2009: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/geog/programs/courses/>

This Week in Geography: Send details of departmental committee meetings, visitors, student exams, presentations, and other special events by Friday each week to jpickles@unc.edu