



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

THIS WEEK IN GEOGRAPHY @ UNC

March 30-April 3, 2009

- **Friday:** Geography Colloquium -- Mark Green, University of New Hampshire & City College of New York. 'Human-Water Interactions in the Colonial Northeast United States.' 3.15pm for coffee and cookies. 3.30-4.45pm presentation. 220 Saunders Hall.

Kudos to UNC Geographers at the AAG:

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

- **Stephen S. Birdsall.** 'Losing and Reactivating Remembrance: Fluctuating Purpose in Memorial landscapes.' Session: *Landscape Inscription and Place Identity*.
- **Gretchen Carlson.** 'Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Summer Season Precipitation across the Carolina Coastal Region.' Session: *Climatology - Precipitation and Flooding*.
- **Maggie Carrel.** 'The Geography of Avian Influenza: A Spatiotemporal Analysis of Viral Evolution.' Session: *Medical Geography and Spatial Analysis 2*.
- **Altha Cravey.** 'Towards a Critical Geography in/of Latin America and the Caribbean' (panel).
- **Altha Cravey's** new documentary was screened and discussed in Media Geography VII: The Virgin Appears in *La Maldita Vecindad: A Documentary Film*.
- **Michael Emch.** 'Local population and regional environmental drivers of cholera in Bangladesh.' Session: *Climate and Infectious Disease II*.
- **Veronica Escamilla.** 'Effects of Neighborhood Water and Sanitation on Diarrheal Disease Incidence in Rural Bangladesh.' Session: *Infectious Geographies 2*.
- **Banu Gokariksel.** 'Topographies of Citizenship in Urban Turkey: Women's Struggle against the Headscarf Ban.' Session: *Muslim Identity, Citizenship, and Belonging in the 'Everyday'*.
- **Banu Gokariksel.** 'Muslim Identity, Citizenship and Belonging: New Questions and Approaches for Geographers.' Panel.
- **Tamara Johnson and Joseph Palis.** 'Where There Is No Happy Ending: Embodiment, Mobility and Subalternity.' Session: *Media Geography III: Media and the Body 1*.
- **Scott Kirsch.** 'War and the object lessons of American democracy: Reconstruction as foreign policy.' Part of two paper sessions he co-organized with Colin Flint on *Geographies of War & Reconstruction*.
- **Lisa Marshall.** 'Nuclear South - the changing industrial landscape of the Southeast.' Session: *Political Geography of Energy 1*.

- **Nina Martin.** 'Community-Based Organizations Interventions in the Labor Market: Power, Performance, and Politics in Migrant Communities.' Session: *Seeking Democratic Alternatives to the Neoliberal State.*
- **Amy McCleary.** 'Invasive Species in the Galapagos Islands: Moving Beyond Biophysical Explanations.' Session: *Biogeography – Invasive Species.*
- **Timothy Morrissey.** Poster: 'LiDAR Bare-Earth Filtering Techniques Across Terrain Types Session name.' Session: *Remote Sensing.*
- **Joseph Palis.** 'No Country for Foreign Films.' Session: *Media Geography VIII: Cinematic Space and National Identity.*
- **Sara Safransky.** 'Pork Chop Politics: Constructing Rural Economies and Imagining Alternatives.' Session: *The Social and Ethical Dimensions of the Livestock Industry.*
- **Conghe Song.** 'Impacts of canopy structure on energy, water and carbon fluxes in a Loblolly pine stand: Uniform vs. Gappy Canopies.' Session: *Recent and Future Biogeographical Change.*
- **Gabriela Valdivia.** Panel session: *Displacing the Natural: Links between Political Ecology, Industrialization, and Consumption.*
- **Daniel Weiss.** 'Alpine Treeline Ecotone Patterns in the Western United States: Analyses of Spatial Variability and Relationships with Hypothesized Environmental Controls.' Session: *Treeline Ecotones II.*

Keep the Dates Open

Monday, April 20th.

The following nine graduate students will be honored at the 11th annual Graduate Student Recognition Celebration at the Carolina Club/Alumni Center. Research presentations will be held from 3.00pm and the recognition ceremony begins at 4.00pm. Come along to celebrate the achievements of your students and colleagues.

- **Dennis Arnold:**
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship;
Center for Kmer Studies PhD Dissertation research Fellowship.
- **Brenda Baletti:**
Fulbright US Student Program;
SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- **Maggie Carrel:**
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.
- **Annelies Goger:**
American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies Dissertation Planning Grant.
- **Elizabeth Hennessy:**
SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship.
- **Tamara Johnson:**
US Fulbright Student Fellowship.
- **Laurie Patterson:**
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.
- **Liz Root:**
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant.
- **Holly Worthen:**
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant;
Inter-American Foundation Dissertation Grant;
P.E.O. Scholarship.

Achievements

- **Tina Mangieri** won the AAG **Nystrom Award** for the Best Dissertation of 2008.
- **Nina Martin** received a Latina/o studies course development award for a new course on urbanization and migration.
- **Jason Moore** published "Ecological Crises and the Agrarian Question in World-Historical Perspective," *Monthly Review* 60(6), 2008, 54-63.
- **Anne Trainor** passed her PhD written exam on March 20th, 2009.
- **Holly Worthen** won the GPOW Association of American Geographers' **Susan Hanson Award** for her proposed research on gendered labor and citizenship in Mexico which the GPOW review committee found to have been "well presented and used an innovative approach to analyze an important issue in feminist geography."

Informational

- Submissions to Volume 16 of **The North Carolina Geographer** are currently being accepted. Research articles and shorter reviews for "Landscapes of the Carolinas" are welcome. Back issues and a link to information on the current issue can be found at: http://core.ecu.edu/crawfordt/ncgs/ncgs_files/page0001.htm
- Davis Library now offers **GEOFORUM** online. The web backfile provides access back to 1995.
- **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/>

Out and About in the News

- **Nina Martin** was quoted in the *Daily Tarheel*, 26 March 2009, *Life in a historic neighborhood Rising prices created exclusive pockets in areas near campus*: "Neighborhoods are more complex than a collection of real estate plots," geography professor Nina Martin said. "Neighborhoods can send signals about who isn't welcome."
<http://www.dailytarheel.com/news/city/life-in-a-historic-neighborhood-1.1629367>

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