



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

## THIS WEEK IN GEOGRAPHY @ UNC

November 17-21, 2008

- **Wednesday, November 19**  
**3.30-5.00pm:** Faculty Meeting, Saunders Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.
- **Friday, November 21**  
**3.30-5.00pm,** 220 Saunders. [Joseph Palis](#), Geography Department, UNC-CH. 'Homeless at Home: Philippine Cinema, Diaspora and the Politics of Dislocation'. Coffee is served at 3.15pm. Presentations begin **PROMPTLY** at 3.30pm.

### **Save the dates:**

- **The Annual Conference of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers** meeting will be held November 22-25 at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown hotel. Details are available at: <http://www.uncg.edu/geo/sedaag08/sedaag.html>
- **The 11th North Carolina GIS Conference** will be held February 19-20, 2009 at the new convention center in Raleigh. The G. Herbert Stout Award for Innovative Student Papers will recognize achievement and student excellence in GIS education. Submit your entry (paper along with other supporting materials, such as maps, GIS datasets, or programs) to [liangj@email.unc.edu](mailto:liangj@email.unc.edu). Both graduate students and undergraduate students are eligible to participate. The Department of Geography will choose one winner from each group (graduate and undergraduate students) to compete with other schools. The paper could come from your GIS class project, or a research project which utilizes GIS techniques. The deadline for submitting paper is December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We will notify you if you have been selected for the final paper competition. The student award winners will receive free registration and be invited to present their work at the conference. In addition, winners will be recognized at the closing luncheon and will receive a cash award of \$50 from the Department. For information about the conference: [www.cgia.state.nc.us/ncgis2009](http://www.cgia.state.nc.us/ncgis2009)

### **Undergraduate Student Achievements**

- **Alexander Stuart Finch** and **Melissa Lee Henderson** will be initiated into the North Carolina Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 2309.

### **Graduate Student Achievements**

- **Anne Trainor** has been awarded a UNC Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship for Spring semester 2009.
- **Chris Fuhrmann** and a colleague from the Geography Dept. at Northern Illinois University (Dr. Walker Ashley), have been invited to contribute an entry on "Lightning" to the upcoming edition of the *Encyclopedia of Geography* (Sage).
- **Dennis Arnold** presented his research on 'The bio-economics of border production in Mae Sot, Thailand' to the Carolina Asia Center Contemporary Thailand Workshop, November 12.
- **Linda Quiquix** has received a grant from the Office of Undergraduate Research to support her work with Dr. Nadia Yaqub to incorporate research activities for undergraduate students into ARAB 452, *Imagining Palestine*.

## Faculty Achievements

- **Scott Kirsch and Craig Dalton** have each received grants from the Office of Undergraduate Research to incorporate research activities for undergraduate students into GEOG 453, *Political Geography*.
- **John Pickles** has joined the Editorial Board of the Slovak Scientific Journal for Regional Science ***Region Direct***, published jointly by the Slovak Regional Science and Politics Association, the Faculty of National Economy, University of Economics Bratislava, the Faculty of Economics, Matej Bel University Banská Bystrica, and the Regional European Information Centre in Banska Bystrica.

**This Week in Geography:** Please send me details of departmental committee meetings, visitors, student exams, presentations, and other special events by Friday each week.