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THIS WEEK IN GEOGRAPHY @ UNC

February 2-6, 2009

- **Wednesday, February 4**
 - **3.30-5.00pm** Faculty Meeting, Saunders Hall Conference Room.
Agenda:
 1. Minutes
 2. Chair's Updates
 3. Budget Cuts
 - Scenarios
 - Travel
 4. Committee Reports (completion from previous meeting)
 5. Other Business

Graduate Student Achievements

- Dennis Arnold.** 2008. 'Creating precarity: Labour Law in Cambodia. *Asian Labour Update*. No. 66-67. Hong Kong: Asia Monitor Resource Centre. pp. 22-27
- Thaddeus R. Miller, **Timothy D. Baird**, Caitlin Littlefield, Gary P. Kofinas, F. Stuart Chapin III, and Charles L. Redman (2008). "Epistemological Pluralism: Reorganizing Interdisciplinary Research." *Ecology and Society* 13 (2).
- Matt Reilly.** Successfully defended his dissertation on December 16th, 2008. The title is: "The Nocturnal Negotiations of Youth Spaces in Havana." Committee members: Altha Cravey, John Pickles, Wendy Wolford, Banu Gökariksel, Joe Scarpaci
- Joel Shotles** presented at the Fall AGU meeting this past December on his master's research: "Stream Restoration's Impact on Flood Waves."
- Liz Mason-Deese** and **Linda Quiquívix** helped organize a teach in on Gaza on January 15th at the Fed-ex auditorium that attracted an overflow crowd and excellent Q and A.
- Murat Es** received a Middle East Research Competition (MERC) fellowship. Recognizing the importance of empowering social scientists and nurturing new generations of well-trained researchers in the Middle East region, the Ford Foundation established the Middle East Research Competition (MERC) in 1986 as a research competition in international relations and comparative politics to serve scholars residing in the Arab countries and Turkey.
- Murat Es** won the international essay competition for the Irmgard Coninx Foundation's Tenth Berlin Roundtables on Urban Governance: 'Urban Governance: Innovation, Insecurity and the Power of Religion'. The title of his essay was 'Alevis in Cemevis: Religion and Secularism in Turkey' and he will now go to Berlin between 18 - 23 March for a workshop to present his research.

Faculty Achievements

- Martin Doyle** has become an editor for the journal *Ecology*.
- Banu Gökariksel** and Anna Secor published "New transnational geographies of Islamism, capitalism and Banu Gökariksel subjectivity: The veiling-fashion industry in Turkey," 2009, *Area*, 41, 1, 6-18.

Banu Gökariksel published "A Feminist Geography of Veiling: Gender, Class and Religion in the Making of Modern Spaces and Subjects in Istanbul", in Karen Morin and Jeanne Kay Guelke eds *Women, Religion, and Space*, 2007, pp. 61-80. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press.

Banu Gökariksel and Katharyne Mitchell published "Veiling, Secularism and the Neoliberal Subject: National Narratives and Supranational Desires in Turkey and France", *Global Networks*, 2005, 5, 2, 147-165.

Victoria Randlett, **Scott Kirsch**, and **Lisa Marshall** published "Nuclear Nevada" *AAG Newsletter* 44 January 2009, 1, 7-8.

Steve Walsh became director of the **UNC Center for Galapagos Studies**, an International Partnership for Research, Education, and Outreach in Population, Health & Environment in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador: a Joint Collaboration between the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill & Universidad San Francisco de Quito

- The **Isabela Center for Galapagos Studies** will be a dedicated research and education facility on Isabela Island in the Galapagos archipelago; Professor Stephen J. Walsh was named UNC Co-Director and Carlos F. Mena, Professor of Environmental and Life Sciences, was named USFQ Co-Director.
- A **Steering Committee** for the UNC Galapagos Initiative comprises Neil Caudle, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development; Barbara Entwisle, Director, Carolina Population Center; Phil Berke, Associate Director, Environmental Institute; Karen Gil, Senior Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Peggy Bentley, Associate Dean, Office of Global Health; Gary Bowen, Professor, School of Social Work; Ron Rindfuss, Professor, Department of Sociology; and Ken Lohmann, Department of Biology.
- The **Advisory Board** for the Isabela Center for Galapagos Studies comprises Neil Caudle, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development; Ron Rindfuss, Professor, Department of Sociology & Fellow, Carolina Population Center; and John Bruno, Professor, Department of Marine Sciences.
- A **Galapagos Working Group** was established that includes faculty and students from the social, natural, and spatial sciences.
- The Galapagos Project will move from the Department of Geography to its new Center location in space maintained by the Carolina Population Center in University Square, West Tower, 3rd Floor Suite, Franklin Street.

Some Galapagos Center Activities Planned for 2009

- **A Seed Grant Program**, funded by the UNC Center for Galapagos Studies, will soon be announced to further develop research interests in the Galapagos Islands through the support of pilot and feasibility studies.
- **Galapagos Workshop**, planned for July 2009 – sponsored and organized by the Charles Darwin Foundation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth, it will be held on Santa Cruz Island; Walsh & Mena are co-organizing a session on population and environment interactions in the Galapagos Islands.
- **Climate Change Workshop in the Galapagos** sponsored by Conservation International and the World Wildlife Fund is scheduled to be held in April 2009.
- **A Research Seminar Series** will be developed with USFQ to support the visit of UNC Chapel Hill faculty at USFQ and USFQ faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill to discuss social and ecological research and education programs in the Galapagos Islands.

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