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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This is the second Newsletter in a new and hopefully sustainable effort to keep our former students and UB Geography associates informed regarding recent developments of general interest. We have been busy in a new hiring cycle, and are pleased to announce the imminent arrival of two new Assistant Professors (profiled later). For every new arrival, there is often a corresponding departure. Jim McConnell will be leaving us at the end of the Spring 2006 semester. The Dean of our College (Uday Sukhatme) has agreed to upgrade our computer laboratory with 20 state-of-the-art PCs, as well as look into the possibility of developing new lab space for our Earth Systems Science cluster. We are lucky to have a Dean that understands our needs! We were recently visited by UB's Provost (Satish Tripathi), who was given an update regarding both recent and historic developments within UB Geography. It has been a long time since a Provost came to visit us, so this was a big event. Finally, an external review of the Department was completed by two prominent geographers in early November of 2005. I am happy to say that the review was strongly positive. An immediate outcome was that our Dean agreed to provide us with extra GA support to manage the technical operations of our computer lab. Overall, then, UB Geography is in good shape.

Since our last Newsletter, we have had 13 visits from former students, dozens of e-mail inquiries regarding possible visits in the future, and innumerable e-mails and letters regarding possible improvements to our Newsletter and website. One suggestion that has cropped up several times is that we add a button to our website regarding 'recent achievements'. Just press the button, and all will be revealed. This will be an online feature of our evolving website fairly soon. We are also in the process of creating a formal alumni network to connect current students with former students regarding internship and/or employment opportunities. We want our current students to be successful, and we want our former students to help them. Judging by your responses to our last Newsletter, it looks like we are all on the same page. Finally, I should note that our alumni database continues to expand. Soon, you will all receive invitations to attend special events at UB Geography. Mind you, if all 2000+ alumni decided to show up for our next Graduation ceremony in May of 2006, then I guess I would be in trouble with the UB police. I would also have a catering problem. Our internal Graduation ceremony always features chocolate-covered strawberries, mini-sandwiches, and other goodies.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan MacPherson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" and last name "MacPherson" clearly distinguishable.

Alan MacPherson
Professor and Chair

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FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Douglas M. Flewelling traveled to South Korea in November as an invited speaker at the National GIS Policy in an Ubiquitous Computing Environment conference. He presented his paper Ubiquitous GIS for Hydrogeologic Fieldwork: A Case for Self-Improving Spatial Databases. The conference was sponsored by the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements and organized by UB alumnus, Dr. Jungyeop Shin who completed his Doctorate under Barry Lentnek in May 2005.

Dr. Flewelling also made a presentation at the Geography Education Department Colloquium at Seoul National University on Representing Fields in Object-Oriented Environmental Databases: Integrating Environmental Models and GIS.

EDITORIAL NEWS

Dr. Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, is editor of The Professional Geographer. Dr. Bagchi-Sen states, "My goal is to maintain a balanced focus with the overall content reflecting papers advancing empirical and theoretical research." She encourages contributors to write on broader implications of their work, thereby increasing the possibility of engaging a much larger audience in geographic research: academics from various disciplines and nations, as well as representatives from public and private organizations.

Dr. Sean Bennett currently serves as Associate Editor for The Professional Geographer (AAG; 2005-present), and recently completed appointments as Associate Editor for Water Resources Research (AGU; 2003-06) and the Journal of Hydraulic Engineering (ASCE; 2001-04). In addition, Dr. Bennett edited a book with Dr. A. Simon for the American Geophysical Union entitled "Riparian Vegetation and Fluvial Geomorphology," (2004, Water Science and Application Series Volume 8, 282 pp.), and was a Guest Editor for the International Journal of Sediment Research, 2005, Vol. 20(3) (WASER)."

Dr. Ling Bian is presently the Associate Editor of the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. It is the official journal of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS). The objective of the journal is to publish high quality, peer-reviewed papers in photogrammetry, remote sensing, spatial information systems, computer vision, and other related fields. The journal especially encourages papers of broad scientific interest, on innovative applications, of an interdisciplinary nature, and on topics related to new possible scientific/professional directions. Preferably, theoretical papers should include applications, and papers dealing with systems and applications should include theoretical background.

Dr. Scott MacKay is just completing a term (2003-2006) as an Associate Editor (AE) for Water Resources Research (WRR). WRR is the premier journal within hydrology and water resources, and is typically the first or second highest ranked water resources journal on the ISI science citation index. As an AE Dr. MacKay handled the review process for some 40 submissions. This process involved soliciting reviewers for manuscripts and writing a AE assessment and decision report for each manuscript. Dr. MacKay is on the editorial board for Transactions in GIS, which is one of the primary refereed journals serving the GIScience community. He serves the journal in a number of ways, including reviewing manuscripts, writing book reviews, and rapid



reviewing manuscripts submitted to the annual University Consortium for GIScience summer assembly student paper competition. The best student paper each year is published in a regular issue of the journal.

Dr. Jessie Poon is in her fifth year as North American Editor of Papers in Regional Science (PIRS). PIRS is the flagship journal for Regional Science Association International. She is currently on the editorial boards of Environment and Planning A and Annals in Regional Science. She has co-edited a special issue in Environment and Planning A on "Theories and Discourses in Economic Geography" (2002) as well as two book volumes, namely Asia Pacific Transitions (2001) and Highlights in Regional and Social Planning (2006, in press). In 2005, Poon wrote a commentary in Environment and Planning A regarding the practice of economic geography among female geographers.

Dr. Jean-Claude Thill is the Executive Director of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) for a three-year term starting January 2005. The North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) is an international scholarly organization that focuses on regional analysis, ranging from urban and spatial theory to applied problems in regional development, sustainability, environmental management, and rural land use. NARSC is an interdisciplinary association, with members representing fields as diverse as economics, agricultural economics, public policy, urban planning, civil engineering, geography, finance, and demography. Many of our members use GIS as part of their research and teaching.

NEW FACULTY HIRES

UB Geography has hired two new Assistant Professors, both of whom will join us in the Fall of 2006. Despite a hectic hiring cycle and strong competition from other institutions, we managed to secure our top-ranked candidates for both positions. The first position was for an International Trade specialist to replace Jim McConnell. We managed to hire Dr. Trina Hamilton, a 2006 graduate from Clark University (Geography). Trina's interests lie in global governance regimes, global justice networks, and corporate social and environmental responsibility. These are fields that will strongly complement our research and instructional missions within the international business cluster. The second position was for a Medical/GIS specialist that would contribute to David Mark's Signature Center in GIScience and the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA). We were able to hire Jared Alstadt, a PhD candidate (Geography) at San Diego State University and the University of California, Santa Barbara. Jared expects to graduate in June 2006. His research expertise lies in GIS and medical geography, with a special focus upon the spatial modeling of virus transmission. Trina is expected to contribute to UB2020 in the sphere of Civic Engagement and Public Policy, whereas Jared is expected to contribute to UB's recent initiatives in Computation and Information Technology as well as Extreme Events. UB Geography is delighted with these two new hires!



FACULTY RETIREMENT



James McConnell (Jim), a Professor in the UB Geography Department, will enter retirement at the end of the 2006 spring semester. Jim's academic career spans almost 40 years. He received his Bachelors degree in Geography and Social Studies from Slippery Rock State College in 1960, his Master's in Geography from Miami University (Ohio) in 1961, and his Doctorate in Geography from Ohio State in 1968. Jim was Chair of UB Geography from 1983-1988, and again from 1994-1999. He founded the Canada-United States Trade Center in 1988, and directed this research unit until 1995. Jim has directed the Department's International Trade Concentration (ITC) since the early 1980s, and acted as a key player in linking UB Geography with the School of Management (joint degree programs at the MA/MBA level).

Jim's academic research has long been grounded in the field of industrial geography, with particular emphasis upon spatial patterns of foreign direct investment, regional economic integration, firm-level competitiveness, and Canada-US commercial interactions. Although Jim will soon be retiring from the nuts and bolts of university life (i.e. teaching, administration, etc), he has an extensive research agenda that ought to keep him busy for many years to come. His current research includes: (1) an assessment of the business implications of US efforts to promote homeland security via tighter shipment controls at US seaports and border crossings; (2) prospects for a Western Hemisphere Free Trade Area; and (3) government trade and industry policy for declining industries. Does this look like a person that is about to 'retire'? We think not!

Jim has received close to \$1.5 million in external research grants since he first joined UB Geography in 1968. Funding agencies of particular note include the National Science Foundation, the US Small Business Administration, the US Department of Commerce, and the New York State Sea Grant Institute. Jim has published in our discipline's most prestigious journals, including the Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Economic Geography, Environment and Planning (A), Progress in Human Geography, and the Canadian Journal of Regional Science. Publications in this latter journal reflect Jim's long standing commitment to applied research on Canada-US commercial relations, as well as his close connections with the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the Buffalo Office of the Canadian Consulate.

Despite a strong record of research, administration, and public service, Jim will probably be remembered best for his outstanding contributions to graduate and undergraduate education. He received a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1976, and was promoted to SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in 2000. These are the highest possible levels of teaching recognition for a UB Professor. Lest all this sound like an obituary, let me stress that Jim is alive and kicking – with loads of gas left in the tank. He works out in the gym 5 days a week, plays tennis, sails, and pounds the corridors of UB at a fast pace. I rather doubt that he will miss the latter activity, as there are much better places to walk fast in Western New York.

VISITING SCHOLAR

Dr. Zhao Wenji, an associate professor in the College of Resources, Environment and Tourism at Capital Normal University (CNU) in Beijing, China is a visiting scholar in the Department of Geography this fall under the auspices of the exchange program between CNU and UB.

Zhao is working with Professor Ling Bian and is doing research in the area of GIS and remote sensing. He has been observing classroom teaching in the geography department and expects his experience at UB to enhance his teaching of GIS at CNU. Among his busy schedule, Zhao has participated in a range of department's activities, such as the interview process of hiring new faculty members and departmental holiday party. A graduate of Changchun University, Professor Zhao received his Ph.D. from Jilin University, also in China.

John Wood, Associate Vice Provost for International Education, Office of International Education states that Zhao is one of many CNU faculty who have visited UB since the establishment of the exchange program in 1980. At that time, UB was one of the first U.S. universities to establish an exchange program in China following the normalization of diplomatic relations with that country.

CNU has been designated as one of the 100 leading Chinese universities and receives special state funding to make it a world-class research university. At present, CNU comprises 5 colleges and 18 academic departments including Chinese, History, Politics and Law, Education, Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, English, Russian, Japanese, German, French, Spanish, Music and Fine Arts.

CNU offers 21 undergraduate majors, 29 master's degree programs, and 7 doctoral programs. The university currently enrolls 17,584 students, including 7,225 undergraduates, 509 graduate students 9,400 adult (continuing education) students, and 450 international students.

The university's College of International Education offers both short- and long-term programs to foreign students in Chinese language and culture, business Chinese, and "Roots in China." The College has established bilateral exchange programs with more than 40 institutions in the United States, Japan, Korea, Australia, Germany, Russia and Belarus, among others countries.

Many UB students and faculty have participated in the exchange with CNU. Both undergraduate and graduate students from Buffalo have studied Chinese language and culture in Beijing since 1981, first at the Beijing Normal College of Foreign Languages (BNCFL) and later at its successor institution, CNU.

A new component of the UB-CNU exchange was implemented in 2005 when a summer Chinese language and culture program was organized at CNU by UB's Office of Study Abroad Programs. Fifteen UB students spent six weeks in intensive Chinese language study at CNU under the supervision of Ms. Xuehong Lu, program coordinator of the Chinese Language Program at UB.



REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES

Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium (BGS 2005)

The Department of Geography hosted the 36th International Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium (BGS 2005) on "Geomorphology and Ecosystems" in Buffalo on October 7-9 2005. With more than 50 oral and poster presentations, the nearly 100 scientists from as far as South Africa and Australia had a great platform to discuss their latest research in this emerging interdisciplinary field investigating the linkage between landscape development



and ecosystems. Since geomorphic systems and ecosystems are dynamic and interdependent, the understanding of the fundamental concepts and behavior of such systems is crucial in effectively managing extreme events. Society needs the knowledge and ability to deal with, for example, soil erosion, algae blooms, floods, invasive species, wildfires, landslides, and the magnified effects of hurricanes. All oral papers that were presented went through a peer-review process and will be published in a 2006 issue of the leading geomorphology journal "Geomorphology". The symposium fieldtrip along the Niagara River led by Keith Tinkler (Brock University), Marcus Bursik (UB Geology), and Chris Renschler (UB Geography) was well received even though the weather was cool and rainy. Overall, the Binghamton steering committee was very pleased with the symposium organization as well as the quality and quantity of research presentations. The BGS 2005 had more presenters coming from outside the US, more student posters, and more posters as any of the previous symposia.

The symposium that was co-organized by Chris Renschler (chair; University at Buffalo), Martin Doyle (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill), and Martin Thoms (University of Canbarra) received funds from the National Science Foundation (Geography and Regional Science), the Conversations in the Disciplines (State University of New York),



the UB College of Arts and Sciences, and the UB Department of Geography. The organizers would like to especially thank the NCGIA staff and the students that assisted in hosting the meeting at the Department of Geography. There is more information about the symposium such as the downloadable abstract proceedings and the Field Trip Guide (a great guide for your next visit to Niagara Falls!) at the BGS 2005 webpage at: <http://www.geog.buffalo.edu/~rensch/binghamton/>

LaDonna Knigge (Ph.D. candidate) reports Dr. Richard Marston, Professor and Head, Department of Geography,

Kansas State University and the President of the American Association of American Geographers was in the Buffalo area for an extended visit during the month of October, to attend the BGS conference. On Thursday October 13th, Dr. Marston delivered a colloquium talk in the Geography Department. Following the presentation, Ms. Knigge took him on a tour of downtown Buffalo. They visited a special exhibit at the Rare Book Collection at Buffalo's Central Library of William Smith's famous hand-painted map Delineations of the Strata of England and Wales (1815), that has been touted as "The

Map That Changed the World”¹ because of its influence on the understanding of geology and the geologic record. They concluded the tour with a trip to the 26th floor of City Hall² at Niagara Square to see the spectacular view of the City of Buffalo, Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the Peace Bridge and Ft. Erie, Canada. LaDona was one of Dr. Marston’s students in his physical geology course when he was at the University of Wyoming (1994-1999).

The following day he attended the AAG Middle States Meeting³, which was held at the Chautauqua Institute on October 14 and 15th, where he presented the keynote address “Geographers Collaborating to Solve Complex Environmental Problems”.

1.The Map That Changed the World Exhibit at Central Library:

<http://www.lfbuffalo.org/exhibitions/map/a/>

2.History of Buffalo’s City Hall: http://www.city-buffalo.com/document_15_4.html

3.Middle States AAG: <http://departments.bloomu.edu/geo/msd/index.html>



Regional Science in Las Vegas

For the 52nd edition of its annual North American meetings, the Regional Science Association International chose to meet in Las Vegas. For social scientists as deeply absorbed by their academic pursuit (after all we are so concerned about missing work days that we usually schedule our meeting over the Veterans’ Day weekend!), a conference in Sin City was all but a gamble. The close of the registration period revealed the hidden side of regional scientists. They turned up in droves to spend a few days away from their campus, surrounded by slot machines, scantily dressed performers, and the beauty of the deserts of the Southwest. The meetings, organized by the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), attracted one of the largest crowds of regional scientists in the history of the association. Four hundred and sixty of us headed to Vegas from the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Pacific Rim, and as far away as Mauritius! For three full days, we attended some of the most interesting sessions on new developments in regional and urban economics, spatial planning policy, and methods of geographic and spatial analysis. The meetings offered a perfect opportunity to socialize compliments of Blackwell Publishing, the main sponsor of the event, and recognize the contribution of established and rising stars of Regional Science. Among the rising stars, Ikuho Yamada, 2004 UB doctoral graduate received the 2005 RSAI Dissertation Competition Award, a worldwide competition. With this award, she follows the footsteps of her advisor, Jean-Claude Thill, who received the same award in 1988!

While the primary organizer of the Las Vegas Regional Science meetings is affiliated with Kansas State, these meetings had a very strong local connection. NARSC is currently headquartered in the UB Geography department, with Jean-Claude Thill as Executive Director. Jean-Claude was particularly responsible for the financial and legal oversight of the event, from paying all the bills to signing and negotiating all the contracts. More information on NARSC can be found on the web at www.narsc.org. Next year’s meetings will be close to home, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. We hope to see you there!



On September 23, 2005, four Geography graduate students and their advisor, Dr. Meghan Cope, presented their work at an inter-disciplinary all-day workshop entitled **"Participatory Research and Urban Racial Justice"**. The students included Ph.D. students Jacqueline Housel, LaDona Knigge, and Jin-Kyu Jung, and MA student Frank Latcham. The workshop's keynote speaker was Geographer Melissa Gilbert, Ph.D., of the Geography and Urban Studies Department at Temple University. The event attracted over 100 attendees and was sponsored by the **Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy** through the Buffalo Seminar on Racial Justice, of which Dr. Cope is a founding member. Information on poster titles and the full program can be seen at <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/racialjustice05.htm>.

GEOGRAPHY STUDENT INFORMATION

The Geography Graduate Student Association (**GGSA**) has been working to bring geography grad students together socially and academically within the department. Over the Fall 2005 semester, we organized and hosted the welcome picnic, two coffee break events and a potluck dinner, open to all students and faculty. This year's Geography Awareness Week (November 13-19) was a great success. We hosted Sarah Elwood from the University of Arizona this year to participate in a panel discussion and colloquium discussion about Public Participation GIS. The holiday party concluded the semester with a great turnout by all.

In the upcoming semester, we will continue to provide opportunities for students and faculty to meet socially through more coffee breaks, happy hours, and, of course, the end of year department picnic. We are also in the process of organizing colloquia with the geography faculty to discuss issues such as early career development, publishing and grant writing.

Our meetings are held once per month, and are open to all graduate students. Refreshments are always served. All graduate students are invited to join us, and help to build a strong graduate student community within the geography department. Questions? Contact Anneliese Vance, GGSA President at alvance@buffalo.edu.

The Undergraduate Student Association (**UGSA**) new officers for the 05/06 academic year are: Matt Bennert, President; Dave Roberts, Vice-President; Charon Francis, Treasurer; Dancarllys Valdez, Secretary and Vera Venkova, Student Rep. The officers are to be congratulated for resurrecting the club!

In October the UGSA sold a load of pumpkins for a fund-raiser and received great support from the faculty & staff on this endeavor. The UGSA participated in a few community service activities, which included two blood drives. UGSA member Bill Trask assisted Dr. Mike Woldenberg at the University Open House in September. Big thanks go out to Bill!

UGSA member efforts are greatly appreciated and we eagerly await more good news from them in the Spring 2006 semester.

New Library Service for Geography Students. Need help finding resources, searching databases, doing research? Come visit Michele Shular, GeoSciences Librarian, Thursdays, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 127 Wilkeson. Walk-in assistance, no appointments needed

RECOGNITION

Professor Jessie P. Poon was awarded a grant from Canadian-American Studies to sponsor guest speaker Professor Trevor J. Barnes, University of British Columbia.

Ms. Anneliese Vance (Ph.D. candidate) was awarded a grant from Canadian-American Studies to support her research on the strategic responses of Canadian and U.S. exporters to increased U.S. border security measures: a firm level analysis. Ms. Vance was also awarded a 2005-2006 Graduate Student Fellowship from the Canadian Embassy to support her doctoral research.

2005/2006 DOCTORAL AWARDS

Xu, Jun (PhD 9/05)

Advisor: Dr. David Mark

"Natural-Language Representation and Query of Linear Geographic Objects in GIS"

Howard, Daniel C. (PhD 2/06)

Advisor: Dr. David Mark

"Online Public Participation GIS: Shaping the Scales and Spaces of Comprehensive Planning"

GRADUATION NEWS

**Alumni are cordially invited to attend
a ceremony and reception honoring our graduates**

Saturday, the Thirteenth of May
From 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.
at the
University at Buffalo Center for Tomorrow

The Department of Geography

RSVP by April 28 to Mr. Joe Murray (716) 645-2722 x55

www.geog.buffalo.edu/geography



CAREER FAIR 2006

Following a greatly successful Career Fair in 2005 the Department of Geography will hold its 2006 Career Fair on April 21 from 10am to 2pm. A total of 12 firms and more than 100 students participated in the 2005 fair and both the firm representatives and students were vastly pleased with the fair. The Career Fair is an important annual event in the geography department. The fair provides a face-to-face opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to meet potential employers and to gain an understanding of the knowledge and skills in demand on the job market. The fair presents the opportunity for firm representatives to introduce their firms to the students and meet applicants. As a faculty member stated, "This is a win-win-win situation because it benefits the department, the students, and the firms."

At the 2005 Career Fair, a number of the firm representatives were UB Geography alumni. Many shared their past experience at UB and their current workplace with a new generation of students. We expect more alumni participation in the 2006 Career Fair. For those who wish to recruit but cannot be at the fair, the department will help post their positions. Please contact Dr. Ling Bian at lbian@geog.buffalo.edu or Aubrey Balcom at asbalcom@buffalo.edu to make further arrangements.

OUR THANKS

Our Thanks!

Since the fall 2005 newsletter we have received generous donations from the following friends and alumni. We are grateful to you and the anonymous donors as well!

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Mr. Eric F. Zigas



Barnes, Brian (M.A. 1999) Brian is a Senior GIS Analyst with the Town of Amherst in NY.

Davis, Ross (B.A. 1997; M.A. George Washington University) Ross is a Geographer with the US Census Bureau since 1998. Ross states that his educational experience at UB in areas of statistics, population geography and how to think spatially have been beneficial. He has also had the opportunity for on the job training in Arc GIS and SAS.

Gasparini, Nicole (B.A. 1995; S.M. 1998 and Ph.D. 2003 MIT) Nicole has been named as the GSA-U.S. Geological Survey Congressional Science Fellow for 2005-2006. Her research focuses on the physics of fluvial processes and how rivers shape Earth's surface, and she has explored the effects of climate and tectonics on landscape evolution over many different time scales. Gasparini considers it to be a great privilege to participate in the fellowship program. There are many pertinent political issues related to earth science, such as climate change and energy use that need to be addressed now and in the coming years. I hope that after my experience as a congressional fellow, I will continue to be a strong voice for science in policy and that I can encourage my colleagues in the earth sciences to get involved as well."

Glick, Barry J. (B.A. 1974, Ph.D. 1981) Barry was one of 14 outstanding alumni and friends honored at U.B.'s College of Arts and Science first alumni awards event in the fall. Barry, of Warren, VT, is nationally and internationally known for his technology and businesses built around geospatial, image and textual information products and services.

Griffis (Vargovich), Angela (M.A. 2000 with Dr. McConnell) Angela states that she owes the professors in the Geography Department for helping her started in her career. She works with the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program Office in Washington, DC., hoping to build the latest manned fighter aircraft. She works in the International Directorate with each of the Partner nations (United

Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Turkey and Australia) on their aspirations/requirements and helps to determine the feasibility of accomplishing their requests.

Guevara, J. Armando (Ph.D. 1983) Armando is the President and CEO of his own company, Gtt Netcorp in Tampa and Guadalajara, Mexico.

Hinz, Paul (M.A. 1992) Paul is a Controller with the Seton Company, an automotive manufacturer of leather. He would like to hear from Mike Gould who was his classmate during his graduate studies.

Li, Yi-Yu (M.A. 2003 GIS and cartography with Dr. Mark advisor) Yi-Yu is a Senior Engineer with U & U Engineering, Inc. in Taiwan. Current professional research interests include reconnaissance and information, and remote sensing. GIS, Remote Sensing and English were the educational experiences of greatest value to Yi-Yu after graduation.

Mandall, Craig (M.A. 2000) Craig is a GIS/Data Manager for the Natural Resources Group of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Moffe, J. Daniel (M.A. 1996 with Dr. Rogerson) Dan is a Senior Location Analyst with Darden Restaurants in Florida. His current research interests are in GIS ad retail location strategy.

Moore, Alan (M.A. 1971 with Dr. McConnell) Alan retired in December 2004 after a 32-year career in the US national security and intelligence communities, including stints at the CIA, the Council on Environmental Quality, the White House, and Treasury Department. He is currently an adjunct professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Syracuse University's International Relations Program in Washington and the National Youth Program.

Muscato, Daniel (M.A. 1986 with Dr. McConnell) Most of Dan's career has been spent in International Transportation so the training in Geography has had a direct relevance. He is setting up operations in China at the moment. Dan is Vice President of Global Shipping at Christie's Inc. He would like to see the International Trade program

include more practical and possibly theoretical implications of import - as he sees it from corporate America spending a huge amount of time importing (to meet our consumption habits).

Ng, Kent (B.A. 2001) Kent is a Data Analyst for a health insurance company. Part of his job is to find areas in NYC in need of physician coverage.

Olsen, William (B.A. 2000) Bill is a GIS/GPS Technician at St. Lawrence University. His current interests are climate change and GIS analysis. Bill recalls attending the ERSI user conference and considered it a valuable experience.

Pegrum, Frank (B.A. 1957) Frank is one of two sons of Dr. Reginald H. Pegrum, the founder, department chair and professor emeritus of the Geology and Geography Department. Frank was an elementary teacher for the Buffalo Public Schools. He retired in 1986.

Peters (Barth), Patti (B.A. 1969) After leaving UB in 1969, Patti went to Kent State NA earned a MA in Geography. She worked as a planner and then for a defense contractor developing and analyzing computer war-gaming techniques. After kids, she followed her love of statistic and is presently a Statistician at Kent State. Patti recalls that Dr. Ebert is truly one of a kind and the one who "turned me on" to Geography. He is one of the two best teachers I ever had. The other "best" is Dr. Milton Harvey of Kent State.

Popowitch, Frank (B.A./B.S. 1991) Frank is a GIS Specialist/Data Manager at Cornell University Campus Planning Office. Frank would have liked more practical applications and less theory during his time at U.B.

Rodgers, Martha (B.A. 1990; M.A. 1998 San Diego State Univ) After graduation Martha worked for the GIS software company, ESRI in Redlands, CA. Martha is the CEO of GeomorphIS and states that without U.B. Geography this never would have happened.

Rooney, Paul (M.A. 1997) Paul is a NY Account Manager with ESRI.

Samuelson, Burt (B.A. 1999) Burt is a Transportation Planner in the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) in Northern Delaware. He discovered, " From my latest job search folks who know about the world of Geography strongly associate U.B.'s Geography department with GIS. This proved helpful in getting work!" His current interests include freight and good movement, transportation economics, aviation planning and GIS and database management.

Schmidbauer, Gabriel (M.A. 2004) Gabriel is a Cartographer with the Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service in Washington, DC.

Seiler, Jim (B.A. 1982) Jim is a District Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service since graduation. He also serves in a collateral appointment as a Disability Employment Program Manager.

Sen, Jayanti (Ph.D. 1997 with Dr. MacPherson) Jayanti is the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, Van Loan Graduate School and Professional Studies, at Endicott College in Massachusetts. Her research interests include offshoring of professional accounting services.

Yamada, Ikuho (Ph.D. 2004 with Dr. Thill) Ikuho is the recipient of the 2005 Doctoral Dissertation Award of the Regional Science Association International, a 3000-member international organization. Iku is currently at UIPUI. In 2004, Iku received the Young Scholar Award of the Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group of the AAG!

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WEISS, BRIAN, RICHARD
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WHITE, COURTNEY, RICARDO
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OBITUARIES

Chuck Dement passed away November 7th. Chuck Dement served on the Advisory Board of our first IGERT, as President of an industrial ontology company, Ontek. Later, he joined the University at Buffalo in Industrial Engineering and the Management School to work on putting his theories into practice in the pharmaceutical industry. He was having some success with that.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 31 | Geography Colloquium: Trevor Barnes, Professor, University of British Columbia |
| April 7 | Geography Colloquium: David Mark, Professor of Geography, Director NCGIA, "Ethnophysiography" |
| April 21 | Career Fair at UB |
| May 13 | Department of Geography Graduation |
| August 15 | Last day to submit news for fall edition of newsletter |
| Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 | European Regional Science Association (Greece) |
| October | Fall newsletter distributed |

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