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Events and Things of Note

Hutchinson, Shawn and Rob Daniels. 2009. Memorandum of Agreement, Kansas Forest Service and Department of Geography, State Assessment and Resource Strategy. \$45,521. January 2009-June 2010. Congratulations to Shawn and Rob!!!

The Rural Geography Specialty Group (RGSG) of the AAG seeks nominations for the following three awards:

1. The Donald Q. Innis Award. This award was established to acknowledge the contributions of Donald Q. Innis and is presented to a scholar in recognition of research excellence in rural development. Nominees will be requested to submit a copy (electronic preferred) of a publication to be considered by the awards committee.
2. The John Fraser Hart Award for Research Excellence. This award was established to recognize the contributions of John Fraser Hart and is presented to a scholar who has achieved and maintained excellence in the fields of agricultural and/or rural geographic research. Nominees will be requested to submit an electronic copy of their curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three references to the awards committee.
3. The RGSG Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Rural and Agricultural Geography. This award was established to recognize individuals whose accomplishments have distinguished them at a level above and beyond their peers. Nominees will be requested to submit an electronic copy of their current curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three references to the awards committee.

For all three awards, nominees must be members of both the AAG and RGSG. Winners will receive an engraved plaque and be an honored guest at the RGSG Business Meeting and at the AAG Awards Luncheon. Candidates may be nominated by any AAG member. Please send nominations in by 15 February 2009 to Holly R. Barcus, Geography Dept., Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN 55105 or Email: barcus@macalester.edu.

In partnership with the South African National Parks board, Global Vision International (GVI) is offering internship placements at parks throughout South Africa for 6 months or one year. The internships offer participants the chance to work alongside conservation and environmental education professionals and play a part in the long term conservation of South Africa's most famous parks. GVI is

particularly interested in recruiting students from the fields of environmental sciences, zoology, biology and other such related degree courses.

Student Opportunities

The Rural Geography Specialty Group (RGSG) invites students who will be presenting in any RGSG sponsored session at the Las Vegas AAG Annual Meeting to enter the RGSG Student Paper competition. Research papers on a rural geographic theme are encouraged from Ph.D., Masters and undergraduate students. Winning students will receive a \$100 prize and a one-year AAG membership. Papers must be no more than 15 pages in length excluding bibliography. Students must submit an electronic copy of their paper to the RGSG Awards Director, Holly R. Barcus barcus@macalester.edu by 1 March, 2009. Winners will be announced at the RGSG business meeting and are invited to attend the AAG awards luncheon courtesy of the RGSG.

The RGSG Rural American West Paper Competition.

Sponsored by the Redd Center for the American West at Brigham Young University, the competition recognizes excellent research papers on the geography of the rural American West to be presented at the Las Vegas AAG Annual Meeting. The competition is open to both faculty and graduate students who are members of the Rural Geography Specialty Group or are presenting a paper in an RGSG sponsored session at the Annual Meeting. The winning paper will receive a \$500 award courtesy of the Redd Center. Papers must be no more than 15 pages in length excluding bibliography. To enter, please submit an electronic copy of the paper to the RGSG Awards Director, Holly R. Barcus barcus@macalester.edu by 1 March, 2009. The winner will be announced at the RGSG business meeting in Las Vegas.

Websites of Interest

An oldie but a goodie, *Tucows* is one of the original sites on the Internet. The Ultimate Collection of Winsock Software-Tucows has dozens of categories, ranging from utilities to games, and most of the downloads are free. <http://www.tucows.com>

del.icio.us is a social bookmarks manager that allows you to easily add sites you like to your personal collection of links, to categorize those sites with keywords, and to share your collection not only between your own browsers and machines, but also with others.

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