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FSG 42nd annual meeting

February 17-19, 2006
at the Hilton in downtown
St. Petersburg, Florida.

In Memoriam

Florida Geographers
Richard Zeller and
John R. Dunkle.

2006 FSG Annual Meeting

Theme: The Past, Present,
and Future of Geography
in Florida.

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From the President

FSG has suffered a great loss this year. Richard Zeller, our fellow geographer and the society's Secretary and Treasurer, passed away this April at his home in Tallahassee, FL. He will be missed dearly. I owe a tremendous thank you to Chris Meindl, Ph.D., USF – St. Petersburg, who is also a member of the executive board, for serving as our interim Secretary and Treasurer until elections at the annual meeting in February.

I would also like to take this time to thank the current board members for being a great source of inspiration: Jeff Martin, Ph.D., Vice President, Jacksonville University; Mary Caravelis, Executive Board Member, Barry University; Barnali Dixon, Ph.D., Executive Board Member, USF – St. Petersburg; and Nivedita Candade, Student Board Member, USF – St. Petersburg. As a GIS professional, first in private industry, then in state, and now local government, I felt the best way to get to know you better would be to visit a few of the Geography and Environmental Studies Departments in Florida and participate in the Fall colloquium. I hope to learn how we can make FSG a better organization for the student, faculty, and professional members. Together we can continue building on the strengths demonstrated by FSG over the last 42 years. Thank you Ron Schultz, Ph.D., in the Department of

2006 FSG Keynote Speaker, Mr. Doug Richardson

FSG is honored to have Mr. Douglas Richardson as the Keynote Speaker at the 2006 FSG annual meeting. Douglas Richardson is the Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). He previously had founded GeoResearch, Inc., which pioneered the early development of real-time interactive GPS/GIS technologies, and served as the company's president from 1980 to 1998, when he sold the firm and its key GPS/GIS patents. He has worked extensively on environmental, natural resources, and geographic technology projects and issues.

Most FSG members are also members of AAG and the South Eastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) and our organizations share common goals. Mr. Richardson will speak about the Integrative Trends in Geographic Research and Societal Applications with an emphasis on new employment opportunities for geographers. Please join us in welcoming him to St. Petersburg.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

2005 SEDAAG Annual Meeting
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 20 - 22, 2005
<http://www.geography.vt.edu>

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Mr. Doug Richardson

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 2006 Meeting of the
AAG, Chicago, Illinois
March 7 - 11, 2006

AAG, 1710 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009-3198

<http://www.aag.org>

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Geosciences at FAU, for your many years of service to FSG and being a constant in this organization. I personally want to thank Klaus Meyer-Arendt, a great mentor and graduate advisor for my M.S. in Geosciences at Mississippi State University. Klaus first introduced me to the field of geography and he also first introduced me to FSG, when he was the 2003 President. Klaus is the Chair and a Professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at the UWF in Pensacola.

What incredible leadership Jeanne Fillman-Richards and Storm Richards contribute to FSG! Thank you both (and Emmerson) for getting me up to speed on the society's history. Warren McKay, thank you for preserving and sharing the last 25 years of FSG documents and meeting history, you are appreciated. We are working to make the Feb. 17-19, 2006 FSG Annual Meeting (at the Hilton in downtown St. Petersburg) a great experience for students, faculty, and professionals. Please encourage participation and we hope to see you there! Tara Morgan, Senior Systems Analyst, Manatee County Government, Geographic Information Systems Section, Information Services Department



FSG holds meetings once a year and the location rotates around the state.

The annual meeting usually includes a field trip to allow participants to gain first-hand knowledge through field experience.



Klaus J. Meyer-Arendt, Ph.D.,
Chair and Professor,
Department of Environmental
Studies, University of West Florida

FSG First Call for Papers and Posters

The Florida Society of Geographers (FSG) will hold its 42nd annual meeting at the Hilton in downtown St. Petersburg February 17-19, 2006 (late Friday to mid-Sunday). Continuing with tradition, the meeting will dovetail with the Florida Geographic Alliance (FGA) meeting. The Annual Meeting Registration Fees: Student \$25.00 and Non-Student \$40.00 (Fee is the same for presenters and non-presenters. Fee includes conference attendance and luncheon). **We encourage student participation** and cash prizes (\$200) will be awarded for best presentation and best poster in the Student Honors Competition! We encourage topics on coastal themes, on GIS, and on all aspects of physical and human geography at the state, national, and international level. The meeting hotel is the Hilton located in downtown St. Petersburg's Waterfront District and "is walking distance to cultural and arts activities, the marina, restaurants and nightlife at the Baywalk." Visit the Hilton's website at <http://www.stpetehilton.com/> The Hilton has offered at very attractive rates for its location. A two bed queen suite or a single king suite is offered at \$115 per night. These rates will be available until **January 15, 2006**. You MUST mention the FSG for these rates. RESERVATIONS: 1-800-944-5500 ADDRESS: 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Abstract Deadline December 12, 2005

You are invited to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. Students are encouraged to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers or posters for the *Student Honors Competition* with cash awards. The paper presentation and poster abstract deadline for the February 17-19, 2006 annual meeting is December 12, 2005. The significance of a deadline is to help plan for the number of meeting rooms at the Hilton. Topics may cover state, national, and international research. Please submit presentation title and abstracts (less than 250 words) to: tara.morgan@co.manatee.fl.us and to Jeff Martin jmartin6@ju.edu digitally in Microsoft Word format.

Richard (Dick) Zeller

1948 – 2005



Richard (Dick) Zeller served as a member of the FSG executive board as the Secretary/Treasurer and was also a significant contributor to FSG for over 25 years. Born August 2, 1948, Dick was one of four siblings born and raised in Fairview Park, Ohio, which is a suburb of Cleveland. Dick was a graduate of Oklahoma State University and taught in the Department of Geography at Florida State University from 1980-1986 and he was employed with the state of Florida's Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles until he passed away on April 4, 2005. Dick touched the lives of not only FSG members, but also his co-workers and the people at the social service agency where he volunteered with the Lutheran Social Services of North Florida. He will be missed greatly.

John Robert Dunkle Sr. Ph.D.

1924 - 2005



Dr. Dunkle was born on June 30, 1924, in Jacksonville, FL. He served as a weather observer in the Army Air Corps in World War II. In addition to his Clark degree, Dr. Dunkle also earned degrees at the University of Florida and the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. Dunkle was professor of geography at the University of Florida for 46 years and was named professor emeritus after he retired. Dr. Dunkle and Erwin Raisz authored the first statistical atlas of Florida. He painted and sculpted throughout his life. The John Dunkle Scholarship is an award of \$1000 made annually to an undergraduate Geography major, at the University of Florida, who shows sustained academic excellence, involvement in departmental activities, leadership and strong promise for graduate study. Nicholas Campiz was the 2004 recipient of the Dunkle Award. Previous winners are Cerian Gibbes (2003) and Lila Schaller (2002).

Left to Right:
Jeanne Fillman-Richards, Ph.D., Dr. Neil S. Sullivan & Mrs. Robyn Sullivan,
and Storm Richards, Ph.D.



Left to Right:
Dr. Nigel Smith(UF) introduced Dr. Neil S. Sullivan and Mrs. Robyn Sullivan



2005 Annual Meeting Attendees



2005 Annual Meeting Recap Orlando, FL Feb. 4 - 6, 2005

FSG membership and participation at the annual meeting has steadily been increasing over the years. The 2005 FSG annual meeting was a huge success with 87 attendees and the meeting was held at the Buena Vista Suites in Orlando, FL.

Thank you to Jeanne Fillman-Richards, Ph.D. (1987 & 2004 FSG President) and Storm Richards, Ph.D. (both of Storm L. Richards and Associates, Inc.) for all of their time and effort that went into making the meeting a great success. Students and faculty representing many of the Universities, Community Colleges, and private industry around Florida, presented their research. Due to the devastating 2004 Hurricane season, there were many presentations on post-evaluations of the communities, which were heavily impacted by the storms.

2005 Keynote Speaker Dean Sullivan, UF

On behalf of FSG, thank you Dr. Neil S. Sullivan, Professor of Physics and the Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida, for traveling and presenting as the 2005 Keynote Speaker. Dean Sullivan was introduced by Dr. Nigel Smith, a Professor at the University of Florida's Department of Geography. Dean Sullivan challenged geographers to do important research that would make a difference. Toward this end, he suggested that geographers and social scientists throughout the state of Florida should consider utilizing a multidiscipline approach, which can make major contributions to the difficult problems of the world. by Jeanne and Storm Richards

The 2005 Annual Meeting included sessions on Data and Modeling, Hurricane Charley: The Aftermath (2 sessions), Water Soils & Landscape Patterns, Africa and Southeast Asia: Physical and Environmental, Florida Studies, and a Central and South America session. There were a total of 42 presentations. Not only were there 21 student presentations, but the judges had a tough job because the students exhibited top notch presentation skills and research. The FSG annual meeting is a great place for students to practice their presentation skills and meet fellow geographers. We look forward to more student, faculty, and professional presentations and posters at the 2006 annual meeting. We encourage topics on coastal themes, on GIS & Remote Sensing, and on all aspects of physical and human geography at the state, national, and international level.

A New Prefix Has Been Added to The Geography Course Numbering System

by Mort D. Winsberg

Some of you are probably unaware that Florida's Department of Education, since the 1970s, has standardized all course numbers for the state's higher education institutions. Several private higher educational institutions have also joined. As a result, we can better interpret the transcripts of transfer students. The state's approach to common course numbering has been so successful that other states have copied it. Since its inception I have been FSU's Department of Geography's representative, and because I live in Tallahassee, de facto reviewer of all course number proposals from other institutions throughout the state.

The taxonomy of Geography's numbering system is layered. It has been divided into GEO for the systematic courses and GEA for the regional. Under these suffixes there are what have become known as "centuries" and below that are "decades." Below decades are ten numbers for individual courses. For example, within the GEO suffix is the 200 century. This century is dedicated to physical geography. The first decade of the 200 century is entitled "Physical Geography" and is for general physical courses. The decade 220-229 is dedicated to Coastal and Shoreline Geomorphology, and 270-279 is for "Local Geography." Ten more specialized courses can fit into each decade. As you all probably know, the first number of all four number courses is the level; 6 is highest and 1 is lowest.

Until geographical information systems were developed this numbering system was extraordinarily successful. Since 1990 there has been an enormous proliferation of courses in this area, not only in the state's universities, but its community colleges. One community college, Indian River, now offers more GIS courses than any of the state universities. We soon began to run out of numbers in the few decades that were devoted to cartography, and began to take unused decades from other centuries. The situation eventually became chaotic and we had to take a drastic approach to fix it.

It was then that the Department of Education geography coordinator and I proposed a new GIS suffix. I assumed the responsibility of creating the new taxonomy, but because I know very little about the area, I sent out an appeal to institutions throughout the state. Several responded, and I want to thank the GIS people at the University of Florida and University of South Florida in particular. In May my provisional GIS taxonomy was presented to a committee composed of representatives from community colleges and universities that was held at the Department of Education in Tallahassee. With lot of changes it was set in stone (well, maybe clay). I particularly want to thank the University of West Florida's Klaus Meyer-Arendt, who made a major contribution to the meeting. We now have assigned all the "GEO" geographical information courses GIS century, decade and lower numbers. They will come into force next academic year. We have centuries for GIS themes such as Introductory, Advanced Methodological, Physical Geography and GIS, Culture and GIS, Business and GIS, Government, etc. Under, for example Environment and GIS, we have environmental management, ecology, environmental hazards, resources and resource management, and environmental hazards. Your representative should have a copy of the new taxonomy. Hopefully the numbering system will continue to operate efficiently for at least three more decades.

Mort D. Winsberg

Call for Nominations for the 2006 Executive Board

Jeff Martin, Ph.D., at the Department of Geography, at Jacksonville University is the President-elect for the 2006 and the 2007 FSG annual meeting will be held in the northeast region of Florida. FSG is soliciting nominations for the following positions for the 2006 term: Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, one Executive Board Member (2 year term), and one Student Board Member (2 year term). Please send your nominations to: FSG Nominations, 4949 East SR 64 #224, Bradenton, FL 34208



Thank you to our 2005 corporate sponsor Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. for sponsoring 5 hotel rooms for the first 20 students, whose abstracts were accepted and also for supplementing the Student Honors Paper and Poster competition cash prizes.

Graduate Student Paper 1st Place

Congratulations to Amy Daniels for winning 1st place in the Graduate Student Honors Competition. Amy is a graduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of Florida and her presentation title was "Conservation or Conversion? An Analysis of the effect of Palo Verde Nacional Park on Wetland Trajectories in the Tempisque Watershed, Costa Rica". Second place went to Terry Ann Jones, a graduate student in the Department of Geography and Regional Studies, at the University of Miami. Terry presented on "Comparative Diasporas: Jamaicans in South Florida and Toronto". Thank you to all of the students who presented.



Undergraduate Student Paper Winner

Congratulations to Josh Gellers for winning the Undergraduate Student Honors Competition. Josh is a student in the Department of Geography at the University of Florida and his presentation title was "Here Comes the Rain Again: Flooding and Disaster Mitigation in Peru, A Case Study".

Honorable mention in the undergraduate student honors competition goes to: Joel Hater (UF), Heather Bell (USF), Mike Selover (UF), and Lin Cassidy (UF).



Poster Presentation Winner

Congratulations to David Crosby, a student in the Department of Geography at the University of South Florida - Tampa, for winning the Student Honors Poster Competition. David's poster title was "How Terrain Derivatives Change Based on the Change in the Resolution of the Digital Elevation Model (DEM) from which they are Derived". Honorable mention went to Irving (Chip) Day IV, a graduate student in the Environmental Science Department at Florida Atlantic University, whose title was "Analysis of Vegetative Biodiversity in the Greater Everglades Area".



Theme for 2006 Annual Meeting

The theme of the 2006 Annual Meeting is **"The Past, Present, and Future of Geography in Florida"**. We will be honoring the founding geographers who dedicated their life to their research and paved the way for the opportunities that the geography and GIS professionals have today. We will be having a **"Founder's Luncheon"** where we will be honoring the long-term members and past-presidents of FSG, which there are quite a few still active in the Society. We are interested in ideas to celebrate the history of Florida Geographers. Please contact Tara Morgan if you have any items of historic value that you would like to display at the annual meeting. In addition, Dr. Chris Meindl, USF-St. Petersburg is working to organize an Urban Tour of historic downtown St. Petersburg. His inspiration for this idea came at the 2005 annual meeting when Ms. Jacqueline (Jackie) Salmond presented "Tourism and Uneven Development in St. Petersburg, Florida", while she was a graduate student in the USF Department of Geography. Jackie is now starting her doctoral program at the University of Kentucky and we are excited that she will be traveling from UK to participate in this year's annual meeting. Another source of inspiration for Chris is USF Professor Ray Arsenault, the author of the prize-winning history "St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream, 1888-1950". We are excited to have the opportunity to combine Jackie's research with an **Urban Tour of historic downtown St. Petersburg**.

FSG website hosted by the Department of Geography at the University of South Florida - Tampa

Thank you to the Geography Department at the University of South Florida – Tampa for hosting the FSG website. Paul Zandbergen, Ph.D., has made the set up process a breeze. The website has a lot of potential and we welcome feedback on the content. We would like to add any photos of past meetings or historical documents to the website. Thank you to Chris Anderson for the initial web site design and creation. It is a work in progress and we would like to extend an invitation to any of our members who have strong webpage skills to assist in maintaining the website. We could definitely use some help developing the site. Please contact Tara Morgan if you are interested in helping.

Visit FSG at: <http://www.cas.usf.edu/geography/fsg>

Florida Geographic Alliance (FGA)

The Florida Geographic Alliance is a professional organization affiliated with the National Geographic Society of Washington D.C. and is housed at the Florida State University within the Institute of Science and Public Affairs. It is comprised of Primary, Secondary, Community College, and University Geography Educators, along with others interested in the enhancement of Geographic Education. Florida became a National Geographic Society Alliance State in 1988, and is governed by an Executive board selected by both the Alliance and State DOE Coordinators. The Alliance also has an Advisory Board which serves as the main governing body of the Florida Geographic Alliance. The Alliance plays a vital role in the development of the new Social Studies Curriculum as well as suggesting ways of implementing National Standards through the help of their understanding staff of Teacher Consultants and Geographic Educators. FGA's main concern is the quality of geographic instruction in the state of Florida as well as the support of their teachers providing that instruction. Visit the FGA website to learn more about this organization. <http://fga.freac.fsu.edu> Don't miss the 48th annual **Florida Council for the Social Studies conference**. The conference will be held **October 12 – 15, 2005** at The Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida. This year's conference theme is: *Social Studies: Creating Literate Citizens*.



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Planning for the future.

In search of past FSG Presidents...

The older FSG records show the executive board members from 1964 - 1979, but there is a gap between 1980 and 2002. If you are aware of whom the FSG Presidents were during these years, please contact Tara Morgan. When we lost Richard Zeller this year, we not only lost a fellow geographer, but also some of the history of the FSG membership, which was on the computer that was stolen from his house after he passed away. At the 2006 annual meeting, we will be honoring the founding geographers who dedicated their life to their research and paved the way for the opportunities, which geography professionals have today. We will be having a "Founder's Luncheon" during the annual meeting, where we will be honoring the long-term members and past-presidents of FSG, which there are quite a few still active in the society. Your help will be greatly appreciated!! My contact information is in the left hand column.

About Our Organization

The Florida Society of Geographers was chartered in 1964 as a non-profit organization for the purpose of furthering professionalism in geography through application of geographic techniques in all areas of education, government, and business. The Society supports these objectives by promoting acquaintance and discussion among its members and with scholars and practitioners in related fields by stimulating research and field investigation, by encouraging publication of scholarly studies, and by performing services to aid the advancement of its members and the field of geography in Florida.

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