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## Call for Papers, Posters, and Maps

Annual Conference of the California Geographical Society  
April 27– April 29 2012; Davis, California

The California Geographical Society invites geography faculty, students, and professionals to present a paper, poster, paper map or digital map at our 66<sup>th</sup> annual conference hosted this year by University of California at Davis from **April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012** (*presentations are on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> only*). We welcome presentations from across the broad range of geographical topics, regions, and themes.

### 1. ALL PRESENTERS

All presenters must register for the conference. See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details. Deadline to register if you are a *presenter* is **April 2, 2012**. Registration will begin in mid-February.

### 2. PAPER PRESENTERS

All papers must be presented within a maximum 20-minute period, including time for questions. The CGS will provide a personal computer (PC) and digital projector for presentations. Please familiarize yourself with all hardware and software in your venue before presenting. You are encouraged to bring backups and hard copies of all digital media. Projection screens and digital overhead projectors will be provided. If you have additional needs (e.g. slide projector, analog overhead projector), please inform the CGS in advance during the registration process.

Students presenting papers in the student competition **must** carefully review the information in the Student Paper Competition flyer before registering for the conference. It is available online at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) under the Call for Papers associated with the forthcoming conference. Presenters not competing may also find this information useful.

### 3. POSTER PRESENTERS

Students presenting posters in the student competition **must** carefully review the Student Poster Competition flyer before registering for the conference. It is available online at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) under the Call for Papers associated with the forthcoming conference. Presenters not competing may also find this information useful.

### 4. MAP PRESENTERS

Students presenting maps in the student competition **must** carefully review the Student Cartography Competition flyer before registering for the conference. It is available online at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) under the Call for Papers associated with the forthcoming conference. Presenters not competing may also find this information useful.

### 5. ALL PRESENTERS must submit their presentation information using the online submission form posted at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org).

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS April 2, 2012**

Contact Professor Peggy Hauselt (CSU Stanislaus) via email if you have questions, comments, or concerns.  
[phauselt@csustan.edu](mailto:phauselt@csustan.edu)

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## ***Student Paper Competition***

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### **Awards**

#### *McKnight Professional Paper Awards*

- Three undergraduate *and* three graduate awards (\$150, \$125, and \$100)

#### *Geosystems Award*

- One award for best Earth Systems Science paper, open to both undergraduate and graduate students (\$500)

### **Paper Judging Criteria**

1. **Abstract:** Copies of a clear, succinct abstract (academic summary) of your presentation should be available to judges.
2. **Presentation:** A good paper presentation is structured and organized to fit within a 15 minute time frame, with 5 additional minutes for questions. Judging criteria also includes your ability to answer questions related to your presentation.
3. **Geographic Content and Analysis:** A good presentation is lucidly presented in logical sequence and includes a well-defined introduction, statement of purpose, methodology and/or theory, and a clearly defined conclusion.
4. **Visual Aids:** Presentations should make use of good visual aids: photos, graphs, tables, and maps are welcome and encouraged. To the degree possible, presenters should use visual aids that they have prepared themselves, and give proper citation to aids that were prepared by others.

### **Entering the Competition**

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract using the online submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) **Deadline for submission is: April 2, 2012.**
3. All digital presentations (PowerPoint or Adobe) should be on a USB flash drive. Be sure to make backup copies.
4. The CGS will provide a personal computer (PC) and digital projector. Please familiarize yourself with all hardware and software provided to you before presenting. Further details regarding available audio visual equipment can be found on the online presenter submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org)

If you have additional questions or concerns contact the judging coordinators below:

Undergraduates - John Carroll CSU, Fullerton: [jcarroll@fullerton.edu](mailto:jcarroll@fullerton.edu)

Graduate Students - Jim Hayes CSU, Northridge: [james.hayes@csun.edu](mailto:james.hayes@csun.edu)

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### **Awards**

*Joe Beaton Professional Poster Awards*

- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

### **Poster Judging Criteria**

1. **Abstract:** A succinct project overview, including purpose and methodology, should be clearly displayed on the poster.
2. **Geographic Content and Analysis:** A good poster presentation is lucidly presented in logical sequence and includes an abstract, introduction, statement of purpose, results section, conclusion, and works cited section.
3. **Graphics:** Use of student-generated visual elements is encouraged, including photos, diagrams, graphs, tables, or maps. If these elements are not created by the presenter, their sources should be clearly cited on the poster, wherever the elements occur *and* in the "Works Cited" section.
4. **Design and Presentation:** A good poster presentation is designed creatively with an appropriate balance between text and graphic content. The information should be presented with a clear visual hierarchy. Overall, the presentation should be both effective and aesthetic.
5. **Check-in and Judging:** Presenters should check-in Saturday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM at the display area (location TBA in final conference program). At this time, presenters must schedule a 30-minute judging window to ensure that judges and presenters have the opportunity to interact.

### **Entering the Competition**

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract for your poster using the online submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org).
3. **Deadline for submission is:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

For more details contact Greg Shaw, CSU Sacramento  
via email at: [shaw@csus.edu](mailto:shaw@csus.edu)

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### **Awards**

#### *Professional Paper Cartographic Awards*

- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

#### *Professional Digitally Displayed Cartographic Awards*

- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

### **Map Judging Criteria**

1. **Abstracts:** Succinct map overview clearly stated and available to judges at time of judging.
2. **Cartographic Content and Analysis:** Presenters should be able to explain the cartographic process, analysis and findings.
3. **Design and Presentation:** Maps should be creative, balanced, and informative and should use clear color hierarchies and standard cartographic principles.
4. **Technology and Graphics:** Use of computer imagery, photogrammetry, and modeling are welcome and encouraged.
5. **Presentation:** Maps may be presented in hardcopy format or using a computer display for animated cartography. Presentation judging criteria also includes your ability to answer questions related to your mapping.
6. **Check-in and Judging:** Presenters should check-in Saturday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM at the display area (location TBA in final conference program). At this time, presenters must schedule a 30-minute judging window to ensure that judges and presenters have the opportunity to interact.

### **Entering the Competition**

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract for your map using the online submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org).
3. **Deadline for submission is:** **April 2, 2012.**

If you have additional questions or concerns contact:

Professor Jason Pittman (Folsom Lake Community College) via email: [PittmaJ@flc.losrios.edu](mailto:PittmaJ@flc.losrios.edu)

or

Professor Scott Crosier (Consumnes River College) via email: [crosies@crc.losrios.edu](mailto:crosies@crc.losrios.edu)

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# 2012 David Lantis Scholarships

**One \$500 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**One \$400 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

## Qualifications

- A 3.5 overall GPA or a 3.7 GPA in the last 30 units attempted from an accredited community college or university
- At the time of application the student must be a member of the California Geographical Society to receive the scholarship.
- The student must enroll in Fall term after the CGS Annual Conference as an undergraduate or graduate major in GEOGRAPHY in any two- or four-year college or university in California. The award will be granted in the Fall upon proof of enrollment in a geography-related program.

## Application

A complete application contains the following:

- A letter, not to exceed three double-spaced typed pages, identifying the award (undergraduate or graduate) sought, an essay describing the student's career goals, specific interests and a description of the applicant's recent geographically-related activities,
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors, one of whom must be a Geography instructor, and
- Unofficial copies of all college transcripts (note: official transcripts will be required prior to the issuance of the scholarship check)

All scholarship materials must be a PDF and sent in a single email!  
Complete application packets must be postmarked on, or before, Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Contact: Maureen Smith, Saddleback College**  
[msmith115@saddleback.edu](mailto:msmith115@saddleback.edu)

Scholarships will be announced at the Saturday Awards Banquet (April 28, 2012) during our annual conference in Davis, California.

You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend this event.  
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## **California Geographical Society Student Travel Awards, 2012**

The California Geographical Society invites faculty members of Geography Departments and Programs in California to nominate a deserving undergraduate and/or graduate student to attend the Annual Conference of the California Geographical Society. The student travel award provides \$150 to recipients to offset costs associated with the annual meeting. The award provides an opportunity for a student to gain experience from attending a statewide conference; it is not necessary that the student give a paper. We do ask that grant recipients share their experience by submitting a short reflection piece on their conference experience, to be included in the *CGS Bulletin*.

Nominations must be received via email by **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012** and should consist of: (1) a brief paragraph outlining the student's interests and abilities in geography, (2) a copy of the student's registration form, and (3) contact information for both the student and the nominating professor. One undergraduate and/or one graduate nomination per department or program. Send all nominating material in one email please.

**Send nominations via email to:**

**Prof. Maureen Smith, Saddleback College**  
[msmith115@saddleback.edu](mailto:msmith115@saddleback.edu)