



Registration and Membership Information

Annual Conference – Davis, California – April 27-29th, 2012

In order to improve efficiency and reduce the costs associated with organizing the annual conference, the California Geographical Society has adopted a largely on-line registration and membership process.

Please consult the paragraphs below as you prepare to register for the conference and pay membership dues.

Membership

All persons who participate in the annual conference are expected to be members of our organization and must pay dues for that year for that privilege.

- Membership dues are normally paid annually during the registration process.
- Dues can be [paid online without registering for the conference](#) for those who want to join the California Geographical Society or maintain their membership even if they cannot attend the annual conference.
- Several Membership categories are available. Membership typically provides conference privileges, a subscription to *The California Geographer*, and our newsletter, *The Bulletin*.
 - Student with *no subscription* to the journal *The California Geographer* - \$10 per year
 - Student with subscription to the journal *The California Geographer* - \$15 per year
 - Regular — \$25 per year
 - Retired – \$20 per year
 - New Lifetime Member— a one-time payment of \$250.
 - Paid Member – for existing lifetime members or others that have paid dues on-line in months just prior to the conference - \$0.

Registration

All persons who participate in the annual conference must register. You are strongly encouraged to register online by the posted deadline. Conferees may register “at-the-door”, but can only expect to attend sessions. Meals and field trips generally sold out by the time the conference begins.

For the past few years, registration fees have included the cost of the Friday Night Bar B Q mixer. The California Geographical Society implemented this policy several years ago to encourage students, faculty and friends to fully exploit the tremendous social networking opportunities that abound at the conference...and it's more fun when we are all together.

Several registration categories are available

- Student Presenter – \$20 (includes Friday Night Bar B Q mixer)
- Student (not presenting) – \$35 (includes Friday Night Bar B Q mixer)
- Regular, Retired or Lifetime Member - \$45 (includes Friday Night Bar B Q mixer)
- Family - \$10 (does NOT include Friday Night Bar B Q Mixer, but tickets to the BBQ can be purchased separately).
 - The CGS encourages members to bring family and friends.
 - Family and friends who do not participate in CGS events do not warrant the \$10 fee.
 - Those bringing small children should plan carefully and be aware that small children may not find academic paper sessions exciting, and some field trips overly exhausting.



Meals Information

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Field trips and group meals are an important part of the annual conference because they represent uniquely powerful social and learning opportunities for conference attendees. We urge you to attend as many as your schedule and budget will allow.

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Meals

The California Geographical Society arranges meals for participants as a convenience and as a means to encourage social networking and friendship among geographers from around the state. The meals are frequently catered, and the society uses the modest profits from the meals to help underwrite discounted student registration fees, etc. Vegetarian and non-Vegetarian options are available. Special dietary requests can be made in the “special needs” section of the registration form. The society makes every effort to honor the special dietary needs of conference attendees, but cannot guarantee these requests can be met at every meal and every conference.

- **Friday Bar B Q Mixer:** \$20, included for registered conferees in the price of registration, includes a rousing keynote address.
 - **Menu:**

- **Saturday Lunch:** \$10
 - **Menu:**

- **Saturday Evening Banquet:** Price Varies – Great fun, but *very limited* “at the door” availability!
 - Students who are the *first author* on papers, maps and posters receive a complimentary banquet ticket courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. William Bowen (California State University, Northridge – Emeritus) as a reward/inducement to young scholars; and for the love of geography.
 - Students who register, and are not the first author of present a paper, map or poster- \$20
 - Faculty, professionals, retirees, lifetime members, family and everyone else - \$25
 - **Menu:**

- **Field Trips:** Many field trips also include a box/sack lunch included in the price of the field trip. Other field trips visit locations where food is available (or featured as part of the trip) requiring field trip participants to bring extra cash. Read the field trip descriptions for details.



Field Trip Information

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Field trips are a favorite activity for many conferees. Many students and faculty incorporate field trips into the curriculum or course requirements. We urge you to attend as many as your schedule and budget will allow.

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Field trips run on Friday and Sunday, before and after the main events of the conference. Field trips may last half a day, or a few hours. Meals, generally in the form of a “box lunch” are frequently provided in the cost of field trip. Some field trips provide opportunities to eat at your discretion. Many field trips use large tour buses, or large passenger vans. Occasionally there is a car pool, pedestrian or bicycle trip. Descriptions follow:

Friday Field Trips

- 1) **The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta** with Jay Lund (jrlund@ucdavis.edu) \$35 with box lunch; (40 seats) Departs 8AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall, returns 4:30PM. –*Description: This is a full-day field trip of about 200 miles traversing the Delta from Davis south to Rio Vista, crossing the Sacramento River, and continuing onto Brannan, Twitchell and Sherman islands to discuss the levee systems, tidal flow, land subsidence and flooding. Older and newer developments will be examined. We will proceed to the State Water Project pumping plant and fish screens at Banks, and look at some of the UC Davis research on Delta smelt. Other potential stops include the Middle River of the San Joaquin, the Delta Cross Channel, and the old community of Locke, returning north via the roads along the channelized Sacramento River to the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area. We will be on and off the bus, so please dress appropriately for the weather (rain or shine).*
- 2) **Yolo County Agriculture** with Ryan Galt, Libby O’Sullivan, Tom Krabacher (regalt@ucdavis.edu, eosullivan@ucdavis.edu, krabacherts@csus.edu) \$30 with box lunch (33 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall, returns 4PM. *Description: This is a full-day field trip across Yolo County, which has seen important shifts in agricultural practices through time. Since the late 1970s, the Capay Valley, located in the northwest corner of Yolo County, has supported farmers with innovative production and marketing methods. Today, the valley has 24 certified organic growers and some of the largest and most famous CSAs in the state. The field trip will include visits with a handful of these farmers, where we will discuss and explore increasing pressure from suburban and casino development, and growth in the organic and local food movement. We will traverse a diversity of spectacular agricultural landscapes with dozens of different crops produced from the large to small scale by our agricultural community.*
- 3) **Taste of Davis -UC Davis Campus Elephant Tram “Aggie” Tour** with Rich Engel Debbie Elliott-Fisk and Greg Shaw (reengel@ucdavis.edu, delliottfisk@ucdavis.edu, shaw@csus.edu) \$15 includes museum admission (40 seats) Departs 1 PM from MU Unitrans Terminal Hunt Hall, returns 5PM. *Description: This tour will provide a “taste” of our agriculturally and environmentally focused campus of 5,300 acres. We will visit various agricultural fields and facilities (including our long-term research site LTRAS and the Bowley agricultural facilities), two of our museums (the Bohart Entomology Museum and the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology), with the grand finale the Robert Mondavi Institute (wine, beer, olive oil, sustainable practices, etc.). We will ride on the famous open-air elephant tram. This should be fun and educational for adults and kids. If it rains, be sure to wear raincoats, hats and even bring umbrellas. The tram cars have roofs but are open-sided. Some walking is involved in and out of the facilities as we get on and off of the tram.*
- 4) **Ecological Alternatives in Residential Design – Village Homes (1974) and Other Sustainable/Green Developments in Davis** with Dennis Dingemans and Charlie Thompson (djdingemans@ucdavis.edu thomsec@gmail.com). \$10 (25 participants) Departs 1 PM from MU Unitrans Terminal (next to Hunt Hall as conference registration/meetings site) to meet to carpool or bike out; Returns 3:30 pm and/or 5 PM return (two options) Trip starts at 1:30 PM at Village Homes Community Center parking lot (2661 Portage Bay East—about 1.5 miles west of Hunt Hall). Walk for first two hours from Village Homes (in West Davis) to various sites, with an optional trip extension at 3:30 pm via carpool and/or bicycle convoy to “The Domes” and “N-Street Co-op” in east Davis. Bikes: Bring your bike or contact Charlie Thomsen (see above) to arrange to borrow or rent a bike at 12:45 pm on campus or in Davis. *Description: We will walk and talk in four contiguous sites of urban design innovation in Davis. Village Homes is 70 acres and 240 living units designed and built 1974 to 1994; it features recreation spaces, meeting places, and gardens galore. Muir Commons and Glacier Circle Senior Co-op refine VH concepts of energy efficiency by living locally and a tight knit community. Along our pedestrian path is West Drainage Pond, one of four such wildlife havens. At 3:30 pm, an optional extension, by carpool and/or bicycle, goes to the 1972 “foam domes” of Baggin’s End on campus and “N Street Co-op” at N and Colgate streets.*

- 5) **Golden Country** - unconfirmed.

Sunday Field Trips

- 6) **Lodi Winescapes** – with Greg Shaw and Debbie Elliott-Fisk and Matthew Hoffman (shaw@csus.edu, delliottfisk@ucdavis.edu, mbhoffman@ucdavis.edu) \$40 box lunch included, participants may want to bring extra cash for purchasing wine, additional fees or tasting events(17 seats) Departs 9 AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall; Returns 2:30 PM. *Description: The wine industry in California is significantly impacted by both geography and tourism. Wine production began in Lodi in the 1850s and the region has been long recognized for its Zinfandel, originally dry-farmed on deep, sandy alluvial soils. Some of the state's oldest vines are here. Cool sea breezes coming through the Golden Gate up the **Trip 6 - Sold Out** temperatures in this section of the Central Valley, and a diversity of Quaternary alluvial landforms provide distinctive soils and terroir, such that the large Lodi AVA (over 450,000 acres) now contains 7 new AVAs within it. Lodi has truly risen to prominence, shifting its focus from supplying wine grapes to other regions to producing wines with Lodi on the label. Growers produce one-fifth of California's wine grapes, while promoting sustainable agriculture with their "Lodi Rules" program. Winemakers have successfully moved into the production of a diversity of red and white wines, including several Iberian Peninsula varieties. Wine production has stimulated tourism in the region. The Lodi Wine and Visitor Center (see its new Lodi Wine app free on iTunes) is one of the most successful wine region visitor centers in the state (adjacent to the luxurious Wine and Roses Inn and Spa). There are more than 80 wineries in the region, and many have aggressively updated or opened outstanding tasting rooms. The field trip includes visits to the Visitor Center and three wineries that represent the diversity of the Lodi terroir and wine varieties. Box lunch provided.*
- 7) **Sacramento Floodscapes** (John Aubert – Aubertj@arc.losrios.edu). \$30, box lunch included (33 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 3 PM. *Description: Recent research has heightened awareness of the potential for a catastrophic flood event to occur in the Sacramento Region. This field trip will examine how flooding and the threat of flooding have shaped this landscape over time. Structural and non-structural flood control measures will be explored through visits to the Yolo Bypass, the Natomas Basin, the Fremont and Sacramento Weirs, the Garden Highway, Discovery Park, and Old-Town and Mid-Town Sacramento. Though this field trip does not involve hiking or physical exertion, some shorts will include shorts walks over uneven ground.*
- 8) **Sacramento Food Systems and Foodscapes** with Robin Datel, Libby O'Sullivan and Michael Schmandt (datel@csus.edu, eosullivan@ucdavis.edu, schmandt@csus.edu) \$20, plus bring cash (\$15?) to eat on the tour (32 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2 PM *Description: This field trip spotlights aspects of Sacramento's local and sustainable food system from farm to table. Participants are introduced to an urban farm and some of the area's best farmers' markets, community gardens, distribution methods, restaurants, and programs emphasizing food access and public health. Local foodscapes, including multiethnic Broadway, deindustrialized R Street, and hip Midtown's Gourmet Gulch, are highlighted. We will stop at an appropriate-to-the-trip local spot for a great lunch.*
- 9) **Cache Creek Natural Area Day Hike** with David Roloff (rolloff@csus.edu) \$35 includes box lunch (19 seats) Departs 8:30 AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2:30 PM (passenger vans). *Description: Day Hike at Cache Creek Natural Area (BLM). This is an easy-moderate day hike in a secluded, hilly expanse of oak woodlands, grasslands, and chaparral about an hour's drive from Davis. It is unique because of multiple uses, managing agencies, and its recent (and surprising) wilderness designation history. CCNA is a combination of 70,000 acres of BLM managed lands and 4,700 acres of California DFG/Yolo County lands. The area is managed to improve habitat for wildlife and rare plants, protect cultural resource values, and offer primitive recreation opportunities. In 2006, President George W. Bush signed the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act, designating approximately 27,245 acres within the CCNA as the Cache Creek Wilderness Area. For more information visit: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ukiah/cacheecreek.html> Bring: daypack with extra water, clothing/gear for the weather, camera, field guides. Wear: hiking clothing, light hiking shoes.*
- 10) **Sacramento Diaspora: Perspectives on Environmental, Economic, and Social Justice** with Jonathan London, Beth Rose Middleton and Michael Rios (jkLondon@ucdavis.edu, brmiddleton@ucdavis.edu, mxrios@ucdavis.edu) \$20, bring cash for an inexpensive lunch; (39 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2PM. *Description: Learn about environmental and social justice issues facing diasporic communities of South Sacramento by visiting the Avon Glen Elder Neighborhood Center, a Sacramento Mutual Housing Association affordable housing community, and an urban food justice project with Ubuntu Green and the Sacramento Yard Farmer. Field trip participants will learn from key leaders in Sacramento's diverse entrepreneurship, social justice, housing justice, and environmental justice movements. Lunch will be purchased at the SMHA site using a local caterer; please bring cash to purchase lunch.*



Information for Donors

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The California Geographical Society is pleased to offer a variety of awards and scholarships in recognition of outstanding scholarly activity. The CGS now distributes more than \$2,000 each year in student scholarships and awards. Presented each year at the annual conferences, these awards are a significant source of pride for the CGS. There are several ways to donate. We want to make it very convenient for you.

Many folks simply donate what they see fit during the conference registration process. You can fill out the form, enter an amount of your choice and simply put it on your credit/debit card via PayPal.

That's pretty easy, but for those of you who would like to keep your donations separate from your conference costs, perhaps for tax or institutional accounting purposes, there are other options.

Of course, the California Geographical Society remains happy to accept donations via check or even cash, but we have also endeavored to make the process more formal for those who want a more substantial documentation of their generosity for tax purposes. The link that follows takes you to a more IRS-sensitive website, and is designed to appeal to the more tax savvy among us.

<http://www.csun.edu/~calgeosoc/donate.html>

If you would like to donate by check, you are welcome to present it in person at the conference, or you can mail a check to the organization's treasurer or president. Contact any member of the organization's board for details or if you have questions.

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Instructions for Presenters

The California Geographical Society is committed to the development of geography scholars and to this end we strongly encourage student geographers, faculty and professionals to share their research at the annual conference. Students who present research will find the cost of their attendance and meals deeply discounted to encourage and reward scholarly effort.

Please consult the paragraphs below as you prepare to present your research or cartography.

All Presentations – Rules and Tips

- All student presenters are eligible for reduced registration fees.
- *First authors* of papers, posters and maps are eligible for a free awards banquet ticket courtesy of Bill and Marilyn Bowen (California State University, Northridge). (second, third and group authors and faculty are not eligible)
- Presenters are eligible to enter several competitions for cash prizes. (students only)
- An abstract must be submitted during conference registration by posted the due date(s) to be considered for inclusion in the conference, or competition (may have different deadlines).
- Check the conference website for all deadlines.
- See the abstract page for an example of a typical submission.
- Limit your abstract to around 150 words (1000 characters)
- DO NOT include the title of your paper in the abstract
- Type abstracts in a word processor *first*, **proofread** then paste into appropriate window on registration form.
- You are encouraged to bring digital backups (flash or CD) and hard copies for all digital media.
- Access to the Internet is not normally an option during presentations, though you may contact the society's president directly if it is absolutely required for your presentation.
- You are expected to familiarize yourself with all hardware and software before presenting.
- Test your material in the room where you are presenting before you are scheduled to present. Tech help will be available.
- Poster and printed map presenters should bring foam or card board to mount the poster or printed map. Easels will be provided.

Paper Presentations

Paper presentations generally involve an oral delivery of a research project the presenter has completed. Generally, presenters prepare a PowerPoint style slide show to illustrate the discussion. Good presenters do not recite their PowerPoint slide, but use them to supplement their discourse. The presentation itself can be anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the number of papers delivered in a session. Consult the program, published several weeks in advance of the conference, to plan accordingly. Guidelines for those entering competitions are available on the conference website.

Poster Presentations

Posters presentations are designed to provide students another way to present research. Poster presenters create a poster (size varies from 20"x30" all the way up to 3'x5') and discuss their poster and their research in a one-on-one setting with judges and other visitors to the poster session. The session frequently lasts an hour or two, and your time with judges is typically 10-15 minutes, with a question and answer period. Guidelines for those entering competitions are available on the conference website.

Cartographic Presentations

Cartographic presentations are designed to provide students another way to present quality cartographic work to an audience of interested individuals and judges.

Paper maps (and other analog media maps) are generally mounted on a foam board and set upon an easel (provided by CGS). The size can vary (20"x30" all the way up to 3'x5'). Cartographic exhibitors are expected to discuss their map with judges and other visitors to the poster session. The cartography session frequently lasts an hour or two, and your time with judges is typically 10-15 minutes, with a question and answer period. Guidelines for those entering competitions are available on the conference website.

The guidelines for *digital cartography* exhibits are similar to those for paper cartography, but the cartographic display is digital, generally on a laptop computer's monitor. You must supply the computer and monitor, and any other electronic needs. Tables will be provided upon which to place your computer. You may want to bring an extension cord, though the CGS will work to ensure adequate, proximate power. Guidelines for those entering competitions are available on the conference website.

Workshops and Other Sessions of Interest

A variety of workshops and sessions of interest to geographers have been offered throughout the years by students, faculty and professionals. Among the topics explored in workshops in recent years are; field work, inter-university cooperation, pedagogic techniques, careers in geography panels, informational sessions about graduate school and administrative issues. If you have a workshop idea, please consult with the society president and/or conference organizer.



Lodging and Camping Information

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There are numerous lodging and camping options near Davis. Please consult the information below as you prepare for your trip to this year's conference.

Conference Hotel

The conference hotel for this year's meeting is the [Hyatt Place on the campus of University of California at Davis](#). The California Geographical Society has arranged a block of rooms at a discounted rate (\$129/night) so please call to reserve your room *early* if you plan on staying at the Hyatt Place. This price includes complimentary, parking, fitness center, WiFi, high speed DSL (because that's the way it ought to be!) and continental breakfast. An expanded menu is also available. If you want to stay at the Hyatt, call them direct at (530)756-9500 and request the \$129/room rate for code G-CGEO (Geography Graduate Group at UC Davis, California Geographical Society Conference). The national reservation line may not be as well informed about our group rate.

Other Local Lodging Options

All rates verified as of 1/9/12 – subject to change. Call hotel directly for current rates / availability.

- Motel 6:** 4 miles from UC Davis campus
4835 Chiles Rd I-80 At Mace Blvd Davis, CA, 95616
Phone: (530) 753-3777 FAX: (530) 753-0569
\$52 - 2 Full Beds, Non-smoking, Pet Friendly, WiFi for a fee
Website: [Motel 6 Davis](#) <http://www.motel6.com>
- Aggie Inn:** 1 block from UC Davis campus
245 First Street, Davis, CA, US, 95616
Phone: (530) 756-0352 Fax: (530) 753-5738
\$149 (1 Queen bed – 2 people), \$169 (2 Queen beds – 4 people)
Non-Smoking, FREE WIFI, Free Cont. Breakfast
Website: [Aggie Inn](#) <http://www.ascendcollection.com/?sid=xXw4sg.0sHO9gXn-g.20>
- Best Western – University Lodge:** 2 blocks from UC Davis campus
123 B Street, Davis, CA, 95616
Phone: (530) 756-7890 Fax: (530) 756-0245
\$130 (1 Queen bed), \$140 (2 Double beds)
Non-smoking, Pet Friendly, FREE WIFI, Complimentary breakfast
Website: [Best Western - University Inn](#) www.bestwestern.com
- Hallmark Inn:** 1 mile to UC Davis campus (Hallmark Inn is near the Amtrak station)
110 F Street, Davis, CA 95616
Phone: (530) 753-3600 Fax: (530) 758-8623
\$120 (1 King bed), \$129 (2 Queen beds)
Non-Smoking, FREE WIFI, Cont. Breakfast, BIKE RENTALS
Website: [Hallmark Inn](#) www.hallmarkinn.com

CAMPING

KOA – Sacramento West/Old Town: 11 miles east of UC Davis campus

3951 Lake Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Phone: (800) 562-2747

Tent site (up to 6 people): \$30 – 35 per day

Cabins (4 to 8 people): \$49 – 120 per day

Lake Solano Regional Park, Winters: 21 miles west of UC Davis, along Putah Creek

8685 Pleasants Valley Road, Winters, CA 95694

Phone: (530) 795-2990

<http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/countypark/lakesolano.asp>

<http://www.solanocounty.com/civica/x/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=11351>

\$21+ per night, not counting reservation fees

Pet friendly, call in advance for reservations

VRBO (Davis): \$150+ per night (varies)

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www.vrbo.com