Call for Papers, Posters, and Maps
Annual Conference of the California Geographical Society
April 29 – May 1, 2011; Bishop, California

The California Geographical Society invites geography faculty, students, and professionals to present papers, posters, and/or maps at our annual conference to be held at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, California from April 29 – May 1, 2011 (presentations take place Saturday, April 30 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 for details. Deadline to register if you are a presenter is April 4, 2011.

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

   Students presenting papers in the student competition must carefully review the Student Paper Competition flyer sent out in registration/promotional materials and posted online at www.calgeog.org. Other paper presenters may also find this information useful.

3. POSTER PRESENTERS
   Students presenting posters in the student competition must carefully review the Student Poster Competition flyer sent out in registration/promotional materials and posted online at www.calgeog.org. Other poster presenters may also find this information useful.

4. MAP PRESENTERS
   Students presenting maps in the student competition must carefully review the Student Cartography Competition flyer sent out in registration/promotional materials and posted online at www.calgeog.org. Other map presenters may also find this information useful.

5. ALL PRESENTERS must submit their presentation information using the online submission form posted at www.calgeog.org.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS April 4, 2011
Contact Professor Peggy Hauselt (CSU Stanislaus) via email if you have questions, comments, or concerns. phauselt@csustan.edu
The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate and graduate - to share and be rewarded for their scholarly work at our annual conference to be held at The Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, California from April 29 – May 1, 2011. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to make professional presentations. A panel of geographers will judge all entries. Winners will be announced, and cash awards will be presented during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

Awards

McKnight Professional Paper Awards
• Three undergraduate and three graduate awards ($150, $125, and $100)

Geosystems Award
• Two Awards 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 themselves taken/prepared, and give proper citation to aids that were taken/prepared by others.

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3. All digital presentations (PowerPoint or other) should be on a USB thumb drive AND a backup CD. The CGS will provide a PC and digital projector. Please familiarize yourself with all hardware and software before presenting. Further details regarding available audio visual equipment can be found on the online presenter submission form at www.calgeog.org.

If you have additional questions or concerns contact the judging coordinators below:
Undergraduates - John Carroll CSU, Fullerton: jcarroll@fullerton.edu
Graduate Students - Jim Hayes CSU, Northridge: james.hayes@csun.edu
The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate and graduate – to present an academic poster at our annual conference, to be held at The Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, California from April 29 – May 1, 2011. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to display and discuss their posters. A panel of geographers will judge all entries. Students entering posters in the competition must be present during the judging period (time TBA) to be eligible for an award. Winners and cash awards will be presented during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

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, such as 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.

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For more details contact Greg Shaw, CSU Sacramento via email at: shaw@csus.edu
Student Cartography Competition
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Awards
Professional Paper Cartographic Awards
- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates ($125, $100, and $75)

Professional Computer 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
2. Submit a title and abstract for your map using the online submission form at www.calgeog.org. Deadline for submission is: April 4, 2011.

If you have additional questions or concerns contact:
Professor Jason Pittman (Folsom Lake Community College) via email: PittmaJ@flc.losrios.edu
or
Professor Scott Crosier (Consumnes River College) via email: crosies@crc.losrios.edu
2011 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 submitted electronically as an attachment(s) in a single email. All attached electronic documents should be saved in a common file format (.pdf, .doc or .rtf). Complete application packets must be emailed on, or before, April 4th, 2011 to:

Maureen Smith, Saddleback College
msmith115@saddleback.edu

Scholarships will be announced at the Saturday Awards Banquet (May 1, 2011) during our annual conference in Bishop, California.

You are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend this event.

www.calgeog.org
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 4th, 2011** 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, please.

**Send nominations via email to:**

Prof. Maureen Smith, Saddleback College
msmith115@saddleback.edu