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The Fall semester is well under way. The trees are turning and the students are hunkering down as they face their first series of exams. In the Geography Department things are "turning" as well; we are in the process of taking on a new look. As usual for the Fall, we have new students (23) in our Graduate and GIS Certificate programs (who introduce themselves on the following pages). But we also have some significant changes to the faculty and staff. HONG JIANG joined the Faculty as an Assistant Professor, moving here from the University of Iowa. Her research focuses on people-environment issues in Mongolia, but she will also be involved in teaching GIS. We are pleased to announce the hiring of JAMIE PECK, currently at the University of Manchester. He and his family will move to Madison next Spring and he will begin his teaching duties next Fall, filling a sorely needed position in Urban-Economic Geography.

We have two bright new faces in the Department offices. Our new Receptionist and Undergraduate Coordinator is MEGAN YOCKEY. Megan replaces SHARON RUCH who moved to Education Sciences after 9 years in Science Hall. Our new Graduate Secretary is BLYTH MEIER. Blyth replaces LINDA FUSS who left the Department after 23 years (!) for a position in the Graduate School. We will miss Sharon and Linda, but also welcome Megan and Blyth to our family.

Downstairs in the Geography Library MIRIAM KERNDT retired after 30 years with the University Library System. She was a student here in the 1950s, but began her career in the library as Head of the Geography, Geology and Meteorological Library. After portions of the collection moved to the Geology/ Geophysics Library in 1971, and to the Wendt Engineering Library in 1978 she remained as Head of the Geography Library. Her dedication and hard work, her training and mentoring of staff, and her enthusiasm to help all of us for these years are deeply appreciated and has endeared her in our hearts. We celebrated her well-earned departure last May and presented her with season tickets to her beloved opera. A familiar face is still behind the Library counter, however. TOM TEWS, Assistant Librarian to Miriam, was hired as Head Librarian.

The physical appearance of Science Hall has changed a bit, too. The exterior window frames were painted after how many years? This included an overdue washing of the beautiful stained glass above the entrance. In the Department offices, the walls are now decorated with 34 photos of Science Hall and Geography faculty from the UW archives. This project was carried out with great care and enthusiasm by Graduate Students RICH WORTHINGTON, TIM BAWDEN, and ERIC OLMANSON. The next time you are on

campus please come by and enjoy these photos that document our past and also say hello to the new students, staff, and faculty that represent our future.

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## FACULTY

LISA NAUGHTON received a Lilly Teaching Fellowship from the College of Letters and Sciences. She will develop a new course on people, wildlife and landscapes to offer students fresh perspectives on how humans use and transform wild animals, as well as ways in which other cultures view other species. Her course outline will pay special attention to hunting, the process of animal domestication, property rights and the “use” of wildlife in documentation as a means of shaping and reflecting concepts of nature.

HONG JIANG received a "Young Investigators Award" from the UW College of Letters and Sciences, which will help support her research for up to 5 years. Her monograph *The Ordos Plateau of China* (a regional human-environmental study) will be published by the United Nations University Press this Fall.

BOB OSTERGREN, in his third and last year as Chair of the Department, continues to work on his book about Europe. This work included a trip to Germany and Poland this Fall. The trip was also linked to his new project studying "Germans and the Land in Wisconsin." In addition to his other duties, Bob was also elected to the UW Social Sciences Divisional Committee.

MATT TURNER apparently isn't sleeping these days, between his three rambunctious daughters and his publication output! He has a number of papers just out: "The interaction of grazing history with rainfall and its influence on annual rangeland dynamics in the Sahel" in *Nature's Geography: New Lessons for Conservation in Developing Countries*, edited by K. ZIMMERER and K. Young (University of Wisconsin Press); "Labor process and the environment: The effects of labor availability and compensation on the quality of herding in the Sahel" (*Human Ecology* v. 27); "Merging local and regional analyses of land use change: The case of livestock in the Sahel" (*Annals of the Association of American Geographers* v. 89); "No space for participation: Pastoralist narratives and the etiology of park-herder conflict in southwestern Niger" (*Land Degradation and Development* v. 10); and "Spatial and temporal scaling of grazing impact on the species composition and productivity of Sahelian annual grasslands" (*Journal of Arid Environments* v. 41).

DAVID WARD continues as Chancellor of the UW-Madison. He is very pleased with the new state budget for the UW-Madison, which he describes as "the best news for the university in at least a decade." David was also elected to the Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a recognized authority on historical urban geography and has pioneered research and authored books on English and American cities during their rapid growth in the 19th and 20th centuries.

WALLY BRINKMANN just completed a one-year tenure as chair of the AAG West Lakes Division. She also published "Application of non-hierarchically clustered circulation components to surface weather conditions: Lake Superior basin winter temperatures" in *Theoretical and Applied Climatology* v. 63.

YI-FU TUAN's book *Escapism* is a Book-of-the-Month Quality Paperback selection. Hey, for a mere \$22.40, you get to go on a tour that "ranges from Christ's last supper to Chimpanzees copulating, from African bushmen barbecuing a turtle to diplomat-author Harold Nicolson bathing in a lake" (*Washington Post Book World*).

TOM VALE's "The Myth of the Humanized Landscape: An Example from Yosemite National Park" is to be republished in an issue of *Wild Earth*. An edited volume that furthers the discussion on the humanized/pristine landscape debate has been slowed by several tardy authors (although BILL BAKER, AL PARKER, KATHY PARKER, and Cathy Whitlock produced fine essays for the hopefully-to-be-completed book). Tom, letting his guard down, agreed to give several talks at other institutions during the Fall – this suggests clouded thinking, he reports, perhaps brought on by the aging process!

A-XING ZHU co-authored "Spatial Structure of Accommodation Costs in the Madison Area" (*Geographic Information Sciences*). He has also been busy on the lecture circuit, presenting invited talks to the National SSURGO Digitizing Centers Meeting and the National Aerial Photography and National Digital Ortho Program Steering Committees Meeting. He also gave presentations at the International Symposium on SocioInformatics and GeoInformatics'99, in Ann Arbor and at the National Cooperative Soil Survey Conference "Back to the Future, A Centennial Celebration of Service to the Nation" in St. Louis. In other activities, he is Chair of the Award Committee of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences.

KARL ZIMMERER published "The overlapping patchworks of mountain agriculture in South and Central America: Toward a regional-global landscape model" (*Human Ecology* v. 27). He also presented a number of invited lectures in Anthropology: at Stanford University; at the University of California, Berkeley, as a Special Invited Workshop Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, Environmental Politics Workshop; in a colloquium; and in Anthropology here at the UW-Madison. Other professional activities include Co-Director of the 'Environment and Development Advanced Research Circle' (EDARC), International Institute, Program in Development Studies, Latin American and Iberian Studies Program (UW-Madison, 1999-2003). This is a 4-year project that is being established as an Advanced Research Circle on campus. It is supported by the Grad School, the International Institute, Program in Development Studies, Latin American and Iberian Studies Program (University of Wisconsin-Madison). The EDARC, as it's being called, is based on a proposal that he has been working on for six months in conjunction with Brad Barham of Agricultural and Resource Economics. The core faculty is drawn from the social sciences, humanities, and the natural sciences (and it includes MATT TURNER, LISA NAUGHTON, and HONG JIANG). Over the summer Karl did fieldwork on agricultural development, farmer

management of maize and soils, and new protected areas in the Guadalajara and Colima areas of Mexico.

DAN DOEPPERS won the annual Philippine National Book Award (social sciences) for *Population and History: The Demographic Origins of the Modern Philippines*, which has a strong historical geographic theme. The award is a unique honor because it is rarely given to non-Filipinos. The volume was published in Madison and Metro Manila at the end of 1998 and includes five essays by Professor Doeppers. His co-editor was demographer Peter Xenos. He gave a public lecture/seminar on the historical geography of the Manila rice trade, 1850-1930 to the Centre for Asian Studies Amsterdam (CASA), a joint faculty organization of the University of Amsterdam and the Free University of Amsterdam. The lecture was held in the large "Director's Room" of the old (17th century) VOC – the Dutch East India Company. He continues to serve on the Fulbright – CIES Southeast Asia Review Committee for senior scholar awards.

DAVID WOODWARD presented a paper "Maps and the Study of History: The State of the Art," at the Harvard University International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World in April and read another paper at a specialized symposium on the use of paper as historical evidence in Toronto in May. He gave a talk to the University of Illinois at Chicago's Summer Institute in the History of Cartography for High-School Teachers in the Humanities in July. In August, he attended the International Cartographic Association meeting in Ottawa, Canada, where he gave a keynote plenary speech. Meetings in Europe included the Hereford Map Conference, Hereford, UK, where the conference opened with a service in Hereford Cathedral (where the thirteenth century map is housed) and a sermon on the subject of maps. In July, he visited a very hot Athens for the International Conference on the History of Cartography. Closer to home was a presentation to the Madison Literary Club in September on "The Geographical Imagination of John Donne" with a commentary by Heather Dubrow of the UW-Madison English Department.

JIM KNOX is on sabbatical leave this semester, continuing his NSF-funded research on the relationships between post-glacial Mississippi River floods and environmental change in the Upper Mississippi River watershed. He also has been doing some traveling and speaking, presenting invited lectures to the Royal Geographical Society of Edinburgh in Sterling, and at UW-Platteville. Jim also presented a paper at the Second International Paleoflood Conference in Prescott, Arizona (co-authored with grad student MIKE DANIELS). Recent publications include "Effects of historical land-cover changes on flooding and sedimentation, North Fish Creek, Wisconsin" (co-authored with FAITH FITZPATRICK, PhD 1998) U. S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4083. Jim also was appointed to the American Society of Civil Engineers Task Committee on Paleoflood Hydrology (to evaluate feasibility of incorporating geomorphological records of floods into engineering practices involving estimates of potential flood magnitudes and recurrence probabilities).

VANCE HOLLIDAY completed the first year of research in a study of the late Quaternary paleoenvironmental record of small playa basins on the High Plains of

northwestern Texas, eastern New Mexico, and the Oklahoma Panhandle. He is also the geoarchaeologist on a number of archaeological projects in the region. In the field he was ably assisted by graduate student TY SABIN (a late 40s Prof being assisted by an early 40s student!). The work is supported by NSF and by the Vilas Foundation of UW-Madison. In September he presented a lecture at the University of Arizona as part of a retirement celebration he co-organized for prominent geoarchaeologist C.V. Haynes. Recent publications (both co-authored) include "AMS Radiocarbon dating of the type Plainview and Firstview (Paleoindian) assemblages" (American Antiquity v. 64) and "Eolian sedimentation and soil development on a semiarid to subhumid grassland, Tertiary Ogallala and Quaternary Blackwater Draw Formations, Texas and New Mexico High Plains" (Journal of Sedimentary Research v. 69).

BILL DENEVAN published "James J. Parsons, 1915-1997" in Geographers Biobibliographical Studies, v. 19, this year. He also presented a paper at a conference on the Impact of Amazonia on the Development of Science at Oxford University in June.

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## GEOGRAPHY LIBRARY

In addition to MIRIAM's retirement and TOM's promotion to Head Librarian, there are other changes in the library. The assistant's position was held by JENNIFER IHDE from July through September and RICHARD SCHWARTZ started as the assistant in October. Luckily, six of seven students have returned for the fall semester, and the seventh began during the summer.

The campus libraries replaced computer systems as well at the end of June. Much time has been invested in training our staff, teaching our users and ourselves in all library functions. Even the campus libraries web pages were totally revised.

UW-Madison libraries web page: <http://www.library.wisc.edu>  
MADCAT, campus libraries computer catalog: <http://madcat.library.wisc.edu>  
Geography Library web page:  
<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Geography/geoweb.htm>

Our other major project over the summer was to rearrange most of our book and serial collections. We shifted serials to include ALL of what we call the mezzanine annex (the area above the hallway); the book collection was spread out to include the mezzanine; and we increased the area for our Oversize collection.

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## STATE CARTOGRAPHER'S OFFICE

TED KOCH, State Cartographer, continues as chair of the Wisconsin Land Information Board, and as a member of the Wisconsin Land Council. In September, the National

States Geographic Information Council, at its annual conference, presented Ted with an Outstanding Service Award for his work with the council, and as the council's representative to the Steering Committee of the National Digital Orthophoto Program.

BOB GURDA, along with Ted, has been working with a group under the WISCLAND Project to design a statewide landcover map; a late 1999 publication date is anticipated. WISCLAND is also beginning to study options for the next generation of statewide elevation data. Bob has also been working with several UW faculty on guest lectures for their courses, along with editing the 25th year of the Wisconsin Mapping Bulletin.

BRENDA HEMSTEAD continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Land Information Association, and as chair of its Education Committee. Brenda organized the program and speakers on the topics of addressing and geocoding for the WLIA's recent quarterly meeting in Siren (NW corner of the state). This meeting set a record attendance (108) for a quarterly event.

AJ WORTLEY, now full-time, and graduate project assistant DOUG KOLOM are working on a grant-funded project to expand the holdings and functions of WISCLINC, a Web-based, Wisconsin clearinghouse for GIS data and information. Over the next several months AJ and Doug, along with several others, will be leading a series of workshops covering geospatial metadata. The workshops are supported from funding from the Federal Geographic Data Committee.

LIZ KRUG continues with SCO administrative support duties on a half-time basis.

The SCO's student staff this fall includes new graduate student ANNA WEITZEL, who is beginning work on an MS in Environmental Monitoring, and undergraduates KATE GIBLIN (Anthropology/Art History), MIMI CHENG (Geography/Cartography), and ERIC BREY (Cartography/GIS). The most visible representation of their efforts is the SCO web site which is continually being revised and redesigned.

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## HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY PROJECT

The History of Cartography Project was the subject of an encouraging article by Critic-At-Large Edward Rothstein in the 29 May 1999 New York Times, Art and Ideas section. It also received mention in The Washington Post on 9 June. We have also been pleased with the recent reviews of our treatment of the non-Western mapping traditions, which we completed with the publication of Volume Two, Book Three, in November of 1998.

At the Madison office, we are focusing our efforts on Volume Three, Cartography in the European Renaissance. This volume will be the largest thus far: more than 1500 pages, over 1000 illustrations, and more than fifty authors. Moreover, we have set short deadlines for the receipt of essays, their preparation for publication, and submission of

the manuscript to the University of Chicago Press. Our ambitious goal is to submit the first draft of the entire volume to the Press in 2002.

One step toward achieving that goal will be a Burdick-Vary symposium on Renaissance cartography that the UW Institute for Research in the Humanities and the History of Cartography Project will be sponsoring 6-9 April 2000. The conference will be held on the UW-Madison campus. For more information, please contact Loretta Freiling by phone 608-262-3855, fax 608-265-4173, or mail: UW Institute for Research in the Humanities, 1401 Observatory Drive, Madison WI 53706.

The Project has also recently begun recruiting scholars to research and write exploratory papers on the history of twentieth century cartography that will form the foundation of Volume Six of the History of Cartography. This three-year research initiative is supported in part by NSF and is proceeding under the leadership of Mark Monmonier at Syracuse University. A conference will be held in Chicago for selected authors in June 2000. Work will begin on Volume Four when coeditors are appointed (an announcement will be made soon).

In staffing news, we welcome BRIAN COVEY and extend our best wishes to departing staff members PETER THORSHEIM and VICTORIA MORSE. Brian is a graduate student in History who will be working on manuscript preparation and reference checking for Volume Three. He fills the project assistant position vacated by Peter, who accepted a teaching post at Manhattan College. Victoria started a joint teaching position in Medieval History with her husband Bill North at Carleton College.

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## GRADUATE STUDENTS

LISA THEO served as lecturer for Introduction to the City during the summer session, and is teaching the course again this fall.

ZOLTAN GROSSMAN will have reviews published in the upcoming Annals of the new Concise Historical Atlas of Canada. He gave a talk entitled, "Geographies of Inclusion: Interethnic Alliances for Environmental Protection" at the West Lakes AAG meeting in DeKalb. He has given various community presentations on ethnic conflicts in Yugoslavia. Zoltan received the State Historical Society Book Award of Merit for the Wisconsin Cartographers' Guild's Wisconsin's Past and Present: A Historical Atlas, now in its second printing. Samples can be found on the web at <http://www.wisconsin.com/wibook>. The Guild is developing the Mapping Wisconsin History Teacher's Resource Guide to accompany the atlas.

TIM BAWDEN published "The University and the Cutover, 1895-1926: Pushing the Wisconsin Idea Too Far" in The Wisconsin Geographer. He was invited to give a lecture at the UW-Milwaukee Geography Department's Colloquium Series on the making of the Wisconsin northwoods. Currently, he is working on a project with the Max Kade

Institute of German American Studies entitled, "The German Experience with the Land in Wisconsin.

ANITA HOWARD published a book review in *Geographical Review* October 1998 v. 88 (the J.B. Jackson issue) on *Baseball, Barns, and Bluegrass: A geography of American Folklife* edited by George O. Carney. She also successfully defended her thesis, "First Church of the United States: Arlington National Cemetery and the Cult of Patriotic Death." (Sack)

ROBERT ROSE recently returned from Cameroon where he spent six months setting up his dissertation research project – studying the spatial distribution of elephant damage to agricultural areas.

BILL GARTNER published "Late Woodland Landscapes of Wisconsin" in the September 1999 issue of *Antiquity*. He also presented a lecture at the 1999 AAG conference in Honolulu. He and GEOG 303 student RICHARD SOUTHORN won a Hilldale award to compare and contrast landscape impacts of Pre-Columbian and Historic Euro-American farming systems. As a result of this research, they discovered two new ridged field sites in the greater Muscoda Area.

FERNANDO GONZALES and KARL ZIMMERER received an NSF Grant: "Socio-Environmental Dynamics and Landscape History of the Biological Invasion of Pasture Grasses: The Case of Kikuyu Grass in Southern Peru."

ALEX DIENER was awarded an SSRC International Predissertation Fellowship.

TOM BOOGAART and Sophie Chatel were married July 31, 1999 in Quebec.

JOE McCANN, currently residing in New York City, published a two-part series on the making of the pre-Columbian landscape and implications for restoration ecology in *Restoration Ecology* and co-authored a presentation on "Amazonian dark earths and infrared analysis" at the Applied Geography Conference a year ago. Joe also gave a lecture on the Panama Canal at the New School for Social Research for subscribers of the *New Yorker Magazine*.

XUN SHI co-authored a paper on "The integration of case-based systems and GIS in development control" (*Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design* vol. 26). He also presented a lecture at the International Symposium on Geoinformatics and Socioinformatics and GEOINFOMATICS'99, - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. His graduate research focuses on constructing a spatial database for management of land parcels in Columbia County, in cooperation with the Columbia County Land Information Office.

CATHERINE YANSA is a lecturer in Geography at Carthage College for the current academic year. She recently won an Honorable Mention for the 1999 Mackin Award for



the Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division of the Geological Society of America.

BLAKE HARRISON was named one of the "Outstanding T.A.'s" by the Department for 1998-99, and was appointed as a Vilas Graduate Fellow for 1999-2000. Blake spent part of the summer doing dissertation research in Southern Vermont. A short article based on some of his findings will appear in a south Vermont public affairs magazine this winter.

JASON MARTIN presented "The Power of Maps: Synchronic Presentation and the Stabilization of Meaning" at the 18th International Conference on the History of Cartography in Athens, Greece, July 11-18, 1999. He defended his master's thesis "Contested Terrain, Contested Meaning: John Mitchell's Map of 1755 and the Rhetorical Possession of the Ohio Region" in May. Over the summer he and fellow grad JENNIFER GREK became engaged! In January he will return to Canada to begin a Ph.D. program in the geography department at Queen's University. He's excited by the opportunity but will miss all of his friends in Wisconsin.

MIKE TURASKI attended the annual Society for Ecological Restoration conference recently held in San Francisco.

ADAM GRODEK will be presenting at the AAG Southeastern Division annual meeting in Tampa, Florida in November. His talk is entitled, "Historic Channel bed elevations in the Flint River Basin, Georgia." He will be presenting preliminary dissertation proposal work in Pittsburgh at the 2000 AAG annual meeting. His working title is, "Historical Hydrologic and Geomorphic Adjustments of the Rock River Basin to Wetland Drainage, Southeastern Wisconsin." He spent part of his summer surfing 10-foot waves in North Carolina.

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## NEW GRADS

CLAUDIA FONKERT received her BA from Macalaster College in Geography. Her interests here are urban geography and Europe.

NED ENGLISH, originally from Boston, graduated this May from McGill University in Montreal, Canada with a Bachelor's degree in physical geography. His main geographic interests concern the applications of GIS towards soil mapping and soil survey. Outside of Science Hall, Ned likes to argue about the merits of ice hockey and Woody Allen films.

MIKE YOCHIM received his BA from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN in biology and religion in 1989, and his MS in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in 1998. Most of the intervening time was spent working as a ranger and guide in Yellowstone National Park. His thesis was "The Development of Snowmobile Policy in Yellowstone National Park." Yellowstone Science published a summary in their Spring,

1999 issue. At Madison, he hopes to continue studies in people-environment interactions, focusing specifically on perceptions of nature as regards national parks in the U.S.

NOAH ROST has a BA in History from the University of New Orleans and an MA in Geography from LSU. His thesis was on "Poetic National Spaces: The Myth of Kosovo and the Construction of Serbian National Identity." Here at UW his research will focus on the connections between social memory, landscape, and national identity in the former Yugoslavia.

BRICK FEVOLD is in the GIS Certificate Program and also is an MS student in the UW Department of Wildlife Ecology. He graduated from the UW 1995 with a BS from the same department. His thesis research involves wildlife toxicology but he has additional interests in landscape-use patterns of carnivores near human-use areas.

FAWN HOUCK is a native of Chicago and received a BA in Comparative Literature from Oberlin College in 1990. Several years of travel, including the last four working on organic farms, piqued her desire to learn more about Earth processes and our relationship to them. As a result, she is at UW-Madison to study environmental history and people-environment interaction, especially as these relate to African-Americans in the Upper Midwest. Her ultimate goal is to bring a geographical-historical perspective to a land-based educational venture in this region which she aims to someday join or help build.

JAMES MAYER is a native of Wisconsin and received a BA in Anthropology from UW-Milwaukee. His primary interest is the interaction of the Earth sciences, particularly soils and geomorphology, and archaeology (geoarchaeology). He has been involved in archaeological field work in the northeastern and northwestern U.S., Midwest, and Great Plains. He is a member of AMQUA, the Geological Society of America, Society for American Archaeology, and the Wisconsin Archaeological Society.

TIM DIENGER received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from UW-Madison. In addition to the Master's program in Urban and Regional Planning, Tim is enrolled in the GIS Certificate Program. He currently works as a senior planner for a local New Urbanism development company called Community By Design, Inc. Tim tells us that his name really is "Tim" and not "Timothy," as the University always assumes.

MARA GOLDMAN received her undergraduate degree in Geography from Clark University and her Master's in Geography from UCLA. Her thesis was entitled, "Wildlife Conservation and Pastoral Development in the Semi-arid Savanna lands of Tanzania: Shifting views on the role of Maasai Pastoralists." She spent the last year and a half working in Los Angeles for a non-profit organization, where she was the project coordinator for a new research and policy institute on Homelessness and Poverty in southern California. However, her academic interests here lie more in the human-environment realm. She came here to continue her work on issues of conservation and development (land-use conflicts) in Africa. She is particularly interested in the ecology of semi-arid environments, pastoral land-use practices, wildlife conservation, and the political-ecology of conservation-development conflicts.

TED QUINBY is a first year Master's student who grew up in Madison, Connecticut. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994, and volunteered for the Peace Corps in Zambia from 1995-1997. Most recently, he was a land surveyor in Colorado. He is interested in a range of topics, from Applied GIS and use of Remote Sensing to issues of people-environment geography.

FENG QI comes to the UW from China, where she received her BS in Environmental Geography from Peking University. She is doing a Master's program in Cartography and GIS. Currently, she is working on a project about soil mapping with Professor Zhu.

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## NEW GEOGRAPHERS

MARTIN LEWIS and KARIN WIGAN had a baby.

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## NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

RONALD EXLER (MS Cartography 1984) recently joined the Robert Frances Group ([www.rfgonline.com](http://www.rfgonline.com)) as a Senior Research Analyst covering GIS and other areas.

HILGEGARDO CORDOVA (Ph.D. 1982) was a Guggenheim Fellow for 1999.

BILL TURNER (Ph.D. 1974) is a nominee for AAG Vice President for the year 2000.

BILL STEFEFN (BS 1974) published "The Great Derecho of May 31, 1998" written to be disseminated to electric power companies and cooperatives in the midwest and northwest. Last year, Bill presented ISO Lectures/Presentations to schools and community groups (he has given nearly 2000 lectures in 25 years, speaking to people on weather, climate, and geography. He was awarded 1999 Community Volunteer of the Year from the Michigan Education Association, 1999 West Michigan Community Service Award from partners in Public Education. This year will be his 25th Anniversary as a TV meteorologist on WZZM-13, past 14 years as a chief meteorologist. In addition, Bill is regional co-chairman for Nature for the Science Olympiad and Trustee, Friends of the Van Andel Museum in Grand Rapids.

JOHN MALLOW (MS 1957) retired from the Defense Mapping Agency after 35 years. Married since 1956 and has 3 boys and 3 grandchildren.

DAN FINLEY (BA 1980) was re-elected in April 1999 to his third term as Waukesha (Wisconsin) County Executive.

MIERVALDIS (John) BALODIS (MS 1980) published a series of newspaper articles and presented on geopolitical situation, restoration of cadastre and privatization of land in

Latvia. Curtin University established the John Balodis Medallion which is awarded to best BSC graduate in cartography each academic year. John retired as an Associate Professor from Curtin University, Western Australia in 1997.

ANTOINETTE WINKLER-PRINS (PhD 1999) moved to The Netherlands with her family to spend a year as a post-Doc in the International Institute for Aerospace and Earth Sciences Netherlands. She is learning to apply GIS and remote sensing to questions in environmental geography in Amazonia. She also accepted a position in the Geography at Michigan State University which will begin when she returns to the US. This Fall she gave a paper in a Soil Science Society of America symposium on Indigenous Agroecology. She reports enjoying living in The Netherlands before she begins "the stressed life of an Assistant Prof."

STEVE SILVERN (PhD 1995) was hired as a Visiting Professor at the University of South Carolina.

KEN HILLIS (PhD 1996) is an Assistant Professor in Communication Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He recently published in Progress In Human Geography, in the edited anthologies Places Through the Body and Virtual Geographies, and in the textbook Introducing Human Geographies. Ken's first book Digital Sensations: Space Identity and Embodiment in Virtual Reality was published by University of Minnesota Press (1999).

ANNE KNOWLES (MS 1989, PhD 1994) was awarded an ACLS Research Fellowship.

GREG CARBONE (PhD 1989), at the University of South Carolina, is part of a team awarded a 3-year grant from the Economic and Human Dimensions element of NOAA's Office of Global Programs to study "Decision-Making and Long-Lead Climate Forecasts: A Case Study in Community Water System Management."

MAKRAM MURAD-AL-SHAIKH (MS Cartography 1983) works as a Senior Instructor in Educational Services for Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI). He co-authored two volumes on Advanced Workstation ARC/INFO, a 5-day course. He continues to teach and do course development for ESRI's Educational Services Department as his main job. He also taught "GIS Cartography and Base Map Development" at San Bernardino Valley College, California, and GIS Mapping at California State University. He also taught an ESRI course at the Department of Transportation here in Madison and had a chance to visit the UW-Madison campus and met with DAVID WOODWARD, PHIL MUEHRCKE as well as JUDE LEIMER and some of the administrative staff. He also taught an ESRI course at Michigan State University where he met with JUDY OLSON (PhD 1968).

GARRY RUNNING (PhD 1997) is an Assistant Professor at UW-Eau Claire. He seems to be slowing down. His research includes geoarchaeology as part of an archaeological project in Manitoba, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Office of University Research, UW-Eau Claire. The work involves a

number of his undergrads. Closer to home, he has some projects in Eau Claire dealing with soil erosion and also habitat conservation. Garry published a report on the geomorphology of Fort McCoy, WI, (with TY SABIN and JEMUEL RIPLEY) (US Geological Survey Administrative Report). He presented papers (including some co-authored with his undergrads) at the 56th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Bismarck, North Dakota, and at the AAG Annual Meeting in Honolulu, and the West lakes AAG meeting in Madison. Garry "happily reports" that he has no new kids! Katherine is almost 4, Ben is 1.5, and Garry and Val "are on Prozac."

CHIN-CHUN TANG (BA 1998) returned to Taiwan for a while and but is now back in U.S. He is working on a Master's degree in Urban Planning at SUNY Buffalo. He recently returned to Vietnam and also visited Niagara Fall once he discovered that it is 30 minutes by car from his new home. He also wrote to say that his stay in Madison "was a great experience."

CHRISTIAN BRANNSTROM (PhD 1998) has a new position at the University of London – Institute of Latin American Studies, 31 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HA United Kingdom. He tells us that his office is about 100 meters from MARK BASSIN's!

WENDY JEPSON (BA 1994) is continuing Ph.D. work at UCLA, and will move to London with husband CHRIS BRANNSTROM and then move on to Brazil for fieldwork. She recently received an NSF dissertation improvement award and a dissertation grant from the Organization of American States.

KURT SHINKLE (MS Cartography 1984) recently started a new job as National Geodetic Survey State Advisor in Mississippi. In this capacity, he will provide advice, guidance, and assistance to state and local governments, and the private sector, on geodesy and on using the products and services of NGS. The State Advisor program is a cooperative endeavor between the NGS and an interested state or local authority, usually the state's Department of Transportation. State Advisors perform a variety of tasks, including coordinating input into the National Spatial Reference System, advising on GPS applications, and educating users on new datum adjustments. Prior to joining NGS, he served as program manager for surveying at the New York DOT where, among other activities, he designed and created the NY High Accuracy Reference Network.

STEVE HOELSCHER (Ph.D. 1995) published *Heritage on Stage* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1998) and his presentation last fall in Madison on landscape photography is being published this October in *The Geographical Review*. He recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of American Studies and Geography at the University of Texas, Austin, beginning in January 2000.

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## PASSING

RAYMOND PFLEGER (MS 1941), an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha from 1968 through 1984 passed on June 2, 1999. Raymond taught at the Green Bay Center from 1946 through 1967. Prior to coming to Wisconsin, he taught in Athens, OH from 1939-1941, and served as a meteorologist and navigator in the US Navy.

JERRY CULVER passed away at the age of 71 in La Crosse. He received a BA in 1948 from what is now UW-Platteville, and an MS in Geography from UW-Madison in 1952. He joined the faculty at UW-La Crosse in 1956 and taught there for over 37 years. Among other accomplishments he was Director of the "The Atlas of Wisconsin Project" and co-editor of the resulting atlas, published in 1974, and also an active member of the Association of University of Wisconsin Faculties, where he worked to improve the working conditions, salary and benefits for all employees.

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## GRADUATE DEGREES

### Masters Degrees 1999

CARTER, ERIC DONALD "Narratives of Environmental Change: Mangroves, Shrimp Farming, and Artisanal Fishing Communities in Ecuador," (Zimmerer).

COLLINS, MATHIAS JOHN "Geomorphic and hydrologic changes since 1866 on the Upper Mississippi River," (Knox).

DZIEMIELA, PAUL THOMAS "The Census and the Institutionalization of Border Identities: A Reevaluation of "Local" Identity in Interwar Polish Censuses," (Kaiser).

HARRISON, BLAKE ANDREW "Reclaimed Traditions: Descriptions of the 1930s Columbia Basin Project," (Ostergren).

KOLOM, DOUGLAS JOHN "A Loess Distribution Model for Southern Grant County, Wisconsin," (Knox).

MANRY, DALE RUSSELL "The Relationship Between the Density of Ground Control Points and The Accuracy of Registration," (Zhu).

MARTIN, JASON WILLIAM "Contested Terrain, Contested Meaning: John Mitchell's Map of 1755 and the Rhetorical Possession of the Ohio Region," (Woodward).

PANNELL, RICHARD P. "Sediment Response to Large-Scale Environmental Change: The Upper Mississippi River, 1943-1996," (Knox).

PERSONS, ALEXANDER D. "Oil, Settlement, and Political Ecology of the Ecuadorian Amazon," (Turner).

SCHAUER, GREGORY JAMES "Commemoration and Interpretation: The Development of the National Park Service's History of America's Westward Expansion," (Vale).

Ph.D. Degrees 1999

KENT, CHRISTOPHER ANDREW "The Influence of Changes in Land Cover and Agricultural Land Management Practices on Baseflow in southwest Wisconsin, 1969-1998," (Knox).

WINKLER PRINS, ANTOINETTE M.G.A. "Between the floods: Soils and Agriculture on the Lower Amazon Floodplain, Brazil," (Zimmerer).

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## GUEST LECTURER SERIES Fall 1999

HILL KULU, Fulbright Scholar, Professor of Geography, Institute of Geography, University of Tartu, Estonia, "Socialization and Migration: Ethnic Return Migrants in Estonia."

YI-FU TUAN, Vilas Professor of Geography Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Geography and Evil: A Sketch."

OLIVER COOMES, Professor of Geography, McGill University, Canada, "Agrodiversity and Secondary Forest Fallow Dynamics among Traditional Farmers of the Peruvian Amazon."

ANSSI PAASI, Professor of Geography, Oulu University, Finland, "Rethinking Boundaries in Political Geography."

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