



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday July 23, 2012

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION
ANNOUNCES 2012 AWARD WINNERS
Celebrating the best geography educators of 2012

WASHINGTON DC - The National Council for Geographic Education was chartered in 1915 to enhance the status and quality of geography teaching and learning at all levels of instruction. Through its annual awards program, the NCGE recognizes excellence in geography teaching, mentoring, research, instructional design and service. The NCGE is pleased to announce the following 2012 Award Winners:

NCGE'S HIGHEST AWARD: THE GEORGE J MILLER AWARD

This award for lifetime service to geography education goes to:
Robert Saveland, University of Georgia (Emeritus)

DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD

This award for mentoring future geographers and geography educators goes to:
Lawrence E. Estaville, Texas State University – San Marcos

JOURNAL OF GEOGRAPHY AWARDS

Awards are given to papers in four categories:

Best Elementary Teaching Article:

"A GIS-Interface Web Site: Exploratory Learning for Geography Curriculum"
Kuo Hung Huang, National Chiayi University, Chiayi, Taiwan

Best Secondary Teaching Article:

"Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Schools Without a Computer Laboratory"
Ali Demirci - Faith University, Istanbul, Turkey

Best College/University Article:

"The Regionalization of Africa: Delineating Africa's Subregions Using Airline Data"
Pieter R. Good, Ben Derudder & Frank J. Witlox, Ghent University, Belgium

Best Article for Geography Program Development (Tie):

"Implementing a High School Level Geospatial Technologies and Spatial Thinking Course"
Curtis P. Nielson, Alex Oberle & Ramanathan Sugumaran- University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

AND

"Vertical Integration of Geographic Information Sciences: A Recruitment Model for GIS Education"
Jaehyung Yu- Chungnam National University, South Korea
Niem Tu Huynh - Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC
Thomas Lee McGehee - Texas A&M University

GEOGRAPHY TEACHER AWARD

Best Content Article:

“Community Mapping: Putting the Pieces Together”

Doug Andersen, Brigham Young University

GEOGRAPHIC EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD

This award for original resources that promote geographic literacy goes to:

Oregon Geographic Alliance- Student Atlas of Oregon (print)

Josh Williams – geteach.com (digital)

HERFF JONES NYSTROM AND NCGE AWARD

This award for an innovative, standards-based lesson goes to:

"My America...Exploring the Ethnic / Racial Geography of American Urban Areas"

Michael Robinson- Houston High School, Germantown, TN

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER- K-12

This award for excellence in teaching and leadership at the K-12 level goes to:

Denise Aguilar- Central Middle School, Lawton, OK

Jeffrey Beck- Magic City Campus, Minot, ND

Mary Jo Birt- Wheatland Middle School, Wheatland, WY

Shannon Castelo- James River High School, Midlothian, VA

Stephen Chamberlin- Hickory High School, Chesapeake, VA

Sara Dean- Redmond Proficiency Academy, Redmond, OR

Rania Hammoud- Discovery Middle School, Canton, MI

Phillip Hare- AC Flora High School, Columbia, SC

Melissa Hockaday- East Garner Magnet Middle School, Garner, NC

Theresa James- Roy J. Wasson High School, Colorado Springs, CO

Laura McCrillis Kessler- Sunapee Middle High School, Sunapee, NH

Hollie King- Eaglecrest High School, Centennial, CO

Ruth King- Cedar Ridge Elementary, Cedar Hills, UT

Danna Lagerquist- Pueblo Middle School, Chandler, AZ

Tim Lehman- Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN

Allyson Lubs- Pawcatuck Middle School, Pawcatuck, CT

Aaron McLaughlin- Omaha Benson High School Magnet, Omaha, NE

Sherri Michalowski- Wisconsin Hills Middle School, Brookfield, WI

Liliana B. Monk- T.S. Wootton High School, Rockville, MD

Bert Nokes III- Pearl High School, Pearl, MS

David L. Palmer- Eaglecrest High School, Centennial, CO

Jeanie Robinson- Caldwell Middle College High School, Hudson, NC

Jan Stringer- Rosa Scott High School, Madison, MS

Jennifer Velasquez- Trinity Episcopal School, New Orleans, LA

Suzanna Vogt- Trevor G. Browne High School, Phoenix, AZ

Rhonda Watton- Templeton Middle School, Sussex, WI

Ellie Wilson- Grandview Middle School, Hickory, NC

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER- HIGHER ED

This award for excellence in teaching and leadership at the post-secondary level goes to:

Ronald Hagelman – Texas State University- San Marcos

Jeffrey William Lash – University of Houston – Clear Lake

Jerry T. Mitchell – University of South Carolina

Kevin Romig- Texas State University – San Marcos

Yongmei Lu – Texas State University – San Marcos

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

This award for outstanding contributions to geographic education outside the formal classroom goes to:

David Hales- Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Wayne, MI

Margaret Legates- Delaware Geographic Alliance, Milford, DE

Angela Mesarchik- Glencoe-McGraw-Hill, Columbus, OH

Sandra Reynolds Morgan- Mississippi Geographic Alliance, Pascagoula, MS

Barry J. O'Reilly- Palmetto Engineering and Consulting, Fort Mill, SC

Barbara Taylor- Region 6 Education Service Center, Huntsville, TX

WOMEN IN GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION AWARD

This award to a female graduate or undergraduate student who has made significant contributions to geographic education goes to:

Mia DeNardi – Ohio University (MA- Geography)

Award recipients will be honored during the NCGE annual Conference on Geographic Education in San Marcos, TX. The ceremony will be held at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Embassy Suites Spa & Conference Center in San Marcos.

For more information about the NCGE award program and application process, visit

<http://www.ncge.org/awards>.

ABOUT NCGE - The National Council for Geographic Education is a non-profit organization, chartered in 1915 to enhance the status and quality of geography teaching and learning. NCGE supports geography teaching at all levels—from kindergarten through university. Our members include both U.S. and International teachers, professors, students, businesses, and others who support geographic education. Our activities include conducting and gathering research, producing journals and other geography publications, developing curricular resources at the K-12 and University levels, providing professional development opportunities, and organizing an annual conference.

AWARDS CONTACT –

Jacqueline Waite

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

1145 17TH STREET, NW, ROOM 7620

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Phone. 202-857-7695

Fax. 202-618-6249

jwaite@ncge.org