



See you in New Orleans: Annual Membership Meeting Invitation

by Michael Longan
President

You are invited to attend the annual GTU Membership Meeting at the AAG meeting in New Orleans. It will be Friday, April 13 from 12:00-1:00 P.M. in the in the Rex room of the Sheraton Hotel. In addition look for us at our table in the exhibit hall. Both are great opportunities to share your chapter's activities, to learn from other chapters, and have your questions about GTU answered. I hope to see many of you there! In this newsletter we have the announcement from 1st Vice President Susy Ziegler of the winners of the AAG-GTU Student Travel Award. Congratulations! We thank the AAG and the donors to the AAG/GTU Travel Awards Fund for supporting these awards. Students should also start thinking about submitting applications for our annual scholarships. Editor Case Allen shares with an important announcement about our Journal the "Geographical Bulletin." Outreach coordinator Randy Bertolas shares advice about having a great induction ceremony. GTU Historian, Dawn Drake, has uncovered a story about the early career of one of our prominent members. Finally, if you're interested in picking up a stole to wear for graduation see the back of the newsletter for instructions on how to get a significant discount. As always we'd love to hear your chapter's news! Send it to me, Mike.Longan@valpo.edu.



Applications for 2018 GTU Scholarships

by Susy Ziegler, 1st Vice-President

Gamma Theta Upsilon holds a scholarship

competition each year. The Maxfield, Richason, and Rechlin Scholarships are awarded annually to a junior or senior with career or graduate school aspirations. The Buzzard Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded to a college senior to use toward graduate school expenses. The Buzzard Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a continuing master's or Ph.D. student. The deadline is not until June 1, but before students and faculty members scatter for the summer we hope that applicants will consider lining up the materials and letters of recommendation that they will need to submit a complete application packet. Details about the 2018 GTU Scholarships are posted at <http://www.gammathetaupsilon.org/scholarships.html>. A total of five awards of \$1000 each are available to support the education of GTU members. Follow the links from the scholarship page to access the criteria, instructions, template for the cover page, and timeline. Applications should be e-mailed to suziegle@nmu.edu no later than June 1, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Pacific Time. The GTU Scholarship Committee looks forward to reading about the accomplishments and contributions of GTU undergraduates and graduate students who will continue their geography education next year as they prepare to be part of the next generation of leaders in geography. Questions about applying for scholarships may be directed to 1st Vice-President Susy Ziegler at suziegle@nmu.edu or 906-227-1104.

2018 AAG-GTU Student Travel Award

by Susy Ziegler, 1st Vice-President

GTU is pleased to make ten awards of \$200 each to GTU students who will be attending the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in New Orleans in April. The Awards Committee was pleased by the large number of strong applicants at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The travel awards a joint program of GTU and the AAG and we are grateful to the AAG for helping early-stage geographers attend and make the most of the conference as they



prepare to launch their careers in geography. The awards are supported by donors who contribute to the AAG-Gamma Theta Upsilon Student Awards Fund through the AAG's website.

The 2018 recipients of AAG-GTU Student Travel Awards are

Lauren Andersen	Appalachian State University
Hannah Eboh	Northern Illinois University
William J. Havrilchak	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Benjamin Ingalls	SUNY Geneseo
Logan McSherry	East Carolina University
Katelyn Michelson	Portland State University
Meredith Moore	Auburn University
Sidney Noble	Valparaiso University
Alexander Ramiller	Macalester College
Millicent Varley	Macalester College



The Geographical Bulletin Goes Online, Open Access

By Casey Allen, Editor of The Geographical Bulletin

Since 1970, *The Geographical Bulletin*

has showcased a broad range of research (usually) conducted/driven by students. Sometimes authors are GTU members, other times not. Today *The Bulletin's* aims remain the same as they were in the beginning, "...to supply an outlet for undergraduate and graduate students who normally do not have publication avenues easily accessible...they deserve space, and...they have things to offer which will be of value to the profession of geography" (Gallagher 1970:1). As Editor, I strive to follow this admonition, and the upcoming May issue – Volume 59(!) – contains much student-led and student-driven research. I hope this trend continues.

As I reflect back on *The Geographical Bulletin's* inaugural 1970 issue, I am amazed at how much the sentiments of then reflect the times now. And not just with the seemingly-recent push for more undergraduate research experiences in our institutions, but with the changes occurring in geographic thought, relevancy, and technology. For example, at the end of his inaugural *Editor's Note*, Gallagher (1970:3) says:

The old hackneyed phrases, the dog-eared lecture notes, and the general systems we have been using for years may no longer be appropriate. What is it that we shall do to make geography alive, vibrant, meaningful, and responsive to the students of the 70's? More importantly, what is it that we can do for a restive generation through our profession which will give them guidance and leadership, direction and understanding, for the world in which they live?

Indeed. Pondering these words over the last several months, what comes to my mind is the vast array of technology we currently have at our fingertips, and how we can best harness it to help geography come alive while simultaneously enhancing understanding of it and its powerful research cache. To that end, it was decided many years ago that all *Bulletin* issues would be put online for free a year after they were published, hopefully making the research more open to the masses. But, can we now do more? I believe so.

Following in the recent footsteps of many journals, the GTU Executive Committee and *The Geographical Bulletin's* Editorial Board have made a decision that, beginning with the May 2018 issue, *The Bulletin* will be an online, open access publication. In the spirit of GTU's mission and considering the sage words of Gallagher nearly 50 years ago, we are excited for this grand leap.

Of course, some things will change: immediate access to articles for everyone, use of color graphics



and images in articles, no in-print/hard copies mailed to members. But other things will remain the same: rigorous peer-reviewed process, championing of student-driven research, wide range of research topics. New doors will also be opened without disrupting “regular” issue production: special issues, supplementary issues, and annual/bi-annual features will now be offered more frequently.

In the coming months before our inaugural online, open access issue goes live, I encourage you to review *The Geographical Bulletin's* vast archives (<http://gammathetaupsilon.org/geographical-bulletin-index.html>). Examine the research conducted 10, 20, 30, even 40 years ago, paying attention to the diverse content. Maybe you will spy – and subsequently want to revive – a long-lost *Bulletin* tradition. Perhaps your discoveries will spark an idea for a new tradition. If either is the case, or if you have another idea for *The Bulletin*, please let me know. As Editor I will be happy to explore them with you. And enjoy the upcoming May issue. I hope you find the articles as fun, interesting, and thought-provoking as I did.

Gallagher, J.W. 1970. Editor's Comments. *The Geographical Bulletin* 1(1):1-3.

Words of Thanks from the 2017 GTU Scholarship Recipients

Compiled by Susy Ziegler, 1st Vice-President

The 2017 recipients of GTU scholarships wish to share their gratitude with the donors who have supported them financially to help their personal and professional growth. GTU is fortunate to have so many high achieving student members who are making a difference in the world as they promote geography.

Here are notes of gratitude in the students' own words:

Alysha Alloway

I want to thank GTU for awarding me the Rechlin Scholarship and allowing me to start my graduate studies [at the University of Minnesota] without added financial stress. With my scholarship money I was able to purchase a computer that could support my academic work as well as other school materials, and for that I am incredibly grateful! Beyond how the scholarship helped me materially, I am honored to be recognized by the organization that helped shape my undergraduate experience and passion for geography. I cannot thank GTU enough for not only supporting my education, but for also supporting the broader geography community and helping future geographers realize their goals.

Angie Chapman



I am honored to be the 2017 GTU Buzzard Graduate Scholarship recipient. Receiving this award helped ease the financial burden of moving across the country to begin my doctoral studies in geography at the University of California, Davis. I became a

GTU member only a year ago, while finishing my master's degree at Ohio University. In the short time that I have been involved with this organization, it has been my pleasure to help revive the chapter at OU and work with fellow graduate students to start a new chapter at UC Davis. I am excited to help my new colleagues access the opportunities that GTU has to offer. Thank you for the opportunity to be a member of this organization and receive this scholarship.

Adam S. Dohrenwend

Receiving the Buzzard Undergraduate Scholarship has definitely helped me significantly with the expenses incurred during my first year of graduate studies at the University of Kansas. The money went to several expenses—including textbooks and the portion of student fees not covered by my teaching assistantship. Offsetting these costs will



allow me to invest in my fieldwork this summer in Argentina and help finance my attendance at both AAG and CLAG over the next few months. I am enormously grateful to GTU and the donors who make these valuable scholarships available to students like me. Thank you so much!

Madison Heffentrager

I am very grateful to have received the 2017 Maxfield Scholarship from Gamma Theta Upsilon. Being a part of GTU is very meaningful to me because geography is my



passion and being involved with others with the same passion is fulfilling. Being involved in the field of geography proves to me every week that it is one that is truly valuable. It is beneficial to the scientific community, local communities, and myself.

The scholarship helped me reduce the amount I needed to take out for student loans [at East Carolina University], which is saving me tremendous amounts in the long run.

The scholarship also has given me the opportunity to fund some of the unforeseen costs of my undergraduate research in coastal processes. Knowing that my research might one day help someone else is a great feeling, and I have GTU to thank for helping me along the way!



Angela Mundis

In 2017 I was awarded the Richason Scholarship through Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society. As a non-traditional student, balancing work, full-time college, volunteer commitments,

bills, and life in general is a challenge. When I went back to school I was determined to do everything I

would have done as a traditional student, but family and work constraints made that difficult. This scholarship allowed me to focus more attention on my classes by enabling me to work just a little less. This also meant I could keep my commitments to my family and to the community as a volunteer for the Tri-County Humane Society. I graduated Summa Cum Laude in the spring of 2017 [from St. Cloud State University] and am currently pursuing my master's degree in Human Geography.

It is difficult to express such sincere gratitude in a short note, but generous scholarships like the Richason Scholarship allow students like me to find a greater balanced, more focused, and less stressful college career. Unless one has been the recipient of such generosity, it is hard to completely grasp what it means to students who work hard and make sacrifices to do well. Thank you again and again for your generous support of students!



Holding an Induction Ceremony

By Randy Bertolas
Outreach Coordinator

Each year, the second half of the spring semester is always an exciting time for our school's local GTU chapter. We take an active hand in helping to organize and conduct the ceremony whereby all social sciences honor societies initiate new members.

Though it's not mandatory for a GTU chapter to hold an initiation ceremony, there are good reasons to do so. For instance, gatherings such as these can rekindle the social nature of the sometimes lonely experience felt by many of our best students who devote their college years to constant study, work, and other sacrifices. Settings such as these can instill a sense of permanence and place in their college careers and serve as a reminder that hard work can generate academic rewards and recognition. Indeed, make the day even more



special by publicly recognizing your department's annual *Outstanding Student in Geography* as well as Geography students who have completed Honors projects.

Moreover, honor society inductions are an opportunity to showcase everything that is right and good about your program area. I always invite a dean or a vice-president to our ceremonies as well as a representative from the school newspaper. In lean times (any times!) when there is often competition for academic resources at institutions, these ceremonies can provide visibility on campus and a chance for administrators and colleagues to see your program at its best.

In addition, organizing and conducting the ceremony is a leadership opportunity for current GTU officers and members. I only introduce my students at our ceremony—they take it from there. Tweaking the ritual, reading the names aloud, inviting new initiates to come forward and sign the GTU chapter ledger, and organizing the group photo of new GTU initiates are all ceremony components that our current members are expected to manage with relatively little input from the chapter advisor.

Further, the ceremony itself can serve as a special occasion for initiates, instilling a sense of continuity and contribution that won't fade with time. The occasion is also an opportunity for a student to invite friends, family, and perhaps that special someone to a ceremony where the new initiate is being honored. It may be the only time that the new initiate's name is read aloud in public on campus until commencement, or it may be one of a bevy of awards they receive during a distinguished college career. If the latter is true, I want to make certain their induction into the international geographical honor society is a memorable one.

So order a cake and some punch. Set up a sales table with GTU merchandise. Bring a good camera. Use some department money to take the

new GTU inductees out to dinner. Whether trying to drum up some "Geo-buzz" on campus or generate new bulletin board materials for your department hallway, a GTU induction ceremony can be an event that celebrates excellence and commemorates achievements.

Share Your Chapter News!

If you have news from your local chapter that you'd like to share, an account of a great chapter activity, or other items of interest to GTU's membership, we invite you to submit your item for consideration in the next edition of the GTU Newsletter. Send your news to Mike.Longan@valpo.edu.



Historian's Column

by Dawn M. Drake
Historian

As I was thinking about a topic for my article, I went to my shelf, as I often do, to look to the *Geographical Bulletin* for inspiration. On a lark, I pulled the journals for the 1976-1977 academic year off the shelf. There was no real logic. Forty-one years ago is not exactly a monumental moment you tend to celebrate. Despite that, I am glad that something directed me to reach for these two issues. That all being said, I am going to have to pull together two very different ideas in this edition of the *Historian's Column*. Please bear with me.

I started by looking at volume 13, issue number 2 from November 1976. At first nothing really caught my eye. Articles were traditional geographic studies of land use, economic distribution, and migration models. So, I then I turned to the *Editor's Comments* from Dr. Gallagher. This is often a part of the *Bulletin* that provides me with interesting insight into the conversations in the discipline of the day. This issue did not disappoint. Dr. Gallagher jumps right



in decrying the fact that articles about wildlife, mobile homes, and African immigration featured only one set of maps. Furthermore, he was appalled that one set of maps was designed on a computer. Fast forward to today. I think few of us could imagine not making maps on a map with GIS. In fact, it is almost the joke for older professors to talk about the good old days of Mylar and hand-drawn maps, when they walked uphill both ways to class. Dr. Gallagher does have a point about the issue of maps in journal articles. Yet, none of us could imagine teaching geography without maps. How do you teach about place and space without illustrating it somehow? Perhaps those computer-generated maps that Dr. Gallagher was bemoaning have made publishing maps easier and more accessible for us. In an age of electronic journals, maps are certainly more interesting and impactful when they can be published in color. While Dr. Gallagher saw computer-generated maps as a bad thing for the discipline, I think most of us will agree that what Dr. Gallagher was actually seeing was the beginning of a future where maps were more accessible and available to all of us. That does not seem like something to complain about.

Still chuckling about the influence of computer-generated maps, I then opened volume 14, issue 1 from May 1977, hoping to add a little more to my column. I am so glad that I did. In the Table of Contents of the issue, I found two climate articles by Jeffrey Lutz and an article about public recreation on private lands by George VanOttten and Richard Highsmith. But the first article in the Table of Contents was what really caught my eye. Just a few hours before, I was looking over the list of the inaugural class of AAG Fellows and now that list was coming back to me in the form of an article by a graduate student at University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, who had been the recipient of a GTU Scholarship while an undergraduate at Valparaiso University (incidentally the institution where current GTU President Longan and past president from 1977-1978 Rechlin hail from). Just looking at the titles, I might have not given it much thought. It

was a study of the role of county seats in the development of urban systems in the Mid-West. But when coupled with the author's name, Thomas Baerwald, my interest was piqued. The article I was looking at was only a small step on the path of an illustrious career in geography that includes leadership roles in AAG and NCGE, as well as serving as the Senior Science Advisor and Program Director for the Geography and Spatial Sciences Division of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Baerwald is truly deserving of being honored as a AAG Fellow, but I chose to highlight him not just because of that honor, but to point out that he is also a GTU member and that his path began the same place as many of us who read this newsletter. As GTU moves into its 90th year, it is important to remember who our members are. From the simple act of initiating into a GTU chapter at our undergraduate institutions, membership in this organization can take you anywhere, even to the heights of being named an AAG Fellow. Congratulations, Dr. Baerwald!

We know there are lots of amazing GTU members out there and we would like to celebrate them. If there is a GTU member you would like to see celebrated in the *Historian's Column*, please contact me at ddrake4@missouriwestern.edu to let me know. We want to tell as many stories of great geographers as we possibly can.

Student Outreach Assistants Needed

Have you considered becoming a [GTU Student Outreach Assistant](#)? Each regional division of GTU is represented by a Student Outreach Assistant and there are currently openings in four regions. To be eligible students must be members of GTU within the region they represent. They are appointed by their regional councilor for a term of 2 years and retain the position as long as they still reside in the region of appointment and remain a student. The responsibilities are to assist regional councilors with events at regional AAG meetings, help our Outreach Coordinator (Dr. Randy Bertolas)



maintain GTU's social media, and serve as a liaison between students and the GTU Executive Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Student Outreach Assistant, contact your regional councilor

<http://www.gammathetaupsilon.org/contact.html>

Clearance Sale on GTU Stoles! Just in Time for Spring Commencement

Many of you likely remember we once sold merchandise through the Executive Secretary's office. Back then we had several suppliers and spent a great deal of time handling merchandise orders for members and chapters. About 5-6 years ago we entered into an agreement in which we now have one supplier, Herff-Jones, for cords, stoles, and lapel pins. Additionally, to make it even better for all of us, Herff-Jones set up a dedicated online storefront for us. You can now order GTU merchandise through Herff-Jones and pay by credit card (see below). When we made the transition to Herff-Jones we were left with some merchandise which we have been selling very slowly. We have stoles! We have 18 gold stoles and 45 light blue stoles (and they are almost identical to the ones Herff-Jones now sells). The GTU Executive Committee has authorized a price drop to \$15 per stole to move them out. We're not set up for mail orders, but we will have them at the AAG in New Orleans. In recent years we've not been authorized to sell merchandise at our booth in the Exhibit Hall, but we will have them there IF YOU WILL CONTACT US AT jlowry3@ggc.edu BEFORE THE MEETING. We will bring only what is pre-ordered so please send an email soon indicating how many of each you wish to purchase (also please indicate if you will need an invoice/receipt). Because numbers are limited they will be on a first email, first sold basis. Bring cash or a check made payable to GTU. Thanks!

GTU Merchandise

It is never too early to order GTU cords, stoles, and pins for your induction ceremonies. In fact,



an early order means you will beat the rush and will insure that the items get to you on time (without having to pay for overnight shipping!). Check out what is available at the Herff Jones site (https://www.hjgreek.com/index.cfm?event=Products.showCategories&Organization_ID=635). Other items including frames and desk accessories can be obtained from Church Hill Classics (<http://www.diplomaframe.com/gatu>).

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