

Geography News

Fall 2001

Welcome to another edition of the Geography Department newsletter. As I write this, it has been almost eight weeks since the tragic events of September 11. All of us continue to feel pain, sadness and concern, among a plethora of other emotions. I am gratified to see the wonderful response of all in the department to the recent events. Individuals have reached out to comfort and console, have donated their time and resources to relief efforts, and as scholars, have attempted to understand these new times in which we live, and to educate the community. My heart goes out to all who suffered personal losses.

Otherwise, we are in the midst of a busy semester. Our Fall undergraduate course enrollment totals almost 2000, and with 72 majors currently in the program by Spring we are sure to exceed last year's record 80 majors. We also have a number of excellent new graduate students joining an exceptional cadre of students already on board. Our faculty are more active than ever. Their leadership and activities within the University and the discipline are impressive, and the level of scholarship inspiring.

Welcome back to **Ken Mitchell** after his spring sabbatical, and a warm welcome to **Kevin St. Martin**, as he joins our department for his first full year as an assistant professor on a shared line with the Center for Urban Policy Research. All the best to **Rick Schroeder** and family as they spend the year at Stanford. Good luck to **Joanna Regulska** as she assumes the Chair of the Department of Women's Studies. And congratulations to **Peter Wacker** who this December will receive the Richard J. Hughes Award, the NJ Historical Commission's highest honor.

There is much to look forward to as this academic year progresses. Several graduate students have organized an exciting speakers series. They have also taken the reigns of a Wednesday brown bag lunch gathering. There is also the Los Angeles AAG meeting coming up in March. At some point we will also have a ribbon cutting for our newly renovated teaching computer lab and soon to be renovated seminar/meeting room.

Read on, and learn more about the diverse activities of our faculty, students and staff. And please don't be shy about letting us know of your recent interests and accomplishments.

Dave Robinson
Chair

Geography Welcomes Kevin St. Martin



Dr. Kevin St. Martin received his Ph.D. from Clark University (1999) and now holds a joint position with the Department of Geography and the

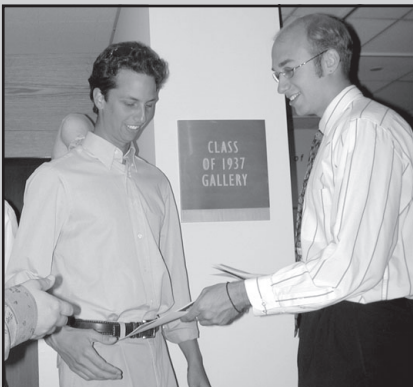
Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University. His dissertation focused on the discourse and practice of fisheries bio-economics and its implications for both resource management and community-based economic development in New England fisheries.

In 1999, Dr. St. Martin was awarded a National Research Council (NRC) Associateship to continue his research at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Woods Hole, MA. While at Woods Hole he developed GIS methods to analyze the spatial patterns of fishing communities; he researched methods relevant to local ecological knowledge and participatory GIS; and he observed fisheries science and management in action.

Dr. St. Martin (with co-principal investigators Bonnie McCay, Rutgers University, and Madeleine Hall-Arber, MIT) has recently received grant awards totaling \$271,953. Two grants were awarded through the National Marine Fisheries Service's CMER program and one by the Northeast Consortium. The latter project is titled "An Atlas-Based Audit of Fishing Territories, Local Knowledge, and the Potential for Community Participation in Fisheries Science and Management" and incorporates a participatory research design. All of the grants build upon his research in fisheries and interest.

In addition to continuing his current research, Dr. St. Martin plans to apply his interests in social theory, alternative forms of economic development, and participatory GIS to areas other than fisheries. He is hoping to research and develop other community-based projects where economic potential is obscured by dominant discourses of science and development.

First Annual Geography Convocation (see page 8)



Peter Kabachnik handing out programs and welcoming Joshua Halofsky



Kenneth Mitchell, David Robinson, and Briavel Holcomb enjoying the reception

News from the Graduate Program

The Graduate Program began the new academic year well with the arrival of nine new students from as far away as Taiwan and as near as New Jersey. Their interests range from coastal geomorphology, resource management, and climate change to environmental justice and feminist theory. RAGGS members took new students on a two-day camping orientation to see highlights of the State. The first annual convocation in the Zimmerli Art Museum provided the opportunity for socializing and meeting the new executive dean of the Graduate School, Holly Smith. Short talks on the state of the discipline of geography were given by **Elvin Wyly** (for the faculty) and **Verdie Robinson** (for the students).

Bria Holcomb noted that the program includes students from India, Pakistan, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Sweden, The U.K., The Ukraine, Turkey, the Gambia, and Mexico. Students are engaged in research in research in Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Brazil, the Caribbean, Armenia, Ecuador, the Philippines, Venezuela, Mexico and Pakistan inter alia.

Congratulations to recent Master's graduates **Ken Corti**, **Tom Estilow**, **Dan Falvo** and **Tenley Conway**. Ken and Tom are employed in consulting and research while Dan and Tenley are continuing in the Ph.D. program. **Renaud DePlaen** completed his Ph.D. this summer and is now Senior Program Specialist in Ottawa, Canada. Recent Ph.D. graduates include **Salvatore Engel-DiMauro** who is now Assistant Professor at University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, **Jason Hackworth** is at Florida State, **Karen Nichols** is at SUNY New Paltz this year on leave from SUNY Geneseo, and **Jim Kendra** has a post doc. at the University of Delaware. **John Hasse**, who will complete the Ph.D. shortly, is teaching at Rowan University.

Students from the program dominated the scene at the AAG Middle States Division meetings at C.W. Post in October. The best student paper awards were swept by **John Kasbarian** and **Julie Silva**. In the Geography Bowl the Rutgers team (**Tom Mitchell**, **Gennadi Poberezny**, **Peter Kabachnik** and **Bob Donovan**) placed first and a combined Vassar/Rutgers team (with **Ben Bakelaar** and **Julie Silva** on loan to make up numbers) placed second. High scorers Tom, Gennadi and Peter will represent the Middle States at the National Bowl in Los Angeles next year.

Wendy Mitteager and **Tenley Conway** have organized an excellent colloquium series on Friday afternoons, **Peter Kabachnik** and **Joshua Halofsky** host a travel slide show brown-bag lunch followed by a social theory discussion group hosted by **Tom Mitchell** and **Peter Kabachnik** on Wednesdays. **John Kasbarian**, **Cheryl Gowar** and **Noriko Ishiyama** organized a well attended teach-in on the World Trade Center crisis in October. Ph.D. student **Marie Cieri** published a



Bob Donovan, Julie Silva, Gennadi Poberezny, Bria Holcomb, Tom Mitchell, Peter Kabachnik, and Ben Bakelaar at the AAG Middle States Division meetings at CW Post College

book with co-editor Claire Peeps entitled *Activists Speak Out: Reflections on the Pursuit of Change in America* (Palgrave, 2001) and many of us enjoyed the launch party at the Andy Warhol Foundation last Spring. Congratulations also to **Missy Holzer** whose volume *A Demo A Day: A Year of Earth Science Demonstrations* written with G. Gross and E. Colangelo was also published.

The Graduate Program welcomes new members **Kevin St Martin** (Geography and CUPR), **David Hughes** (Human Ecology) and **Sean DiGiovanna** (Bloustein and CUPR), and bids adieu to **Michelle Brocco** who has emigrated with her family to Israel. **Briavel Holcomb**
Graduate Director



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Rutgers Association of Geography
Graduate Students presents the
Graduate Student Association sponsored
Spring 2002 Speaker Series
Friday at 3:30 pm
Lucy Stone Hall, Room B-269

Jan	25	Kiran Asher, Bates College
Feb	1	Humphrey Fellows Invitation Panel
Feb	8	Grant Saff, Hofstra University
Feb	15	Chris Mikolajczyk, Princeton Hydro
Feb	22	Alumni Panel - Life After Rutgers
Mar	1	Audrey Kobayashi, Queen's University
Mar	8	Rick Lathrop, Rutgers University
Mar	15	Humphrey Fellows Invitation Panel
Mar	22	AAG meetings in Los Angeles
Mar	29	To Be Announced
Apr	5	To Be Announced
Apr	12	Alan Taylor, Penn State University
Apr	19	Joann Mossa, University of Florida
Apr	26	Meghan Cope, University of Buffalo
May	3	John Paul Jones, University of Kentucky

The schedule is subject to change.
Please check the FEATURES section
on the Department's webpage for updates.

<http://geography.rutgers.edu>

People, Places, & Patterns



Dockland Redevelopment, Middlesbrough, England
Pencil Sketch By Roger Balm

Gail Ashley writes: I have begun a project in the Lake Baringo-Lake Bogoria (Kenya) region of the East African Rift Valley studying the record of groundwater-fed wetlands in arid regions. Wetlands are important sources of water for animals and humans and I am interested in learning how they are utilized in modern environments, as well as their use during the course of human evolution (last 5-7 million years).

Roger Balm has just recently had published an article on expeditionary art in *Geographical Review* (90:4). Last Fall he was awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Colloquium Grant to present at the Zimmerli Art Museum as part of their annual round of talks on art history across the disciplines. Current activities include a fellowship at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis (RCHA) as a contributor to their 2001-2003 project on industrial environments. Again, Roger is taking an "arty-tarty" approach and discussing industrial images as evidence of environmental conditions. The roots of this current interest in industrial motifs were laid down during his year away as visiting

faculty member at the University of Exeter in the UK. During that time he undertook a noir tour around England and Wales getting cold and wet and producing a portfolio of damp drawings featuring industrial sites, particularly coal mines and dockland areas (see example above). Future plans include (depending upon the state of international tensions) a stint as aboard-ship instructor with the University of Pittsburgh's Semester-at-Sea summer program next summer going to the Mediterranean, North Sea and Baltic itinerary. Yep..it'll be art and artists again! The cruise planners have taken a sudden aversion to ports of call in Arab nations but he and his partner in crime and romance, Bria Holcomb, plan to remedy that deficiency.

Michael Greenberg continues to work on brownfield, other forms of urban redevelopment and public health. Recent funding for this work comes from EPA and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. His grants with the U.S. Department of Energy continue into the sixth year and recent papers focus on economic and social impacts of nuclear weapons facilities

Briavel Holcomb writes: After a semester of vicarious voyaging as Coordinator of the Humphrey Program in Spring 2001, Bria had the least travelingest summer for decades just spending a week camping in the Catskills...but renovating the kitchen and finishing some writing projects. This fall she is continuing her association with the Humphrey Fellows - a dozen mid-career professionals from developing countries here for a year - and is serving as Graduate Director of Geography. She is looking forward to giving a paper at the Digital Cities conference in Chicago and to becoming a grandmother in San Francisco - both scheduled for November. In Spring she will be teaching a new undergraduate course on CyberCities.

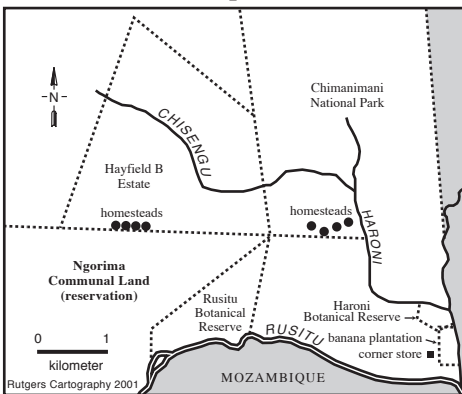
Robert Hordon has been working on an EPA-funded project (with Michael R. Greenberg and others) that involves the investigation of nonpoint source pollution and brownfields redevelopment in central New Jersey. One interesting aspect of this research has been the opportunity to explore the applicability and usability of several computer-based uncontrolled nonpoint source pollution loading models.

One model that has been shown to be quite useful was developed at Purdue in 1994 and has been improved over the years. It is called the Long-Term Hydrologic Impact Assessment model (or L-THIA for short). Up to 13 pollutants (such as nitrogen and phosphorus) can be estimated in pounds/year for a wide variety of land uses, including 5 different residential densities. In sum, L-THIA is a useful tool for quickly comparing different scenarios of hydrologic impact based on existing and projected land use changes.

David Hughes writes: I've been plugging away at my research project on "New agrarian contracts in Zimbabwe." This is a USAID-funded collaboration between myself and two professors at the University of Zimbabwe's Department of Economic

History. My part involves two ways in which commercial farm elites (white) are overcoming the restrictions of rural racial and class segregation:

1) white-led investment in tourism in historically black areas; and
2) contract farming by blacks resettled in previously white areas. It will become clearer later. For now, suffice it to say that a white settler elite is grappling with the post-colonial question of how to belong and prosper on African landscapes.



David Hughes' Zimbabwe research area

Robin Leichenko writes: I was reappointed to the Geography department last Spring to begin my second 3-year term in the 6-year tenure-track process.

I've been keeping busy over the past working on a number of on-going research projects. These include three studies of U.S. regional economic growth and change and two international studies of the regional impacts of economic globalization. I have the pleasure of working with several geography students include **Julie Silva** (PhD), **Adam Diamond** (PhD), and **Kulsum Farroqui** (undergraduate) on several of these research projects.

My U.S.-based projects include a USDA-funded study of the effects on international trade on regional employment and income inequality, a Fannie Mae Foundation study of housing and economic development on American Indian Tribal lands (in conjunction with David Listokin of the Bloustein School), and a study of the role of the U.S. Economic

Development Administration in efforts to alleviate regional economic distress since 1965 (in conjunction with **Robert Lake** of the Graduate Geography Faculty and the Bloustein School). My international projects entail investigation of the impacts of economic globalization and climatic change on agriculture in India and in southern Africa. Both projects are large, collaborative efforts and include researchers from Canada, India, Mozambique, Norway, Tanzania, and the United States (so far). Our team has also initiated a pilot study in Cuba, and we hope to develop a full case study over the next year.

Ken Mitchell was on leave during the Spring, busy writing and conferencing. One of the meetings took place in Port Authority premises on the 61st floor of New York's World Trade Center. Together with new graduate student **Kelly Sponberg** and co-organizer / alumnus **Bill Solecki** (Ph.D. 1990), Ken joined 35 others to talk about future metropolitan area hazards posed by climate change. An afternoon storm rumbled outside, causing the North Tower to shudder with the thunderclaps and underscoring the conference theme. Just over six months later Ken was back in Lower Manhattan with graduate students **Peter Kabachnik**, **Junko Noguchi** and **Bob Donovan** studying the aftermath of the towers' collapse. Along with Tom Mitchell the team collected information on posters about victims that were put up throughout the city in connection with the disaster. An initial report on this work can be found at:

< http://geography.rutgers.edu/people/mitchell/wtc_brief.htm >.

A set of photographs taken during a field transect can also be consulted at:

< <http://geography.rutgers.edu/courses/01fall/311/wtc/index.htm> >.

A separate research initiative brought **Jim Kendra** (Ph.D. 2000) to "the site". As a post-doctoral fellow at the Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware, Jim had completed a series of in-depth interviews with New York City emergency managers during the summer. After September 11 he spent almost a week following the same people through the grim wake of the disaster. These matters will be discussed in Jim's DOG colloquium presentation on December 7. At that time Ken will be in France delivering a paper about the increasing vulnerability of large cities to an international conference on urban risks that has been sponsored by the mayors of Montreal and Lyon. Partly in response to the preceding events, Ken will also be offering a newly remodeled graduate course (450:612) on the theme of urban hazards next Spring.

In March, Ken and his wife Liz went to Paris on the trail of other environmental threats. Viewed through the lens of human interactions with the city's physical environment, the image of Paris seems decidedly more "earthy" than the one that is common in conventional descriptions. Most of the city's physical hazards are now camouflaged or otherwise hidden from casual view but they are still enormously potent. The hazards trail led on to Utah and Wyoming in July where, among other things, the first Mormon settler to die in the semi-arid wastes of what later became Salt Lake City was a child drowned in a flash flood. Fortunately, there were no hazards to report on later in August when the Mitchells celebrated the marriage of their younger son Patrick in Virginia!



Junko Noguchi viewing a display related to the September 11 attacks

Frank Popper writes:

Deborah Popper and I are teaching a course on land-use planning at Princeton University, where we are visiting professors in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. In fall 2001 we will speak on the future of the Great Plains at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia; Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and the Missouri Prairie Foundation in Columbia, Missouri. I serve on the governing boards of Ecocity Builders in Berkeley; the Frontier Education Center in Santa Fe; the Great Plains Restoration Council in Dallas; and Liveoak Editions in Placitas, New Mexico. I serve on the editorial board of Housing Policy Debate, a journal of the Fannie Mae Foundation in Washington, DC. I am a candidate for the board of the American Planning Association in Chicago.

Jasbir Puar writes:

recent pubs:

"Queer Tourism: Geographies of Globalization", guest editor of a special issue of GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies, forthcoming 8(1-2) Winter 2001.

"Global Circuits: Transnational Sexualities and Trinidad", SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, 26(4) Summer 2001:1039-1066.

"Transnational Configurations of Desire: The Nation and its White Closets" in Matt Wray et. al., eds., "The Making and Unmaking of Whiteness", Durham: Duke University Press, 2001.

recent invited lectures:

"Queer Tourism: Geographies of Globalization", Centre for Women's Studies (Zagreb), Inter-University Centre (IUC) Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 2001.

Keynote Speaker: "Queer Tourism: Geographies of Globalization", Globalization and its Demons Conference, New York University, April 2001.

David Robinson writes:

Time continues to be a precious commodity. This semester finds me once again Chairing the department, a position filled with satisfaction and frustration, sometimes seemingly simultaneously! I continue working with colleagues from several universities on snow cover studies, and have received new grants this year from NASA and NOAA. In several weeks I will be journeying to cold, snowy Fairbanks, AK to give a series of snowy lectures; can't wait! Once again this past year I have logged over 300 interviews with the media in my position as NJ State Climatologist. The New Jersey Weather and Climate Network (NJ WxNet) continues to develop, and is on the brink of receiving substantial support from state and private concerns. Finally, for the first time in several years, I am teaching our introductory physical course, with over 1% of the RU New Brunswick undergraduate student body enrolled!

On the home front, Doug has his drivers permit (yikes) and is active in sophomore class cabinet, indoor track, soccer and Scouts. Drew, a 7th grader, plays baseball and soccer, blows a sax in the school band, and is a Scout. I remain Scoutmaster of the boy's troop, coach baseball, and try to find time now and again to get in a run or, when weather permits, cross country ski. There's that mention of time again....

Richard Schroeder writes: I am on leave this year as a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University's Center for African Studies. I'll spend the year working on two projects: a new book entitled "Politicizing Ecology" for Guilford Press and a case study of community based wildlife management in Tanzania. Since I'm here with my family, we're also taking the opportunity to explore the greater Bay Area - Monterrey Bay, Point Reyes, San Francisco, Pomponio Beach, Lake Tahoe, the wine country, etc. I'm also hoping to lay the ground-work for some grant proposals that will help me return to Tanzania for an extended research stint in 2003-2004.

David Tulloch's work has slowed down a little bit recently with the birth of his son. Dylan Joseph Tulloch was born August 5th and already has his own webpage:

< <http://la56.rutgers.edu/tulloch/> >



Dylan Joseph Tulloch

Dr. Tulloch has been privileged to participate in two international, multidisciplinary specialist meetings in recent months. He was invited to participate in an NSF-funded Workshop on Landscape Change in Santa Barbara, CA. < <http://www.ncgia.ucsb.edu/landscape-2/landscape.htm> >.

An impressive group of geographers, ecologists, landscape architects, and planners were assembled to develop a research agenda, and investigate ways to facilitate more of the integrative, interdisciplinary work that the field requires.

Dr. Tulloch was also an invited participant in the Batelle Institute-sponsored Workshop on Geographic Information Systems in a Changing Society in Columbus, OH. Again, the meeting placed an emphasis on creating a focused research agenda to help the research in this emerging area. Fortunately, the meeting included outings to both college and minor league baseball games.

In the meantime, he is working with a new geography graduate student, **Jim Myers**, on a study of the automation of the farmland preservation process in Hunterdon County. This is a continuation of work with **John Hasse**. The USDA-funded project is developing new tools for the county to use, including an investigation of public participation practices. The next 9 months should produce several research products of great interest.

Peter Wacker writes: The big news for me in 2001 is that I will receive the Richard J. Hughes Award from the New Jersey Historical Commission on December 1. This is the highest honor the Commission gives and is "in recognition of your scholarly contributions to the field of New Jersey history and your many efforts on behalf of public education and historic preservation." I am going to add this on my wall to the "New Jersey Teacher's Award" presented to me last year by the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance and become completely impossible to deal with. In all seriousness, though, I am very very pleased to get such an award! Other news: As my time was "bought out" last semester by the National Geographic Society Education Foundation, Arlene and I were able to do some travelling - Zimbabwe, Swaziland and South Africa in February, Rostov-on-Don to Moscow in a river boat in May and the compound delta of the Rhine in another river boat in August. I have been able to write three chapters for my book on New Jersey's cultural landscape, continue to serve on the State Review Board for Historic Sites, the Editorial Board for the Encyclopedia of New Jersey, teach in the Preservation Program at Drew University, and hug my grandchildren.

Lyna Wiggins participated in a National Science Foundation workshop on GIS and Landscape Change in Santa Barbara, California, January 25-27, 2001. The workshop was organized by Professor Michael Goodchild, Director of the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The participants in this specialist workshop were academics from Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture and Geography. The results from the workshop will be published in a report from NSF and should influence NSF research funding in this area.

In March, Wiggins gave a presentation at the biannual North Carolina GIS

Conference in Winston-Salem. The title of the presentation was "Sunken Ships and Log Cabins: Building a Temporal GIS to Monitor Historic Preservation," and it summarized some of the GIS database design issues she has solved for a funded research project supported by the Historic Preservation Office of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Wiggins also greeted the 800 conference attendees at the opening plenary session in her role as President of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association, the largest professional association for GIS professionals in government.

Lyna Wiggins was appointed by Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco as a member of the new Geographic Information Council. The nine-member Council will act in an advisory role in state policy making with respect to geospatial information.

Lyna Wiggins participated in a panel, "GIS and You: Perfect Together," at the Governor's Housing Conference, Atlantic City, September 25, 2001. She also acted as the GIS Work Group Meeting Facilitator for the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries which is producing a GIS Best Practices Guildelines for their members (September 26, 2001).

Elvin Wyly writes: The past few weeks have been difficult for me as they have been for all of us, of course; I'm deeply troubled by the potential for fear, resentment, and war, and saddened by the losses suffered by so many (in the past as well as in the future). And in the wake of such suffering I feel a double bind: I cannot forgive myself for spending years trying to ignore those painful stories of deaths buried in the newspaper on page seventeen, but I know I'll be a pathetic sobbing heap on the floor if I take it all in. Suddenly, all the many things that have always grabbed my fascination, that inspired me to those late-night, salivating-over-the computer-printout-sessions, seemed not to matter so much anymore. But Cheryl picked me up off the floor, and, gradually, day by day, things are getting better, and I am still trying to get over the childlike amazement at what the geographer's job description really says: study truly fascinating things; work with extraordinary students; and get paid for it all!

I've been fortunate this year to be part of a few collaborative projects, and to have led several of my own. David Listokin and I put the finishing touches on a study that simulates the national impacts of changes in mortgage lending on access to homeownership, and the paper was recently rolled out with a presentation at a housing conference in Washington, DC. You give me the Freddie Mac Affordable Gold with the Three-Two Option, and I give you five hundred and eighty four billion dollars of national homebuying capacity. I am working with Carole Walker at CUPR on an evaluation of public housing redevelopment in New Brunswick. (I have some slides of the demolition, but **Mike Siegel** has even more!) I've also been fortunate to serve on a Task Force on Predatory Lending, spearheaded by the Newark-based New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. In these days when tobacco and oil companies are busy setting up foundations with names that sound like they're in the public interest, it's a joy to find an institute that really does mean what it says! The research is exciting, but tempered by the sadness of very real problems of "equity stripping" going on in urban communities prowled by today's legal incarnations of loan sharks. Work also continues on several collaborative projects with Steve Holloway, at the University of Georgia, on shifting dynamics of racial discrimination in housing finance.

I'm continuing joint research with Dan Hammel, at Illinois State University, on contemporary transformations of gentrification. It might seem a quixotic blip on the urban radar, but it's not. We've just seen an extraordinary boom in the 1990s, and we're now beginning a shakeout that's going to lay the basis for another round.

Graduate Student News

Chuck Colvard is keeping pretty busy these days after spending part of last summer on the road with **Tom Estilow**. For a record of their crosscountry adventure see: <geography.rutgers.edu/publiclands/lite> This fall he's back in the classroom teaching his famous field methods/rain monitoring course (that's a joke), in addition to serving as webmaster/ newsletter editor/gruntboy for the NJ Geographic Alliance.

Chuck's dissertation research is centered on deer density and herd management strategies in NJ. Right now he's pulling together population estimates over time. When he's not begging NJ Fish and Game for data, Chuck works with his local shade tree board to develop a GIS street tree inventory in Palmyra, NJ. <<http://crssa.rutgers.edu/people/chuck>>

John Dobosiewicz writes: I'm teaching full time at Kean University (Climatology, Geography of Man). Had an article published in *Environmental Geosciences* (March 2001). Finishing Ph.D dissertation. Have a wife and three kids, girl-6, boy-3, boy 1.5.

Daniel Falvo writes that he is continuing his upland rice research for the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, and to advance his genotype by environment approach to biogeography. His latest article is forthcoming in "Social Science Diliman", one of the leading social science journals in the Philippines.

Peter Kabachnik writes: I have finally completed my thesis, entitled "An Earth Without Maps: The Alternative Geographies of 'The English Patient'." I defended my thesis successfully and will receive my Masters in January. As a gift to myself for all my toilings, I will be traveling this Winter to New Zealand and Fiji. In December it will be one year since I last traveled (to Central America), so it is certainly time for me to leave again, as I desperately need my travel fix.

The two groups I helped begin/run, Social Theory and Brown Bag, seem to be successful and will continue in the Spring. In October, I gave my first conference presentation, and will be presenting again next March at the AAG's in LA. Now I must learn Powerpoint. I actually published something, albeit co-authored. It is entitled "The Quantitative Other: The EU's Discourse in the 1997 Commission Opinions." For those interested in having a look, it can be found at < www.ce-review.org >

Junko Noguchi writes: I am about to finish my master's program, working on thesis on the Kyoto Protocol / climate change issues. I love outdoor activities!

Erika Poulsen writes: We have established the Crime Mapping Research Lab up here at the School of Criminal Justice (Rutgers-Newark). I am the research director of the lab and really like it.

Bradley Wilson studies the production of space and knowledge, feminist geography, and Latin American Political Economy. Recently an Undergraduate at Bates College and working toward an extensive research project on social development, social movements and the drug war in Bolivia. Looking forward to endless bouts of conflict over post-structuralism, objective science, and racquet ball with Tom, Chuck, Wendy and Josh.

Alumni News

Ken Bielen ('71) writes: I continue to do grants writing for infrastructure improvements for small villages in Northwest Ohio. Whenever I work on maps or gather demographic data for the applications, I realize that my whole career

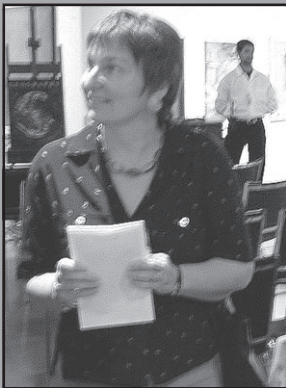
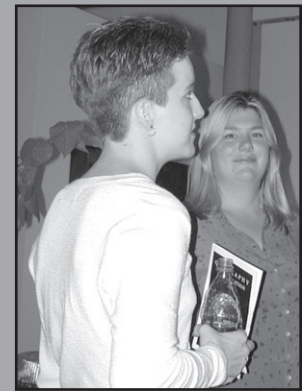
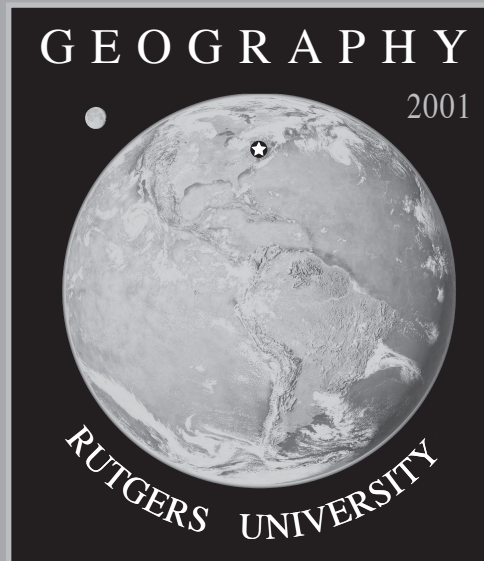
has its basis in my undergraduate studies.

"Lyrics of Civility: Biblical Images in Popular Music" was published in 1999 by Garland. I am finishing up two book length manuscripts: one is a cultural chronicle of the record album cover from the 1950s to the 1990s. Another is a more personal study: A Reflective Journey Through American Culture Using 40 Years of Popular Music.

Two of our children are in High School here in Bowling Green, and our youngest is a sixth grader.

Marla Emery writes: I'm pleased to report that I was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Vermont's Department of Geography last year. I am currently acting as Chair of the committee for a Masters student who is studying forest conservation easements in the Northeast. At long last, I have some publications rolling out. Two articles, "Brief Overview of Historical Non-Timber Forest Product Use in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and Upper Midwest," (with Shandra L. O'Halek) and "Who Knows? Local Non-Timber Forest Product Knowledge and Stewardship Practices in Northern Michigan" have recently been published in the Journal of Sustainable Forestry, vol. 13, nos. 3/4. I am also senior editor of the recent Food Products Press book entitled "Non-Timber Forest Products: Medicinal Herbs, Fungi, Edible Fruits and Nuts, and Other Natural Products from the Forest." The latter is the first full-fledged book on nontimber forest products in the United States. At present, I'm working on a Forest Service technical report that uses gatherer case studies to look at the political ecology of nontimber forest products in the eastern United States. Together with colleagues from the UVM School of Natural Resources and the Forest Service's Southern Research Station, I will shortly begin research on the political economy of a floral green that is harvested in western North Carolina. My contribution to the project focuses primarily on ethno-graphic work with Latino harvesters (continued on page 9)

*First Annual Geography Convocation
at the Zimmerli Art Museum*



There's lots of happy news on the personal side. It's been a bit more than a year since I remarried and what a joy and blessing that partnership is. Jim Palmer (not the pitcher) and I were recently in Copenhagen for a site visit to 5 of his students, who are studying various aspects of design and landscape architecture in the city. It was a real bus man's holiday for me. Both my sons are currently thriving in college -- younger son, Martin, at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN and older son, Adam, finishing up at a community college here in Burlington before transferring to UVM.

Hassan Hodges ('00) writes: I am living in New York City's Hamilton Heights neighborhood (136th st. and Broadway). In my 9 months of living in this rapidly gentrifying neighborhood, I've seen my favorite local restaurant replaced by a Starbucks. Instead of paying \$4.25 for a plate of beans and rice, I can now get a venti iced decaf soy latte (with 2 shots of espresso) for the same price. I work in the graphics department of The Associated Press where I make maps and information graphics.

Doracie Nantes writes: I have to apologize for being a bad letter and email writer. I was so busy the past two years that I found it hard to sit down in front of a computer (inside a computer lab that is open only from 8 am to 5 pm, the same hours that I was doing so many other things, like teaching, serving in committee work, etc.) for a long period of time. I really miss those days when I can just go to Lucy Stone Hall anytime of the day to do my work in our computer lab-one luxury that I cannot have here in the Philippines.

I just returned from Toronto, Canada, where I served as a visiting scholar in York University for two weeks. I gave lectures in a geography class (Geographies of the Pacific Rim) and presented my research to York University's Department of Geography's weekly Colloquia upon

the invitation and sponsorship of the Joint Center of Asian Studies of the University of Toronto and York University. Right now I am back to my teaching duties and research activities in the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

Michael Niosi writes: I have been with the U.S. Census Bureau in Philadelphia for four years. I have been a Geographic Specialist for the past two and a half years. I supervise the digitizing staff and manage the projects that involve updating the TIGER files.

Melissa Pawlowski ('00) writes: I landed a contract position with URS Corporation. I work on site at Fort Dix Military Reservation in the Pinelands of South Jersey as the sole GIS analyst. I work primarily with the Natural Resources and Training Divisions. On the Natural Resources side I have created maps for environmental assessments; which need to be completed before the army modifies any area on post to be sure sensitive areas such as wetlands or endangered species habitat are not disturbed. I have also done some maps for a NJDEP biological assessment on the pair of bald eagles we have nesting in our impact area. We created surface danger zones (SDZ's) for the ranges near the nest site and assessed the safety of the eagle in such a routinely disturbed area.

I have also created from scratch the 2001 Fort Dix Hunting Area Map, affectionately called the Fort Dix HAM. This project represented exactly what is wonderful and what is horrendous about cartography. On the wonderful side I was given a tremendous amount of cartographic freedom. On the horrendous side I was also responsible for finding a printer and that was a nightmare. Apparently a certain large GIS software manufacturer does NOT have very good export capabilities. Though frustrating it was definitely a great learning experience.

For the training department the majority of my time is spent creating maps for incoming units. The units need maps of the ranges they will be using for their training and the bivouac sites they will be setting up on. Currently I am working on digitizing all the streams, lakes and managed water features on the Post using aerial photography flown in March of 1999 at 1:2,500. Next we will go out in the field with a GPS to complete the data.

Tamar Rothenberg writes: I'm still working as an editor of *New Youth Connections*, a magazine written by and for teens in New York City.

Geographical connections over the past year include organizing, with **Jasbir Puar**, a pre-AAG conference at the CUNY Graduate Center in February called "Sexuality and Space: Queering Geographies of Globalization." It was a great interdisciplinary one-day conference that introduced geographers working on issues of sexuality to scholars in a wide range of other disciplines who are thinking about and working on issues of sexuality in terms of space and place. **Marie Cieri** was on the steering committee of the conference (and spent a day with me labeling fliers) and also presented her work there.

I've been working a bit on developing afterschool workshop modules of geography- and writing-related themes, like writing about place, conducting oral histories of people in a neighborhood, and drawing and discussing mental maps.

And I call my freeform radio show on WFMU (7-9 pm Saturdays, 91.1 FM and (wfm.org) "Are We There Yet?" which people told me was a better name than "The Subduction Zone."

And I'm marrying Rich Hazelton, (Livingston College '85, oddly enough), who I met through WFMU (he's got a show Friday night/Saturday morning 2-6 am), this spring, if we live that long.