



Conference Preview and Registration

**4th Annual University of North Alabama
Geography Alumni Conference
October 23-24, 2008**

Greetings from the 2008 Conference Committee

We are pleased to announce the 4th Annual UNA Geography Alumni Conference. The 2007 conference was a tremendous success and this year's event is shaping up to be the best yet!

For 2008, we challenge you to give back to your University by attending the conference, inviting a fellow UNA geographer, considering a donation to the scholarship fund, or contacting a vendor to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

In addition, please submit an abstract for a presentation. You've spent years honing your skills in the field of geography. Now share your experience and knowledge by submitting a proposal for consideration as a presentation. Presentations that encompass all industry sectors at any level of experience - from fundamental to advanced topics - are welcomed and encouraged.

We are excited to have the UNAGAA Conference coincide with the UNA Homecoming celebration. Social events for our alumni and their families are being planned in conjunction with University activities. So, make your plans now to attend the 4th Annual UNAGAA Conference!

Sincerely,

Neill Jobe and Allison L. Newton
2008 Conference Chairpersons

Call for Presentations

Alumni, please email your abstracts to contact@unagaa.org. Abstracts are due no later than October 3, 2008. Accepted speakers will be notified by October 8, 2008. Please type UNAGAC abstracts as the subject of the email and include the following information:

- Topic
- Presentation Description (approx. 75 words)
- Contact Name
- Company
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email

Map Competition

Consider entering the Map Competition designed for alumni and students to display their skills and hard work. A panel of judges established by the conference committee will determine winners. To enter, please submit the following information to Stacey Whitten at whittens@kayacorp.com by October 3, 2008. All maps should be submitted in ANSI D size.

- Topic
- Abstract (not to exceed 75 words)
- Size Specification
- Contact Name
- Company
- Phone Number
- Email

Geographer of the Year

We are now accepting nominations for the 2008 Geographer of the Year Award. The recipient will be honored at the Awards Luncheon on Day 1 of the conference. The 2007 award was presented to Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of North Alabama.

Please fill out the attached UNAGAA Member Survey. All Surveys should be completed and returned to gisto@kayacorp.com no later than July 1, 2008. Survey results will be compiled and sent out no later than August 1, 2008 to facilitate your choice of nominees. Nominations for this award may be submitted online at www.unagaa.org by August 31, 2008. Your nomination should include a brief description of why your nominee should be considered for this award.

A Message from the President

Greetings!

It's hard to believe the call for presentations is going out already. Once again we have coordinated the dates of our annual conference with Homecoming weekend. If you have not been to the past three conferences, I want to encourage you to make a change this year. There will be opportunities to hear what your fellow alumni are doing in the workplace, as well as time to make contact with students who could become your future employees. In addition to this, the UNAGAA chapter meeting will be held to discuss current business and make plans for the future.

We anticipate awarding one or two student grants again this year and also plan to name the 2008 "Geographer of the Year". To help in the nomination process, the Awards Committee will soon be sending out a questionnaire seeking information about each alumnus's activities and accomplishments.

To those of you who have graduated since the last conference, congratulations! I hope to see you all at the 4th annual conference in October.

Sincerely,
Marcelle McDaniel
UNA Geography Alumni Association President

2008 Conference Sponsorships/Vendor Opportunities

Vendors are invited to exhibit at the conference. If you plan to exhibit, ensure that your company stands out from the rest by becoming a Conference Sponsor. Sponsorships can draw attention to your company or a new product or service.

Name of Sponsor _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ **Telephone** _____

E-Mail _____ **Fax** _____

| Sponsor Package | Amount |
|---|---------------|
| <p>Presenting Sponsor</p> <p>This package carries the highest level of UNAGAA support and provides the sponsor with the following: (5) conference registrations; Name recognition on all marketing as “Sponsored By...”; Recognition at Awards Luncheon; Logo/link on website; 2 full page advertisements in Conference Program; 2 exhibit booths.</p> | \$1,000 |
| <p>Gold Sponsor</p> <p>This is the 2nd highest level of UNAGAA support and provides the sponsor with the following: (4) conference registrations; Logo/link on website; 1 full page advertisement in Conference Program; 1 exhibit booth.</p> | \$700 |
| <p>Silver Sponsor</p> <p>This advanced level of UNAGAA support provides the sponsor with the following: (3) conference registrations; Logo/link on website; 1 half-page advertisement in Conference Program; 1 exhibit booth</p> | \$500 |
| <p>Bronze Sponsor</p> <p>This noteworthy level of UNAGAA support provides the sponsor with the following: (2) conference registrations; Logo/link on website; 1 exhibit booth</p> | \$300 |
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| Vendor Booth (1 conference registration provided) | \$150 |
| Conference Program Ad – full page | \$200 |
| Conference Program Ad – half page | \$100 |
| <p>Scholarship Program</p> <p>The UNAGAA Scholarship Program annually recognizes students with outstanding promise of success. Contributions of \$25 or more will be recognized at the Awards Presentation.</p> | \$ _____ |
| <p>Other Contribution to the UNAGAA</p> <p>Please describe the purpose of your contribution and any special instructions.</p> | \$ _____ |
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| Total Pledge Amount | \$ _____ |

Please return pledge form and payment on or before September 30, 2008 to:

Mrs. Melissa Bailey m Bailey@florenceal.org
 UNA Geography Alumni Conference Registration
 City of Florence Planning Dept, P.O. Box 98, Florence, AL 35631
 Phone: 256-740-8809 Fax: 256-760-6323

2008 Conference Registration

Registration will open on July 13, 2008. The following fees will apply. Register early for the best rates!

| Registration | Early (before 10/6/08) | Standard (after 10/6/08) |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| UNA Geography Alumni | \$60.00 | \$90.00 |
| Non Alumni | \$70.00 | \$100.00 |
| Students* | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

*free lunch provided for the first 25 geography students to sign up (student ID required)

| Contact Information | |
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| Name | |
| Organization | |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip | |
| Telephone | |
| Fax | |
| E-Mail | |
| Payment Method | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check (UNA Geography Alumni Association) <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order | |

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