



Conference Preview and Registration

**7th Annual University of North Alabama
Geography Alumni Association Conference
Friday, September 23rd, 2011**

From the 2011 Conference Committee

We are pleased to announce the 7th Annual UNA Geography Alumni Association Conference. The 2010 conference was a tremendous success, and we hope to continue the momentum we've had over the last few conferences.

For 2011, 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 or your company to discuss sponsorship opportunities. To date, in conjunction with the UNA Department of Geography, the Geography Endowed Scholarship fund stands at more than \$28,000. Your contributions will increase both the quantity and amount of scholarships available to current and upcoming Geography majors.

We also encourage you to share your knowledge and experience by submitting an abstract for presentation at the conference. This shared knowledge will not only help your fellow alumni know what's going on in our field, but also inspire the next generation of Geographers coming through UNA's Geography Department. Presentations that encompass all industry sectors at any level of experience - from fundamental to advanced topics - are welcomed and encouraged.

This year's conference coincides with UNA's Homecoming against Harding. Social events for our alumni and their families are being planned in conjunction with this year's conference, including a BBQ lunch for conference attendees, Wines of the World tasting at the Wine Seller, and tailgating with the Department of Geography for the football game against Harding on Saturday.

The conference should be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, connect with other alumni, and give back to the UNA community. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Richard Murphy '04
2011 Conference Chairperson

Call for Presentations

Alumni, please email your abstracts to contact@unagaa.org. Abstracts are due no later than Friday, September 2nd, but we encourage you to submit as soon as possible. Please type "UNAGAC Abstracts" as the subject of the email and include the following information:

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

Geographer of the Year

We are now accepting nominations for the 2011 Geographer of the Year Award. The recipient is honored during the conference.

Nominations for this award may be submitted online at www.unagaa.org by September 2, 2011. Your nomination should include a brief description of why your nominee should be considered for this award.

A Message from the President

Alumni and Friends of the UNA Geography Department,

The 7th annual UNA Geography Alumni Association Conference is quickly approaching and I have truly enjoyed having the opportunity to serve as the UNAGAA president for the year. The last year has been an exciting year for the UNA Geography Department: the masters program has been initiated, Dr. Koti and Dr. Gaston had a successful adventure with a group of students to Africa, several students and faculty represented the department at the Association of American Geographer's meeting in Seattle, WA, and the department continues to grow with new students and exciting projects.

I would like to encourage each of you to participate in this year's conference in every way possible. There are many ways that you can do this; urge your company to become a sponsor, submit an abstract to present about the exciting work you're doing in the field of geography, volunteer to be an officer or serve on a committee for next year, and pass the word along to other alumni about the conference.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the conference in September and hope that you can all attend our social fundraising event at the Wine Seller as well as the Homecoming tailgate with the Geography Department.

Sincerely,

Laura Suber '04

2011 UNA Geography Alumni Association President

2011 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. Remember - all fees are tax deductible.

Name of Sponsor _____
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 Contact Person _____ Telephone _____
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Sponsor Package	Amount
<p>Presenting Sponsor 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 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 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 This noteworthy level of UNAGAA support provides the sponsor with the following: (2) conference registrations; Logo/link on website; 1 exhibit booth.</p>	\$300
Vendor Booth (1 conference registration provided)	\$150
<p>Scholarship Program The UNAGAA Scholarship Program annually recognizes students with outstanding promise of success. Contributions of \$25 or more will be recognized at the Awards Presentation. If you cannot attend this year's conference this is a great way to still contribute.</p>	\$ _____
<p>Other Contribution to the UNAGAA Please describe the purpose of your contribution and any special instructions.</p>	\$ _____
Total Pledge Amount	
	\$ _____

Please return pledge form and payment to:

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2011 Conference Registration

Registration will open on Friday, August 5th, 2011. You may register by mail, e-mail, fax, or online at <http://www.unagaa.org>. Online registration will begin soon. The following registration fees will apply (and are tax deductible):

Registration	Cost
UNA Geography Alumni	\$60.00
Non-Alumni	\$80.00
Students*	\$0.00

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

Mail _____ Fax _____

Contact Information

(Please fill out completely for tax deduction purposes)

Name	
Organization	
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City, State, Zip Code	
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Payment Method

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