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From the President

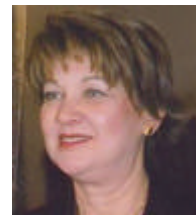
By Dr. Mary Caravelis

In keeping with the tradition of Florida Society of Geographers past Presidents I would like to thank

my predecessor, Dr. Jeff Martin, for arranging a great annual meeting at Jacksonville. Our next Annual Meeting will be in downtown Miami January 25-27, 2008. We hope all of you will be able to attend!!!

During our 43rd Annual meeting, February 9-11, 2007 more than 80 people attended our meeting. It was gratifying to watch the direction of current geographic research among our Florida geographers. Along with the faculty presentations there were graduate and undergraduate sessions. Topics ranged from techniques and physical geography to karst topography, as well as international and Human Geography. The six poster presentations were judged for the Student Honors Competition category for Best Poster.

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Announcement: New FSG Website URL

<http://www.geosciences.fau.edu/fsg/>

The FSG's website has a new host! Thank you to Dr. Russ Ivy and the Florida Atlantic University's Department of Geosciences for assuming the maintenance and hosting of the website under the new webmaster, Dr. Tobin K. Hindle.

Thank you to the Geography Department at the University of South Florida - Tampa for hosting the FSG website for the first two years, which helped making the meetings a huge success. Dr. Paul Zandbergen, made the set up process a breeze. Thank you to Chris Anderson, a professional geographer, for the initial web site design and creation.

Thank you to Tara Morgan for spending countless hours working behind the scenes to make our website possible.

Our website is filled with valuable information and facts of our organization. You can access our past annual meetings and get a perspective of the current research that our members are involved in.

FSG 44th annual meeting

January 25-27, 2008 at
the River Park Hotel and
Suites in Downtown-City
Center, Miami, Florida

Continued From the President

A great thank you goes to our 2007 corporate sponsor Jeanne Fillman Richards and Storm Richards of Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. for supplementing the Student Honors Paper and Poster competition cash prizes. Suggestions and recommendations on how to increase corporate sponsorship for FSG events is always encouraged.

"I am optimistic that all Geography Department Heads will make an extra effort of invite all their students and all faculty members to join our society."

One of the goals this year is to increase and maintain our membership. Conference attendance has been increasing steadily in the past few years but there is room for greater expansion. It is critical to continue our efforts to reach all geographers in Florida and encourage them to join our society. The viability and strength of every organization depends on their members. I am optimistic that all Geography Department Heads will make an extra effort to invite everyone to join our society.

Our members enjoy the following benefits:

- Receive a copy of the annual issue of *The Florida Geographer* journal;
- Keep up-to-date on issues and developments in the field of Geography;
- An opportunity to present your scholarly research in a more intimate and friendlier setting;
- Meet and network with other Florida Geographers;
- Learn about new approaches, methods and techniques;
- Hear papers and discussion of work of others;
- Get access to Information about job availability;
- It shows you are involved and dedicated to our field;
- Professional membership is an excellent addition to your resume!

Today it is an exciting time to be a geographer. Our discipline is re-discovered again because the need to generate new geographic knowledge, tools and methods through research is becoming fundamental. Geography provides a special way of looking at our surrounding place and space. Analyzing the world around us from a spatial perspective is the most important contribution we as geographers can make.



Planning for our Future.

The Florida Society of Geographers since 1964 has established a tradition for providing a forum to showcase the current geographic research of our colleagues. I am eager to hear your ideas on how to continue growing FSG membership and scope. If we all work together and use our strengths we can continue the 44-year tradition. In closing, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your President in the coming year.

Mary Caravelis
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2007 Board of Directors

Dr. Mary Caravelis, President

TBA, Vice-President

Dr. Maria Fadiman, Secretary and Treasurer

Dr. Kevin Archer, Editor, The Florida Geographer

Kristine Bezdecny, Managing editor, The Florida Geographer

Dr. Barnali Dixon, Executive Board Member

Dr. Ron Schultz, Executive Board Member

Tara Morgan, Executive Board Member

Kristine Bezdecny, Student Board Member

We would like to extend an invitation to all geographers to join FSG and receive the benefits of membership.

2007 Members

Last Name	First Name
Adlam	Mary
Allen	Sara E.
Anticknap	Jennifer
Baynard	Chris
Bayouth	Neiset
Bezdecny	Kris
Bradford	Bruce
Bredemeyer	Kristian
Brinson	Robert
Bryant	Mary
Cain	Stephanie
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Caravelis	Mary
Cassidy	Lin
Cobb	Sharon
de Blij	Harm
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Fadiman	Maria
Fernald	Ed
Gioioso	Richard
Goldman	Abe
Gonzalez	Jorge
Holt	Christy
Ivy	Russ
Kajtezovic	Ivana
Kamiar	Mohammad

Last Name	First Name
Keellings	David
Koenig	Kimberly
Lawson	Mary
Leib	Jonathan
MacKay	Warren
Martin	Jeff
McDonald	Derek
Mecoli	Noelle
Meindl	Chris
Morgan	Tara
Mossa	Joann
Oldakowski	Ray
Raulerson	April
Richards	Storm and Jeanne
Robinson	Joshua
Salkowe	Richard
Schultz	Ron
Sipple	Patrick
Stallins	Jon Anthony
Szyniszewska	Anna Maria
Taylor	Thane
Timmerman	Maura
Tobin	Graham
Veliz	Stephen C.
Whitaker	Christopher
Wolson	William
Wysong	James

**Florida Society of Geographers
Annual Business Meeting Feb. 9, 2007
Jacksonville, Florida**

- I. Meeting Called to Order 8:15 p.m. Jeff Martin, President**
II. Minutes from February 2006 Meeting Tara Morgan, Secretary
St. Petersburg, FL
III. Treasurer's Report Tara Morgan, Treasurer

Major Expenses:

Postage for <i>The Florida Geographer</i> :	\$165.36
Publishing for <i>The Florida Geographer</i> (Kinkos):	\$1,281.45
Deposit to Windham Jacksonville Hotel for 2007 Mtg.	\$500.00

Major Forthcoming Expenses:

- Additional Meeting expenses to cover luncheon and equipment rental.
- Student Honors Competition:

Graduate Student Award	\$100.00
*(Supplemented by Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. \$100.00)	
Undergraduate Student Award	\$100.00
*(Supplemented by Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. \$100.00)	
Poster Student Award	\$50.00
*(Supplemented by Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. \$50.00)	

* Corporate Sponsor

Major Revenue Sources:

The balance going into the meeting reflects that only 5 of the 82 registrations were received before the start of the meeting.

Beginning Balance Feb. 19, 2006:	\$5,477.95
Ending Balance Feb. 8, 2007:	\$3,531.14

At the 2006 FSG Business Meeting it was agreed that the collection of Membership Dues would be changed from the school year (Fall to Fall) to the calendar year (Jan. to Sept.) to save costs by enabling the Editor of *The Florida Geographer* to publish a more accurate quantity of the journal. It was found that most members pay membership dues at the same time as their registration fee. In order for the alignment to happen, FSG absorbed some of the publishing costs of the Fall 2006 edition, which was voted on and accepted at the 2006 Feb. Business Meeting.

Total Membership Dues and Registration Fees Amount collected at the start of the Feb. 2007 Annual Meeting:	\$3458.50
Total 2007 Meeting expense (Luncheon & Equipment Rental):	\$2266.62

- IV. Old Business Jeff Martin, President**
- A) Still need volunteers to judge the Student Honors Competition this weekend.
- B) The Latvian Geographical Society is interested in cultivating a relationship as a sister organization with FSG. Many of their members are interested in research collaboration, joint projects, possible student and/or faculty exchanges, cross-pollination in terms of attending conferences, etc. It is understood that Dr. Barry Mowell is working with Dr. Bob Brinkman on this project.

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V. New Business**Jeff Martin, President****A. FSG Future Focus****1) FSG Website**

- A) Thank you to the Geography Department at the University of South Florida – Tampa for hosting the FSG website for the first two years, which helped making the meetings a huge success. Paul Zandbergen, Ph.D., made the set up process a breeze. Thank you to Chris Anderson for the initial web site design and creation.
- B) Chris Anderson has been assisting FSG as the webmaster on a volunteer basis and a more permanent webmaster should be found.
- C) Dr. Russ Ivy, FAU Department of Geosciences, volunteered Dr. Tobin Hindle to be the new webmaster. All were in agreement that FAU Department of Geosciences should host the website as well to make things easier. The current FSG website host, Dr. Bob Brinkman, USF Department of Geography, was in agreement.

2) FSG Newsletter

- Discussion of frequency and format FSG Newsletter will be delivered. Confirmed and all in agreement that it will be digital and disbursed through e-mail attachment and downloadable from the FSG Website.

3) *The Florida Geographer*

Editor, Dr. Kevin Archer, University of South Florida

Managing Editor, Kris Bezdecny, University of South Florida

- The term for the Editor and Managing Editor is going to expire after the Fall 2007 edition. FSG must seek a new Editor and Managing Editor. The Board will approach each of the other schools for volunteers to continue the outstanding service that Kevin and Kris have exemplified these past few years.

B. Judging & Judge Checklist

- Standards for the Student Honors Competition will be reevaluated for future judges to follow.
- The Executive Board should assist by securing volunteers to judge before the start of the meeting to avoid last minute issues.

C. Nominations and Elections**1) President**

- Dr. Mary Caravelis, Barry University, is the president-elect.

2) Vice President

- No nominations were submitted and therefore no one was elected. The Board is still soliciting nominations.

3) Secretary/Treasurer

- Dr. Maria Fadiman, FAU, was nominated and elected.

4) One of the three Executive Board Members (staggered 3-year term)

- Tara Morgan, TSS International, Inc., was nominated and elected.

VI. Other Business

- Recommendation was received for the 2008 FSG Annual Meeting that the Executive Board meet first on Friday evening and then hold the Business Meeting during a more prominent time on either Saturday or Sunday to encourage increased attendance at the Business Meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned 9:05 p.m.

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF GEOGRAPHERS
Membership Form



The Florida Society of Geographer's annual dues payments cover the cost of publishing *The Florida Geographer* (FSG's publication), mailings, and part of the cost of the annual meeting. Dues are based on the calendar year. Dues are collected from January to September each year. September 15th is the cutoff-date for an accurate count when the journal is printed and mailed to members around October. Dues are \$15 for regular members and organizations, and \$7.50 for students. Active members of the Florida Geographic Alliance have their dues paid by the Alliance. If any of your address information has changed in the last year, please return the form below even if you do not need to make a dues payment so that the mailing list can be kept up-to-date.

Please duplicate this form and give it to friends, colleagues, and students who might be interested in joining. The future of the Society depends on continually adding new members. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at the following e-mail mcaravelis@mail.barry.edu or check out the FSG website at <http://www.geosciences.fau.edu/fsg/> for more information.

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 Dues Payment

Return to: Dr. Maria Fadiman, Secretary/Treasurer
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 Department of Geosciences
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 Boca Raton, FL 33431

Name _____

Regular Member \$15 _____

Address _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Geog. Alliance \$0 _____

Telephone _____

Contribution _____

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Total Paid _____

e-mail _____

Make check payable to:
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Graduate Student Presentation Winner



Congratulations to **April Raulerson** who is a graduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of South Florida presented her research on *Hurricane Forecasting, Warning, and Response Systems: A Lake Wales Public Perception Study*

Undergraduate Student Presentation Winner



Congratulations to **Joshua Robinson** who is an undergraduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of Florida presented his research: *A GIS Investigation of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project*

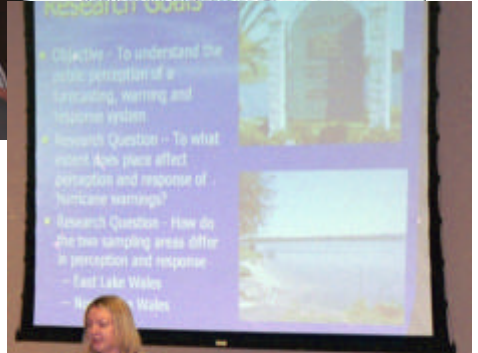
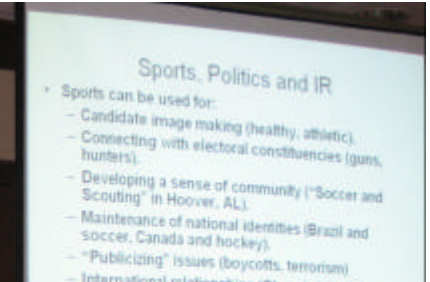
Poster Presentation Winner



Congratulations to **Daniel Godwin** who is an undergraduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of Florida. His poster presented his research: *Poverty and Protected Areas in Florida*

This year the field trip was a boat tour of the St. John's River. Our guide was the St. John's River Keeper, Neil Armingeon. Neil guided us along the spectacular St. Johns River and with his enthusiastic delivery he did convinced us that the St. Johns is "one of most unique rivers on this planet". Thank you Neil!!!



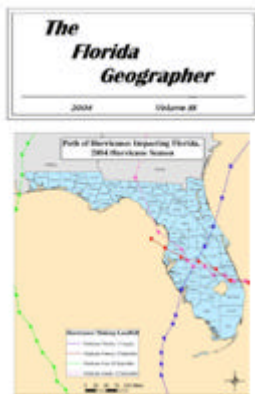


About our Organization

The Florida Society of Geographers was chartered in 1964 as a non-profit organization for the purpose of furthering professionalism in geography through application of geographic techniques in all areas of education, government, and business. The Society supports these objectives by promoting acquaintance and discussion among its members and with scholars and practitioners in related fields by stimulating research and field investigation, by encouraging publication of scholarly studies, and by performing services to aid the advancement of its members and the field of geography in Florida.

Announcement: *The Florida Geographer* Deadline for Submitting Papers is June 30, 2007

"The Florida Geographer is the official publication of the FSG and is distributed free to members of the society."



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