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### *From the RTS Chair – Robert Pfister*

Dear Group Members:

I am pleased to provide you with some details concerning your new RTS officers and directors for 2005-2007. The RTS Directors are Sanjay Nepal,

Anne Soper, Rebecca Torres, and Lorri Kriebs. David Truly is RTS secretary-treasurer, Chris McMorran is the student representative, and Bob Pfister was elected RTS Chair.



Sanjay Nepal



Rebecca Torres



Chris McMorran



Anne Soper

**Sanjay K. Nepal** is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences. Prior to his current appointment he was assistant professor at the University of Northern British Columbia. His research interests include tourism in remote and mountain communities, ecotourism impacts, and people and protected areas. He has researched these issues in Nepal, Canada and Thailand. He can be contacted at [sknepal@tamu.edu](mailto:sknepal@tamu.edu) Tel: 979 862 4080

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Robert Pfister



David Truly

**Robert Pfister** is an Associate professor in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. He previously held faculty appointments at the University of Northern British Columbia and California State Polytechnic University-Pomona. His research has focused on rural and community-based tourism, recreation behavior, and cross-cultural impacts in recreation and environmental protection. He has researched these issues in Chile, United States and Canada. [pfisterr@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:pfisterr@mail.ecu.edu)

**Anne Soper** joined RTS while a Master's student at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA and has served as Student Representative from 2000-2002. She holds a Ph.D from Indiana University in Bloomington with interests in cultural heritage tourism, tourism in peripheral regions, and tourism planning. Anne looks forward to serving the specialty group again as a member of the board.

**Lorri Krebs** is an Assistant Professor in Geography at Salem State College, Massachusetts. She holds a Masters Degree in Geography with an emphasis on ecosystem approaches, parks and protected areas as well as a Ph.D. in Geography with an emphasis on marketing tools, tourism and decision-making. She has worked in various aspects of tourism in Switzerland, Mexico and Canada. Current research interests include tourism marketing, development and geographic education.

**Chris McMorran** is a Ph. D candidate in Geography at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His research interests include tourism, national identity, landscape, gender, and Japan. His real love, though, is Japanese hot springs, or *onsen*, which makes every day in the field feel like a vacation.

#### [Call for Session Organizers-Chicago AGM](#)

Yes, it is time to prepare for Chicago AGM and to organize sessions. We now have 260 members and the proven capability to deliver eleven sessions (as we did in Denver). As of this date, I have heard from Sanjay Nepal who would like to organize a session on Mountain Tourism. Please let your RTS Chair know if you would like to organize a session. In the past, we also co-sponsored sessions with other specialty groups. Let's have an outstanding range of sessions for AAG-Chicago! If you do not wish to organize a session or discussion panel for Chicago, but have an abstract to submit, then sent it to me so that it can be part of an RTS session.

Please announce to your students that RTS have three Student Paper Awards that includes cash, recognition at the awards luncheon, and a certificate of recognition. Guidelines are available at <http://www.geog.nau/rts/html>

All the best,  
Robert E. Pfister, Dept. of Recreation and Leisure Studies, East Carolina University

*Minutes of the Specialty Chairs Meeting and RTS Specialty Group Business Meeting held April 6, 2005 in Denver. Submitted by Deborah Che, Immediate Past President.*

#### **New SG on-line capabilities**

In response to SG groups' requests last year, the AAG has updated its on-line capabilities. There is now a public page for each SG with its mission, officers, etc. The SG Chair (only this individual will have an ID/password) can update this page. The SG Chair can also post messages to members, the newsletter, upcoming events, etc. The SG Chair will also be able to get a real time list of members. This public page, which AAG SG members, non-members, and other interested people can view, will provide the SG with an additional communication forum. It will not supplant existing SG list-serves, but can supplement them. It has archival capabilities. The SG Chair can send messages, notices, etc. to SG members (the AAG has the e-mail addresses of all members). The on-line capabilities could enable some SG business to be taken care of before the Annual Meeting, thus giving more time for issues requiring face-to-face business meeting time. Through this forum, the election regarding the RTS name change discussed below can take place.

The new SG on-line functions will also facilitate SG communications with the AAG Council. The SG Chair will upload the SG Annual Report which is to be reviewed by the Council, thus eliminating photocopying involved in past distribution of SG reports. Robert Andelman of the AAG will be available by appointment during the Denver meeting to walk SG Chairs through accessing and using the new on-line capabilities. He also can be contacted regarding any problems at [randelman@aag.org](mailto:randelman@aag.org).

The new SG on-line functions also include SG open discussion forums, which any SG group member may log in and post to. Printouts of postings from the Graduate Student Affinity groups. Additionally, Group's open discussion forum were passed around as examples of how communications among members can be facilitated. While these forums are open, Doug Richardson noted individual SG's need to keep an eye on them for issues of collegiality, ethics, etc. They should not be used for commercial purposes or for personal attacks against others. They should be professional, scholarly research forums.

Richardson suggested that someone in the SG (possibly the newsletter editor) be appointed as a moderator. One SG Chair thought reviewing postings would be a lot of work and also questioned if this person or the SG Chair would be open to issues of liability. This issue was not resolved.

### **AAG Support for SG Special Events**

The AAG is open to supporting and facilitating SG special events. At Denver, it has supported the Indigenous Peoples SG's effort to increase the indigenous presence/content (i.e. Tribal Music Performance). For the Medical Geography SG, the AAG set up on-line registration so that individuals could register and pay with a credit card. This set-up is especially helpful for international conference attendees.

### **Outreach**

The AAG recommended further SG outreach to enhance AAG outreach activities. Such activities include a Diversity Initiative. While this involves a survey sent to department chairs, SGs can also play a role in developing opportunities, etc. The AAG would like SGs to enhance its outreach activities with the press, public, stakeholder groups, and other scholarly groups. The AAG said the aim is to broaden outreach, so that we talk to others beyond ourselves about the good work of geographers, about our special strengths, etc. The AAG felt that we as geographers have been more reactive (as in the case of the tsunami disaster). It was suggested that geographers become more pro-active in regards to outreach, for instance with future redistricting.

In response to this topic, Keith Debbage noted that his feature in the local newspaper has garnered more attention from the upper administration at his university than his books. Outreach thus can be a way for us (as individuals and for our departments) to increase visibility within our universities.

One SG Chair asked if one or two free conference passes could be given to each SG. The SG could give one to a "citizen activist" who would not be able to afford to attend. The SG would give the other one to a "distinguished expert." The AAG noted that the enhancement funds provide financial support for non-geographers to attend the meeting. With the enhancement funds, there already is a procedure in place for evaluating applications. The SG Chair who queried about two free passes felt

there would also be a procedure established by each SG to assess applications. She felt the free passes would supplement the limited resources of her SG to bring people to the Annual Meeting. The AAG Council will take up the issue of complimentary passes in their fall meeting.

### **Suggestions for discounted major journals**

The AAG asked SGs to suggest journals that could be offered at a discount (the figure 20% was suggested) in order to enhance member benefits. Currently the AAG has reciprocal membership arrangements with the RGS and CAG. But the AAG would like to know if there are other major journals that SG members would like discounted subscriptions to. One SG Chair noted that he has on-line access to many journals through his library, so he did not think there would be much interest in individual member subscriptions, even at a 20% discount. At the RTS business meeting, Alan Lew suggested *Tourism Geographies* as a journal that could be offered for AAG member discount.

### **SG Accomplishments**

As SGs file annual reports, in addition to the required fields, SGs should also consider putting in one or two notable accomplishments/ success stories. These accomplishments are not limited to what has occurred in the past year, but they might have taken place three years ago. For example, an SG might have conducted a workshop which led to a grant.

### **Position Announcement- David Truly**

Approximately two years ago I agreed to take over an interdisciplinary BS degree program in Tourism and Hospitality that was floundering. Today the program includes 2 degrees - BA in Geography/Tourism and a BS in Hospitality Tourism - both administered out of our dept. The curriculum is innovative and very competitive and the combined program has grown from approx 40 to nearly 100 students in the past 2 years. This growth had resulted in the need for an emergency hire for the upcoming Fall/Spring 2005 academic year. In addition we have been granted a tenure track line for which we will advertise later this Fall.

We will proceed with an emergency hire; the salary is very competitive. ABDs are encouraged to apply. If you are interested or know of any potential candidates please contact me directly.

Dr. David Truly, Department of Geography

## [Mark Your Conference Calendar](#)

**Border Tourism and Community  
Development Conference 6 to 9 July 2005  
Xishuangbanna / Golden Triangle, China.**

**ABSTRACTS** are now online at  
<http://www.geog.nau.edu/igust/China2005/program.html>

These are abstracts that have been submitted and accepted for presentation by International Participants at the conference. Domestic Chinese Scholars will also present their papers in English, but they are not included in this list of abstracts.

**Making Space: Leisure, Tourism and Renewal**  
12~14 July 2006, hosted by the University of the West of England, Bristol

**CALL FOR PAPERS -The Organising  
Committee for the Leisure Studies  
Association's main conference event of 2006.**  
Deadline is January 10, 2006. For full details, see:  
<http://www.leisure-studies-association.info/LSAWEB/2006/Main.html>

Conference themes are:  
*Environmental sustainability and the place of  
leisure and tourism*  
*Social and cultural spaces of leisure and tourism*  
*Economic regeneration through leisure and  
tourism*  
*Academic renewal in leisure and tourism studies*  
For intellectual discussion please contact  
Prof. Cara Aitchison [Cara.Aitchison@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Cara.Aitchison@uwe.ac.uk)

**NESTVAL 2005**  
**Annual Meeting hosted by Keene State College**  
**30 September to 2 October 2005, Keene, NH**  
<http://www1.wsc.ma.edu/nestval/>

Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group is organizing a paper session for the annual NESTVAL regional conference September 30 – October 2, 2005. Please forward a proposed paper title and abstract to either:

Dr. Larry Goss, [lgoss@salemstate.edu](mailto:lgoss@salemstate.edu) Or  
Dr. Lorri Krebs [lkrebs@salemstate.edu](mailto:lkrebs@salemstate.edu)

## [Publications By RTS members](#)

### **(1) A Companion to Tourism**

Edited by: Alan A. Lew (Northern Arizona University), C. Michael Hall (University of Otago), Allan M. Williams (University of Exeter)  
Blackwell Companions to Geography Series,  
Includes 48 essays, written by more than 50  
tourism scholars from around the world.  
<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/0631235647>

### **(2) Seductions of Place: Geographical Perspectives on Globalization and Touristed Landscapes.**

Edited by: Carolyn Cartier, Alan A. Lew  
Publisher: Routledge, ISBN: 0415192196,  
Price: \$43.95, 368 pages.  
Seductions of Place explores questions at the crossroads of contemporary issues in travel and tourism, human geography, and the complex cultural, political, and economic activities at stake in touristed landscapes as a result of globalization. The seductiveness of touristed landscapes is simultaneously local and global, as traveled places are formed and reworked by the activities of diverse, mobile people in their desires to experience situated, sensuous qualities of difference.

### **(3) Building San Francisco's Parks, 1850-**

**1930.** Author: Terence Young (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)  
[http://www.press.jhu.edu/books/title\\_pages/1254.html](http://www.press.jhu.edu/books/title_pages/1254.html)

**(4) Outdoor Recreation Management** (Second Edition) is scheduled for publication by Routledge, London and New York, in November 2005. The book, authored by John Pigram and John Jenkins, is a wide ranging review and update of the earlier work published in 1999. It incorporates significant expansion and development of concepts and case studies drawn from a broad sampling of settings, experiences and evolving issues in the field of outdoor recreation in the developed and developing world.

***The next edition of the RTS Newsletter (with  
a alternate Newsletter Editor) is scheduled  
for December 2005***