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## RTS Chair Message



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I hope that you were able to read the last Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group newsletter. I received a few comments about the newsletter which were mostly positive. I think that this newsletter is a good communication tool not only to promote news related to the RTS Specialty Group, but also to help RTS members network with others.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Association of American geographers Meeting in Washington, DC. It will be good to reconnect with old friends and network with like-minded colleagues.

Regarding the AAG meetings in Washington, DC, there are two things that I would like to draw your attention to about the program. First, and maybe most importantly, is our Specialty Group meeting. The meeting takes place Friday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Nathan hale room, Marriott Lobby Level. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the specialty group budget, hand out awards, and to discuss the future direction of the RTS Specialty Group. As is custom, we will head out afterwards to socialize.

Second, the focus of this newsletter is to highlight both RTS-

themed sessions at the upcoming AAG meetings and RTS-related papers that are scattered throughout the conference schedule. I would encourage each of you to attend some of these RTS-themed sessions or papers to support your peers in their research and networking endeavors.

Again, I look forward to seeing you at the AAG meetings. I will try to get to as many RTS-sessions and themed papers as possible to introduce myself to each of you. See you in DC!

— Daniel H. Olsen

## Recently Published Book



Rudi Hartmann, University of Colorado Denver is editor of a recently published book "Southeast Colorado Heritage Tourism Report" [www.heritagetourismreport.com](http://www.heritagetourismreport.com). The 180 page edited volume includes more than a dozen articles on the management of

heritage sites in SE Colorado such as Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site (on the Santa Fe Trail), the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and the Japanese Internment

Camp Amache National Historic Landmark. The richly illustrated book is a must for heritage tourism managers, policy makers and researchers in the heritage tourism field.



## A Research Project in Nepal



Dr. Sanjay K. Nepal is currently involved in two research studies in his native country Nepal. Both studies are in its initial stages. The first study compares the development and growth of tourism establishments in two locations within Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. The quantitative part of the study looks at the spatial structure of tourist establishments in Thamel, a major tourism district in the capital city. The qualitative part of the study examines the life cycle of what

was once a major tourism district (Freak Street) and analyzes the factors that led to its decline and the rise of another district (Thamel and its Z Street). A preliminary fieldwork was completed in Summer 2009, and will be followed by a detailed fieldwork in summer 2010.

A second research study examines barriers to community participation in biodiversity conservation in Nepal. This is a

follow up to a previous study linking local livelihoods and conservation incentives (including tourism) in two protected areas in Nepal. This study is in its initial (conceptual) stage; a doctoral student will conduct fieldwork in the Annapurna Conservation Area during the Fall 2010 semester.

## RTS-Sponsored Sessions

### Thursday, April 15

- 8:00-9:40 AM International Perspectives in Tourism I
- 10:00-11:40 AM International Perspectives in Tourism II
- 12:40-2:20 PM Current Issues in Tourism Geography
- 4:40-6:20 PM Exploring Innovations and Transgressions in Tourism Mobilities/Immobilities

### Friday, April 16

- 10:00-11:40 AM Mega-Events in Rio de Janeiro: Roundtable Discussion
- 10:00-11:40 AM To Protect and Serve: Critical Investigations into America's Nature-Culture Dialectic Session I
- 12:40-2:20 PM To Protect and Serve: Critical Investigations into America's Nature-Culture Dialectic Session II
- 2:40-4:20 PM To Protect and Serve: Critical Investigations into America's Nature-Culture Dialectic Session III
- 4:40-6:20 PM To Protect and Serve: Critical Investigations into America's Nature-Culture Dialectic Session IV
- 8:00-9:00 PM Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group Business Meeting

### Saturday, April 17

- 10:00-11:40 AM Geographies of Tourism and Technology



"You're not allowed to use the sprinkler system to keep your audience awake."

## RTS-Sponsored Sessions (Con't)

### Sunday, April 18

- 8:00-9:40 AM     Theorizing Tourism I  
 10:00-11:40 AM   Theorizing Tourism II

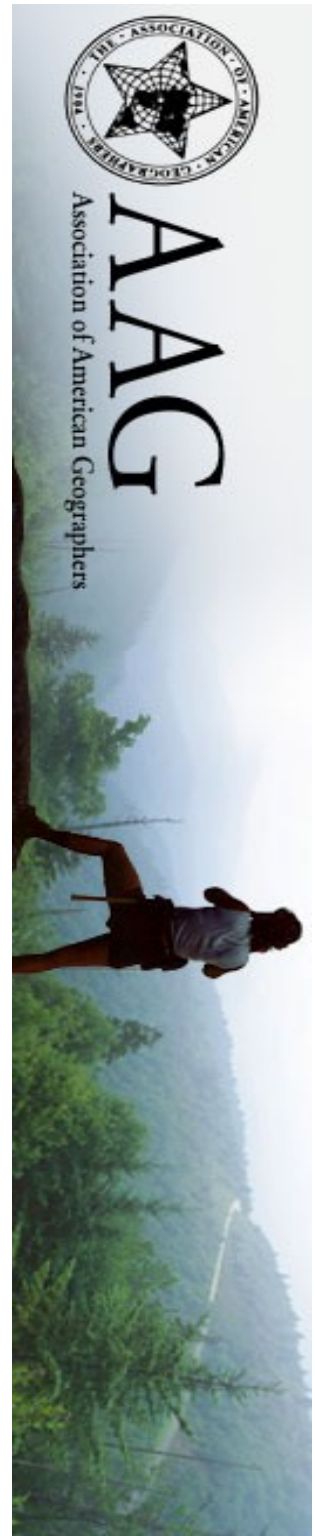
## RTS-Related Sessions and Loose Papers

### Wednesday, April 14

- 10:00 AM            Cultural Tourism in the United Arab Emirates  
 10:40 AM            The Life of Digital Photographs  
 11:00 AM            Passing as Moroccan: Diasporic Visitors and the Materiality of Bodies  
 11:20 AM            Worker Neighborhoods, artists and the City in 21st Century South Korea  
 2:00 PM              Sustainability, Social Justice and the Post-Political Condition n the Galapagos Islands  
 2:40-4:20 PM        Challenges of Tourism  
 3:40 PM              Sacred Sights: Ecclesiastical Architecture in the Tourism Imagery of Helsinki  
 4:40-6:20 PM        Marketing Amenities  
 5:20 PM              Integrated Resort Schemes (IRS) and Entrepreneurship Opportunities for the Local Community in Mauritius

### Thursday, April 15

- 8:00-9:40 AM        African Tourism Studies  
 8:00 AM              Getting Busy While Abroad: Women Travelers and Sex with the Other  
 8:00-9:40 AM        Topics in Urban, Recreational, Transportation and Planning  
 8:40 AM              Understanding Wine maps: Problems and Predicaments  
 10:00-11:40 AM     Making territory: Urban Space  
 10:20 AM            Creating Sustainable Communities in China: The Case of Non Jia Le in Anji, Zhejiang province  
 11:10 AM            Determining the Needs of International Tourists: A Spatial Approach  
 12:40-2:20 PM       Current Issues in Tourism Geography  
 12:40-2:20 PM       Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas I: Protected Areas, Livelihoods, Natural Resource Use, Tourism, and Conservation  
 12:40 PM            The Impact of the Proximity to Recreational Amenities on Property Values in Akron, Ohio (Poster)  
 2:40 PM              The Map Is Not Territory: Contesting Contested Space at Religious Tourism Sites





## RTS-Related Sessions and Loose Papers (Con't)

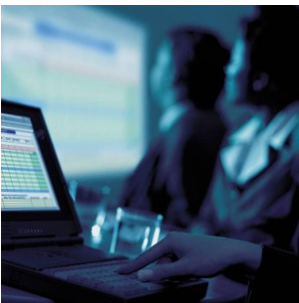
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- 2:40 PM A Spatial Econometric Approach to Model the Growth of Tourism Flows to China Cities
- 2:40 PM The Tibetan and Himalayan Library: A Geographically Based Digital Library
- 3:00 PM A Critical Analysis of the Impacts of Tourism Policy in South Korea Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- 3:20 PM Negotiating Tourism Development in a World Heritage Site: Local Perspectives from the Pitons Management Area in Saint Lucia
- 3:40 PM Livelihoods in Transition: From Sugar to Tourism—Economic Change and Environmental Vulnerability in St. Kitts
- 3:40 PM Innovative Careers of Leisure: Novelty Through the Lens of Practice Theory
- 4:40-6:20 PM Urban Planning and Tourism
- 4:40-6:20 PM Cultural and Historical Geography, and Cultural Ecology (Poster Session)



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- 8:00-9:40 AM Tourism
- 8:20 AM Building Consensus: The Trajectory of Rio de Janeiro in Search of Sports Mega-Events
- 8:20 PM Der Fuhrer Strasse: Thanatourism and Attitudes Towards Adolf Hitler Sites in Twenty-first Century Austria and Germany
- 9:20 AM No Country for Old Developers: The Strange Tale of an Arts Boom, Bohemians, and 'Marfalafel' in the High Desert of Marfa, Texas
- 9:20 AM Baseball and Ethnicity: Six Decades of Ethnic Diversity and Change
- 10:00-11:40 AM Tourism
- 10:00 AM Understanding Adaptation Processes: Experiences from Natural Resource Use Communities in Northern Norway
- 11:20 AM (Re)-Exploring North...At Wal-Mart...
- 12:40-2:20PM Linking the Concepts of Therapeutic Landscape, Health Care Bypassing, and Medical Tourism
- 12:40-2:20 PM Tourism, Recreation, and Gaming
- 1:20 PM The Svalbard Response to a Changing Reality
- 1:45 PM To Climb Uluru (Ayers Rock) or Not: Tourist Behavior, Local Knowledge, and Interpretation
- 2:40-4:20 PM Tourism and Place
- 2:40 PM We Make It with Chocolate, We Make It with Chiles and Salt: Business Distribution in the Tourism Zone of Oaxaca, Mexico
- 3:20 PM The Unsettled Settlement: Conservation, Tourism and Land Rights at Dwesa-Cwebe, South Africa, Nine years After Land Restitution
- 4:00 PM The New Green Chicago: Urban Ecotourism and an Uneven Playing Field



## RTS-Related Sessions and Loose Papers (Con't)

### Friday, April 16

5:00 PM The Image of Italy and Its Regions in Tourism Promotion: A Mirror of the Political Dialectic About Federalism

### Saturday, April 17

8:15 AM Practicing Europe in the EU Borders? Local Geographies, Tourism and Spatial Socialization in the Spanish-Portuguese Border

8:20 AM Computable Models on Regional Spillovers of Tourism Industry: A Case Study of Yangtze River Delta

8:20 PM Gendered Experiences of the Northern Landscape

8:20 AM Entwined Visions: Capital, Politics and Nature in the Production of Trump International-Scotland's Aberdeenshire Golf Resort

8:40 AM Airport Mega-Projects and Social Contestation in Mallorca

8:55 AM "Paradise Regained": Security, Gender and Nature Tourism in Columbia

10:00-11:40 AM Economic, Political, Medical, Tourism, Geography Education (Poster Session)

10:00 AM Spatial and Behavioral Analysis of Resorts Location in Qatar

10:40 AM In Search of "Arabtown": Ethnic Enclave, Identity, Religion and Transnationalism

11:03 AM Developing Local Identity in Tourist Places: A Look at the Permanent Residents of Mammoth Lakes, California

11:12 AM Greening the Tourism Sector of the Caribbean Region with Alternative Energy Sources

11:20 AM "Little Nowhere"? Ethnic Enclaves, Identity and Transnationalism

11:21 AM (Eco)tourism in the Karst Landscape of Puerto Rico

12:40-2:20 PM Critical Heritage I: Re-Placing the Past

1:00 PM The Making of Suburban Sports and Recreation Spaces in a Mid-Size European City: Helsinki and Dublin c. 1955-1975

1:25 PM Role of Experience and Perception in Informing Migration Measures for hurricanes and Related Hazards in Caribbean Tourism — Case Study of Accommodation Sub-Sectors in Jamaica and Barbados

1:55 PM Establishing a Social Geography of Freshwater Shortage Risk in a Tourist Territory: Morbihan (France)

3:00 PM Understanding the Dynamic Effects of Flight Paths on Land Use and Property Values in Whatcom County, Washington, USA

2:40 PM Ranchers and Conservationists: Unlikely Allies in the Brazilian Pantanal (Poster)

5:00 PM Environmental Stewardship and Brazil's Santo Daime religion: Tourists, Worshipers, Nature

5:20 PM Cultural Economy of Landscape: Pathways of Development in the English Lake District

5:20 PM Ecotourism and Knowledge of Sea Lions: Visitors Verses Residents





## RTS-Related Sessions and Loose Papers (Con't)

### Sunday, April 18

- 8:00-9:40 AM The Importance of Research Scale and Design in Understanding People-Park Relationships
- 8:00 AM The Appropriation of Indigenous Culture in Santa Fe, New Mexico: Tourism and the Production of Place in the Land of Enchantment
- 8:50 AM Second Home-Led Local Economic Development in Five African Small Towns
- 8:40 AM Contestation of Place: Bear Butte and the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- 10:00 AM State Legitimization, Moral Regulations and the Subject of Leisure: Canoeing, Fishing and Canada
- 10:00 AM The Human Resources Paradox in the Cruise Industry: Geographical Limits to Labor Market Flexibility
- 10:40 AM The Everyday and the Holiday: Transport, Mobilities and the Sustainability Turn
- 4:00 PM Transforming Conservation landscapes? Reflections on Change and Continuity in Post-Apartheid South Africa



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