

Association of American Geographers

**Joint Annual Meeting of the
Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the
West Lakes Division**

*Environmental, Social and Economic Transformations of the
Prairies and Plains*

Call-for-Papers and Registration Brochure
*Register early to reserve your place in field trips.
Space is limited!*

**October 5-7, 2006
The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Lincoln, Nebraska**

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An Invitation to Participate

You are cordially invited to join us in Lincoln, Nebraska for the 2006 joint meeting of the **Association of American Geographers (AAG) Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division**. Geographers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in collaboration with colleagues in the West Lakes Division are structuring a full program of invited and contributed papers (oral and poster papers) and field trips. **Contributed papers on any topic related to geography are invited. It is not necessary to be a member of AAG to participate in the conference.** In addition to paper and poster sessions, we are planning a number of special events including:

- opening reception at the University of Nebraska State Museum
- plenary speakers including Dr. James R. Shortridge, University of Kansas, and Mr. Joel Sartore, photographer for National Geographic magazine
- selected papers published in a special issue of the journal **Great Plains Research**
- field trips focused on:
 - historical and urban geography of Lincoln
 - Nebraska City, the Arbor Day center and orchards and the Lewis & Clark museum
 - Spring Creek Prairie and unique saline wetlands
 - agricultural geography of eastern Nebraska including the James Arthur vineyard
 - ethnic landscapes of small town Nebraska
- student “breakfast with a mentor”
- student paper competition
- Geography Bowl
- student social

For additional information, please see the conference web site at <http://calmit.unl.edu/aag/> or contact:

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Oral or Poster Presentations: (Abstract Deadline: September 5, 2006)

Volunteered presentations will be on Friday or Saturday. Each paper presenter will be allowed 15 minutes with an additional five minutes for questions. Powerpoint projectors will be provided.

Everyone who wishes to present a paper or poster must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, using the format outlined below. Abstracts will be published in the conference program.

- For author, affiliation, and title, please follow the appropriate sample below.
- Include the e-mail address for the primary author (presenter) only.
- The first line of text should follow directly underneath the title and should be indented one tab stop. Text should be single-spaced.
- In the line below the text, indent one tab stop and type 'keywords:' followed by up to three keywords, separated by a comma and ending with a period.
- Do not insert any codes for justification, hyphenation, line height, line centering, margins, spacing, fonts, page centering, page numbering, suppression, or tabs.
- Abstracts may not be edited.

Samples (for single author, or multiple authors with same or different affiliations):

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- John P. Smith, Department of Geography, University of New England, Boston, MA 02116, and Jane D. Jones, Department of Sociology, University of the Arctic, Tundra, AK 99799. E-mail: smith@university.edu. Title of Paper.

Please save your abstract as a Microsoft Word file, using the following format:

Lastname Firstname.doc (e.g. Jones Jane.doc). Submit your abstract by e-mail as an e-mail attachment to: jmerchant1@unl.edu Please use "AAG ABSTRACT - ORAL" or "AAG ABSTRACT - POSTER" as the e-mail subject heading. For presenters of oral papers - please indicate in the email if any projection equipment other than a Powerpoint projector will be required.

*The primary author will receive an e-mail reply acknowledging receipt of the abstract. Please contact Dr. James Merchant (contact information below) if you do not receive an acknowledgment. Persons submitting abstracts for poster presentations will receive information on poster formatting in the reply message. **Note that all presenters of papers must register for the conference.** Registration information will be available on the conference web site in early July 2006. **Abstract Deadline: September 5, 2006***

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Special Issue of Great Plains Research

Selected papers presented at the 2006 joint meeting of the AAG Great Plains-Rocky Mountain and West Lakes Divisions will be published in a special issue of the journal **Great Plains Research** (<http://www.unl.edu/plains/publications/GPR/gpr.html>). The guest editors for this special issue are Dr. James Merchant (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and Dr. Rex Honey (University of Iowa). Papers submitted for consideration must address some aspect of the conference theme, ***Environmental, Social and Economic Transformations of the Prairies and Plains***. Authors who wish to have papers considered for publication must submit manuscripts for peer review no later than **October 15, 2006**. **All papers submitted for consideration must be presented orally at the conference. Note that all presenters of papers must register for the conference.**

Guidelines for preparation of manuscripts: All manuscripts must be submitted electronically in PDF format. Papers are limited to 5,000 words total. All submissions should be typed double-spaced, including abstract, text, quotations, equations and references. Use 1-inch margins. Authors should prepare a separate title page with their name(s) and affiliation(s), complete contact information and any acknowledgments (these will not be sent to reviewers). For papers having more than one author, please designate the “corresponding author.” The title of the paper should be placed directly above the abstract. Authors should avoid self-identification in the text.

Authors should submit manuscripts as an attachment via e-mail to:

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NOTE: The corresponding author will receive an e-mail reply acknowledging receipt of the manuscript. Please contact Dr. James Merchant (see contact information above) if you do not receive an acknowledgment.

Additional information on format: The paper title should be 10 or fewer words and should not contain a colon. Center the main headings (e.g., Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions, Acknowledgments, and References). Subheadings should be left justified. A short abstract of fewer than 150 words should precede the main text. The abstract should identify the problem addressed in the paper, indicate the methodology, and summarize the results. Authors should prepare an abstract that will be interesting to and understood by nonspecialists in the field. Author(s) should identify five to eight keywords to be listed after the abstract. **Great Plains Research** uses **The Chicago Manual of Style** (15th ed., 2003). **Please see the following web sites for additional details:**

Great Plains Research Style Sheet (including format for references):
<http://www.unl.edu/plains/images/publications/gpr/GPR%20Style%20Sheet%202006.pdf>

Style Sheet for Figures, Photographs, and Maps
<http://www.unl.edu/plains/images/publications/gpr/GPR%20Images%20Style.pdf>

Map sample (contact editor for additional information on color figures)
<http://www.unl.edu/plains/images/publications/gpr/Figure%20sample%201.pdf>

Review Process: All manuscripts will be given double-blind review. After external reviewers with expertise in the topic have submitted their evaluations, the Editors will make the final decision to publish or not. Authors of papers accepted for publication in the special issue will receive a reprint order form with their article proof. Authors may post only the abstract from their article on the website of their choice. Complete citation for the article must accompany the abstract (including the complete address and website for **Great Plains Research**).

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Geography Bowl

Students from colleges and universities in the AAG Great Plains–Rocky Mountain and West Lakes Divisions are encouraged to compete in the 2006 regional Geography Bowl. Teams must be comprised of six persons and must include at least one undergraduate, one female, and one male. All team members must register for the conference. The Geography Bowl will be held Saturday afternoon, October 7, 2006.

The six individuals who score the most points, from each division, will receive a travel stipend to participate in the 2007 World GeoBowl competition to be held in San Francisco at the annual meeting of the AAG.

To register your team, please contact Dr. Robert Watrel (see contact information below).

Note to faculty and students not participating on a team: Volunteers are need for moderators, scorers and question readers. If you are willing to serve, please contact Dr. Watrel.

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Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 5

7:00 am- 7:00 pm **Registration**
Continental breakfast (included with registration)

Field Trips - Note times of departure and return! All return times are approximate. All trips depart from and return to the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. Additional details are provided on pp.12-13.

Field Trip 1 (full day). Changing Agricultural Landscapes of Eastern Nebraska
Leaders: Keith Glewen and Don Rundquist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Departs: 8:00am, returns: 5:00pm

Field Trip 2 (full day). Nebraska City: A Historic Missouri River Community
Leader: Robert Stoddard, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Departs: 8:30am, returns: 4:30pm

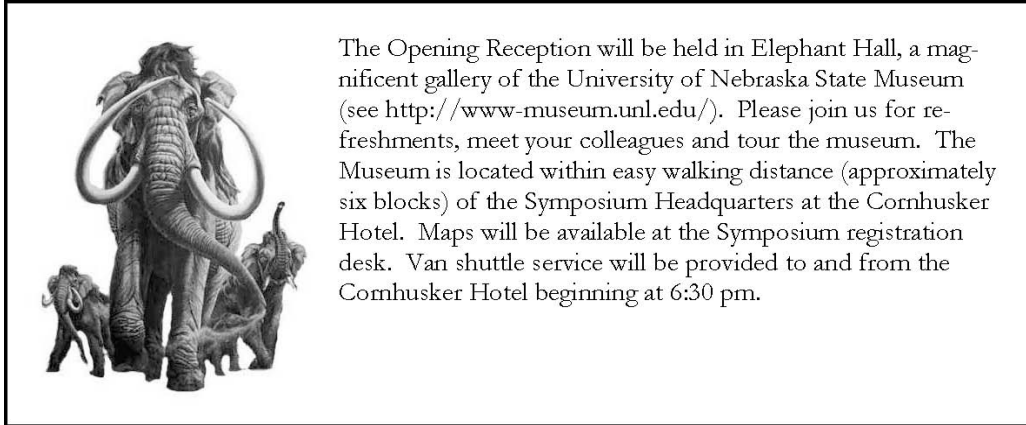
Field Trip 3 (full day). Old and New Ethnic Landscapes of Small Town Nebraska
Leaders: Ezra Zeitler and Melvin Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Departs: 8:30am, returns: 4:00pm

Field Trip 4 (half day – morning). The Planning and Development of a Prairie Capital: Lincoln, NE 1867-2006
Leader: Ed Zimmer, Lincoln Planning Department
Departs: 8:30am, returns: noon

Field Trip 5 (half day – morning). Spring Creek Prairie and Endangered Saline Wetlands
Leader: Richard Sutton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Departs: 8:00am, returns 12:30pm

Field Trip 6 (half day – afternoon). The USDA National Soil Survey Center
Leader: Robert Ahrens, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service
Departs: 1:45pm, returns: 4:30pm

7:00 - 9:00 pm **Opening Reception and Conference Registration** (Museum of Natural History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln) – cash bar and snacks. Admission, snacks and continuous van shuttle service are **included with conference registration.**



Friday, October 6

7:00 am	Registration (posters & exhibits set-up)
8:00 am	Continental breakfast (included with registration)
<u>Plenary Session</u>	
8:15 - 8:30	Introductory remarks – Division and conference chairs
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome - Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
8:45 - 10:00	Keynote Address – James Shortridge, University of Kansas
10:00 - 10:30	Break (refreshments)
<u>Paper sessions I</u>	
10:30 - 12:00	Concurrent break-out sessions (posters available for viewing)
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch (on your own)
<u>Paper sessions II</u>	
1:30 - 3:00	Concurrent break-out sessions
3:00 - 3:30	Break (refreshments)
3:30 - 5:00	Concurrent break-out sessions
5:00 - 6:00	Poster session /cash bar/snacks
6:00 – 8:00	Banquet (included with registration) Remarks from Doug Richardson (AAG Executive Director) and Kavita Pandit (AAG President) Featured speaker: Joel Sartore, photographer for National Geographic magazine
8:15 - ?	Student social (arranged by UNL Geography Student Organization)

Saturday, October 7

- 7:00 am **Registration**
Division officers' meetings/continental breakfast (separate rooms for each Division)
Continental breakfast (included with registration)
- "Breakfast with a Mentor" - for students (special room)**
Students are invited to have an informal breakfast with prominent geographers.
- Paper Sessions III
8:00 – 9:30 **Concurrent break-out sessions**
- 9:30 - 10:00 **Break** (refreshments)
- Paper sessions IV
10:00 - 11:30 **Concurrent break-out sessions**
- 11:30am – 1:00pm **Luncheon (included with registration); Division business meetings**
Awards presentations – student awards coordinator Mike Shambaugh-Miller
(Divisions will have joint luncheon, then groups will adjourn to separate rooms for short meetings; dessert will be served at business meetings)
- 1:30 - 5:00 **Geography Bowl**
Coordinator: Robert Watrel, South Dakota State University

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Featured Speakers

The Association of American Geographers Joint Annual Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division will feature presentations by two invited distinguished speakers:

James R. (“Pete”) Shortridge

James R. (“Pete”) Shortridge is a professor of geography at the University of Kansas where he has been on the faculty since 1971. His research has focused on the evolution of regional identity and sense of place, especially in the American Great Plains and Midwest. A native of Missouri, he holds an A.B. from Dartmouth College and both the M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. Dr. Shortridge is author of more than 60 journal articles and book chapters. His books include *The Middle West: Its Meaning in American Culture*, *Peopling the Plains: Who Settled Where in Frontier Kansas*, *Kaw Valley Landscapes: A Traveler's Guide to Northeastern Kansas*, and *Our Town on the Plains: J. J. Pennell's Photographs of Junction City, Kansas, 1893-1922*. Professor Shortridge's recent book, *Cities on the Plains*, was honored with the 2004 Globe Book Award from the Association of American Geographers. For additional details, please see http://www2.ku.edu/~geography/peoplepages/Shortridge_J.shtml

Joel Sartore

Joel Sartore began his career with the National Geographic Society in 1991. Since then he has completed 17 stories for *National Geographic* magazine, all of them focusing on natural history and wildlife. Some of his most recent assignments for the magazine include: *Driest Place on Earth: The Atacama Desert*, *Three Peaks Challenge*, *Pacific Suite: Clayoquot Sound*, *British Columbia*, *Down to a Handful: Attwater's Prairie-Chickens and Grizzlies*. Mr. Sartore has been recognized for his work by the National Press Photographers Association, the Inland Daily Press Association, and the Pictures of the Year International contest. In addition to appearing in *National Geographic* Mr. Sartore's photographs have also run in *Audubon*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Time* magazines, and in numerous books. He has been featured on several television and radio programs, including *National Geographic EXPLORER* and *CBS This Morning*. Mr. Sartore was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma, and raised in Ralston, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1985 with a degree in journalism. He worked for the *Wichita Eagle* newspaper as a photographer and then as photo director before beginning photographic assignments with National Geographic. Mr. Sartore makes his home in Nebraska with his wife and their children. For additional details, see <http://www.joelsartore.com/>

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Field Trips
Thursday October 5, 2006

NOTE: All trips depart from the “atrium” of the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. Lunches are not included in fees. Return times are approximate. **Note that space will be limited in these field trips. Early registration is highly recommended. Field trips may be cancelled if a minimum pre-registration is not achieved.**

Field Trip 1 (full day). Changing Agricultural Landscapes of Eastern Nebraska

Leaders: Keith Glewen, Cooperative Extension Service, and Don Rundquist, CALMIT, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Departs: 8:00am, returns: 5:00pm

This field trip will traverse about 180 miles of the changing agricultural landscape of Eastern Nebraska to explore new and alternative agricultural enterprises. Planned stops include the Mead Cattle Company (a closed-loop system with ethanol plant and methane digester), Heldt Vegetables (200 acres of sweet corn, melons, squash, cucumbers, etc.), and Bluebird Nurseries (national and international distributors of flowers and seed). The field trip will end at James Arthur Vineyard and Winery (Nebraska’s largest) where participants may wish to purchase refreshments.

Web sites: http://www.e3biofuels.com/nm/publish/news_12.html,

<http://www.bluebirdnursery.com/About.asp>, <http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com/index.html>

Fee: \$30 (includes bus transportation; does not include lunch or wine).

Field Trip 2 (full day). Nebraska City: A Historic Missouri River Community

Leader: Robert Stoddard, Department of Anthropology and Geography, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Departs: 8:30am, returns: 4:30pm

More than 200 years ago, Lewis and Clark led the Corps of Discovery up the Missouri River past what is today Nebraska City (about 50 miles southeast of Lincoln). When J. Sterling Morton came to this area five decades later, he began promoting the planting and preservation of trees. Today his legacy of stewardship is perpetuated by the Arbor Day Foundation, which conducts research in forestry practices, utilization of wood products, and education through experiential displays and activities. Field trip participants will visit Arbor Day Farm and orchards to learn about the vision of J. Sterling Morton in transforming the environment, and witness ways we can preserve environmental resources for the future. The trip will also include a visit to the nearby Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail & Visitor Center, including exhibits on the expedition as well as replicas of their keelboat and an earth lodge.

Web sites: <http://www.nebraskacity.com/>, <http://www.arborday.org/>, <http://www.mrb-lewisandclarkcenter.org/>

Fee: \$30 (includes bus transportation and admissions; does not include lunch).

Field Trip 3 (full day). Old and New Ethnic Landscapes of Small Town Nebraska

Leaders: Ezra Zeitler and Melvin Johnson, Department of Anthropology and Geography, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Departs: 8:30am, returns: 4:00pm

The field trip will commence with a visit to Wilber, the “Czech Capital of the U.S.A.” (about 40 miles southwest of Lincoln) and home to an annual celebration that touts its Bohemian roots to draw tens of thousands of visitors each August. One may feel residents sell their heritage while they celebrate it, but this off-season visit will offer participants an authentic look at this small town where expressions of the Old World are visible in daily life. Time in Wilber will be spent touring the Wilber Czech Museum, Sokol

Hall, and meeting with a local dignitary to discuss the economic benefits of the annual festival. The group will then travel 10 miles north to the city of Crete, a typical Plains college (Doane College) and meat-packing town where an influx of Middle American workers and their families have contributed to a revival of the central business district. Here the participants will meet with a local dignitary to discuss the impact of the immigrants on the school system, economy and other facets of life. The participants will enjoy a lunch at a local Mexican restaurant in Crete.

Web sites: <http://www.ci.wilber.ne.us>, <http://www.crete-ne.com>

Fee: \$30 (includes bus transportation and admissions; does not include lunch).

Field Trip 4 (half day – morning). The Planning and Development of a Prairie Capital: Lincoln, NE 1867-2006

Leader: Ed Zimmer, Lincoln Planning Department

Departs: 8:30am, returns: noon

This tour will explore downtown Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, Pioneers Park to the west of the city, and various city neighborhoods including the South Bottoms, Near South, Sheridan Boulevard area, and the former towns of College View, University Place, and Havelock (now included within Lincoln). We will identify manifestations of the Original Plat of 1867, physical, economic, and public policy factors that shaped its subsequent growth, and the city's broad urban design and planning strategies. Ed Zimmer has been Lincoln's historic preservation planner since 1985. He has also been an elected member of the Lincoln Board of Education since 1996. He is an architectural historian with a Ph.D. in American Studies from Boston University.

Web sites: www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/index.htm, www.preservelincoln.org, www.nebraskahistory.org

Fee: \$15 (includes bus transportation; does not include planned coffee break).

Field Trip 5 (half day – morning). Spring Creek Prairie and Endangered Saline Wetlands

Leader: Richard Sutton, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln assisted by Marian Langan (Spring Creek Prairie) and Ted LaGrange (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission).

Departs: 8:00am, returns 12:30pm

Set amongst a sea of cropland and expanding suburban land use, local prairies and wetlands have dwindled to a tiny fraction of their former extent. Lancaster County, Nebraska still has numerous examples of each, but most notable are the National Audubon Society's Spring Creek Prairie near Denton, NE and the unique saline wetlands of the Little Salt Creek drainage just north of Lincoln. This tour will examine each of these ecosystems and the socio-political context which holds their long-term fate.

Web sites: <http://www.springcreekprairie.org/>,

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/nebraska/preserves/art290.html> ,

<http://interline.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/parks/admin/wetlands/index.htm> ,

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/complan/2025/index.htm>

Fee: \$15 (includes bus transportation and fees)

Field Trip 6 (half day – afternoon). The USDA National Soil Survey Center

Leader: Robert Ahrens, Director, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service

Departs: 1:45pm, returns: 4:30pm

The USDA National Soil Survey Center is located in Lincoln's Denney Federal Building, a short walk of a few blocks from the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. Participants will meet at the Conference registration desk in the Cornhusker conference center. The Center, a unit of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is the technical arm of the nation's soil survey program. It is charged with providing scientific expertise to develop and maintain a uniform system for mapping and assessing soil resources so that soil information from different locations can be shared. An important component includes investigating new technologies for displaying soil interpretations in order to make the information more useful. The tour will include demonstrations of the Web Soil Survey and Soil Data Viewer, and discussion of an array of projects that use soils data to address environmental, Homeland Security and other concerns.

Web sites: <http://soils.usda.gov/>, <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Fee: \$15

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Registration Information

Registration: To register for the Association of American Geographers 2006 Joint Annual Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division (including field trips), **please use the on-line registration at <http://snr.unl.edu/aag/>** or complete the registration form on pages 15-16 and return the form with payment to:

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Space is limited for field trips, so early registration is highly recommended.

Registration Fees: Conference registration includes opening reception/refreshments (October 5), continental breakfast and beverages/snacks for all breaks on each day (October 5-7), the poster session/reception and banquet on October 6 and lunch on October 7. NOTE that there are extra fees for field trips (see page 16):

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| • Regular pre-registration (<u>prior to September 15, 2006</u>) | \$80 |
| • Regular late registration (after September 15, 2006) | \$95 |
| • Student pre-registration (<u>prior to September 15, 2006</u>) | \$35 |
| • Student late registration (after September 15, 2006) | \$45 |
| • K-12 Teachers | \$45 |
| • Middle and High School students | \$15 |
| • Spouse or partner of a registered regular participant | \$50 |

Student Rates are available for full-time students enrolled at a community college or university.

Registration confirmation: All registrants will receive a letter or e-mail acknowledging receipt of registration and confirming registration in field trips.

Refund Policy: Full refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing prior to September 6, 2006. For the period of September 7-15, 2006, a processing charge of 50% of the stated fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after September 15, 2006.

Special Needs Assistance: If you require special accommodations (e.g., have special dietary requirements) to fully participate in the conference, please indicate specifics on the registration form.

REGISTRATION

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Register on-line at <http://snr.unl.edu/aag/> or mail this completed form to:
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Special needs (dietary requirements or other needs): _____

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REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

Field Trips - Thursday, October 5, 2006

Note that space will be limited in field trips. Early registration is highly recommended. Field trips may be cancelled if a minimum pre-registration is not achieved. Fees do not include snacks or lunch. See pages 12-13 for details and field trip descriptions. Note: Indicate your choice(s) in the blank on the left. If your first choice is not available, you will be contacted to determine if an alternative is acceptable.

___ Field Trip 1 (full day). Changing Agricultural Landscapes of Eastern Nebraska	\$30
___ Field Trip 2 (full day). Nebraska City: A Historic Missouri River Community	\$30
___ Field Trip 3 (full day). Old and New Ethnic Landscapes of Small Town Nebraska	\$30
___ Field Trip 4 (half day, morning). Planning and Development of Lincoln, NE	\$15
___ Field Trip 5 (half day, morning). Spring Creek Prairie and Endangered Saline Wetlands	\$15
___ Field Trip 6 (half day, afternoon). The USDA National Soil Survey Center	\$15

Total Fees

Symposium Registration \$ _____
Field Trip(s) \$ _____
Total fees submitted \$ _____

NOTE: Registration not complete without payment or Purchase Order. All payments must be in U.S. dollars (US\$). Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank. **University of Nebraska Federal ID #: 47-0491233**

Confirmation: *All registrants will receive e-mail acknowledging receipt of registration and confirming registration in field trips.*

Payment Options (select payment method below):

(1) Purchase Order#: _____

(2) Check/money order payable to the University of Nebraska - AAG conference.

(3) Credit card (Visa or MasterCard)

Name appearing on credit card: _____

Your telephone number (including area code): _____

Card #: _____

Expiration date: Month: _____ Year: _____

(4) Interagency IB (State of Nebraska) or Cost Object (University of Nebraska):

Register on-line at <http://snr.unl.edu/aag/> or mail this completed form to:

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c/o James W. Merchant, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 3310 Holdrege,
Hardin Hall, Lincoln, NE 68583-0973, Tel: (402) 472-7531, e-mail: jmerchant1@unl.edu

Hotel Information

The **2006 AAG Great Plains-Rocky Mountain and West Lakes Divisions annual conference will be held at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel** and the adjoining Burnham Yates Conference Center. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Cornhusker for the nights of October 4-7, 2006. The rate is \$95 single or double accommodations. You will need to make your reservation directly with the Cornhusker. For details on accommodations and reservations see the **Cornhusker's Web Site at www.marriott.com/LNKFS** or call **1-800-793-7474**. For reservations by mail or fax complete and return the form below. The room block will be released on September 13, 2006. **To secure the special room rate, be sure to inform the Cornhusker that you are attending the Association of American Geographers conference.**

Hotel Reservation Form The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel Association of American Geographers October 5-7, 2006

Special room rate - Single or Double: \$95.00 Group Code for booking online: GEOGEOA

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Arrival date and time: _____ Departure date: _____

Check here if you wish to have a non-smoking room _____

To secure my room for arrival after 6 p.m., please guarantee this reservation on my credit card:

MC _____ VISA _____

AmEx _____ Discover _____

Card Number Exp Date _____

Signature: _____

Return completed hotel form to: **The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**

Attn: Reservations

333 South 13th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Phone: 1-402-474-7474

Fax: 1-402-474-1847

Toll-free: 1-800-793-7474

Email: hlong@thecornhusker.com

Internet: www.marriott.com/LNKFS

Lincoln, Nebraska

Don't Miss These Attractions

While in Lincoln, here are some sights that shouldn't be missed, all within easy walking distance of the conference headquarters, The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel.

The Nebraska State Capitol. The Art Deco building is a marvel. Start by taking a lap around the outside and check out the reliefs and sculptures. Then go inside and look at the ornate stonework, beautiful murals and striking legislative chambers. Cap your visit with a trip to the observation deck. For details, see <http://www.capitol.org/>

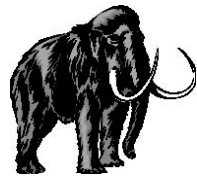


Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden. Designed by internationally renowned architect Philip Johnson, this beautiful white marble building is a treasure in itself. Inside is a fine collection of 20th Century American art. For details, see <http://www.sheldonartgallery.org/>

The University of Nebraska State Museum. Located in Morrill Hall, the state's natural history museum houses Elephant Hall, known for its collection of mastodon and early elephant skeletons, and displays on prehistoric flora and fauna of the region. A planetarium puts on entertaining, educational shows. For details, see <http://www-museum.unl.edu/>



Nearby, the **Museum of Nebraska History** offers a panorama of exhibits on Nebraska and the Great Plains. For details, see <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/mnh/>



The Haymarket District, located in the vicinity of 8th and P Streets, offers a wide collection of restaurants including Indian, Italian, Mexican and Cajun. There is also a wide range of antique and small specialty shops. For beer lovers, Lazlo's is a popular brewpub. See <http://www.historichaymarket.info/> And elsewhere in **Lincoln great restaurants abound.** Try the terrific Nebraska prime rib at Misty's, the eclectic Green Gateau or the elegant Billy's or choose from Thai, Vietnamese or many other cuisines. See <http://www.lincoln.org/visiting/dining/>



For those looking for nightlife, there's one place that can't be missed. **The Zoo Bar,** 136 N. 14th St., is Lincoln's internationally known nightclub. The oldest continuously operating blues bar in one location in the country, the Zoo offers live roots music every night. <http://www.zoobar.com/index.html>

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Travel to Lincoln

Airlines

The Lincoln Airport is convenient and fare competitive and offers easy access to or from major cities across the nation with connections to all points beyond. The terminal is located a few minutes from downtown and may be reached by taxi, hotel shuttle or rental car. Lincoln is served by United and Northwest airlines. See <http://www.lincolnairport.com/> Excellent air transportation is also available through Omaha's Eppley Airfield located about 60 miles east of Lincoln. For information, see <http://www.eppleyairfield.com/> OMALiNK is an airport shuttle offering express service between Lincoln and Omaha, nine times a day, seven days a week. Shuttles depart every two hours from Lincoln starting at 5:00 am, until 11pm. Call 402-475-LINK or see <http://www.omalink.com/>

Railroad

Amtrak arrives and departs twice daily from Lincoln Station, 7th and P Streets. For local passenger information call (402) 476-1295. For ticket information call 1-800-USA-RAIL or see <http://www.amtrak.com>

For Additional Information Check these Web Sites

- Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau <http://www.lincoln.org/index.htm>
- The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel <http://www.thecornhusker.com/>
- Tour Lincoln <http://lincoln.picturetour.com/>
- Local Weather <http://hprcc.unl.edu/nebraska/lincoln.html>
- Nebraska Travel and Tourism <http://www.visitnebraska.org/>