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Salve Regina University's 13th Annual Conference in Cultural and Historic Preservation

The Art, Architecture, and Literature of the Gilded Age

October 15, 17-2009

Newport, RI

The term "Gilded Age" is but one of many, such as the Age of Opulence, Age of Energy, the Brown, Mauve and White decades, and the American Renaissance, that attempts to characterize a particular period, c1860-c1910, in American history. Fueled by the great prosperity after the Civil War, artists, writers, designers, architects and patrons looked both internally and abroad in an attempt to prove the United States equal to the Old World. These efforts pervaded all forms of artistic media, especially art, interior design, architecture, sculpture, literature and photography. Artistic and literary sources for the Gilded Age were wide ranging from the American Colonies to European Renaissances to the orient, and resulted in multimedia presentations of American supremacy. Salve Regina University's 13th Annual Conference on Cultural and Historic Preservation will explore the application of these ideas to the art, architecture, interior design, decoration, and literature of the Gilded Age epoch.

For more information, please visit www.salve.edu/chp2009 or email chpconference@salve.edu

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Umeå University - Dept of Social and Economic Geography - Post-Doctoral Fellows (4 positions)

http://www8.umu.se/umu/aktuellt/arkiv/lediga_tjanster/315-866-869-09.html

The Department of Social and Economic Geography at Umeå University is recruiting 4 post-doctoral fellows. Umeå University - with its 29,000 students and over 4,000 employees - is an organisation in constant change and development. Umeå University conducts groundbreaking research within several areas - several in which we are among the best in the world - within others regarded as the leaders in Sweden. We are one of Sweden's largest providers of education and offer a broad and attractive range of courses and programmes. Our campus constitutes

an inspiring environment for everyone that studies and works here. We wish to co-operate with companies and organisations throughout the Umeå region and all over the world.

With about 50 employed, the Department of Social and Economic Geography offers a world-class, international, and interdisciplinary research environment. Following years of influential research, the department continues to expand. As a result, we now announce for the recruitment of four new post-doctoral research scholars within the following research areas:

Resource use conflicts in Northern Europe (2 years – 100%). The successful applicant is expected to contribute to a project dealing with resource conflicts related to restructuring, mining, nature protection and tourism development. Applicants with experiences and interest in one of these fields and knowledge of quantitative methods and ArcGIS are welcomed particularly. Moreover, good knowledge of Northern societies and previous work experience in the field of Northern studies are desirable (Contact: Professor Dieter K. Müller, e-mail: dieter.muller@geography.umu.se). Ref 315-866-09

Resources and competitiveness in northern peripheries (2 years – 100%). The successful applicant will develop a quantitative and qualitative research on alternative resource utilizations and their competitiveness in a global perspective, in collaboration with researchers included in the research programme “Northern Studies”. Applicants with experiences of quantitative data bases are particularly welcomed. (Contact: Professor Ulf Wiberg, e-mail: ulf.wiberg@geography.umu.se) Ref 315-867-09

Attitudes and values to forest resources (1 year – 100%). The successful applicant will focus on demographic change and population distribution and its effects on people’s attitudes, values and utilization of the forest landscape for different purposes. Based on cohort specific surveys and interviews, the position will identify specific focus areas of the framework, such as for instance the potential conflict between different objective and perceived values related to the forest resource. The specific in-depth study areas will be defined in cooperation with the Future Forest programme at large, in order to view areas that may be of particular importance in adapting Swedish forest use to future stresses such as climate change and globalisation. (Contact: Professor Kerstin Westin, e-mail: kerstin.westin@geography.umu.se) Ref 315-868-09

Urban geography with special focus on the countries of post-socialist Central Europe or the former Soviet Union (1 year – 100 %). The successful applicant will be expected to focus primarily on the experience of small and medium-sized cities (including monoindustrial centres), emphasizing the characteristics of these places’ spatial restructuring (or destructuring?) since the demise of central planning. An adequate comprehension of the ongoing urban processes requires deep understanding of the socialist past and of its legacies. Therefore, an additional task will be to explore the working of the housing (and other infrastructure) construction and allocation system during the socialist epoch across the region. Quantitative methods and GIS skills are desired, but not necessarily required. Contact: Associate Professor Michael Gentile, e-mail: michael.gentile@geography.umu.se) Ref 315-869-09

Candidates who have a PhD in Geography or a related field and an interest in interdisciplinary research with no more than three years postdoctoral experience prior to the application date, are eligible to apply. While pursuing a strategy of high profile international publication, the successful applicants should be committed to contribute to the scientific discourse within the department and are thus expected to be at the Umeå campus most of their time. The positions are chiefly intended for research, but a limited teaching effort might be required.

The application should include three signed copies of your resumé and certified copies of any degrees and grades. Provide a short written description of your scientific work and teaching experience. In addition, provide two copies of your scientific work and other documentation as desired (no more than five major publications). Please, also state the desired date for commencing the position.

When considering the applicants the equality law, the university equality policy and the department policy will be followed.

For more information, contact Head of Department Kerstin Westin, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Umeå University (+46-(0)90-786 96 34, e-mail kerstin.westin@geography.umu.se) or the contact person for the relevant position.

Union information is available from SACO, +46-(0)90-786 53 65, SEKO, +46-(0)90-786 52 96 and ST, +46-(0)90-786 54 31.

Documents sent electronically should be in MS Word or PDF format. If you are applying to several positions with different reference numbers, you must submit a separate application for each position.

Your complete application, marked with reference number, should be sent to jobb@umu.se (state the reference number as subject) or to the Registrar, Umeå University, SE-901 87 Umeå, Sweden to arrive October 16, 2009 at the latest.

We look forward to receiving your application!

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CFP 2010 AAG Session “Reflexivities of Today / Geographies of Tomorrow: Graduate Students Reflect on Fieldwork”

This session will provide an opportunity for graduate students and junior faculty to create and share knowledge gained through the fieldwork experience. The session is primarily conceptualized to review and advance scholarship on the issues that graduate students in geography are facing as they enter, exist within, and leave the field. We envision a review of how the fieldwork experience shapes the discipline’s future as evidenced by the type of scholarship subsequently produced. The objectives of this session are threefold:

(1) Provide an opportunity for early graduate students to learn about data collection problems and processes, including practical advice, experiences, and challenges. Papers contributing to this objective should be descriptive and aimed at stimulating discussion around particular field experiences, as well as sharing knowledge and skills learned.

(2) Create the opportunity for the production of scholarship surrounding the fieldwork experience for early researchers – those not yet steeped in the norms of the discipline, expectations, and experiences of being in the field. Papers contributing to this objective should be pedagogically oriented, focusing on the students’ perspectives and how they learn by doing (in the field).

(3) Explore the contemporary power dynamics and critical reflexivities about which students should be aware as they produce knowledge. Papers contributing to this objective should apply theories of reflexivity to specific research processes and goals, including the application of different methods.

All methodological approaches are welcome, and we would like to see a balance among quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and GIS approaches. We are also particularly interested in fieldwork that worked with “traditionally underrepresented groups” in geography – this could be according to age, race, ethnicity, identity, disability status, etc.

Sponsored by the Graduate Students Specialty Group.

Organizers: Kevin Keenan, College of Charleston, Danielle Fontaine, Clark University, Anna Cieslik, Clark University

Please send questions and paper abstracts of 300 words to Danielle Fontaine (dfontaine@clarku.edu) by October 20, 2009.

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The Wolfsonian–FIU Fellowship Program

The Wolfsonian–Florida International University is a museum and research center that promotes the examination of modern visual and material culture. The Wolfsonian’s fellowship program is intended to support research on the museum’s collection, generally for periods of three to four weeks. The program is open to holders of master’s or doctoral degrees, Ph.D. candidates, and others who have a significant record of professional achievement in relevant fields.

The theme for the fellowship program for 2010–11 is Design and Health. We welcome applications from scholars in any field in the humanities who propose to investigate the links between design and health from the late nineteenth century through the middle of the twentieth century. We intend both of these terms to be understood in a broad sense: “Design” to include a range of practices, such as product design, graphic design, interior design, architecture, and urban planning; “Health” to include such concerns as personal hygiene and fitness, public health, medicine, body image, and disability.

The focus of the Wolfsonian collection is on North American and European decorative arts, propaganda, architecture, and industrial and graphic design from the period 1885–1945. The United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands are the countries most extensively represented. There are also smaller but significant collections of materials from a number of other countries, including Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Japan, the former Soviet Union, and Hungary. The collection includes works on paper (including posters, prints, and design drawings), furniture, paintings, sculpture, glass, textiles, ceramics, lighting and other appliances, and many other kinds of objects. The Wolfsonian's library has approximately 50,000 rare books, periodicals, and ephemeral items.

The Wolfsonian's collection has many objects and publications that may support research on the connections between design and health. Among these are: books and periodicals about physical culture, especially in the United States; publications on interior design, architecture, housing reform, and urban planning; design drawings for a great variety of building types; advertisements for health resorts; personal or household objects, such as razors, massagers, sunlamps, and vacuum cleaners; and publicity for health and fitness campaigns.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the museum staff prior to submission to ensure the relevance of their proposals to the Wolfsonian's collection.

For more information about The Wolfsonian and its collection, visit the website at <http://www.wolfsonian.fiu.edu>, call 305-535-2686, or email to research@thewolf.fiu.edu.

Applications for the 2010–11 academic year must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.

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Eighth Annual NAEC China Career Fair - Oct. 16-18, 2009 - Washington, DC.

The Eighth Annual NAEC China Career Fair will be held from Oct. 16-18, 2009 in our nation's capital, Washington, DC. Over 100 employers from more than a dozen Chinese provinces and municipalities will be attending this year's China Career Fair. There are thousands of job openings in fields such as civil service, finance, industry, education, R&D, health care, etc.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could forward this information to any graduate students or faculty members interested in working in China. Attached to this email are the Conference Information Document, Letter to Conference Attendees, and the first list of job openings.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nacenter.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us 703-618-1301.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Organizing Committee
Eighth Annual NAEC China Career Fair
September 14, 2009

NOTE: Sharon has a large number of attachments that are related to this career fair. If you are interested, contact her (smkahn@geography.wisc.edu) and she will forward them to you.

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Committee on Global Thought - Columbia University - 2010 search for Post-doctoral Research Fellows

The Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University has opened its 2010 search for Post-doctoral Research Fellows. There are up to four positions available and we hope you will encourage your students to apply. More information on the Committee on Global Thought may be found at <http://cgt.columbia.edu/> Please circulate widely.

The post-doctoral fellowship of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University brings together an innovative group of interdisciplinary researchers from around the world. The Fellowship gives emerging scholars the opportunity to work with distinguished faculty and provides a space for collaborative research and publication. Global Thought encourages interdisciplinary, transnational research under three broad themes: Secularism and Diversity, Global Governance, and Poverty and Inequality. Past fellows have researched topics

including the local socio-economic consequences of global policy, the historical roots of identity, and the evolution of transnational and international political structures. Scholars from any discipline may apply, provided that they successfully indicate how their work will contribute to Global Thought's research themes. Up to four fellowship spots are available for the academic year beginning August 1, 2010. The term of the fellowship is two calendar years, beginning August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2012.

CGT Post-doc fellowship Application Requirements Fellows are expected to:

- Teach or assist with one undergraduate or graduate course, either of their own design or as specified by the Committee. When teaching, fellows are required to hold weekly office hours.
- Participate in planning and execution of research workshops and symposia.
- Present their individual research projects.

Eligibility International applicants are encouraged to apply. If selected, Columbia University will sponsor the appropriate visa.

Candidates will be considered only if:

- They received their first doctorate from a recognized university no earlier than August 1, 2005 (Those who have not completed their degree at the time of application must provide a statement from an adviser citing the expected date of completion.)
- They do not hold or have not held a tenure or tenure-track position.
- They can fluently speak, publish, and teach in English.
- They submit an original research proposal.

Benefits

- An annual salary of \$55,000, which includes health insurance and other standard benefits.
- Access to Columbia University libraries and computer resources.
- Shared office space.
- Eligibility for additional funding for special research projects.
- Eligibility to apply for campus housing.

Application Deadlines:

Priority Deadline: November 1, 2009 (\$30 application fee)

General Deadline: November 15, 2009 (\$50 application fee)

The application fee may be waived at the discretion of the selection committee.

To apply:

1. Complete the Application online at <http://cgt.columbia.edu/form/>
2. Upload the following documents:
 - a. Curriculum Vitae
 - b. Cover Letter
 - c. Research proposal -not to exceed 1500 words; -The description should include the background, nature, importance, specific objectives, and methodology of the proposed research project
3. Writing Sample - not to exceed 20 double spaced pages - preferably an article or research paper published in a scholarly journal - topic should be pertinent to the proposed research project - no books will be accepted By Postal Mail or Email
4. . Three letters of reference.
5. . Application fee (\$30 by November 1 or \$50 by November 15)
 - a. Payment by credit card: Download payment form at cgt.columbia.edu. Scan form and email to cgt.postdoc@columbia.edu or send to our office via postal mail.
 - b. Payment by Check or money order made payable to Columbia University, send via postal mail. All postal mail may be sent to Committee on Global Thought Columbia University 440 Riverside Dr. New York, NY 10027 attn: post-doc search All questions may be directed to: cgt.postdoc@gmail.com

For more information please visit our website:

http://cgt.columbia.edu/about/opportunities/post_doctoral_fellowship1/

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CHRISTINE MIRZAYAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM *ANNOUNCES ITS 2010 SESSIONS AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

This Graduate Fellowship Program of the National Academies-consisting of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council-is designed to engage its Fellows in the analytical process that informs U.S. science and technology policy. Fellows develop basic skills essential to working or participating in science policy at the federal, state, or local levels.

Eligibility : Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars and those who have completed graduate studies or postdoctoral research in any social/behavioral science, medical/health discipline, physical or biological science, any field of engineering, law/business/public administration or any relevant interdisciplinary field within the last five years are eligible to apply.

The program takes place in Washington, D.C. and is open to all U.S. and non-U.S. citizens who meet the criteria. However, non-U.S. citizens must be currently enrolled in a U.S. university and have proof of holding a valid J-1 or F-1 status.

Session Dates Winter/Spring: February 3-April 28, 2010 Fall: August 30-November 19, 2010

Apply Please visit <www.national-academies.org/policyfellows> for details on criteria, application instructions, and access to the online application and reference forms. Please note the requirement for submission of an online reference from a mentor/adviser.

Deadlines The deadline for receipt of application material is November 1 for the winter/spring program and May 1 for the fall program. Candidates may apply to both sessions concurrently.

Stipend A stipend grant award of \$8,240 will be provided for the 12-week session to offset expenses.

Questions should be directed to: policyfellows@nas.edu.

Below is a sampling of comments from alumni about the program's impact:

*"This is an important career building opportunity for people interested in the scientific community outside academia. Even if you plan to pursue a traditional academic track, seeing science from a policy perspective is very enlightening. There is something valuable in this experience for first year grad students to recent PhD's. Come with an open mind and expect to learn more than you...imagined."**

*"This program will open your mind to a world rarely envisioned from the confines of laboratory bench work. I learned an immeasurable amount about the policy and politics behind science and after the fellowship opens your mind, it opens career doors."**

*"In just weeks in the S&T policy world in DC substantially broadened my perspective on how I can use my engineering background to positively impact our society. I return to graduate school recharged about the value of advanced education, and more confident about my decisions to pursue studies that blend the boundaries of engineering and the humanities. By seeing the connections between your academic field and the public policy arena, you will find many new opportunities for future studies or careers. You will be enriched as a person, as a public citizen, and as a member of an academic community."**

"A really great experience for those from the "soft sciences" who have an interest in S&T policy or if you're trying to figure out what else you might want to do outside of academia. This was a great opportunity to bridge the gap and gain a new understanding and appreciation for how it all works, the people involved, and the profound difference it can make in the end (and all along the way)."

(A printer-friendly version of the announcement can be **downloaded from the [Mirzayan website](#).**)**

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Postdoctoral Associate, environmental social scientist - Chicago, IL

My colleagues and I will be hiring a post-doc for our Coupled Natural Human Systems project funded by NSF. Here is the job description:

Job Title: Postdoctoral Associate, environmental social scientist

Opportunity location: Chicago, IL

Closing date: We will start to review applications after November 15,2009

Opportunity Description: This is a full-time, grant-funded postdoctoral position for a period of 3 years. A qualified environmental social scientist will be one of four postdoctoral associates working closely together on two related NSF sponsored projects investigating research questions relevant to the mission of Chicago Wilderness. Chicago Wilderness is a biodiversity consortium of more than 240 member organizations with a mission to foster a dynamic engagement between the human and natural systems of the region. The Chicago Wilderness region stretches from southeastern Wisconsin through northeastern Illinois and northwest Indiana into southeast Michigan (www.chicagowilderness.org). The Science Team of the consortium, to which the investigators contribute, represent conservation biologists, ecologists, and social scientists, who provide objectively and scientifically sound input to assist decision-makers in devising policy and action concerning the acquisition, protection, restoration, and management of natural areas. The post-doctoral associates will work closely with the PIs and Senior Personnel to conduct the research.

The research project examines the relationship between different types of planning and management processes and biodiversity outcomes at selected sites. The research will be interdisciplinary, involving ecological analysis of biological diversity, agent based modeling of potential outcomes, scenario testing, and integrated quantitative and qualitative analysis of land management processes.

QUALIFICATIONS: Required: Ph.D. in the relevant social science (for example, anthropology, environmental psychology, cultural geography, urban sociology, social ecology) with demonstrated interest in environmental issues, field research experience, ability to collect and analyze quantitative (survey) and qualitative (interview, participant-observation, focus group) data, familiarity with modeling approaches and/or planning theories. The successful candidate will also have to have team-work and leadership skills, capacity to direct undergraduate students, and experience working on interdisciplinary projects. The successful candidate will also have excellent writing skills.

Preferred: Familiarity with Agent Based Modeling, Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework, and/or Spanish language are highly desirable.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: The post-doctoral associate will work with the social science team to refine the research design, protocol, and survey instruments, conduct field research, and participate in the analysis and write-up of the results. The associate will work with the other post-doctoral associate to plan the integrated components of the research. Field research will consist of collection of historical and administrative data; interviews with land-managers, scientists, site users, stewards, and adjacent residents; participant-observation at public meetings and during stewardship activities; and administration of surveys.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: FM provides health benefits, and salary will be comparable to University-based post doctoral positions. The associate will have an office space at the Field Museum, and will also be able to use facilities at UIC and at the Forest Service Research Station.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Qualified applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of all college transcripts (official transcripts required upon hire), copies of up to 3 significant publications, or abstract of dissertation, and contact information for 3 referees to Ms. Dawn [Martin-dmartin@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:dmartin@fieldmuseum.org). If possible, please send application as one PDF file.

For more information, please contact:

Alaka Wali: awali@fieldmuseum.org

Lynne Westphal: lwestphal@fs.fed.us

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Middlebury College – Vermont – GIScience – tenure-track faculty – due 30 Oct 2009

The Geography Department seeks to fill one tenure-track position at the instructor (ABD) or Assistant Professor (Ph.D) level. We seek candidates whose teaching and research activities combine GIScience with any geographic specialty area. Teaching responsibilities will include introductory and advanced GIS courses along with thematic courses in his/her specialty area. Middlebury College has a long history of innovative GIS teaching within the liberal arts, and GIS is integrated within the Environmental Studies curriculum. A strong commitment to undergraduate education is essential. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation at least two of which address teaching ability by October 30, 2009 to Dr. Anne Knowles, chair GIS search committee. Middlebury College is an equal opportunity employer, committed to hiring a diverse faculty to complement the increasing diversity of the student body.

This listing is [online here](#).

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UW-Madison – Hmong Studies faculty position – due 1 Dec 2009

The University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks candidates for an assistant professor (tenure-track) position with a specialization in Hmong studies or related highland societies in Southeast Asia and/or adjacent regions. Appointment to begin August 2010. Ph.D. required. Previous teaching experience at the college/university level desirable but not required.

Duties include teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level, conduct scholarly research in area of expertise, and perform university and professional service as appropriate. The successful candidate will be expected to do collaborative work in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and participate in program activities. The tenure home for the appointment will reside in a department appropriate to the candidate's discipline, i.e., social sciences or arts and humanities.

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 1, 2009. Applications and three letters of reference, in PDF format, should be sent via email to Dr. Michael Cullinane at mmcullin@wisc.edu and Professor Kris Olds at kolds@wisc.edu.

For additional information, see http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_062881.html and <http://hmongstudiesmadison.wordpress.com/>.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minorities to apply. A criminal background check may be required prior to employment.

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