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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES 2016 AWARD WINNERS

Celebrating the nation's best geography educators of 2016

WASHINGTON DC – For over 100 years the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) has worked to enhance the status and quality of geography teaching and learning at all levels of instruction. Through its annual awards program, NCGE recognizes excellence in geography teaching, mentoring, research, instructional design and service.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FOR 2016:

GEORGE J. MILLER AWARD:

Our highest award for lifetime service to geography education goes to:

Mr. CHARLES FITZPATRICK – Esri, Redlands, CA

DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD:

This award for mentoring future geographers and geography educators goes to:

MR. LAURENCE W. CARSTENSEN – Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION AWARD:

This award for outstanding contributions to geographic education outside the formal classroom goes to:

MS. BARBARA BOONE – Mississippi Geographic Alliance, University, MS

MR. BARRY THOMAS – Omaha Public Schools, Omaha, NE

MS. PAMELA MERRILL – Edmond Public Schools, Edmond, OK

E. WILLARD AND RUBY S. MILLER GRANTS FOR RESEARCH IN GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION:

This award provides financial assistance to advance the frontiers of geographic education by supporting and promoting innovative research in theory, practice, and application.

THOMAS CRAIG – Oklahoma State University

“Challenging U.S. Undergraduates’ Constructions of India: Opportunities to (Re)imagine the ‘Other’”



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DR. JUNG EUN HONG – University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

DR. INJEONG JO– Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

“Effect of Learning GIS on Students’ Progression in Geospatial Concepts Understanding”

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER - HIGHER EDUCATION:

This award for excellence in teaching and leadership at the post-secondary level goes to:

DR. MEREDITH MARSH – Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO

DR. EDRIS MONTALVO – Cameron University, Lawton, OK

MS. JUDY WARE – Fontbonne University, Clayton, MO

DR. NAEEMA AL HOSANI – United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE

DR. JEFFREY WIDENER – The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER- K-12:

This award for excellence in teaching and leadership at the K-12 level goes to:

MS. NANCY GAGNON – ConVal Regional High School, Peterborough, NH

MR. TIMOTHY HEIN – William Penn High School, New Castle, DE

MS. KIMBERLY HENDRICKS – Park Hill South High School, Riverside, MO

MR. GREG HILL – Horn High School, Mesquite, TX

MS. KRISTEN KUNTZ – Milnor Public School, Milnor, ND

MR. STEWART PARKER – Winter Park High School, Winter Park, FL

MS. JANE PURCELL – Norman Public School, Norman, OK

MS. LAURA W. RUSSELL – Joyner Elementary School, Tupelo, MS

MS. DONNA SHIFFLETT – Ruckersville Elementary School, Ruckersville, VA

MS. DEBORAH SUNSET – Santaluces Community High School, Lantana, FL

MR. ANDREW TILMON – Cape Girardeau Central High School, Cape Girardeau, MO

MR. ERIC A. TOFT – George S. Michelson Middle School, Brookings, SD

MR. LUCAS VARLEY – Lincoln High, Lincoln, NE

MS. MARIBEL VELEZ RAMOS – Akins High School, Austin, TX

MS. JULIE WAKEFIELD – Robert McQueen High School, Reno, NV

MR. ANDREW WIENER – Omaha South High Magnet School, Omaha, NE

GEOGRAPHIC EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD:

MS. RUTH FITTS – Love the World Books, Washington, DC

“Australia to Zimbabwe: A Rhyming Romp Around the World to 24 Countries”



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JOURNAL OF GEOGRAPHY AWARDS

BEST SECONDARY TEACHING ARTICLE:

["Eye-Movement Analysis of Students' Active Examination Strategy and Its Transfer in Visuospatial Representations "](#)

MR. KINAM KIM – Yedang High School, Seoul, South Korea

MR. MINSUNG KIM – Catholic University of Daegu, Daegu, South Korea

MR. JUNGYEOP SHIN – Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

MR. JAEMYONG RYU – Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

BEST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ARTICLE:

[" Examining the Geographies of Supply Chains in Introductory Coursework "](#)

MR. RONALD V. KALAFSKY – University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

MR. NEIL CONNER – University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

BEST ARTICLE FOR GEOGRAPHY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

[" A Research Agenda for Geospatial Technologies and Learning "](#)

MR. THOMAS R. BAKER – Esri, Redlands, CA

DR. SARAH BATTERSBY – University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

DR. SARAH W. BEDNARZ – Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Dr. ALEC M. BODZIN – Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

DR. ROBERT KOLVOORD – James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

DR. STEVEN MOORE – University of Redlands, Redlands, CA

DR. DIANA SINTON – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

DR. DAVID UTTAL – Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

THE GEOGRAPHY TEACHER AWARDS

BEST CONTENT ARTICLE:

["Prelude to Civil War: Exploring Sectional Differences in Antebellum America Through Student-Created Cartograms"](#)

MR. PETER MORAN – University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

MR. MARK MORAN – Scottsbluff High School, Scottsbluff, NE

BEST LESSON PLAN:

["Using the Case of Resource Extraction in Mongolia to Interpret the Bakken Formation of North America"](#)

DR. AARON KINGSBURY – Mayville State University, Mayville, ND



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Award recipients will be honored during a ceremony held at the 2016 National Conference on Geography Education presented by the National Council for Geographic Education. The 2016 National Conference on Geography Education will be held July 28 – 31, 2016 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina in Tampa, Florida. The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday July 30th at 6:00 PM EST.

For more information about the NCGE award program and application process, visit www.ncge.org/awards. For quotes from NCGE CEO Mr. Zachary Dulli, NCGE Board President Dr. Ellen Foster, or NCGE Awards Coordinator, Ms. Melissa Lepak please contact Ms. Shana Lerner Gruenberg at slerner@ncge.org

ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION: The National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) is a nonprofit organization, chartered in 1915 to enhance the status and quality of geography teaching and learning. NCGE supports geography teaching at all levels—from Kindergarten through University. Our members include U.S. and International teachers, professors, students, businesses, and others who support geographic education. Visit www.ncge.org to learn more.

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