

Geography & Planning

Newsletter

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This, our inaugural newsletter, is intended to give you a flavor of what's happening in the Geography and Planning Department at Buffalo State. We have had a very busy and productive year and would like to share some of the successes of our department, faculty, students, and alumni with you.

Department News

Faculty Research in Cambodia

The Department has developed a number of education and research initiatives in Asia over the past two and a half years. These initiatives include:

Training workshops on water quality (drinking water and river water) and GIS applications in Cambodia in the summers of 2004 and 2005. The workshops were attended by personnel from UNICEF, local Non-government organizations, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Industry, Mines, and Energy, as well as faculty from the Royal University of Phnom Penh and Institute of Technology, Cambodia.



Drs. Irvine, Vermette, and Tang with their Cambodian students.



A GIS training session.

Monitoring water quality to evaluate the impact the city of Phnom Penh has on the Mekong, Tonle Sap, and Bassac Rivers. This effort also includes sampling the sewers and sewage treatment wetlands around the city. High school students from the International School of Phnom Penh and students from the Royal University of Phnom Penh are involved in this effort, as is Resource Development International – Cambodia (www.rdic.org).

In collaboration with Resource Development International – Cambodia we are sampling drinking water sources in the District of Kean Svay to develop a drinking water quality index as a management tool to assess drinking water quality throughout the country. High arsenic levels in drinking water wells is a major problem in Cambodia.

Buffalo State researchers have established a rain gauge and meteorological station network in Kandal province, around Phnom Penh and hope to have the network expand in the coming years.



Testing the waters in southeast Asia

Dr. William Wieczorek (Director) and the Center have been quite active with local and national organizations. Projects over the past year were funded by the National Institutes of Health, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Western New York United Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and the Office of Drug Control Policy (through CSR, Inc). Dr. Wieczorek is Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Zhang Jie of Sociology as the Principal Investigator) on a study of suicide in China that will be using GIS and spatial statistics to identify suicide clusters and to examine distance to emergency care as a risk factor. Dr. Wieczorek published articles in several journals and presented research findings at national and international conferences on topics such as gambling, the impact of treatment on DWI recidivism, and the role of simulation models for public health.

In February 2005, the Scholarship Support Program (SSP) was initiated at Buffalo State, with Dr. Wieczorek as the director of this program. The SSP is designed to assist faculty in all phases of research development, including support for conceptualizing projects and providing technical support related to research design and project implementation. To date about 35 Buffalo State faculty and staff have utilized this resource.

Initiated by Dr. Tom Murphy of Environment Canada (and adjunct in our department) and in collaboration with Resource Development International – Cambodia, Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institute, Japan, and the Graduate Institute of Environmental and Occupational Health Medical College, National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, we have developed DREAM Cambodia. DREAM stands for Detection and Remediation of Arsenic and Mercury (in Cambodia). The focus of this initiative is to provide funding to improve management of environmental diseases. In the simplest case, we have built latrines in rural schools to improve sanitary conditions. More information about the project can be found at <http://www.wvcn.info/WVCN-Cambodia2.html> and soon the project will be organized to accept donations.



Dr. Wieczorek meeting with President Tang of Dalian Medical University in Liaoning, China during the suicide project training in October, 2005. Dr. Wieczorek is a visiting professor at Dalian Medical University and Co-Directs its Institute of Behavioral Medicine.



*Testing the waters in
southeast Asia*



"GeoGathering" is an opportunity for anyone – faculty, students, and friends – interested in geography to get together to socialize, share ideas, and enjoy scrumptious refreshments (who can forget Dr. Vermette's famous chili? – this is my own plug!). The gatherings are informal and take place every two to three weeks (Tuesdays during Bengal Pause or Friday afternoons) in the Department of Geography and Planning. Aside from good company, there is usually a short presentation given on a topic of interest. Topics can range from research to travel to something you found while looking up other things. Topics to date have included: Katrina and her aftermath, student exchange opportunities, and the teaching of K-12 geography.

The GeoGatherings are sponsored by Geography and Planning and the New York Geographic Alliance (NYGA). GeoGathering is one way that the NYGA is working to bring pre-service teachers into the geography fold. Please contact Dr. Stephen Vermette [vermetsj@buffalostate.edu] to learn about the next gathering, whether you wish to attend or wish to give an informal presentation. See you at the gathering....

Public Participation and Public Involvement in the Urban Planning Process

Spring 2005 Seminar

Urban planning is not done in a vacuum. Planners must interact with elected officials, government agencies, the private sector, and with the general public to ensure that the planning process has a successful outcome. Planners also must be accountable to state and federal laws regarding public involvement in the planning process. This interaction with the public is important as it allows planners to solicit ideas from and concerns of the citizens

and thus to create successful and sustainable plans for a region. Public participation in the planning process is achieved in many ways. Traditionally, planning agencies (or their consultants) hold public meetings to share their long range or project based plans. More recently, non-profit organizations focused on urban planning issues have emerged. In addition, a wide variety of economic development agencies and neighborhood associations have become actively involved in the urban planning process. These organizations play an important role in a city's planning process. In this seminar series we heard from members of community planning organizations and government agencies in the greater Buffalo metropolitan region on their role in encouraging and supporting public input into urban planning.

Presenters

Keynote—Mayor Anthony Masiello

Chuck Thomas—Good Neighbors Planning Alliance, City of Buffalo

Hal Morse—Executive Director, Greater Buffalo - Niagara Regional Transportation Council

Mary Rossi—Erie County, Environment and Planning

Joan Morrissey—Corp of Engineers

Mike Ball—Buffalo - Niagara Medical Campus

Deborah Lynn Williams - The New Millennium Group

Marian Deutschman-League of Women Voters Buffalo/Niagara

Debra Chernoff—Buffalo Place

Laura St Pierre & Bridget Corcoran—Buffalo/Niagara Partnership

Laura Quebral Fulton—Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy

Joseph Chiarmonte—Airport Noise Pollution Study

Nicholas Raczyk—Erie Canal Harbor Project



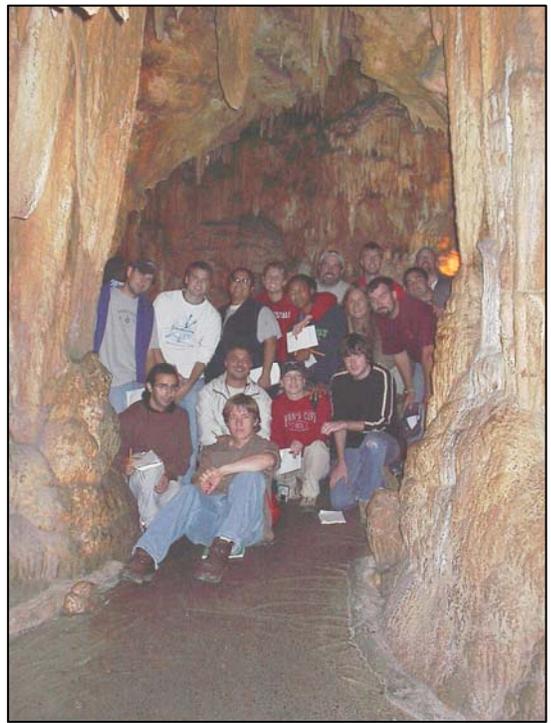
Students exploring the wonders beneath the surface.

“You’ll Go A Caving Matilda With Me” Cavern Studies – GEG 120

For the **sixth** straight year (Fall, 2005) students from Buffalo State College walked, crawled, squeezed, climbed, and slid in underground passages to fulfill requirements for a 1-credit Cavern Studies course (GEG 120). Led by Dr. Stephen Vermette (with able assistance from Karen Wehn, from Earth Sciences and Science Education), the course is open to all majors and offers an introduction to physical geography for many.

For most students, it is their first time in a cave! The course offers an intense weekend of place-based geography where students explore caves in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Students learn about karst topography, how caves form and how they are decorated. Students are required to maintain a field book, and complete activities including the mapping of a cave passage and a comparison of cave climates, from measurements they themselves took.

We live and breathe caving. Our classroom is wherever the opportunity presents itself. We talk about sinkholes while standing in a sinkhole and about caves while in a cave. Dr. Vermette once gave a caving lecture on ridge and valley topography in a Burger King when heavy rains prevented us from standing by the side of the road. Talks are given before and after each cave visit, and assignments are worked on whenever there is time – often by



Students underground

the glow of the campfire or lantern light. An inspiring version of “Caving Matilda” may be heard around the campfire (okay...it sounds more like...well, I better not say).

Aside from the caving experiences, this year’s trip was somewhat uneventful, except for the inflated gas prices and an inquisitive wolf spider that didn’t appreciate our use of “its” picnic table. Uneventful is good...as we all made it back safely with a better understanding of the wonders below the earth and an appreciation of Geography as a discipline.

Community Planning: Agencies and Issues – PLN 412

A new service learning course (PLN 412) was offered in Fall 2005. Students worked with a variety of stakeholders to develop plans for the revitalization of Grant Street (or the College’s back yard).

Service learning is coordinated by the College’s Volunteer and Service Learning Center (VSLC). The community partner taking the lead on revitalization of Grant St. is the West Side Neighborhood Partnership. Student teams were responsible for interacting with stakeholders including Buffalo State College facilities planning, the Buffalo Psychiatric 4

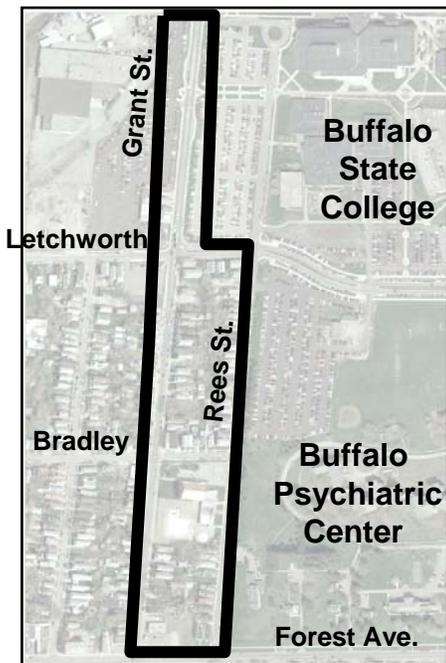
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Center, Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation, the Asarese - Matters community center, City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning, and a neighborhood block club.

The course focused on developing a streetscape design for three blocks of Grant Street between the Scajaquada Expressway and Forest Ave., Letchworth, and Rees streets. The plan had to be integrated with existing City of Buffalo plans, particularly the plan to convert the Scajaquada Expressway into a parkway. In addition, students were exposed to the concept of an Urban Village and instructed to incorporate into their design features that help build community. The design suggested short range improvements in the study area that would support future economic development plans along the Grant Street corridor.



3D Rendering of Streetscape Improvements by students Tim Sullivan and Stevan Stipanovich



Grant Street Study Area

Students were introduced to many aspects of professional planning through their coursework as well as by attending professional meetings, including the APA/ASLA Joint New York Upstate Conference and "Smart Growth is Smart Business" seminar series. Students also attended neighborhood meetings hosted by the West Side Business Association and neighborhood block clubs to gain insight on local issues and perspectives.

Watershed Analysis – GEG 421

The class conducts a geomorphic assessment of a local watershed. The purpose of the geomorphic assessment project is to contribute to and help guide watershed management activities. During the Fall 2005 semester, the class worked on Got Creek in the Town of Clarence.

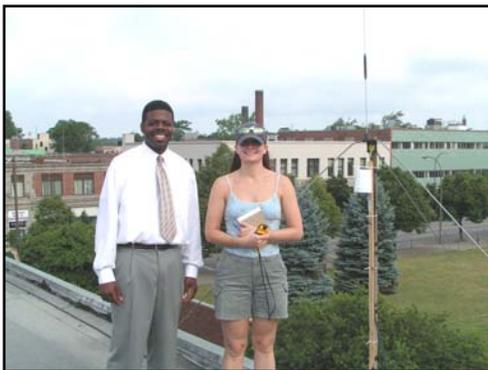


Students participating in Watershed Field Study

Faculty News

Kim Irvine, department chair, has been actively leading all the Cambodia research. In addition, Dr. Irvine, in collaboration with Dr. Randal Snyder of the Biology Department at Buffalo State, Dr. Tom Diggins of the Biological Sciences Department at Youngstown State University, and Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, recently completed a two year study that evaluated potential aquatic habitat restoration sites in the Buffalo River. The study examined water and sediment quality, fisheries, benthic organisms, and vegetation characteristics at each site, as well as documenting human use along the river. A report was submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in September. Dr. Irvine has been working on a project that maps environmental quality data for the Niagara River watershed and is funded by the U.S. EPA. Also, in collaboration with Dr. Vermette, he soon will begin a two year stormwater and illicit connection trackdown study funded by the U.S. EPA. Dr. Irvine recently published papers in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*, *Water Environment Research*, *Urban Water Journal*, and *Effective Modeling of Urban Water Systems*, *Mongraph 13*, based on his work related to the City of Buffalo's ongoing Long Term Control Plan for combined sewer overflow abatement.

Stephen Vermette is working on a number of climatology-related projects. With graduate student Mark LaRussa (U.B. student taking numerous classes in meteorology/climatology at BSC), Dr. Vermette completed a re-examination of the climatological impact of the ice boom on Buffalo's climate (published in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*, 31, 2005). New since previous studies is the discovery, by Dr. Vermette, of an unknown temperature database buried in log books found at the Colonel Ward Pumping Station.



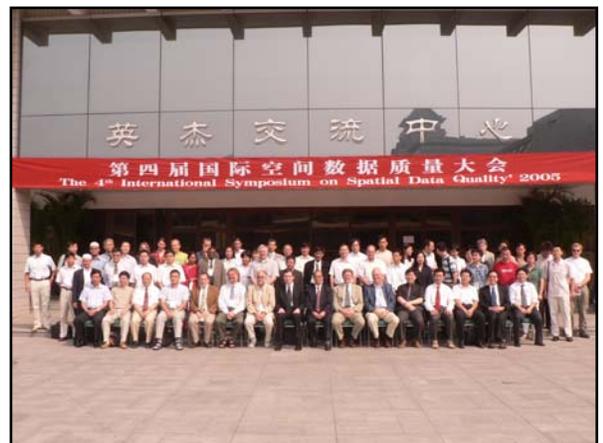
Amy and Channel 2 Weatherman Chesley

This research has immediate relevance as Buffalo and Erie County are basing much of their campaign for a payout from the New York Power Authority (NYPA) on the belief that the ice boom has led to a cooling of Buffalo's climate. This research shows that the ice boom is irrelevant to Buffalo's climate.

Working with under-graduate student Amy Thorne (meteorology/climatology minor), Dr. Vermette has initiated the "Buffalo Lake Breeze" project. A dense network of 22 temperature data loggers are distributed across the city of Buffalo, and immediate suburbs. Temperature is averaged over 5-minute intervals allowing for the mapping of the urban heat island, lake breeze penetration into the city, as well as the passage of frontal weather. This research is funded by the BSC Great Lakes Center, the Great Lakes Research Consortium, and the BSC-SUNY Research Foundation. The funding has provided Amy with a paid fellowship. Support is also provided by the numerous volunteers willing to host monitoring sites.

Dr. Vermette's research of Cambodia's climate continues. Two complete weather stations and five rain gauges have been installed around the city of Phnom Penh. A 2004 weather CD was compiled and distributed; a 2005 version is currently being compiled. Dr. Vermette is working on a manuscript analyzing cyclical climate controls influencing Cambodia's climate.

Tao Tang presented a paper "Spatial Analysis of Topological Accuracy for U.S. Census Tiger Type Street Centerlines Using Parcel Data" at the 4th International Symposium of Spatial Data Quality in the summer of 2005. The paper was published in the Symposium Proceedings.



Symposium participants

Faculty News

Dr. Tang took a semester sabbatical leave during the Fall 2005 during which he completed a grant proposal to the Engineering Information Foundation (EIF) to conduct additional GIS education and infrastructure establishment in Cambodia with Drs. Irvine and Vermette. He and student Melissa Wannemacher presented a paper entitled "GIS Simulation and Visualization of Community Evacuation Vulnerability in a Connected Geographic Network Model" at the New York State GIS Conference. The paper was submitted to the Middle States Geographer for review.

Dr. Tang obtained a Service Learning grant to direct applied student course projects in GIS in the Buffalo West Side.

Kelly Frothingham is investigating the effect of ice cover on stream morphology and total annual suspended sediment loads. One objective of this research is to determine the impact of ice cover on channel morphology in two stream reaches located in the Buffalo River watershed.



*Buffalo snowstorm
December 2004*

Preliminary results from the 2004-2005 Winter season have yielded some interesting results. Bank erosion observed previously at the Cazenovia Creek site did not occur; however, that bank scour was in response to a failed ice jam that produced extremely high, ice-laden flows. While both sites experienced ice cover, neither site experienced an ice jam during the 2004-2005 winter season. Additionally, site visits throughout the winter to the Cazenovia Creek site indicated that both fixed and free-floating ice were present at different times during the ice cover period.

Laboratory studies have found that the type of ice cover can have an effect on aggradation or degradation of the channel bed. Additional observations and surveys will take place this winter field season; however, logistic considerations (e.g., safety) of this field study may limit our ability to determine further how ice cover effects channel morphology.

Wende Mix joined the Geography and Planning faculty in the Fall of 2004, returning to Buffalo after a 20 year absence. During her years away, Dr. Mix was an Associate Professor in Civil & Environmental Engineering at Utah State University, the State, Metropolitan, and University Program Coordinator for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (USDOT) and a senior research associate at a private statistical research firm.

Since joining the Geography and Planning faculty Dr. Mix has taught courses in Urban Geography, Transportation Planning, GIS, and Computers in the Social Sciences. She also received a Service Learning Grant to develop and teach a Community Planning course using the revitalization of Grant St. as the focus. Dr. Mix organized the Spring 2005 planning workshop on "Public Participation in the Planning Process" which featured more than ten local speakers from public, private, and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Mix participated in the Transportation Research Board's Census Data for Transportation Planning: Preparing for the Future conference in Irvine, CA where she presented a poster entitled "Evaluating the Local Employment Dynamics Program as a Source of Journey-to-Work Data for Transportation Planning". A more detailed paper entitled "A Look at New Census Data Sources for Transportation Planners" is currently being reviewed for the Journal of Planning and Education.

Dr. Mix was invited this summer to Washington, DC to lead a discussion on GIScience research needs in transportation for the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Spatial Data and Information Science. She will be presenting on this topic at the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting (Jan 2006) in a workshop entitled "Spatial Data Needs and Opportunities: Safety, Security, Planning and Operations, Environment, and Infrastructure Renewal".

Faculty News

Her current research interests focus on GIS data quality issues in transportation. In addition, she is conducting research on how people perceive and report location information. A draft paper entitled "Assessing Location Information in Household Travel Surveys" resulted from this research.

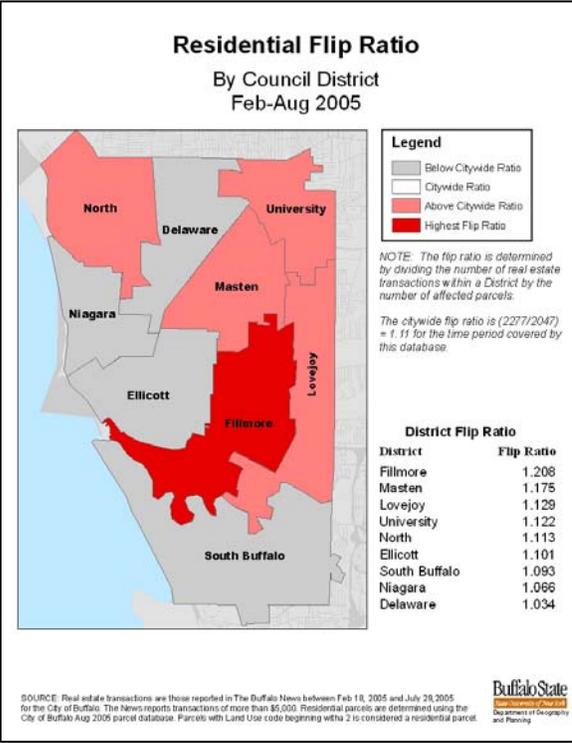
In addition, Wende has been working with the Western New York Anti-Flipping Task Force to develop a GIS application to identify and track irresponsible house flipping activities in the region. Her report entitled "House Flipping: An Analysis of the City of Buffalo" details some of the data issues and research needs on this topic.



Dr. Inamdar collecting data

The study is being conducted in the Point Peter Brook watershed near the town of Gowanda, NY, 50 miles south of Buffalo. The watershed site has not only provided excellent data but has also been a great learning experience for the department's students.

The students have helped install monitoring facilities such as stream gages, weather stations, groundwater wells, and water quality samplers. Two master's thesis graduate students are currently working on this project. The project has already produced two publications in leading environmental journals.



Students participate in year round data collection

Shreeram Inamdar was awarded the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) prestigious New Investigator Award in 2002. This award is made to only one scientist nationally. Through this award Dr. Inamdar is exploring the mechanisms and processes that lead to the export of water and chemicals from watersheds.

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William Wieczorek In addition to his role as a Professor of Geography and Planning, Dr. Wieczorek's main focus at Buffalo State is being the Director of the Center for Health and Social Research. Over the past year Dr. Wieczorek has been active in working with students, faculty, and outside agencies. He served on the graduate committee of Ian Bruce (with committee chair Dr. Tao Tang of Geography and Planning), for his study of antibiotics in the aquatic environment, which culminated in an M.S. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He also served on the committee of Alan Delmerico, who received an M.A. in Geography from UB. Dr. Wieczorek also co-mentored Kristin Gregoire, an undergraduate intern at the Center, for her project on workplace stress and coping, which was presented at the Buffalo State Student Research and Creativity Celebration in April.

In recognition and appreciation for all his endeavors, Dr. Wieczorek received a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities at convocation in September.

Robert Lord represented Buffalo State College at National Geographic's Geography Action Institute in Washington D.C.. The focus of the Institute was "The Genographic Project", a combination of genetics and geography. Over the five days, participants were led through a structured program of exercises, skill development and applications to prepare them to return to their home states and design a migration model for others to use as guide

Student News

In the summer of 2004, Ms. **Amy Kruger** spent two weeks in Chiang Mai, Thailand, sampling water quality in rice paddies. This work was done collaboratively with the Geography Department and Faculty of Medicine at Chiang Mai University. Amy found a relationship between land use characteristics and water quality (including bacteria levels and presence of liver flukes). This work was funded through Buffalo State's Office of Undergraduate Research.



Amy Kruger sampling water quality in Thailand

Ryan Justice conducted a survey with 20 families in a rural watershed in Cambodia to examine agricultural practices, values of agricultural products, use of pesticides and fertilizers, socio-economic characteristics of rural life, drinking water, and sanitation practices. This survey will become part of his masters thesis and will be used as seed information for applications for additional funding.

We welcomed our first graduate student from Cambodia in the Fall of 2005. Ms. **Kimly Reth** graduated from the Institute of Technology, Cambodia with a degree in Food and Chemical Engineering and will focus on local water quality issues for her master's thesis.

We recently obtained a SUNY Internationalization award and in the summer of 2006, we will take a group of 10 Buffalo State students on a three week field course to Thailand and Cambodia, with an emphasis on examining sustainable development issues in developing countries.



Ryan Justice collecting data in Cambodia

Student News



*Stevan
working with
Sketch-up*

Stevan Stipanovich, a senior, has been honing his interest in Urban Planning working for the City of Buffalo's Office of Strategic Planning. It all started when he signed up in the Spring of 2004 as an intern working on Buffalo's Artspace project. He was offered a summer job where his work effort focused on revitalization of Main Street in conjunction with the Artspace project. While completing his coursework this Fall, Stevan has again been hired by the city planners to map out housing opportunities and needs near the Main Street corridor. Stevan has continued to develop his skills in GIS and planning by putting them to good use for the city. He plans to continue with a Master's in Urban Planning after graduating this spring.

Christopher Riley successfully defended his MS thesis research in October this year for the Multidisciplinary Program in Environmental Research and Education. Chris's research involved studying the relationships between water quality and macroinvertebrate health in the Cazenovia Creek watershed located south of Buffalo. The project was funded through a \$30,000 grant awarded by the Great Lakes Commission to Dr. Inamdar, Chris's thesis advisor. Chris Riley started his MS program in the fall of 2003 and completed his thesis expeditiously within two years. Chris Riley was also awarded the Don Rennie Award in 2005 by the Great Lakes Research Consortium for the best research poster at the Great Lakes Annual Conference held at Syracuse, NY. Chris will be submitting two manuscripts on his research to the Journal of the Great Lakes Research.



*Chris Riley sampling for benthic
invertebrates in Sprague Brook, NY.*

Over the past few years geography students from Manchester Metropolitan University (Manchester, UK) have crossed the pond to take courses at Buffalo State and to experience American culture. This year we have 8 students (**Samantha Barker, Terri Barnes, Matthew Bona, Victoria Coates, Robert Crossley, Roy Hendley, Hannah Spokes, and David Todd**). One of our own, **Ted McInerney**, has crossed the other way and is studying in Manchester, UK (Fall, 2006).

This year's Middle States Division of the AAG took place at the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY. Buffalo State was well represented by faculty, but equally so by our students. **Ryan Justice** (co-authored with Kim Irvine) presented his work on pesticide and fertilizer use in Cambodia; Tao Tang presented the work (co-authored with **Melissa Wannemacher**) on GIS simulation and visualization of community evacuation routes; **Joseph Gould** (co-authored with Stephen Vermette) presented his beach survey work from San Salvador, Bahamas; **Katherine Winkler** presented her research on the effect of temperature and discharge rates on concentrations of *E-coli* in the Buffalo River; and **Kimly Reth** (numerous co-authors) presented her work on the assessment and mitigation of arsenic contamination in Cambodian drinking water. A number of the visiting Manchester students also attended the conference.



After nearly ten years of teaching at Buffalo State College, **Dr. Lew-Jean King** (1982, Urban and Regional Planning) has moved on to become a Vice President in Distribution, Strategy, Analysis and Planning Global Marketing at the Bank of America. Dr. King writes:

I am currently a VP with Bank of America in a support group called Distribution, Strategy, Analysis and Planning. Although I have only been working for Bank of America for 6 months, it feels like a lot longer.

We do all of the distribution planning work for the Bank across the US and internationally. That includes deciding what to do with our existing US branches (6,000), our existing US ATM's (16,000), all other alternative channels, and our 1000 branches in places like Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, and now China.

There are 17 associates working in our group. This makes us one of the largest distribution planning departments in the country. Of that 17, 5 of us have advanced degrees in geography or planning. We work closely with a group called the Location Planning Team. Of the 20 LP's, I think that 6 are planners or geographers. We do the planning, they find the sites and work the real estate deals on the ground.

GIS, geographic data, and spatial models are everyday tools of the trade for us. We are an integral component of the Bank of America strategic planning process and are involved in many projects outside of our original scope.

That's about it. Tell everyone I said hi. I do miss the College and it's tough not being home, but the Bank keeps me busy and I have to admit that the quality of my work has really gone up.

Melissa Wannamachor (2005, Urban and Regional Planning/ Geography) is pursuing a Master's in Urban Planning at the University of Buffalo.

Deborah Chesna (2004, Geography) is a sampling coordinator with Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure in Alden, NY. Deborah writes:

Shaw has the contract with FEMA to aid in temporary housing for the people of New Orleans who have lost everything. It is a huge feat to move debris and get these people utilities for their travel trailers while rebuilding their residences.

Victor F. DiGiacomo Jr (2004, Geography) is a R.A.P. Coordinator with the Niagara County Soil and Water District. He is expecting his first child in Feb '06.

Jason Paananen (2004, Urban and Regional Planning) is currently working for the Bay County Planning and Zoning Department in Panama City, Florida. Jason writes:

I am responsible for transportation concurrency, reviewing transportation studies (traffic impact analysis), reviewing development orders, hurricane evacuation clearance times, making developers pay for improvements, etc. [I am] a member of the Bay County Bicycle Pedestrian Committee.

Ari Silverstein (2003, Urban and Regional Planning and Analysis/ Political Science) is a real estate salesperson for Kurland Realty in NYC. Ari writes:

I am currently busy renting and selling property in New York City. I would love to work with all of you, your friends and your family finding a home in New York.

William Travis Morse (BS 2003, Environmental Planning) is an ecologist with Earth Dimensions, Inc. in Elma, NY. Travis writes:

Any students interested in consulting and have taken biology classes should contact me about internships. I transferred from the BSC grad studies in biology to the University of Nebraska to complete my MS in Biology. My two most beneficial classes taken with the (Geography) department were Shree's Soils class and Kelly's Conservation Management class.

Alumni News



Marlo Kovacs (2003) is a Land Steward for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust in Garrison, NY.

Kristal Krasinski (2003, Geography) is a Quality Engineer at Curtis Screw Company in Buffalo, NY.

Laura Ortiz (BS 1988, Environmental Planning) is a Project Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Buffalo District.

Daniel Howard (BA 1981, Planning) is an Associate Planner with the Town of Amherst, NY.

Alumni: We want to hear from you. Please send us a note or email to let us know what you are doing.

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