



HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY: EDITORIAL UPDATE

Historical Geography is pleased to welcome Maria Lane as co-editor of the journal beginning with this Vol. 39 (2011) issue. Garth Myers and Maria will continue on with the 2012 issue as I (Karen Morin) step down as co-editor after five years with the journal. Soren Larsen also continues on as Book Review Editor. Though each issue features special theme articles (“Historical Geographies of Slavery” in the present case), unsolicited research articles are always welcome as well. Author guidelines and submission information appear on our website (<http://www.historical-geography.net>). Please send electronic submissions to Garth Myers (garth.myers@trincoll.edu) or Maria Lane (mdlane@unm.edu).

The journal has undergone many changes during the past five years, the most significant of which was the adoption of the journal by the Historical Geography Specialty Group (HGSG) of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). With funding supplied by the specialty group and a solid institutional subscriber base, the generous volunteer efforts of Kathleen Carter (Managing Editor), and dedicated editorial teams over the years, the journal has been able to continue annual publication following its untimely departure from Louisiana State University when Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005.

Many readers will already be aware that the *Historical Geography* website (above) was recently re-launched, with added features. Readers are now able to download, free of charge, full-text PDF articles for back issues dating from Vol. 38 (2010) to Vol. 29 (2001). This current 2011 issue will be available from the journal’s website in a year’s time.

Historical Geography, in coordination with the HGSG, has also launched (or to some, re-launched) the Distinguished Historical Geography lecture series in recent years. Many historical geographers certainly deserve the honorific “distinguished,” but this series specifically represents our efforts to increase the visibility of the sub-discipline of historical geography among a wide(r) cohort, and, in a sense, explore its “limits.” The distinguished lecture is presented at the annual AAG conference, and is subsequently printed here. Richard Schein (University of Kentucky) presented this year’s lecture in Seattle—a work that, I am sure you will agree, eloquently illustrates the pressing relevance of historical geography today.

Finally—and I have saved the best news for last—this is the final issue of *Historical Geography* that will appear in hard copy format. Beginning in 2012 (Vol. 40), the journal will officially go “all-electronic.” Subscriber instructions for accessing current issue articles will appear in

due time. Meanwhile, let me remind readers that most funding for *Historical Geography* comes from the HGSG specialty group of the AAG. Members, please continue to support the journal by keeping your dues up to date. Editorial services for *Historical Geography* cannot continue without your support. If you are an affiliate member of the AAG through another geographical society, please contact the AAG directly for specialty group sign-up. All others can subscribe to the journal directly through Kathy Carter, Deep River Press Editorial Services (depriverpress@northstate.net). Thank you, and enjoy.

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