C-GEO IN THE NEWS

Summer Institutes
This was a very busy summer for C-GEO with two institutes. In the first institute, twenty teachers, including three preservice teachers, travelled through the Civil War battleground areas of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to examine the Civil War through the lens of geography. The second institute took thirteen teachers, including two preservice teachers, to Tuscany, Italy to look at sustainable practices in the region and their connections and applications to Oregon. While on-site, both groups posted photos and commentaries on the C-GEO Facebook page which you can check out. We look forward to having them share their work at the next C-GEO Annual Conference.
Geography of the Civil War Participants: Michelle Arnold, Matt Faatz, Amy Fifth-Lince, Salvatore Frisina, Jeremy Gibson, Jake Gordon, Julie Johnson, Merc Lavine, Maegan Mackelvie, Melanie Mays, Tabitha Richards, Ryan McWayne, Colleen Pallari, Ben Parsons, Steve Reeves, Maggie Skyberg, Sean Stewart, Shaphan Thomas, Alan Town and Mark Walls.

Teresa reads words of wisdom from a very early geography teacher-training manual found in a Lynchburg Museum
Library of Congress’ Teaching with Primary Sources Workshop

Between the two institutes, C-GEO hosted a Library of Congress’ Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Workshop at PSU. This was part of a National Geographic Education Foundation (NGEF) collaborative project with participants from four Alliances, led by Colorado and including Arizona, Nevada, and Oregon. The focus was to design a workshop which will be tested in the fall of 2014. This will be followed by a three-year series of workshops envisioned as a pilot program, that, if successful, could be replicated at the national level. Oregon’s excellent representatives at the workshop included, TCs Kerrie O’Brien (Albany) and Mark Walls (Bend), as well as Leigh Morlock (Beaverton) and Delia Wallis (Hermiston). One valuable outcome of the workshop was the creation of several tools for analyzing primary source maps, photos, text, and cartoons through a geographic lens.
National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) 2014 Award Winners

Congratulations to David Banis, Martha Works, and Karen Adams. David Banis, Chief Cartographer, Center for Spatial Analysis and Research at PSU, received the 2014 NCGE Outstanding Support for Geography Education Award. Dr. Martha Works, Professor of Geography, PSU, received the 2014 NCGE Distinguished Mentor Award. Karen Adams, Westside Elementary School, Madras, received 2014 NCGE Distinguished Teaching Award (K-12). The awards were presented at the National Conference on Geography Education in Memphis, TN in August.

Student Atlas Workshops

The Atlas Workshop Teams conducted several workshops across the state including: Corbett Elementary School, Corbett; Chapman Hill and Brush College Elementary Schools, Salem; Northwest Christian University, Eugene; Western Oregon University, Monmouth; and the Albany School District.

Other TCs in the News

- June Morris (formerly Satak) was selected to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) workshop at The Delta Center for Culture and Learning at Delta State University, titled, “The Most Southern Place on Earth: Music, History and Culture of the Mississippi Delta.” The teachers came from 25 states and explored the blues, civil rights heritage, religious and culinary heritage, the flood of 1927 and the Great Migration.

- Judy Lowery has been appointed as the C-GEO Geography Awareness Week (GAW) Coordinator. Read more about GAW in the Advocacy Section.

- Jeremy Hirsch represented C-GEO at the annual ESRI Educators Conference in San Diego, California to learn more about the Oregon K-12 site license for ESRI’s Arc GIS software packages. Read more about this conference in GEOBYTES’ Resources Section.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Geography Education in Oregon Annual Conference
C-GEO will be holding its Annual Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Western Oregon University. The tentative title is, “Putting Geography in its Place,” and will include a focus on Place-Based Education and will include sessions that address AP Human Geography (APHG), STEM, Common Core, English Language Learners and more. Information and opportunities for presenting will be available soon.

Oregon Council for Social Studies (OCSS) Fall Conference
The Fall 2014 OCSS Conference will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, from 9am – 3pm. The conference theme is, “Developing a Room with a View: Creating Global Citizenship through Dynamic Social Studies Education.” Registration information can be found at: http://www.oregonsocialstudies.org/ocss-conference/fall-conference

National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference
The 2014 NCSS Annual Conference will be held on November 21-23 at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston. Join more than 3,000 of your peers from across the U.S. and around the world in historic Boston, to share the most current knowledge, ideas, research, and expertise in social studies education. Information about hotels and registration can be found at: http://www.socialstudies.org/conference

Fall Online Courses with NatGeo
This fall, National Geographic Education will offer two FREE online courses for educators looking for content and resources on watersheds and water. Sign up for our courses to learn about environmental topics and explore strategies to implement environmental education in your classroom, as well as develop action plans for your teaching. These courses can be applied toward your professional development requirements.
FLOW Education - Sept. 17-Oct. 29 - for teachers of grades 4-9 to learn about watersheds and outdoor education, using the Chesapeake Bay watershed as an example. Water: The Essential Resource - Oct. 15-Dec. 17 - for teachers of grades 4-8 to learn about ocean and freshwater topics and teaching strategies. For information see: http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/online-courses/?ar_a=1

The National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) to Celebrate 100th Birthday!
Plan now to attend the “2015 National Conference on Geography Education.” Join educators (K-12 & University) and geography professionals from around the world celebrate NCGE’s 100th birthday. The conference will be held August 6-9, at the J.W. Marriot, Washington DC. TCs who present at the conference may apply for a C-GEO Travel Grant. This promises to be a very special conference.

Host a Student Atlas Workshop at your School
Consider hosting a Student Atlas of Oregon/El Atlas de Oregón para Estudiantes workshop in your school or district. The workshops are free, three hours in length and include strategies for integrating math, reading science together with adaptations for ELL students. Participants receive a free atlas and a CD ROM of geography resources and lesson plans. The host school will receive a classroom set of Atlases that include both English and Spanish versions. C-GEO has trained teams of workshop presenters in the Portland area, Mid-Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon, Central Oregon, and Eastern Oregon. To sign up for a workshop, contact the C-GEO Office at: geogall@pdx.edu.

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) Travel Programs, 2015
GEEO is offering international travel programs for 2015. The registration deadline is June 1st, but space is limited and many programs will be full well before the deadline. From now until October 13th, GEEO's spring and summer programs will be discounted an additional 5%. Educators have the option to earn graduate school credit and professional development credit while seeing the world. Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries,
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Successful Family Geography Nights and Oregon Pie Lesson

Family Geography Nights (FGN) were held in spring in Yoncalla, Lebanon, Albany, and Curitiba, Brazil! In Yoncalla, Shawna Bradley, a first year teacher, held her first FGN assisted by C-GEO’s FGN guru, Nancy Hunt. Nancy, who retired in June, held her last FGN, assisted by TC, Reed Kinney, where they had more than 150 participants. Although Nancy is now retired, and we wish her well, she has promised to help update the Family Geography Night Manual.

From Janelle Wren, in Brazil

“Had a wonderful International Day here in Curitiba! We had a great day today and parents and kids alike LOVED the geography games! Many parents said they like having something educational to do with their kids as normally the day is just about food, music, and jump houses. Especially Leslie’s idea for the "Name that Currency" game was a HUGE hit! I had one grandparent stand and look at the money for over half an hour! It was our most popular game! Mongolia was one of the hardest ones for people---those tugriks! Nancy---you definitely need to play it for Pioneer’s FGN! A new idea to add to the FGN manual as well!”

From TC, Shawna Bradley, in Yoncalla

“Family Geography Night is already being scheduled for next spring. Everyone loved it, and they are hoping it will grow a little bigger each year.”
And from Maggie Skyberg Johnson, in Newburg

“Based on lessons using the Student Atlas of Oregon, Chehalem Valley Middle School, Newberg, OR, art students made posters of pie ingredients and where the ingredient grows in Oregon. Pies were researched in cookbooks and only pies with ALL Oregon ingredients could be used on the posters. The Oregon Agribusiness Council (OAC) also aided in the research; important because sugar was a key ingredient for fruit pies. The OAC provided the sugar/Klamath Basin link making many students happy and smarter about their own state. Many of these same students went on a day-long field trip to see where onions, blueberries, grass seed and hay and filberts grow. This trip was sponsored by the OAC. Using the Student Atlas of Oregon in classroom lessons built background information for the field trip and made possible a visually stunning poster display in the school, city library, coffee shop and district office. Over 90 students participated in this project through art classes.

Delta Kappa Gamma Conference
Judy Lowery, Shirley Lomax, and Gwenda Rice presented a session on the Giant Map of Oregon and the Oregon Student Atlases at the Delta Kappa Gamma Conference in Bend. Participants showed great interest in both pieces and the presentation resulted in several requests for Student Teacher Atlas Workshops and help with Family Geography Nights.

ADVOCACY
Geography Awareness Week (GAW)
This year’s theme is ‘Food’ and although the official dates for GAW are November 16-22, 2014, the idea is for the theme to run through the entire school year. Information about the event can be found at www.GeoWeek.org with additional Food Education resources to be found at: http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/food-education/?ar_a=1
Judy Lowery, the new GAW coordinator will keep you informed of events and resources, using our C-GEO Distribution List and Facebook page.

Connect with #TeamGeography!
Are you a geography educator, geographer or geography fanatic? Do you think a good geography education is of vital importance for young people? Join guerrilla geographer/geography educator, Daniel Raven-Ellison, to unite and work together to connect, share, amplify and celebrate geography! Join Thunderclap and use #TeamGeography on Twitter to:

- Connect with others and build your network. Add #TeamGeography to your Twitter profile so that we can all follow each other.
- Share ideas, projects, best practice and stories.
- Amplify messages for each other. If someone posts a request that includes #TeamGeography, let's help them make some noise.
- Celebrate geography, geography education and geographers.

We can use #TeamGeography to bring together and expand a great community of geographers!
**National Geographic Bee**

Inspire your students to care about the planet and register your school online for The National Geographic Bee and download contest materials at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee). Registration opens September 15, 2014. National Geographic will also be contacting previous participant schools. If your school has not participated before go to the website, and under the Teacher and Parent tab select ‘How To Register’. The link on the main Bee site will become active that day. If you have any questions regarding registration please contact National Geographic at ngbee@ngs.org. Key dates include, School Bees, November 3, 2014-February 6, 2015, State Bees, March 27, 2015, and National Championship, May 11-13, 2015. According to Tabitha Richards, Oregon’s State Bee Coordinator, the State Bee will be held at Western Oregon University. Tabitha, who teaches at Perrydale School, is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Anyone interested in helping should contact Tabitha at: trichards@roguesoldiers.com

**RESOURCES**

**ESRI Educators Conference in San Diego**

This summer TC, Jeremy Hirsch, attended the ESRI Educators Conference in San Diego, California to learn more about the Oregon K-12 site license for ESRI’s Arc GIS software packages. ESRI produces a series of mapping programs that enable users to create and utilize maps of all sorts. Teachers of all ages can build lessons for their classes with these tools. You could even use them out in the field! To find lesson plans and other resources about using the wide array of mapping software, go to [http://edcommunity.esri.com](http://edcommunity.esri.com). Check out this link to a story map about Turkey: [http://gencharitaci.net/VisitTurkey/](http://gencharitaci.net/VisitTurkey/). Specific information on how to set up an ESRI account will be sent to you on the C-GEO Distribution List.

**The Oregon Journal of the Social Studies (OJSS)**

OJSS is a peer-reviewed electronic journal that provides an outlet for social studies research, best practices, lesson plans, and reviews. The OCSS is issuing a call to submit manuscripts for the February 2015 issue. Manuscripts should be submitted no later than November 15, 2014 to Ken Carano at: caranok@wou.edu. For manuscript guidelines go to: [http://www.oregonsocialstudies.org](http://www.oregonsocialstudies.org)

**NCGE Provides Valuable Teacher Resources**

Check out the NCGE teacher resource page, [http://www.ncge.org/resources](http://www.ncge.org/resources) for valuable information and ideas on the following topics:

- Advanced Placement Human Geography Teachers (APHG)
- Geography for Life: National Geography Standards, 2nd Edition
- Research In Progress
- NCGE Webinar Program
- Graduate Programs in Geography Education
- 21st Century Skills Map - Geography
- Teaching Exercises for Integrating Remote Sensing and GIS
- Resources for your Geography Club

Note: NCGE’s weekly scheduled "Bell-Ringers" will resume the first week of September, and will now be offered to non-members. "Bell-Ringers" are daily questions for your Advanced Placement Human Geography classes delivered to your inbox! You don’t need to sign up to receive the "Bell-Ringers" if you have previously signed up within the last year. For details, check [http://www.ncge.org/aphg](http://www.ncge.org/aphg)

**MapMaker Interactive**

Check out the new and improved MapMaker Interactive tool. Make your own GeoTours, save and share your maps, and introduce students and teachers to a simple GIS tool with “tons” of bells and whistles...Great for back to school newsletter, demonstrations and training. Visit [http://mapmaker.education.nationalgeographic.com/](http://mapmaker.education.nationalgeographic.com/)
C-GEO’s Facebook Page Provides Timely Resource
Check out, “Watch How the Centers of Western Cultures Migrated Over 2,000 Years” at http://qz.com/244999/watch-how-the-centers-of-western-culture-migrated-over-2000-years/ This is just one of many, many resources that can be found on the C-GEO Facebook page. If you haven’t already done so, you need to join C-GEO’s Facebook page for access to current and timely announcements and geographic resources. Several TCs have been contributing and sharing ideas and it would be great to have even more discussions and contributions. Center for Geography Education in Oregon http://www.geogres.pdx.edu/oga/

Oregon Giant Map Manual
Check out the Manual for Using the Giant Map of Oregon on the C-GEO website: http://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/giant-floor-maps The manual includes policies for using and reserving the Oregon Giant Map, map activities, and two lesson plans.

Keep Us Informed!
Please let the C-GEO Office geogall@pdx.edu know of any awards, special events or projects that may be of interest to TCs, and announcements. Using the web makes it easy to showcase exemplary student work or students at work. Remember that you will need to have students’ permission before posting either student work or their photos in GEOBYTE. Also be sure to inform us of changes in address, school, or email.