“The facts ma’am, just the facts”
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The Geography Teacher Features Oregon Students

Marika Conrad’s students from Hopkins Elementary School, Sherwood are on the cover of the latest issue of The Geography Teacher. The students were conducting fieldwork in Portland and their story was featured in the last issue of GEOBYTES.
**El Atlas de Oregon para Estudiantes Launched!**

The Spanish Student Atlas of Oregon (*El Atlas de Oregon para Estudiantes*) made its debut at the 2012 Bilingual Teachers Event at Western Oregon University (WOU). Bilingual Teachers from Woodburn and Salem-Keizer School districts attended as well as preservice teachers who are part of WOU’s, Bilingual/ESOL program. TCs, Chelsea Fuller and Tony Ramos, introduced the atlas and shared supporting model lessons with the group. The atlas was well received by a very enthusiastic audience and each attendee went home with a copy of the atlas.
El Atlas de Oregon para Estudiantes is now on-line at: http://studentatlasoforegon.pdx.edu/spanish/. Supporting lesson plans should be on-line soon.

Multilingual Glossary of Key Atlas Terms Created
OGA has now created a glossary of key atlas geography terms in Korean, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Spanish, German, Tagalog, Japanese, French, and Arabic. The glossary will soon be available on the OGA website to help teachers use the atlas with students for whom their first language is neither English nor Spanish.

Example for the English word ‘Climate’

clima (Spanish), Klima (German), khí hậu (Vietnamese),
клімат (Russian), 氣候 (Chinese), Climat (French),
気候 (Japanese), 기후 (Korean), Klima (Tagalog), and الرياح (Arabic)
Share this OGA Opportunity with your Colleagues

ELL and Bilingual Teachers
Summer Geography Institute

- **When:** July 20-21, 2012
- **Where:** Portland State University
- **Cost:** $25 (includes continental breakfasts and all materials)
- **Graduate Credit:** Optional 2 credits at $100 each
- **Free parking for participants who pre-register ($24 value)
- **Participants will:**
  - Network with teaching colleagues and geography experts
  - Receive free teaching materials, including the Student Atlas of Oregon (English and Spanish) and model lessons
  - Learn strategies for teaching geographic literacy using an atlas

For more information contact the Oregon Geographic Alliance at:
503-725-5864 or geogall@pdx.edu

Other Professional Development Opportunities

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO)
GEEO is a non-profit organization that runs summer professional development travel programs designed for teachers. It is offering 16 different travel programs for the summer of 2012: India/Nepal, Vietnam, Thailand/Laos/Cambodia, China, Russia/Mongolia/China, Egypt, Turkey 8 day, Turkey 15 day, South Africa/Mozambique/Zimbabwe/Botswana, Morocco, Argentina/Uruguay/Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, The Galapagos Islands and Costa Rica. **Space is limited!** Educators have the option to earn graduate school credit (3 credits through Indiana University) and professional development credit while seeing the world. The trips are 8 to 24 days in length educators are also permitted to bring along a non-educator guest. Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at [www.geeo.org](http://www.geeo.org). GEEO can be reached 7 days a week, toll free at **1-877-600-0105** between 9AM-9PM EST
Amazon Rainforest Workshop & Machu Picchu Extension

K-12 teachers and environmental educators can win one of three $1000 scholarships to travel with scientists to one of the most diverse environments in the world. Join group leader Donna Krabill, Norfolk Botanical Garden and scientists Dr. Steve Madigosky, Widener University and Randy Morgan, Entomologist, Cincinnati Zoo on a rainforest discovery June 29- July 8, 2012. Experience a 1/4-mile Rainforest Canopy Walkway, Yagua Culture & Crafts, Village Service Project, ReNuPeru Ethnobotanical Garden, Birdwatching, Night Hikes, and Monkey Island Conservation Project. Open registration through May. Land cost is $1850, plus air. Machu Picchu Extension is optional. Academic Credit is available. Land cost is $850 for scholarship winners. Submit simple scholarship application by March 8. For program and scholarship information, visit http://www.travel2learn.com/amazon.htm (case sensitive). Contact Dr. Frances Gatz, 1-800-669-6806 or frances@ee-link.net

2012 Choices Leadership Institute

The 2012 Choices Leadership Institute, July 9-13, 2012 at Brown University provides teachers with an opportunity to examine the concept of human rights and the challenges of enforcing human rights at an international level. Using the Choices curriculum unit, Competing Visions of Human Rights: Challenges for U.S. Policy, participants will learn from leading scholars in the fields of international law and foreign policy, explore effective instructional strategies for engaging students in the topic, and share best practices with other dedicated and innovative teachers. Time is also allocated to discuss and plan new ways to conduct educational outreach, which is a requirement of the Leadership Institute. There is no charge for the Leadership Institute. Meals, housing, reading materials and a certificate of completion are provided. Participants pay their own round trip travel. Applications are due by Friday, March 16, 2012. More information and an application can be found at http://www.choices.edu/pd/institutes_seminars.php.

New Geography Resources

Check out this rich geography resource edited by Neal Lineback and Mandy Gritzner, Geography in the News. The Facebook and Twitter pages are getting lots of "likes," particularly from AP Geography teachers and students and there are daily renewals at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Geography-in-the-News/257741344265259
According to Lineback, they are using a "hook" called "Didjuno?" (Did you know?) to call readers' attention to geographic analysis of breaking news stories and interesting events. They believe that this technique can help readers place these events in larger geographic frameworks. They are trying to post a new Didjuno? every day or so, each with an innovative map or graphic to help teachers and students analyze the event from a geographic perspective.

**Earth Hour**

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australian when 2.2 million individuals and more than 2000 turned their lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change. A year later, more than 50 million people across 35 countries/territories participated and global landmarks such as Sydney Harbor Bridge, CN Tower in Toronto, the Golden Gate in San Francisco and Rome’s Coliseum, all stood in darkness. If you are interested in participating in this year’s Earth Hour on Saturday, March 31st at 20>30, find out more at www.earhhour.org

**Seven Billion Day**

After growing very slowly for most of human history, the number of people on Earth has more than doubled in the last 50 years, and on October 31, 2011 reached the landmark number of 7 billion. The UN population Calculator has been set up to identify how each individual fits into the history if human life on Earth. Go to www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-15391515, fill in your date of birth and find out where you fit in! A though provoking activity for your students.

**Important Conferences in 2012**

**2012 OGA Annual Conference**

Instead of a spring conference, OGA will hold its annual conference on Saturday, **October 20th** at Western Oregon University (WOU), Monmouth. The conference whose theme is, “Geographic Literacy for the 21st Century”, will include a focus on the new Spanish Student Atlas with workshops and lessons to support both English and Spanish versions. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Maria Dantas-Whitney, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Bilingual-ESOL Program at WOU. Another strand will be a focus on the Middle East with participation from the Middle East Studies Center at PSU and presentations TCs who attended the 2012 Turkey Institute. Literacy and Climate Change, technology integration, curriculum for addressing the new social science content standards and many other sessions will be offered. Save the date and look for further updates from OGA.

**2012 National Conference on Geographic Education**

This conference, with the theme, “Deep in the Heart of Geography”, will be held **October 5-7**, in San Marcos, Texas. National Council for Geographic Education’s annual gathering of geography educators will feature informative sessions, workshops, and fieldtrips; exhibitors showcasing innovative resources; and the opportunity to network...
with other dedicated educators. **Presentation proposals will be accepted until April 15.** Session formats include paper sessions, workshops, poster sessions, and research roundtables discussions. In order for sessions to be accepted, presenters must be registered for the conference. Visit the conference page at [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org) for the latest news and announcements. OGA Travel Grants are available for TCs who present at the conference.

**2012 National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference**

Make plans now to attend the 92nd NCSS Annual Conference, **November 16-18** in Seattle, WA. The conference theme is, ‘Opening Windows to the World’ and will attract attendees from both sides of the US/Canadian border. With its spectacular setting on Puget Sound, vibrant historical legacy, ever-changing cultural diversity and high tech aura, Seattle opens windows to a myriad of worlds. Consider submitting a proposal for the conference. Information on how to submit a proposal can be found at: [http://2012.ncss.org/openconf.php](http://2012.ncss.org/openconf.php) To submit a proposal, go to: [http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/proposals](http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/proposals) The deadline is Monday, February 20. TCs who are successful in submitting a proposal may also apply for an OGA Travel Grant.