



# Western Regional Science Association

Summer 2009

Newsletter

*Call for Papers...*

## *Our 49<sup>th</sup> Cosmic Convergence*

### *Hilton Sedona Resort ~ Sedona, Arizona ~ February 21-24, 2010*

Over the past half century the history of WRSA has been one of regional scientists coming together to share their research in the most spectacularly scenic areas of the North American continent. Few if any spots on the planet, however, eclipse the singular beauty of the Red Rock Country in and around Sedona, Arizona – site for our upcoming 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Plan now to join this cosmic convergence of regional scientists at the lovely Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa. The 2010 conference will get underway with an Opening Session and Reception in the late afternoon, Sunday, 2/21. Paper sessions will get underway first thing Monday morning, and continue all day Tuesday and Wednesday.

While in Sedona enjoy a vortex experience, hike the scenic trails, and partake of the abundant fine dining and shopping opportunities. Those who can find the time might wish to combine participation at the conference with a few days soaking up some rays and recreating in the Valley of Sun (the Phoenix area) and/or visiting the nearby Grand Canyon plus the myriad other world-class sights of Northern Arizona.

**Travel to Sedona...** Although commercial air service does not exist to Sedona itself, getting to the Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa is surprisingly easy! Most participants will simply fly into Phoenix's Sky Harbor Airport: a busy major hub with a number of daily international flights and high connectivity within the U.S. domestic air network. From Sky Harbor, you can either rent a car or take the convenient shuttle.

Your stay in Sedona will be enhanced by having a rental car. Although there are several eating opportunities at or within a short walk of the Hilton, the center of settlement is several miles away and the

other points of interest sprawl across all the Red Rock Country. The drive up to Sedona from Phoenix is an easy 1 hour and 50 minutes (113 mile, 183 kilometer), almost entirely on freeways and high-speed Interstate highway.

Alternatively, participants can take the extremely affordable Sedona-Phoenix shuttle direct to the door of the Resort. Full details on shuttle schedules and information on placing your reservation may be found on the WRSA

website ([www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info)).

Special negotiated round-trip fare for our conference participants is only \$80 – \$10 off the regular price. One-way it's \$50. Just identify yourself as a 'WRSA' or 'Western Regional Science Association' participant when making the reservation.

**Rooms at the Hilton...** As usual we have negotiated great discounted sleeping-room rates. Our special conference rate is \$179 per night, single or double occupancy (plus optional resort services fees and taxes). We have rooms booked from Saturday 2/20 through Thursday 2/25. Be sure to make your reservation using the special link on the WRSA website in order to receive the conference rate!

**Paper submittals...** Get working on a paper to submit by the customary October 15 deadline! We'd also love to hear from anyone who does not have a paper ready to go, but who would like a spot or two on the Program as a discussant or/ or session chair.

*Please see Sedona Arrangements, Page 2...*

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...*Sedona Arrangements* (continued from Page 1)

**Papers on all regional science topics welcome!**

Potential session themes include:

Resource Utilization; Impact Analysis; Regional Modeling; Location of Economic Activity; Housing; Regional & Urban Planning; Environmental Quality; Regional Development; Migration and Demographic Analysis; Transportation; Locational Criteria for Public Services & Facilities; Tourism & Recreation; Local Public Finance; Energy Issues; Regional Science Epistemology & Pedagogy.

WRSA's signature 'seminar-style' paper sessions afford a great opportunity to get constructive feedback on your research! Per WRSA custom, all papers are given a total of 45 minutes of Program time and are assigned a discussant.

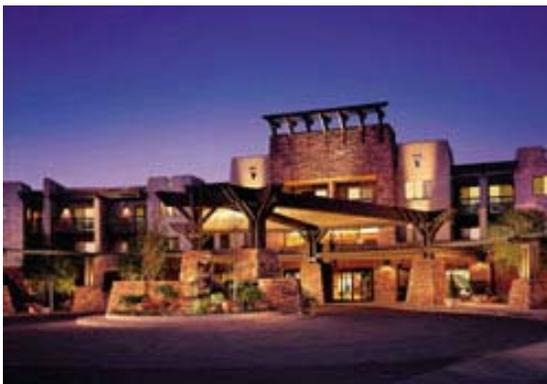
As always, the official submission deadline is **October 15**. Draft versions are acceptable at this stage. Note: WRSA does not make any acceptances on the basis of abstracts alone. All papers are screened by the Program Committee before formal invitations to present are issued. Please note: Only one paper may be presented per fee-paying registrant.

For multiple-authored papers, *clearly indicate which authors plan to attend*, and include email addresses for all intended participants.

Email manuscripts to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) as a file attachment. Word or PDF formats are both acceptable.

Please do not send graphics-laden files at this stage. Large graphics files may be sent directly to your discussant and session chair closer to the time of the conference.

The Preliminary Program will be posted by December 31, at which point 'final' conference versions of any manuscripts accepted in 'draft' form will be due.



*The Hilton Sedona Resort and Spa*  
(Additional photos at: [www.hiltonsedona.com](http://www.hiltonsedona.com))

**Preregistration.** This year all participants will preregister using the (easy!) E-store facilities provided by the North American Regional Science Council. Payment may be made by major credit card (or personal check payable in U.S. dollars). See the link on the WRSA website for details.

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and will, by virtue of their participation, become 2010 members of WRSA. Only one paper may be presented per fee-paying registrant.

Coauthors not attending the conference are *not* required to pay registration fees.

**Reserve the Dates...** Please be aware that the main events of the 2010 conference will be held on a Sunday through Wednesday format (as in 2009).

An ample supply of rooms have been blocked for our group at the special negotiated conference rates beginning Sunday night, February 21 and extending through Wednesday night, February 25. A number of rooms are being held for those wishing to come in early on Saturday night, February 20. As always, however, our block may fill for one or more of the nights – so please reserve your room early!

**Overview of Our 2010 Annual Meeting Dates...**

- ❖ **Sunday, February 21:** *Note: no paper sessions will be held on this day;* Registration opens in the early-afternoon; Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon followed by the Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Monday, February 22:** Registration reopens and continues (throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); WRSA Board Meeting (late afternoon; by invitation only)
- ❖ **Tuesday, February 23:** Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (for all registered meeting participants; tickets and fee required for non-registered accompanying persons); Evening President's Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 24:** Registration continues (throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM)

**More Information...** For full conference information consult the WRSA website: <http://www.wrsa.info> Questions? Feel free to drop a note to Executive Secretary Dave Plane: plane@email.arizona.edu

## The Napa 2009 Annual Meeting: Bounteous, Productive, Convivial!

Those fortunate enough to attend the Napa conference were treated to some classic 'WRSA weather,' when on Sunday the California skies opened – along with our opening events. By the time the sun returned to grace the vineyarded landscapes on Wednesday, three full days of scholarship and social events had passed over the dam and the 225 participants were almost unanimous in rating this – our 48<sup>th</sup> – among the all-time most collegial and productive of Annual Meetings. For the third time the Silverado Resort and Spa provided the gracious venue for our interactions (earlier WRSA/Napa vintage years were 1988 and 1996.)

Final registration for our 2009 Annual Meeting came in at ca. 225, tying it with the 2008 Big Island conference for the distinction of being the largest of the decade. For the second year in a row, forty of WRSA's 'signature' seminar-style invited paper sessions were scheduled across the three main days of the conference. This time the Final Program listed 165 paper presentations. Co-convening with WRSA in 2009 was NE-1029. The group of ag and resource economists held their annual business meeting and put on two special joint paper sessions. Our Remote Regions group, organized as always in recent years by Lee Huskey, sponsored three lively paper sessions. The AUBER group, under the direction of Keith Schwer (with ongoing capable assistance of Tim Hogan) put on a pair of "Western Economic Outlook Sessions." And three special invited paper sessions on "Regional Economic Development" organized by Sandy Dall'erba and Jaewon Lim brought together scholars to talk about methodology and policy issues in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

The conference kicked off on Sunday afternoon February 22 with a thought-provoking and lively talk about an aspect of the regional science of the local area, i.e., the wine industry! The presenter of "Why Napa?" was Jim Lapsley, University of California, Davis. Jim not only braved the rain to find his way down to the Silverado, he also gritted through his talk after suffering some serious 'road rash' in a weekend cycling mishap. Participants were most appreciative of his insights about how the Napa Valley emerged as California's leading appellation. Immediately following the lively discussion period, a well-attended, and most memorable Welcoming Reception was held in the adjacent section of the resort's ballroom. Organized by Pete Parcels of Whitman College, the reception featured a tasting of a number of Napa and Washington State wines.



Monday saw conference-goers participating in a full slate of seven morning and seven afternoon paper sessions. Following the afternoon coffee break, the WRSA Board convened for its annual business meeting (see related story, this *Newsletter*).

Concurrent paper sessions continued all day Tuesday. Two convivial all-group activities also highlighted the day's agenda...

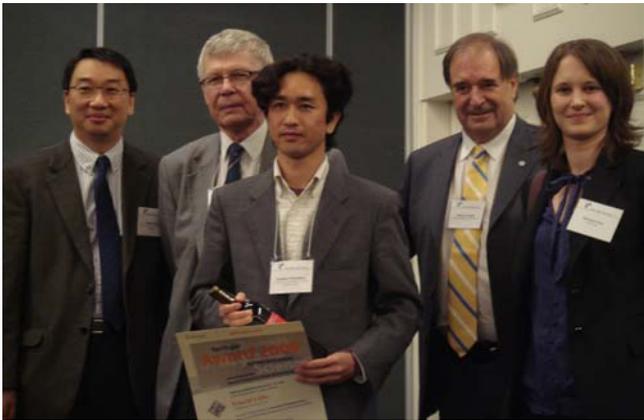
A jam-packed ballroom of conference goers enjoyed the Annual Banquet Luncheon. WRSA 49<sup>th</sup> President, T. John Kim served as affable Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon program, which included the announcement of winners and presentations of both the Tiebout and Springer Prizes (see related stories, this *Newsletter*) and the announcement of WRSA's newest 'Fellow': Harry Richardson (see yet another related article). Then came 50<sup>th</sup> WRSA President David Holland's Presidential Address "How do regions adjust to positive (or negative) trade balances." Discussant remarks were left in the capable hands of Maureen Kilkenny.

After a full afternoon of papers, Tuesday evening saw the full group gathering for cocktails and some tasty hors d'oeuvres. Per WRSA tradition, David hosted the President's Reception, pictures of which – along with Banquet highlights – can be viewed on the WRSA website's Napa photo album. Thanks to Dave's WSU Dean for supporting the reception, and WRSA Board member, Christine Bae for stepping in and serving as (interim) official photographer!

One final note... With respect to conference participation, WRSA, as always, drew large groups of international scholars. Our Swedish contingent rallied in 2009, taking back first-place (from Korea) in supplying the most non-North American participants. *Skål!*



*Participants enjoy the Annual Banquet Luncheon  
(More photos of the Napa conference: [www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info))*



### ***Nakamura Takes 13<sup>th</sup> Springer Prize Honoring Best Early-Career Paper***

Daisuke Nakamura, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, was presented with the 13<sup>th</sup> Springer Prize at the February 24, 2009 Banquet Luncheon of the Napa Annual Meeting. Making the presentation (and standing from left to right behind Nakamura in the above photo) were *Annals of Regional Science* – WRSA’s Official Journal – Coeditors Euijune Kim, Börje Johansson and Roger Stough, ably assisted by Springer Economics/Business Editor, Barbara Fess.

Dr. Nakamura’s winning paper, “Agglomeration economies and two contrasting transportation costs: Complementary and substitution perspectives” was presented on Wednesday, February 25.

The Springer Prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented at our Annual Meeting by an early career scholar (see full competition information below). In addition to an attractive certificate, winners receive a voucher good for \$300 of Springer books.



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## **Springer Award**

for outstanding papers in  
the field of Regional Science



The prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented by a recent post-graduate scholar of no more than 5 years\* at the Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association.

### **Prize US \$300.-**

(to be awarded in Springer books of the winner’s choice)

The paper will be published in **The Annals of Regional Science**, official Journal of the WRSA, and announced on the Springer Website.



## **Wang Wins 23<sup>rd</sup> Tiebout Prize**

Yiming Wang, doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California, was named at the Napa Annual Meeting the winner of the 2009, 23<sup>rd</sup> Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

Wang’s winning entry titled, “White flight in Los Angeles County, 1960–1990: A model of fuzzy tipping,” was presented on Wednesday afternoon.

Established in 1987, the Prize honors the memory of Charlie Tiebout, one of WRSA’s founding members, for his many contributions to regional science before his untimely death in 1968. The Tiebout Prize is recognized as among the most prestigious of regional science awards recognizing research conducted by a graduate student.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Competition was judged by a panel of the four most recent WRSA Past Presidents: Jack Osman, Lee Huskey, Juanita Liu and Geoff Hewings. Jack Osman chaired the Committee and made the presentation at the Annual Banquet Luncheon at the Silverado Resort on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. In addition to the Winner’s certificate, Wang received a check for \$1,000.



*Tiebout Winner, Yiming Yang, with Jack Osman and T. John Kim*

## **McLaughlin Feted as Tiebout Finalist**

For the second consecutive year, Univ. California, Irvine doctoral student, Ralph McLaughlin, was honored for having contributed a finalist paper to the Tiebout competition. His 2009 Napa paper was entitled: “Strategic interaction among local governments revisited: The case of building permits.” McLaughlin was presented with a certificate at the Annual Banquet Luncheon at the Silverado. (A photo is available in the Napa Meeting Album on the WRSA website.) McLaughlin’s 2008 Big Island paper had similarly been accorded ‘Finalist’ status.



*Attention Graduate Students – Call for Papers:*  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition for  
 The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science**

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

The Tiebout Prize will be awarded for the best paper submitted by a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently or having completed studies during Academic Year 2008–2009). To be considered, papers should be in the general multidisciplinary realm of regional science: topics in the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, economic and quantitative geography, and local public finance are especially encouraged. Papers will be judged by a Reading Committee of four former WRSA Presidents, and the decision of the committee (which will be rendered by late-November) will be final.

The author of the winning paper must present the research at the WRSA's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held at the Sedona Hilton Resort & Spa, Sedona, Arizona, during the period February 21–24, 2010. The winning author will receive **\$1,000** to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting. The paper will be printed in the prestigious international quarterly journal *The Annals of Regional Science* (published by Springer) following standard review/revision procedures. Authors of all papers judged by the Program Committee to be worthy of presentation will be invited to deliver them in regular sessions of the Meeting. Registration waivers will be awarded to authors of papers selected for "Finalist" status in the competition.

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**Graduate students wishing to submit papers for the competition should send five (5) hard copies and e-mail as an attachment an electronic copy of the paper in Word or PDF format to:**

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 Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA

*(If sending hard copies by express courier, please add: Room 409, 1103 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; Phone: 520-621-1652)*

E-mail: [plane@email.arizona.edu](mailto:plane@email.arizona.edu)

**Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA no later than):  
 October 15, 2009**

- Submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers.
- Please indicate your Department and University affiliation and the name of your primary faculty supervisor.
- Text of the papers should be double-spaced. Only one submission per author, and only singly-authored papers will be considered.
- NOTE: Any paper exceeding 50 pages in length (inclusive of references, tables and figures) will NOT be sent to the Reading Committee.

This prize is awarded in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students; thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.

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## *WRSA has new Web and Mailing Addresses...*

Thanks to the good graces of long-time WRSA stalwart Pete Parcells, Whitman College, the Association has a new, easy to remember Website address:

[www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info)

(But unless you're interested in the affairs of the "Western Railway Supervisors Association" don't accidentally surf to [www.wrsa.org](http://www.wrsa.org) or check out [www.wrsa.com](http://www.wrsa.com) the website for FM radio station, WRSA, 'Lite 96.9,' Huntsville, Alabama!)

Note, also, that the former Department of Geography and Regional Science at the University of Arizona has now become the "School of Geography and Development." All other contact information for the Association remains unchanged.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Reimut Jochimsen Prize*

The 4th Reimut Jochimsen Prize was awarded to Professor Juan Roselló, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, Mexico, and Hannes Weigt, Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, Germany, for their paper "A Dynamic Incentive Mechanism for Transmission Expansion in Electricity Networks - Theory, Modeling and Application."

This paper was submitted with respect to the topic of the prize "European Infrastructure Policy: Challenges for Future Energy Markets in the European Community". The award ceremony took place at the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Düsseldorf, Germany, on February 4, 2009.

The Reimut Jochimsen Prize has been awarded by the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank to appreciate outstanding contributions of scholars to the advancement of material, institutional and personal infrastructure research. The papers submitted were evaluated by a Reading Committee consisting of Hans Peter Weser, President of the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank, and three scholars formerly associated with Professor Jochimsen, namely Professors Walter Buhr, University of Siegen, Udo E. Simonis, Berlin Science Center for Social Research, and Peter Treuner, University of Stuttgart.

## Western Regional Science Association Board and Officers



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## **Board Names Warren Gill Vice President, Bob Stimson President-Elect, Genevieve Guiliano and Henk Folmer New Members**

At its annual business meeting held during the Napa Annual Meeting, the WRSA Board chose Warren Gill, Vice President, External Relations, Simon Fraser University, as our incoming Vice-President for the 2009–2010 year.

Bob Stimson, University of Queensland, Australia, succeeds to become President-Elect and will give the Address and host the reception in 2010.

Genevieve Guiliano, Margaret and John Ferraro Chair in the School of Policy, Planning, and Development, University of Southern California, and Professor Dr. Henk Folmer, Wageningen and Groningen Universities, The Netherlands, were appointed to as new members of the Board.

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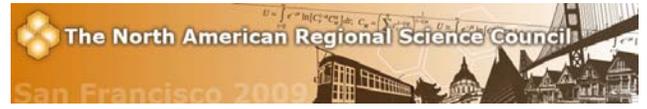
## **Board Names Harry Richardson Fellow of the WRSA**



At the Napa Annual Meeting, Professor Harry Richardson, University of Southern California, was named as the 14<sup>th</sup> and newest Fellow of the Western Regional Science Association. WRSA Fellows are appointed by the Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional lifetime scholarship and service to the Association.

Our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held at the Silverado was a fitting occasion for recognizing Harry's many scholarly accomplishments and lifetime involvement in WRSA; it was at our first Napa Valley conference – in 1988 – that he served as President of the Association and presented his Address to an Annual Luncheon throng assembled on the (sunny that year!) Arbor Terrace.

Richardson joins 13 members previously accorded WRSA's highest recognition (see the full list on Page 6, this *Newsletter*.)



## **WRSA Hosts North American Meetings RSAI, November 18–21 at the Grand Hyatt, San Francisco**

WRSA will serve, on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council, as the host organization for the 56<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International.

The Meetings will take place in San Francisco during the period Wednesday, November 18 through Saturday, November 21. The venue is the Grand Hyatt San Francisco.

At the time this issue of the *WRSA Newsletter* was going to press, organizers were coping with scheduling a near-record 650+ papers that have been offered for presentation.

The Hyatt's location (right on Union Square), its conference facilities, and our negotiated nightly room rate \$199 (plus tax, single or double occupancy) are all superb ones for a conference in 'The City.'

WRSA Board Member, Sergio Rey, Arizona State University, is Program Chair for the 2009 Meetings. Please direct Program questions to Serge. WRSA Exec. Secretary David Plane – in his capacity as NARSC '09 Arrangements Chair – would be happy to answer any questions about organizational matters.

The 56<sup>th</sup> will be the first North American Meetings held in San Francisco – and the third involving WRSA in a leadership role.

We co-hosted (with the Department of Economics, University of Houston) the 1993 conference and (with the Department of Geography & Regional Development, University of Arizona) the memorable 1998 Meetings in Santa Fe. In addition, on behalf of PRSCO, in 2001 WRSA hosted, in Portland, Oregon, the 17<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI.





## Regional Science Meeting Calendar

**56<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI, San Francisco, CA, November 18–21, 2009**

See related article, Page 7, this *Newsletter*. See the NARSC website for full details: [www.narsc.org](http://www.narsc.org)

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Sedona, AZ, February 21–24, 2010**

See articles, this *Newsletter*, and the WRSA website for details. [www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info)

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association, Arlington, VA, March 25–27, 2010**

The conference will be held, as have a number of previous Washington, DC area SRSA conferences, at the Key Bridge Marriott hotel. Watch the SRSA website in the upcoming months for further details: [www.srsa.org](http://www.srsa.org)

**50<sup>th</sup> European Congress of the RSAI, Jönköping, Sweden, August 19–23, 2010**

See the ERSA website in the months ahead for full conference details. [www.ersa.org](http://www.ersa.org)

**57<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI, Denver, CO, November 10–13, 2010.** The meetings will be hosted by the Mid Continent Regional Science Association.

[www.narsc.org](http://www.narsc.org)



### Submitting Papers to: *The Annals of Regional Science*

WRSA members are cordially invited to submit their best research for publication consideration in WRSA's

official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*, published quarterly by Springer.

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## WRSA Assistants Transition

A big thank-you to Susan Kaleita for her many efforts on behalf of the Association during her two years as WRSA graduate student Assistant!

Susan served in the post over the 2007–2008 and 2008–2009 years, including running the registration functions at both the 2008 Big Island and 2009 Napa Annual Meetings. She is currently in the throes of defending her University of Arizona M.A. thesis in Geography and has taken full-time employment at the UA's College of Medicine.

Please welcome incoming WRSA graduate student Assistant, Lauren Fulton. Lauren is beginning her M.A. studies in the UA's School of Geography & Development after completing a B.S. in Geography last May at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.

Lauren will be answering email addressed to [wrsa@email.arizona.edu](mailto:wrsa@email.arizona.edu) and she'll be there to greet you at the registration tables of both the November 18–21, North American Meetings of the RSAI in San Francisco, and our own, February 21–24, 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Sedona.

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