

# **2012 Student Illustrated Paper Competition Sponsored by the Remote Sensing/GIS/Cartography Specialty Groups**

## **Call for Papers**

**AAG Annual Meeting, February 24-28 2012, New York, New York**

The Remote Sensing Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Illustrated Paper Competition for Students. Students at all academic levels are invited to submit illustrated papers that advance remote sensing, GIS, and cartography. Research must have been completed within the past academic year, during the author's undergraduate or graduate studies and can include thesis and dissertation topics. Illustrated papers must be completed entirely by the applicant; however, thesis or dissertation advisors can be co-authors. Students selected as finalists will be placed in a special illustrated paper session at the Annual Meeting to be held February 24-28, 2012 in New York, New York.

### **Illustrated Paper Information**

An illustrated paper is a poster accompanied by a short (3- to 5-minute) oral summary of the research problem, data, methods, and findings, followed by a one-on-one or small group discussion at individual posters. All oral summaries will be given at the beginning of each illustrated paper session before participants disperse to the poster boards around the room. Each presenter will be provided a microphone; however, oral summaries must be given without the use of additional AV equipment (e.g., laptops and projectors). Each presenter will be provided a 4' tall x 8' wide board on which to display their poster and materials.

### **Submission Requirements**

Students who are interested should submit electronically (1) an abstract, (2) the advisors form, and (3) a copy of the email receipt received from the AAG online abstract submission process (which includes the PIN). The advisor's form is posted at the RSSG web page (<http://www.aagrsg.org>). The deadline for abstract submission to this competition is **September 21, 2011**, approximately **one week prior** to the final AAG Abstracts Submission date as posted at the AAG website ([www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)) to allow non-finalists to be placed in other sessions of their choice. Up to 15 finalists will be chosen.

### **Awards**

First, second, and third place awards will be determined immediately following the competition sessions and awarded at the Awards Luncheon. The prizes are: \$500 for the first place illustrated paper, \$250 for second place, and \$150 for third place. The Annual Banquet fee will be covered for all winners. The committee reserves the right to not offer such prizes if the papers are not of appropriate quality.

### **Judging**

Posters and oral summaries will be judged on potential contribution to two or more of the sponsoring fields (Remote Sensing, GIS, and Cartography), originality, appropriate use of methodology, organization and composition, clarity, and appropriate use of graphics. Evaluation will take into account the academic level of the entrants.

### **Instructions for Submission of Abstracts and Advisor's Form**

Submit all materials by email to the RSSG Student Director Lindsay Deel. Please use "**2012 AAG Student Illustrated Paper Competition**" as the subject of your email message(s). The advisor's form may be submitted separately. You will not be considered for the competition without all three submission requirements to the RSSG Student Director by the deadline above.

### **Contact Person:**

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