

## CO8.01: IGU Applied Geography Commission

Call for papers for possible inclusion in the AGC book on

### *Geography at Work: Public Policy and Business Applications of Geographical Analysis*

◊ As part of its activity agenda for the period 2009-2012, the IGU Applied Geography Commission will be compiling material for a book it will be publishing on applied geography to be launched at the 2012 IGU Congress in Germany. The book is likely to be titled *Geography at Work: Public Policy and Business Applications of Geographical Analysis*. The book will be edited by Robert Stimson and Kingsley Haynes on behalf of the Applied Geography Commission. About 16 chapters will be included in the proposed book.

**The intent of the edited book will be to present a series of case studies of the work applied geographers have recently undertaken (that is completed) and which has been funded or commissioned through collaboration with a public agency or with a business entity in which it is clearly demonstrated how methods and tools of geographical analysis have been used to address a specific issue of public policy or business concern.** ◊

The idea is for the case study projects to illustrate how geographers have been formally interacting with public agencies and business to address a real world issue or to help solve a problem.

It is intended that the case studies cover a range of social, economic and environmental issues, relate to a variety of levels of spatial scale, and have been conducted in a range of contexts in both the developed and developing worlds. In a case study there will need to be an explicit focus on geographical analysis in which it is clearly demonstrated that methods and techniques that are explicitly spatial and are a well established part of the geographer's 'tool kit' have been used.

A case study should (a) clearly explain how the collaboration with the public sector agency or business entity with which there has been a collaboration came about, (b) indicate the level and source of the funding provided, (briefly outline the nature of the 'brief' for the work undertaken or 'objectives' of the study), (c) outline the study research design, data collection, and methods of geographical analysis used in executing the study, and (d) demonstrate the outputs from the project and how the findings have been used.

Over the next 18 months the Applied Geography Commission will be organizing a number of meetings, often as special sessions in regular conferences of professional associations, at which papers will be presented by researchers who have a case study that they would like to have considered for inclusion in the book to be published by the Commission. Final papers for refereeing as chapters in the book will need to be completed by the end of 2010.

**If you have a case study proposal you wish to submit please send a title, list the author(s) and institutional affiliation(s), and provide an outline of half a page maximum, and send it to:**

**Kingsley Haynes, Applied Geography Commission Secretary  
([khaynes@gmu.edu](mailto:khaynes@gmu.edu)) or**

◇ **Bob Stimson, Applied Geography Commission Chair  
([r.stimson@uq.edu.au](mailto:r.stimson@uq.edu.au))**

**Indicate which of the meetings listed below would be the one at which you might want to present a draft paper on your proposed case study for the book.**

It is planned that special sessions of the Applied Geography Commission at which papers on potential case studies for the book will be presented at these conferences:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) being held in Gold Coast, Australia, 19-22 July, 2009. Send your submission to Bob Stimson by the end of April 2009 for inclusion in the AGC sessions as part of that conference, and register for PRSCO on the PRSCO 2009 Conference website at [www.unicentre.uow.edu.au/conference/registration/conf\\_detail.php?conf\\_id=1088](http://www.unicentre.uow.edu.au/conference/registration/conf_detail.php?conf_id=1088).
- <!--[endif]-->32rd Meeting of the Applied Geography Conference, 28-30 October, 2009, Baton Rouge, LA, US.
- <!--[endif]-->56<sup>th</sup> North American Regional Science Conference, 18-21 November, 2009, San Francisco, CA, US.
- A special meeting of the Applied Geography Commission being planned for mid-2010 in Lisbon, Portugal.

You will be notified of additional meetings at which special sessions will be held in 2010.