

**Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
Annual Meeting in San Diego
September 30 to October 3, 2009**

The Department of Geography at San Diego State University is honored to host the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG), which will be held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California between September 30 and October 3, 2009.

The Conference venue is an excellent facility centrally located to various attractions in our dynamic city. Popular attractions in the city include the world-famous San Diego Zoo and Sea World. The Gaslamp Quarter in Downtown San Diego is a renowned historic district with many entertainment options. Sports fans can visit Qualcomm Stadium to cheer on the San Diego Chargers or Petco Park to root, root, root for the Padres! Our award-winning trolley is a cheap, convenient, and environmentally friendly way to explore the city. San Diego is easily accessible by rail and air. The Pacific Surfliner offers breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean while San Diego's international airport provides service by twenty-five airlines. For those traveling by rail, the trolley system connects to the train station and has a stop immediately adjacent to the conference venue. Inexpensive shuttle and taxi services connect the Town and Country to the airport.

Scholarship and camaraderie are the hallmarks of APCG meetings. An Opening Reception will be held on the evening of Wednesday, September 30, followed by field trips on Thursday, October 1. Our Annual Social Event is slated to be a family-style Mexican Dinner (complete with the appropriate entertainment) in Old Town San Diego. Formal paper sessions, including the President's Plenary Session, will be held on Friday the 2nd and Saturday the 3rd. The Awards Banquet and Presidential Address will be held on the evening of the 3rd at the conclusion of the formal conference. There will be many chances to network and socialize with colleagues, including the Department Chairs' Lunch on Friday and the Women's Network Luncheon on Saturday. Look for the Registration Form, which will be online soon at:

[\(http://geography.sdsu.edu/apcg/\)](http://geography.sdsu.edu/apcg/).

While its 1.3 million residents make San Diego the eighth largest city in the United States, San Diego's neighborhoods and communities allow it to maintain the intimate feel of a smaller city. San Diego boasts an idyllic Mediterranean climate, almost seventy miles of beaches, and a whopping 264 days of sunshine and blue skies a year. Our location is unique: bounded by the Pacific Ocean, Mexico, and the Laguna Mountains and the Anza-Borrego Desert, San Diego offers entertainment options for everyone. In addition to the exciting lineup of field trips, there will be plenty of opportunities for individuals to explore all that there is to see and do in San Diego and beyond.

San Diego State University is at the forefront of research and teaching within the discipline of geography. The Department of Geography boasts a nationally top-ranked PhD program and MA and undergraduate programs that are amongst the best in the country. The research of the geography faculty is internationally known and covers a diverse array of topics. Research is funded by a number of top national and international agencies. There are many opportunities for students to get involved in primary research, to study at foreign universities through collaborative programs, and to join in interdisciplinary research with other fields of study.

We hope that you will make plans to join us in Southern California! San Diego will provide a great opportunity to compare the western part of our Pacific Coast region after recently experiencing its antithesis at the Association of American Geographers meeting in Las Vegas. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

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