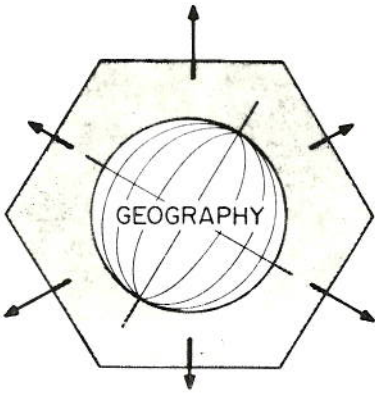


September 1, 1989



Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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**DIFFUSION**

The geography department welcomes six new graduate students at the beginning of the 1989-90 academic year: Bill Adams (BS, Virginia Tech); Dawn Gallimore (UNC-Greensboro); Kristi Hunt (Toledo); Jennifer Kellner (Salem St., MA); Stuart McKenzie (Virginia Tech); and Steve Swannell (Towson State).

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Gerard Toal (Ph.D., Syracuse 1989) is a new assistant professor in the department, having recently taught at the University of Minnesota.

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Geographer Joe Scarpaci (Ph.D., Florida 1985) joins the Urban Affairs program this year via the University of Iowa.

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Larry Grossman returns to the department this year after a one-year field research period in St. Vincent funded by the National Geographic Society and National Science Foundation.

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Charles Good did field and archival research this summer in Botswana, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda, Italy, and England, an odyssey funded by the National Geographic Society.

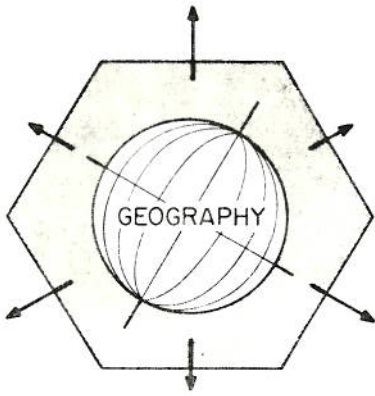
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The department's first faculty-grad students colloquium will be held this afternoon at 4pm in McBryde 136.

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"Diffusion" appears on irregular Fridays and highlights activities and accomplishments of Virginia Tech geographers. Please give items of note, announcements, etc. to Bon Richardson or put them in the "Diffusion" pigeon-hole in 301 Patton Hall.

September 15, 1989



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### Diffusion

Gerard Toal has been awarded a VPI & SU Humanities summer stipend for Summer 1990, to pursue a study of "The Rhetoric of Geopolitics: Representations of the USSR in U.S. Security Discourse."

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John Browder is quoted in the lead article of the September 18, 1989, issue of Time that deals with "Torching the Amazon."

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Geographer Harm J. deBlij of the National Geographic Society and the University of Miami will appear on the ABC news program "Good Morning America," September 22-28.

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An article by Susan R. Brooker-Gross and Thomas Maraffa dealing with "Faculty Spouses: Their Post-Migration Job Searches," appears in Initiatives, Journal of NAWDAC, vol. 52, no. 2 (1989), pp. 37-43.

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Geography department undergraduate enrollment for the Fall Semester 1989, is 708, up from 528 for Fall 1988.

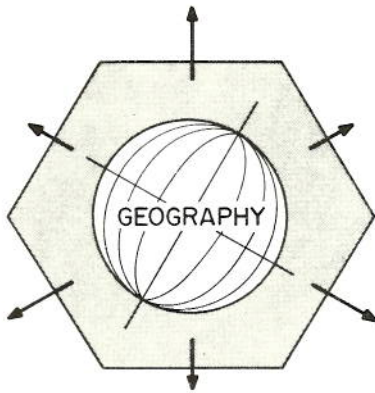
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The department fall picnic will be held at the VPI & SU duck pond from noon to 4 p.m. this Sunday, September 17th.

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VPI & SU psychologist David Uttal will discuss children's perceptions of maps in this afternoon's departmental colloquium at 4 p.m. in McBryde 136.

October 5, 1989



**Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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**DIFFUSION**

Charles Good's book chapter "AIDS and Ethnomedicine in Africa: International Cooperation for Disease Control," appears in Michael R. Reich and Eiji Marui, eds., International Cooperation for Health (Dover, MA: Auburn House Publishing Company, 1989), pp. 264-294.

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Bob Morrill will attend the meetings of the National Council for Geographic Education in Hershey, Pennsylvania, October 10-15.

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The Virginia Tech geographers (John Browder, Bon Richardson, Joe Scarpaci) were on the program for the meetings of the Latin American Studies Association scheduled for September 21-23 in Puerto Rico but then canceled by Hurricane Hugo.

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Priti Mathur has accepted a position with Greenhorne and O'Mara in Greenbelt, Maryland.

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The Virginia Tech Geographical Society meets at 5PM on Tuesday, October 10th in 301-D Patton Hall.

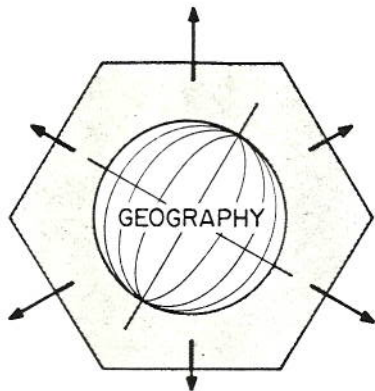
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Professor Peter Hugill of Texas A&M University will discuss "The World-Economy and the Cotton South," at the departmental colloquium on Friday, October 13th, at 4PM in McBryde 136.

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This afternoon (4PM, McBryde 136), Brian Blouet, the recently-appointed Fred Huby Professor of Geography and Geography Education at the College of William and Mary will discuss "The New Europe."





November 10, 1989

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### DIFFUSION

Paul Knox, along with coauthor John Agnew of Syracuse University, has published The Geography of the World-Economy (Edward Arnold, 1989).

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Bon Richardson's essay about "Caribbean Migrations, 1838-1985," appears in Franklin W. Knight and Colin A. Palmer, eds., The Modern Caribbean (The University of North Carolina Press, 1989), pp. 203-228.

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Bill Carstensen's article, "A Fractal Analysis of Cartographic Generalization," has been published in The American Cartographer, vol. 16, no. 3 (1989), pp. 181-189.

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Bob Morrill participated as the NCGE representative at the GENIP Steering Committee Meeting in Toronto, October 27-29.

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Larry Grossman's travel grant proposal dealing with "British Foreign Aid and the Windward Islands Banana Industry" has been funded by the College of Arts and Sciences Small Grants Committee.

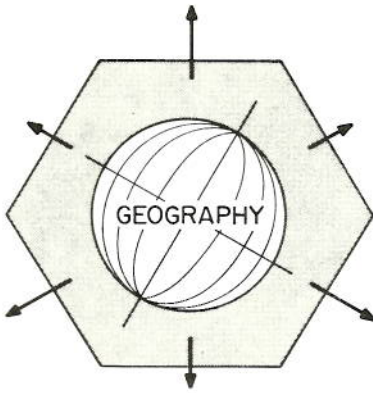
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Gerard Toal will discuss "Critical Geo-Politics: Rethinking the Geopolitical Tradition and the Problematic of Geography and Statecraft" in this afternoon's departmental colloquium at 4 p.m. in McBryde 136.

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On Monday, November 13th, Steve Johnson and Bob Landen, members of the current geography department review committee, will interview grad students from 2:30-3:30 and undergrads from 3:30-4:30 in the cartography lab.

December 1, 1989



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**DIFFUSION**

Alan Moore and other graduate students supervised the outlining of a world map by Gilbert Linkous Elementary School 5th graders on the university drill field for Geography Awareness Week (November 12-18); also, Bob Morrill was interviewed on local television and on National Public Radio.

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A number of Virginia Tech geographers attended the joint meetings of SEDAAG and the AAG's East Lakes Division at Charleston, West Virginia, November 19-21; papers given at the meetings included those by Susan Brooker-Gross ("Journey to Daycare"), Bill Carstensen ("A Map Position-Finding Exercise Using Still Photography"), John Clements ("Japan and the Soviet Union: The Northern Territories Dispute"), and Gerard Toal ("Critical Geopolitics").

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Michael Lupien (MS, November, 1989) is the new demographer at Medical Assistance Services (MEDICAID) in Richmond.

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Joe Scarpaci's article "The Consequences of Increased Competition on Alternative Health Care Practitioners in the United States," appears in Holistic Medicine, vol. 4 (1989), pp. 125-135.

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Larry Grossman was a panel discussant ("Pesticide Use in Third World Countries") in the university's recent forum dealing with the global pesticide dilemma.

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478 students are preenrolled for Spring Semester geography courses.

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Diffusion will next appear in early 1990. Have a safe and pleasant holiday season.