

## AAG Awards and Honors

The following honors and awards were conferred at a special awards luncheon held 8 March 2003 at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New Orleans, Louisiana. Many of the awards and honors are administered by special committees of Association members, and are bestowed on persons regardless of AAG membership in recognition of excellence and distinction.

The **James R. Anderson Medal of Honor in Applied Geography** was awarded to University of Ottawa professor **Barry Wellar**. For more than 30 years, Wellar has employed his research findings to lobby and argue for change in matters of public policy. His work has been cited in more than 500 radio, television, and newspaper reports on issues of housing, land-use, traffic analysis, and planning.

**Daniel Arreola** of Arizona State University was awarded the **John Brinkerhoff Jackson Prize**, as the author of a popular book of scholarly and literary merit on human geography in the United States. In his book *Tejano South Texas* (University of Texas Press, 2002), Arreola wrote imaginatively on ethnic landscapes, Mexican-American geography, and the character of borderland cities, and drew from findings in anthropology, folklore, sociology, urban design, and architecture to serve a geographical end.

The **J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Award** was bestowed upon **Deborah Feder**, AAAS Science and Technology Environmental Fellow at Pennsylvania State University, for her dissertation entitled *Rethinking U.S. Energy Use with End-Use Analysis and Regional Geography*.

**Toby Martin Applegate** and **Maria C. Polderman** were recipients of this year's **George and Viola Hoffman Award** for student research for a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. Applegate, a master's student at the University of Tennessee, received the award for his thesis and research on *The Intersect between Landscape, Material Folk Culture, and National Identity of the Slovenes*, and Polderman, a Ph.D. student at Ohio State University, received the award for her dissertation research on *Women's Rural Livelihoods under Transition: A Field Study of Feminist Political Ecology*.

### AAG BOOK AWARDS

The **2001 AAG Meridian Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work in Geography** went to **John Clarke** for his book *Land, Power, and Economics on the Frontier of Upper Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2000).

The **2002 AAG Meridian Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work in Geography** went to **Aharon Kellerman**, a professor at the University of Haifa for his book *The Internet on Earth: A Geography of Information* (John Wiley and Sons, 2002)

The **2001 AAG Globe Award for Public Understanding of Geography** went to **William G. Loy** for the *Atlas of Oregon* (University of Oregon Press, 2001).

## AAG AWARDS

Recognizing excellence in research, teaching, or writing on geographic topics by a non-geographer, the title of **2003 Honorary Geographer** went to one of the leading feminist thinkers in North America, **Cynthia Enloe** of Clark University. Enloe was selected for her profound influence on feminist and political geography.

The Geography and Regional Science (GRS) Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded **Faculty Early-Career Development (CAREER) awards** to **Sarah Elwood** of DePaul University and **Thad Wasklewicz** of the University of Memphis. The awards provide five years of funding totaling more than \$400,000 to support integrated research and educational activities that have significant intellectual merit and exciting broader impacts. Elwood's research will address geographic information science, knowledge production, and community-based organizations in urban governance, and Wasklewicz will examine procedures for quantifying the form and evolution of alluvial fans in order to advance geographic science and education.

## 2003 AAG HONORS

**Janet Kodras** received the **2002 Distinguished Service Honors** for her diverse, thoughtful, and innovative contributions to geography that reach far beyond the realm of higher education. During a career of nearly two decades, Kodras has served in myriad AAG roles, along the way expanding the involvement of women, minority group members, and young scholars in the activities of the Association.

The AAG's **2002 Lifetime Achievement Honors** was conferred to **Gilbert White**, one the discipline's most distinguished, gracious, and international members, and a role model for geographers in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In a career spanning more than a half century, Dr. White has contributed to the discipline through pioneering research on water resources, natural hazards, and human dimensions of global change; work with local, regional, and international governments and scholarly organizations; and long-standing membership of the National Academy of Sciences

**2003 Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors** went to **J. Ronald Eastman** for his inspiration, authorship, and maintenance of IDRISI, the largest raster-based geographic information software distributed and used globally, and for associated research and outreach that has brought the power of GIS to researchers, educators, and students around the world.

**Richard A. Marston**, Distinguished Sun Professor at Oklahoma State University, also received the **2003 Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors** for his tireless efforts to strengthen professional societies, advance research, and promote teaching in geography and geomorphology, and his numerous contributions to public policy issues related to water management.

**Susan Hanson** received the AAG's **2003 Lifetime Achievement Honors** for her outstanding leadership, service, and pioneering research in economic and social geography, especially in

urban transportation, gender and work, and disciplinary history. Hanson is noted for her dedication to promoting geography in other learned societies, especially as a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**2003 Gilbert Grosvenor Honors in Geographic Education** was awarded to **James F. Marran** for a rich and productive career that has influenced thousands of geography students and teachers, and for his exemplary record of achievement in the field of geographic education. Among many achievements, Marran has tirelessly worked to help secure approval from the College Board for the first advanced placement course in geography, resulting in the availability of AP Human Geography across the nation as of the fall of 2000.

**Peter J. Taylor**, Loughborough University, was awarded the **2003 AAG Distinguished Scholarship Honors** for his scholarly imagination, creativity, research productivity, and intellectual influence as an outstanding representative of contemporary geography. Taylor lead the way in establishing political geography, and is known for his numerous scholarly contributions in spatial analysis, electoral geography, world systems, and world cities.

The **2003 AAG Distinguished Teaching Honors** went to **John Western** of Syracuse University for his outstanding teaching accomplishments at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Supportive letters describe him as spellbinding, inspiring, enthusiastic, and mesmerizing in his ability to engage, stimulate, and motivate students in classes on world regional geography, American diversity and unity, and international political economy.