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THE GROSVENOR CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION

We have decided to create this newsletter in an effort to keep our small world of geography educators in the know of what is going on at GCGE and NCRGE. We encourage you to get involved in any of the projects we go over in this newsletter. Check out the [GCGE](#) and [NCRGE](#) websites for more information.

Project Geography Online (GO)

We have added four new online modules (water resources, tornado alley, precision agriculture, and urban heat islands) to our existing Geography: Teaching with the Stars online professional development series. Modules are available for free at www.geoteach.org. We are interested in helping you set up workshops in your state and expand them through the learning cluster method (LCM).



Powerful Geography (PG)

We are busy developing a 5-7-year research project that will result in new national and state standards, assessments, and learning materials. This project will be a “bottom-up” curriculum framework effort, what Wesley Null would call a “liberating curriculum”. It will rely on recent work in GeoCapabilities and state-level realities that will allow each individual student the opportunity to use geography content and skills to achieve personal goals, ambitions, and career paths. PG will recognize that geography is part of the social studies curriculum at the state and local level. To learn more about this project and to get involved visit, www.powerfulgeography.org.

Powerful Geography Conference

We will be hosting a conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, November 1-4, 2018. Our annual Early Careers conference will be expanded to all groups and will be focused on Powerful Geography. There will be paper sessions, panel discussions, and plenary sessions. David Lambert from the University College London Institute of Education will keynote the conference. We will be posting detailed information on this conference after February 15, 2018 at www.powerfulgeography.org

Trends in International Geography Assessment Study

NCRGE is currently leading an international collaborative effort to plan, design, and develop an international geography assessment modeled on the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study. Our partner organizations include GENIP, Western Michigan University, ETS, the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, and the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center at Boston College. Project updates will be announced at www.tigas2023.com.

Publish in *Research in Geographic Education*

Our scholarly journal, *Research in Geographic Education*, is always looking for new manuscript submissions. If you have done some interesting research in geography education, send your manuscript to j_z37@txstate.edu. Guidelines can be found by clicking [here](#).



Expanding the Network

We are nearing the end of the second year of our five-year, NSF-funded project to build a research coordination network (RCN). Any scholar with research interests in geography education is encouraged to join the RCN by completing an application (no cost) at www.ncrge.org/rcn. RCN members are eligible to receive research grants from NCRGE and will be notified of opportunities to get involved in NCRGE research projects and professional development activities.



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2018 AAG Annual Meeting

NCRGE is organizing a special track of research-oriented sessions in geography education for the 2018 AAG Annual Meeting in New Orleans. NCRGE keynotes will be delivered by Dr. Nora Newcombe (Temple University) and Dr. David Lambert (University College London Institute of Education). The schedule of sessions will be published on the

NCRGE website (www.ncrge.org) soon after the preliminary meeting program is available.

Graduate Student Research Opportunities

Useful research in geography education should encourage more students to choose geography education as a specialty of their PhD program. The AAG directory

indicates over 60 geography departments that support a specialty in geography education. Many of those departments have PhD programs. Here at Texas State University we offer a full PhD program in geography education, with all classes, seminars, and skill training right in the department. PhD-level stipend is \$26,000. Contact Allison Glass at am13@txtate.edu for more information.

Connections with National Geographic Society

Our ties with the National Geographic Society have been strong for three decades and continue to strengthen under President and CEO Gary Knell (pictured left). Knell delivered the 18th annual Grosvenor Distinguished Lecture in November (pictured above).



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The Society also supports a PhD student from Texas State University each year to work in the Education Foundation at NGS headquarters. The 2017-18 Grosvenor Scholar is Zahra Ghaffari (pictured left).



Donate Today

GCGE and NCRGE are working to respond positively to the ambitious research agenda presented in the *Road Map* Project. We need additional funds to implement a broader range of activities supporting this work. We would like to ask for your assistance by donating to NCRGE to help aid our efforts to improve the quality, relevance, and usefulness of research in geography education. You can make a contribution by [donating online](#).

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