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**FROM THE CHAIR**  
Scott R. McEathron, University of Kansas

Remembering the “...and Geography...”

We focus a lot on maps and GIS in MAGERT. It is easy to forget that they are simply tools that researchers use to answer geographical questions. Geography, both as an academic discipline and the broader public and interdisciplinary quest for spatial information and data, has undergone resurgence of late do in part to the emergence and increased accessibility of tools such as GPS, GIS, and web mapping. However, the complex nature of current environmental, political, and social events and concerns also contribute to this sense of the importance of geographical information. So raise a toast: “to geography, the key to understanding.” 




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*New*  
**MAGERT**  
**Web Site Address**

The Web site of the Map and Geography Round Table has moved to a new server at the headquarters of the American Library Association in Chicago. Please change your MAGERT bookmark to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert>

As with any move, there are certain to be a few things that need adjusting. If you find any additions, omissions or needed corrections, please contact new MAGERT Webmaster Colleen Cahill at [ccah@loc.gov](mailto:ccah@loc.gov). 

**MAGERT Schedule**  
**ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.**  
**June 21 – 27, 2007**

**Thursday, June 21**

**Pre-conference: Rare, Antiquarian, or Just Plain Old:  
Cataloging Pre-20<sup>th</sup> Century Cartographic Resources**

Room 119 9:00 – 5:00 PM

**Friday, June 22**

**Pre-conference continues**

Room 119 9:00 – 4:00 PM

**Reception/Tour**

4:30 – 7:00 PM

**Saturday, June 23**

**Executive Board I**

Room 4 8:00 – 9:00 AM

**Education Committee**

Room 305 10:30 – 12:00 N

**Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group**

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**Membership Committee**

Room 302 4:00 – 5:30 PM

**Sunday, June 24**

**ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Cart. Res Cat D. G.**

*Renaissance Mayflower* NH Room 8:00 – 10:00 AM

**Cataloging and Classification Committee**

Room 143 C 10:30 – 12:00 N

**Program I: Library Security for Maps**

Room 145 B 1:30 – 4:30 PM

**Map Collection Management Discussion Group**

Sky Room 4:00 – 5:30 PM

**Monday, June 25**

**GIS Discussion Group & GeoTech Committee**

Pres. Library 9:00 – 11:00 AM

**Program Planning Committee**

Beacon Overlook 10:30 – 12:00 N

**Program II: 200 Years of the Coast Survey**

Salon A/B 1:30 – 3:30 PM

## **Washington, D.C. Preconference**

Mark your ALA 2007 Annual Conference calendar to attend MAGERT's  
program:

# **LIBRARY SECURITY FOR MAPS**

Sunday June 24, 2007 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program Description:

**Rare, Antiquarian, or Just Plain Old:  
Cataloging Pre-Twentieth Century Cartographic Resources**

# ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

**ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group, ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA, January 21, 2007**

## Announcements:

1) ALCTS CCS Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) approved the name change for the discussion group in June 2006, during the ALA Annual Conference.

The name of the group “ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group” has been revised to “ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group.”

2) The two chairs of the current chair of the group will end at ALA Annual Conference this summer. The group is searching for a new chair for the group. All interested persons, please contact Iris Taylor at (202) 707-8529 or send e-mail to [itaylor@loc.gov](mailto:itaylor@loc.gov)

## Questions and Answers:

1. Since the Library of Congress announced its decision to discontinue providing controlled access to series in bibliographic records and to discontinue creation of series authority records, how has that impact cataloging of cartographic materials in your library?

Individual libraries will have to make their own policy decisions concerning series added entries and series authority

records. NACO participants may continue to contribute series authority records to the NAMES file. A few libraries represented by participants have continued providing controlled access to series through NACO. Others are waiting to see what everybody else is doing before making a final decision.

2. Is there anyone putting digital index maps online?

New York Public Library has started to digitize its maps. It has then displays them on the Google Earth. The map is created by transposing on the top of aerial photography the corresponding areas. There are conversion tools information created as q





Graphics Director at the  
who talked about the creation  
and use of maps and map data in the  
news, including the map coverage of  
Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.  
Both speakers were very informative  
and had interesting examples to show.

The New York Public Library Map  
Collection, hosted our Friday session.  
We got to see the wonderful restoration  
of the rooms that house the maps and  
atlases. Touring through the collection  
and its space is both impressive and  
inspiring.

The results of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual NEMO  
Map Competition were announced. The  
winners and entries will be exhibited  
online in July at the NEMO website:  
<http://www.northeastmap.org/>. We next  
toured the EPA GIS Lab in Manhattan,  
where attendees got to see some of the  
latest developments in GIS. It was a  
wonderful meeting among the mappers  
and map enthusiasts across the North-  
east.

### **GeoCommons Opens**

<http://www.geocommons.com/>

An article in [de-](#)  
scribes concepts that are making geog-  
raphy and maps more universal. Take a  
look at the May 21, 2007 article “Geo-  
Commons Makes Citizen Cartography  
Social” at: [http://www.information-  
week.com/news/showArticle.jhtml?arti-  
cleID=199602081](http://www.information-week.com/news/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=199602081).

The article on GeoCommons states that  
“the company’s mashups use a tech-  
nique called heat mapping to translate  
data into color on a Google Map.” The  
site and color makes it easier to visualize

the data. GeoCommons recently went  
online to provide “a social mapping  
site and public data repository.” This  
ambitious database includes data for

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your post-breakup knowledge); and the Super Quiz Map Game.

**Just For Fun Map Game**

[http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just\\_fun/games/mapgame.html](http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just_fun/games/mapgame.html)

By Rethinking Schools, an organization



following, showing what happens when you tile images from different angles:

[http://www.satellite-sightseer.com/id/8033/United\\_States/Illinois/Chicago/TRANSIENT\\_\\_Escher\\_Skyscraper\\_Drawing\\_\\_Chicago\\_\\_1\\_](http://www.satellite-sightseer.com/id/8033/United_States/Illinois/Chicago/TRANSIENT__Escher_Skyscraper_Drawing__Chicago__1_)

### **Wild Sanctuary**

<http://www.wildsanctuary.com/>

This is a project to combine maps with recordings of nature in its location. It is from a commercial recording site but the concept is a unique use of mapping tools.

### **County Formation New York 1683-1915**

<http://www.marist.edu/summerscholars/97/animated.htm>

Animated map showing New York's changing county boundaries.

# MAGERT Publications

## ***Guide to U.S. Map Resources***

3rd edition, 2006, \$84.00 (ISBN 0-8108-5268-3)

<http://www.scarecrowpress.com/>

## ***The West Indies and Florida to 1900: An Annotated Carto-Bibliography***

1995, \$25.00 (ISBN 0-8389-0547-1)

*National, #175, Springfield, MO 65897.*

## **Circulars**

*National, #175, Springfield, MO 65897.*

### **No. 1 *Cartographic Citations: A Style Guide***

1992 \$10.00 ISBN 0-8389-7821-5

### **No. 2 *Index to the Library of Congress "G" Schedule: A Map and Atlas Classification Aid***

1996 \$25.00

## **Occasional Paper Series**

*National, #175, Springfield, MO 65897.*

### **No. 1 *Exploration and Mapping of the American West, Selected Essays***

1986 \$20.00 ISBN 0-932757-01-4

### **No. 2 *A Guide to Historical Map Resources for Greater New York***

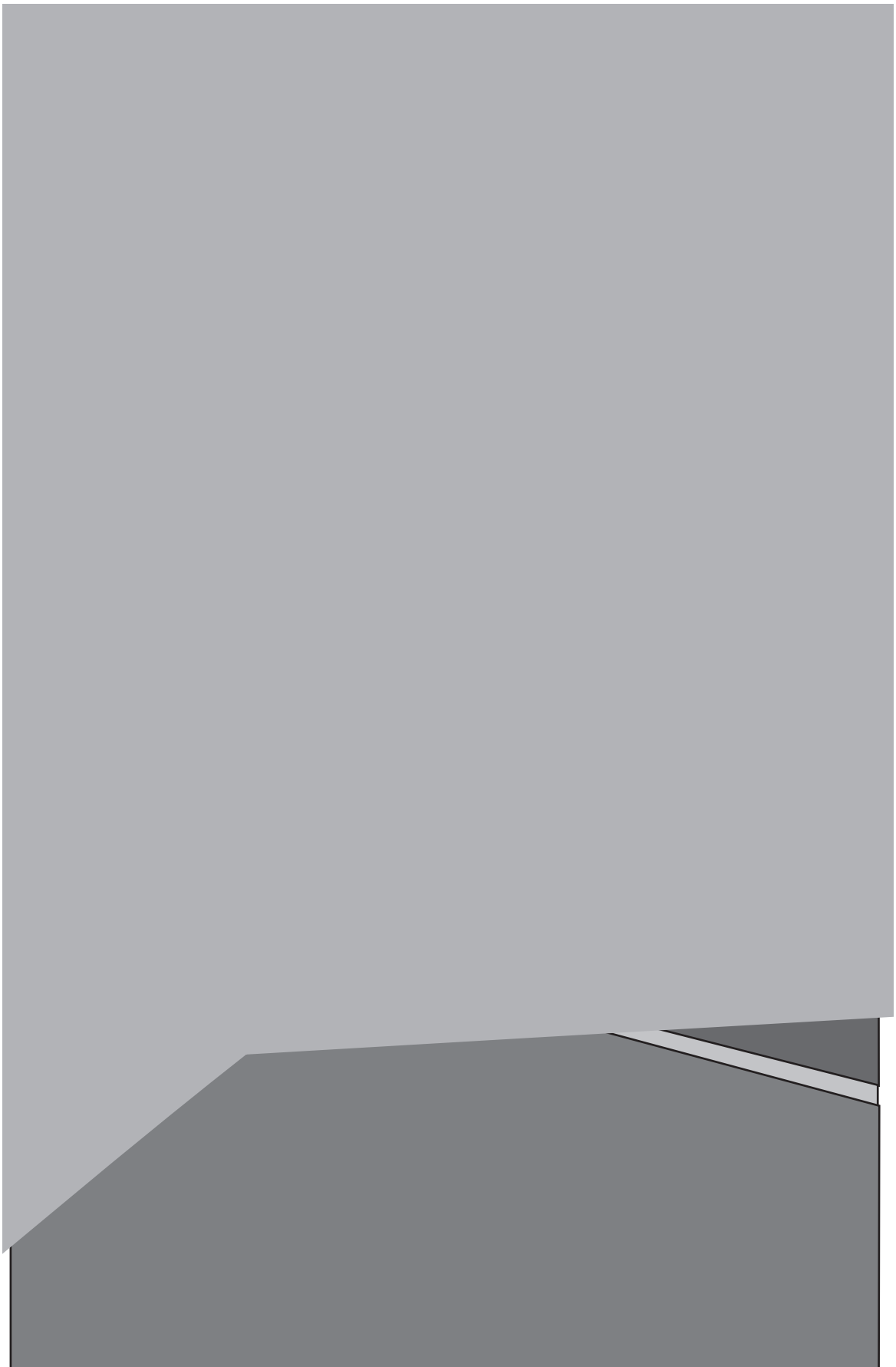
1988 \$15.00 ISBN 0-932757-02-2

### **No. 3 *Mapping the Transmississippi West, 1540-1861: An Index to the Cartobibliography***

1992 \$35.00 ISBN 0-932757-03

### **No. 4 *Exploration and Mapping of the National Parks***

1993 \$40.00 ISBN 0-932757-04-9



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