

AGS NEWS
Position Announcement

Editor of *The Geographical Review*

The American Geographical Society invites applications and nominations for the position of Editor of *The Geographical Review*, the longest-running geography journal in America. The new editor will begin work in June 2012 with responsibility for producing three volumes.

The AGS provides an honorarium for the Editor per issue. It provides the services of a copy editor/production assistant. Modest funds are also available to defray expenses in conjunction with the performance of editorial tasks (telephone, postage, travel, etc.) To deal with authors promptly and keep the journal on schedule, it is essential that an applicant be able to secure office space at his or her home institution as well as at least one-quarter released time from normal duties. The help of a university-supported editorial assistant can be advantageous as well. The contributions of an applicant's home institution in support of the editorship will add weight to the candidate's application.

The Editor determines the content and overall format of the journal; encourages the submission of high-quality, well written manuscripts on geographical issues and problems; decides which books should be reviewed in the journal and who should write those book reviews. If the Editor wishes to do so, responsibility for the book review section may be delegated to someone of the Editor's choosing. The AGS is willing to consider co-editorships or small editorial teams. The Editor is assisted by an Editorial Advisory Board, which is composed of individuals selected by the Editor.

The American Geographical Society is seeking an editor who (1) has a broad perspective on the discipline of geography and a well-developed understanding of both the discipline's history and current research priorities; (2) has an excellent command of written American English; (3) is familiar and comfortable with the types of word-processing and graphics programs commonly used in digital publishing; (4) possesses strong organizational skills and the ability to work quickly and juggle multiple tasks; (5) has the ability and willingness to work with authors to ensure that articles in *The Geographical Review* deal with important geographical issues in a clear, accessible style; (6) has an understanding of the nature and mission of *The Geographical Review* and the American Geographical Society; (7) has the desire and ability to explain the AGS vision for *The Geographical Review* to others and to encourage the submission of manuscripts in keeping with that vision; and (8) has a record of scholarly accomplishment and publishing.

To ensure an orderly transition, review of applications will begin on January 15, 2012. Names of nominees and letters of application should be sent electronically to the Chair of *The Geographical Review* Search Committee, Alexander B. Murphy, at abmurphy@uoregon.edu. Letters of application should include a statement of the applicant's understanding of the goals and mission of *The Geographical Review*, an explanation of the applicant's approach to the performance of editorial duties, and a description of any relevant background or experience. The application should be accompanied by 1) a current curriculum vitae, 2) the names of three

individuals who can be contacted for references, and 3) an indication of the office space, released time, and any other support offered by the applicant's home institution.

For more information about this position, please contact Alexander Murphy or any of the other members of the Search Committee: Jerome Dobson at dobson@ku.edu, David Keeling at david.keeling@wku.edu, Deborah Popper at deborah.popper@csi.cuny.edu; Douglas Sherman at douglas.j.sherman@ua.edu, or Joseph Wood at jswood@ubalt.edu.