



# Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter

## *Santa Barbara, California, Here We Come... (For the first time since 1982!)*

It's taken thirty years, but WRSA is making its way back to Santa Barbara for its 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting. In keeping with an event that occurs approximately every three decades, our meeting is shaping up to be one for the ages. Our meeting venue, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, is located on 24 acres directly across from the Pacific Ocean and is just a stone's throw from downtown restaurants and attractions. In fact, accessibility is the watchword for Santa Barbara: close to sea and sand, within easy reach of mountains and wine country, and a relatively easy drive from Los Angeles.

Along with the usual line-up of paper sessions, plenaries, and receptions, starting on Sunday, February 24, this year will feature a few special additions. Back from a hiatus of a few years, and appropriate for the location, plans are afoot to organize a wine tasting at the Welcoming Reception on February 24. Those interested in contributing should feel free to get in touch with Rachel Franklin.

New for this year, but set to continue long into the future, is the new Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis. The inaugural lecture will be held on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and will be followed by a reception for all attendees. (See story on Page 2 for further background on the new annual lecture).

Along with novelty, at WRSA there is always continuity: the deadline for paper submissions remains October 15. WRSA also maintains its dedication to its signature 45-minute paper slots, which include assigned discussant remarks and ample time for open discussion. WRSA meetings are a terrific opportunity to share ongoing research and to forge new connections.

Of course, WRSA meeting attendees are not the only individuals seeking a bit of sun in the darkness of winter. Be sure to book your travel and hotel early!

**Submitting a Paper...** Papers should be submitted electronically by October 15. As always, please remember that WRSA does not accept papers based on abstracts, although manuscripts in draft format will be considered, with the understanding that final versions will reach WRSA offices by December 31. All paper submissions are vetted by a member of the Program Committee before formal invitations are issued and only one paper may be presented per registered attendee.

For papers with multiple authors, *please indicate which authors plan to attend the meeting* and include email addresses for all anticipated participants. Manuscripts should be emailed to Rachel Franklin as an attachment in pdf format.

The Preliminary Program will be posted in late December, at which time any papers in "draft" format will need to be updated with final versions.

Not expecting to have a paper completed in time? We're always happy to include you as a discussant and/or session chair on the Program. Simply drop us a note at [wrsa@brown.edu](mailto:wrsa@brown.edu).

**Meeting Preregistration...** Meeting registration is handled via the North American Regional Science Council's e-store, where payment can be made by major credit card or personal check (payable in U.S. dollars). The WRSA website has instructions and a link to the NARSC website.

All meeting attendees are required to pay registration fees and will, through their meeting participation, become 2013 members of WRSA.

Please, *please* register early for the meeting! Early registration helps enormously with meeting organization and – an added bonus – considerably speeds up service at the registration desk at the meeting.

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Website: <http://www.wrsa.info> ~ WRSA is now on Facebook!

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...*Hawaii Arrangements* (continued from Page 1)

**Booking a Room at Fess Parker's Doubletree...** We have negotiated an excellent room rate of \$185 per night (single or double, plus applicable taxes and fees) for meeting participants. The Doubletree will also honor our room rate for the three days before and after the meeting, subject to availability. Reservations may be made online via the WRSA website or by calling 877-893-0892 and letting them know you're attending the WRSA meeting. The hotel is only required to hold our room block until February 12, 2013 so be sure to book early!

**Travel Information...** Those flying to Santa Barbara will likely be faced with a choice between a direct flight to Los Angeles (LAX), followed by a two-hour drive, or a connecting flight that lands them at the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA). There may be a significant difference in price between LAX and SBA, as well – it is worth comparison shopping before booking.

Only those planning on sightseeing outside Santa Barbara should require a rental car: shuttles between LAX and Santa Barbara run regularly and the hotel offers complimentary transport from the Santa Barbara airport. The restaurants and nightlife of downtown Santa Barbara are a quick taxi ride or walk from the conference hotel.

**Conference Assistant Opportunities...** WRSA seeks several students to assist with meeting registration in Santa Barbara. In exchange for eight to ten hours of volunteering at the registration desk, students will receive a complete rebate of their preregistration fees (worth \$150, to be processed as a refund following the meeting). Duties will be assigned around other conference obligations and can be broken up over several shifts as necessary. This is a great way to save a little cash and also to meet other students attending the meeting. Volunteers will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. To sign up, or for questions, contact Rachel Franklin (rachel\_franklin@brown.edu).

**Meeting Schedule Overview...**

\* **Sunday, February 24:** *No paper sessions will be held this day;* Registration opens in the early afternoon; 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gibson Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon, followed by Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)

\* **Monday, February 25:** Registration reopens and continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions; Inaugural Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis, to be followed by a reception (open to all meeting participants)

\* **Tuesday, February 26:** Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Awards Luncheon (for all registered meeting participants; tickets and fee required for non-registered accompanying persons); Evening President's Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)

\* **Wednesday, February 27:** Registration continues (morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM); WRSA Board Meeting (late afternoon; by invitation only)

**More Information...** For additional conference details, visit the WRSA website at [www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info). Questions? Contact Rachel Franklin, WRSA Executive Director: [rachel\\_franklin@brown.edu](mailto:rachel_franklin@brown.edu).

## WRSA Announces New Annual Lecture

A new lectureship has been established for the annual meeting of WRSA. It is titled "The Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis" and is the result of discussions between Art Getis and Rachel Franklin. Art wished to commemorate his longstanding collaboration with Keith Ord and his lasting relationship with WRSA.

Art has known Keith from his days in the '60s at Bristol University in England. At that time Keith was working with Andrew Cliff, developing their extensions to the famous Moran's autocorrelation statistic, named after the statistician who recognized that special statistics were necessary for testing spatial relationships. After Keith came to the U.S. and joined the faculty at Penn State, Art and Keith began their collaboration. From the association of Getis and Ord a number of useful spatial autocorrelation statistics have been created. It seemed most appropriate that work in the spatial autocorrelation field be recognized and emphasized by WRSA, as many important papers in the field have been given at WRSA meetings.

Keith Ord, who is now Professor and Sebes Fellow in the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, has agreed to be the inaugural lecturer in what is hoped to be a long series. He will give his lecture in Santa Barbara in a special plenary session at the annual meeting of the WRSA. Following his lecture, all attendees are invited to gather in celebration of this fine new addition to the WRSA annual meeting.

## Remembering John Quigley

### *WRSA Fellow, 41<sup>st</sup> President, and Friend*

Au Revoir John,

I was taken by surprise by the devastating news on May 12, 2012. For me, "Big John" was indestructible! His laugh, his wonderful humor, his curiosity about Europe, his friendship were all so powerful and contagious that it seemed nothing could happen to John...

WRSA made us good friends, despite the fact that we were very different: he was an economist and I am a geographer; he was a leading figure in urban economics and I am a regional geographer; he was living and working in the big state of California while I was living far away in the small country of Switzerland.

Over the course of many WRSA meetings we built a strong, convivial friendship. We were both past presidents of WRSA; both of us worked with a lot of empirical data; we were both working on segregation and disparities...and we very nearly wrote a paper together for the Special Issue of the Golden Anniversary of the WRSA. But despite his immense energy, the paper was never finished: John was short of time. Perhaps he could feel his days were counted. Behind the smiles, sometimes some worries...

Adieu, John — *Antoine Bailly*



*John Quigley (1942-2012), WRSA Stalwart*

John Quigley was a close and valued friend for over 45 years. We first met in the early 1960s at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he was a cadet and I was an officer and an Assistant Professor of Economics. He always generously said that I was instrumental in getting him excited about the field of economics, in which, we all know, he subsequently accomplished so much. Of course, I know that my faculty colleagues at the time – John Kain, Mancur Olson, Merrill Bateman, and others – also were major contributors to this excitement. It was a strong department.

John, as it happened, came to the AFA at just the right moment in the Economics Department's young history. An innovative joint masters program in economics with Georgetown University had just been arranged whereby half the graduate course work would be done with us and the rest at GU, from which the degree was actually awarded. Cadet Quigley was an outstanding participant – probably the “best of the best” – and detoured from the plan by winning a Fulbright Scholarship that sent him off to the University of Stockholm instead. He excelled in my classes in Intermediate Economic Theory and Public Finance, in Kain's Urban Economics seminar, Olson's Economic Trade and Development classes, and in Bateman's Quantitative Economics seminar. It was a great pleasure to see the many and deserved accolades he received in the profession. John was neither narrow nor trendy in his work. He straddled the worlds of the practitioner and the academic brilliantly, as much at home in policy prescription as in equation writing.

For all of that, the more personal times together were the most pleasurable. One of these was his facilitating a sabbatical leave for me to Berkeley in 1998, which allowed sustained visiting with him and Mary Curran. Another was his flying to Columbus for my retirement from Ohio State University in 2004. And over the past three decades we met at least twice annually at the WRSA and the AEA meetings around the country. At the AEA meetings he and I traditionally arranged an Air Force Academy festive dinner out – he'd choose the restaurant and the wine (always an expensive proposition with John in charge), and I'd gather the half-dozen or so alumni and their wives, along with whichever former AFA faculty might be around. They were invariably warm sessions. In the course of the evening we'd always toast the ones that had “gone before,” and now, sadly, there is another. — *Douglas N. Jones*



## Western Regional Science Association

### *Officers for the 2012–2013 Year*

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## Regional Science Meeting Calendar

### **59<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI**

*Ottawa, Canada, November 7–10, 2012*

[http://www.narsc.org/newsite/?page\\_id=10](http://www.narsc.org/newsite/?page_id=10)

### **52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association**

*Santa Barbara, California, February 24–27, 2013*

(See article, Page 1, this *Newsletter*)

<http://www.wrsa.info>

### **52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association**

*Washington, DC, April 4–6, 2013*

<http://www.srsa.org/conferencesub.htm>

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI (PRSCO)**

*Bundung, Indonesia, July 2–4, 2013*

<http://www.prsco.info/>

### **53<sup>rd</sup> European Congress of the RSAI (ERSA)**

*Palermo, Italy, August 27–31, 2013*

<http://www.ersa.org>

## **News Contributions Welcomed!**

The *WRSA Newsletter* is published twice yearly and welcomes contributions from members and friends.

Please feel free to send along news, employment opportunities, research updates, calls for papers, brief reviews of published work, or related items.

We especially appreciate updates from our peer regional science associations!

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