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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Linda Musser

Welcome to 2005! It is a new year and we have new appointments to announce to the members. To all new appointees, thank you for volunteering your time on behalf of this organization. Later in this issue you will find the complete list of 2005 **Officers, Appointees, Representatives, and Committees**. There have been a few changes to the committees, most notably the two guidebook committees have been combined. Also, some representative positions have been dropped while others have been added. **Jim O'Donnell**, our very efficient Webmaster, has already updated the GSIS website to reflect the changes and I'm sure that many committee chairs have already been in touch with their members to discuss activities and goals for this year.

The Executive Board has approved the **budget** for the year (also appearing later in this issue) and held a discussion about the desirability of establishing a proxy voting procedure for bylaws amendments. The consensus was not to pursue proxy voting at this time but we will revisit the issue if members feel it worthwhile.

A digital file of the tables of contents (TOCs) from past **Proceedings** has been created and will be added to the GSIS website. It is my hope that adding this content will raise the visibility of our organization (more hits from search engines and such) and also increase the usage of GSIS publications. We librarians can do the math: **Increased access = Increased use**. We would like to include links to the fulltext of the articles from these TOC lists and are requesting permission from past authors to digitize their work. Initially, we are asking current readers of this newsletter to consider providing the following release:

"I hereby grant the Geoscience Information Society nonexclusive permission to scan and make available a digital version of my paper titled "....." which appeared in the "...[year or volume]" Proceedings of the Geoscience Information Society."

The release can be sent to me, Linda Musser (Lrm4@psu.edu), mailed to me at 105 Deike Building, University Park PA 16802 USA, or faxed to 814-865-1379. If you have published multiple papers, you may adjust the language of the release accordingly.

Work on the guidelines for a **Distinguished Service Award** is nearly complete and I will be forming a small committee soon. Let me know if you are interested in serving on this new committee.

The Geological Society of America **Allied & Associated Societies spring meeting** will be held in late February this year. As one of the Allied Societies, GSIS sends a representative to the meeting and has the opportunity to help set the agenda. Among the topics being considered for discussion by the group are issues relating to open access to information (e.g., the Open Access Initiative), free exchange of scientific information (i.e., dealing with authors from embargoed countries), and the role of the working groups on Global Issues, Public Outreach, and Public Affairs. If there are issues not on this list that members want the A&AS to address, let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, a new listserv for the society has been created for the specific purpose of allowing private email discourse among GSIS individual members only. The listserv will be maintained for a year or two on a trial basis to determine whether it is worth having in addition to the more open **GeoNet** listserv. All current personal members will automatically be subscribed and will receive notification from the listserv software shortly thereafter. I envision members using the **GSIS-L** as a venue to discuss Society business, meeting plans, and other GSIS-specific topics. I do not expect traffic on the listserv to be high and will monitor it closely to prevent spam. The listserv is not yet live but the address will be GSIS-L@LISTS.PSU.EDU.

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GSIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Material for the April, 2005 issue should be received no later than March 25, 2005. Please send materials by e-mail to cjm@thurston.com

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adonna Fleming

Our plans are moving forward for our annual meeting this fall in Salt Lake City. The theme is *Science – Learning – Colleagues*. I proposed the following as the GSIS topical session. Once GSA approves it, you may begin submitting your abstracts for a talk or poster session. Accepted papers will be presented at the meeting and published in the GSIS proceedings, therefore they should not have been published elsewhere.

Title: Collaboration for the Dissemination of Geologic Information among Colleagues

Session Description: This session focuses on cooperative projects and practices by faculty, students, government agencies, librarians, professional and trade organizations, or others, designed to disseminate information among the geologic community. Includes discussion of web pages, guides, classes, workshops, digitization projects or any other forum in which geological information was dispersed to colleagues.

Rationale: The dissemination of information has become very complex in the electronic age. This session will provide an opportunity for the geologic community to demonstrate how they are working together to providing information to their colleagues.

I'm looking forward to getting a lot of great papers on this topic. Please mark your calendars for **July 12th, 2005**, the deadline to submit an abstract.

Please contact me if you have questions at afleming@unlnotes.unl.edu

MEMBER NEWS:

GIA Library Director Receives Richard T. Liddicoat Award for Distinguished Achievement

Twenty-four years after she was personally selected by former Gemological Institute of America (GIA) Chairman Richard T. Liddicoat to build the world's finest gemological library, Dona M. Dirlam, director of the Richard T. Liddicoat Library and Information Center, received the Institute's highest honor to recognize her success in achieving that goal.

GIA President William E. Boyajian presented the award to Dirlam before a large audience of GIA's Board of Governors, executive team, and staff in a Nov. 15 ceremony at the Institute's world headquarters. "Dona Mary Dirlam was an excited young gemologist when she landed a job at the GIA Gem Laboratory in 1980," Boyajian said. "As a former high school teacher with a masters degree in geology and geophysics, Dona was hoping to get a job in GIA Research."

Recalling the impact of that era's economic conditions, Boyajian pointed out, "The early '80s was a tough period for GIA, as we were still reeling from the post-1980 diamond depression, so no such jobs were available. But soon after starting, Dona was summoned to Mr. Liddicoat's office to

check her interest in our fledgling little library. He needed someone to take over the job of GIA librarian, someone with a background in gemology, geology, and teaching. All three converged in Dona Dirlam."

Through more than two decades since then, said Boyajian, "Dona's vision to take GIA's library to another level was nothing short of miraculous. It took vision, but it also required very hard work, extraordinary knowledge and skill, and a leader's commitment to purpose. These are the traits that exemplify Dona Dirlam."

Boyajian went on to address Dirlam directly, "You are truly one of the heroes of GIA. You embody all that is great about the Institute. You are a leader, a team player, and most often a behind-the-scenes director, handpicked by the man whose name is carried on the award you receive today."

Accepting the award as only its 10th recipient, a clearly moved Dirlam said, "I'm speechless and breathless. The last 24 years have flown by. I work with such a fabulous group of people. I'm so grateful and so thankful to be part of it, and I'm looking forward to what we're going to do next."

The citation on the plaque reads, in part, "In 1980, you took a tiny room full of books and periodicals and transformed it into the finest repository of gem and jewelry information in the world. You did it with great vision and set a standard of excellence that is the awe of the gemological world. You never sought the limelight. Your vision was to extend our mission and you did it with the passion of a true leader."

A native of Eugene, Ore., Dirlam grew up in Minnesota. She earned a B.S. in earth science education from

the University of Minnesota and an M.S. degree in geology and geophysics from the University of Wisconsin. Dirlam is also a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA). She taught earth sciences in the Madison public school system for 10 years before coming to GIA.

In addition to her work as library director, Dirlam served as the abstract's section editor of *Gems & Gemology*, GIA's award-winning quarterly peer-reviewed journal, for 13 years. She has co-authored nine articles in the journal, from "Polynesian Black Pearls" and "Gem Wealth of Tanzania" to "The Ultimate Gemologist: A Tribute to Richard T. Liddicoat."



GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY
OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND COMMITTEES
January 2005

ELECTED OFFICERS (2 year appointments)

President: Linda Musser, Nov. 2004-Oct. 2005
Vice President: Adonna Fleming, Nov. 2004-Oct. 2005
Immediate Past President: Lura Joseph, Nov. 2004-Oct. 2005
Secretary: Angela Gooden, Nov. 2004-Oct. 2006
Treasurer: Jane Ingalls, 2004-2005
Executive Board: Consists of the officers plus the Publications Manager and Newsletter Editor

APPOINTMENTS (2 year appointments)

Archivist: Lura Joseph, 2005-2006
Auditor: Charlotte Derksen, 2004-2005
Geonet Moderator: Carolyn Laffoon, 2005-2006
GSIS Newsletter Editor: Connie Manson, 2004-2005
GSIS Newsletter Reviews Editor: Andrea Twiss-Brooks, 2005-2006
Publications Manager: Elizabeth Wallace, 2005-2006
Publicity Officer: Shaun Hardy, 2005-2006
Photographer: Diane Baclawski, 2004-2005
Webmaster: Jim O'Donnell, 2005-2006

COMMITTEES (2 year appointments)

Best Paper Award: Renee Davis, Chair, 2004-2005; Leo Clougherty, 2004-2005; Carol LaRussa, 2005-2006; Thelma Thompson, 2004-2005; Judie Triplehorn, 2004-2005
Best Reference Award: Janice Norris, Chair, 2005-2006; John Hunter, 2004-2005; Janice Jaguszewski, 2005-2006; Ed Lener, 2004-2005; April Love, 2004-2005; Linda Newman, 2004-2005; Michael Noga, 2004-2005; Wil Weston, 2004-2005; Thomas Zogg, 2004-2005
Collection Development Issues: Michael Noga, Chair, 2004-2005; Charlotte Derksen, 2004-2005; Mike Farmer, 2004-2005; Steve Hiller, 2004-2005; John Hunter, 2004-2005; Paul Kirk, 2005-2006; Chestalene Pintozzi, 2004-2005; Thomas Zogg, 2004-2005
Exhibits: April Love, Chair, 2004-2005; Darin Buri, 2005-2006; Dona Dirlam, 2005-2006; Dena Hanson, 2004-2005; Sally Scott, 2004-2005
GeoRef Users' Group: Diane Baclawski, Chair, 2004-2005; Amy Butros, 2005-2006; Li-Mei Chen, 2005-2006; Jan Dixon, 2004-2005; Lisa Fish, 2004-2005; Caryl Shields, 2004-2005
Guidebooks: Louise Zipp, Chair, 2004-2005; Brenda Graff, 2005-2006; Barbara Haner, 2005-2006; Ann Hubble, 2004-2005;

Lura Joseph, 2005-2006; Claren Kidd, 2004-2005; Dorothy McGarry, 2005-2006; Carol Messick, 2005-2006; Carl Olson, 2005-2006; Chestalene Pintozzi, 2004-2005; Deborah Rhue, 2004-2005; Linda Rose, 2005-2006; Caryl Shields, 2005-2006

International Initiatives: Dena Hanson, Chair, 2004-2005; Elaine Clement, 2005-2006; Barbara Haner, 2004-2005; Independencia Isledh, 2004-2005; Claren Kidd, 2004-2005; Joanne Lerud-Heck, 2004-2005; Pauline MacDonald, 2004-2005; Sharon Tahirkheli, 2004-2005; Judie Triplehorn, 2004-2005; Margy Walsh, 2005-2006

Membership: Connie Manson, Co-chair, 2005-2006; Patricia Yocum, Co-chair, 2004-2005; Karen Bolm, 2004-2005; Lisa Fish, 2004-2005; Anne Graham, 2004-2005; Wendie Helms, 2005-2006; John Hunter, 2004-2005; Miriam Kennard, 2005-2006; Paul Kirk, 2005-2006; Judie Triplehorn, 2005-2006

Nominating: Lura Joseph, Chair, 2005; Angela Gooden, 2004-2005; Clara McLeod, 2005-2006

Preservation: Diane Baclawski, Chair, 2004-2005; Richard Keen, 2004-2005; Pauline MacDonald, 2004-2005; Teresa Mullins, 2004-2005; Mary Scott, 2004-2005; Susan Skinner, 2004-2005; Thelma Thompson, 2004-2005

Website: Carolyn Laffoon, Chair, 2004-2005; Suzanne Larsen, 2005-2006; Lee Regan, 2005-2006; Janice Sorensen, 2004-2005

REPRESENTATIVES (3 year appointments)

AGI Environmental Geoscience Advisory Committee: Julian Green, 2003-2006

AGI GeoRef Advisory Committee: Shaun Hardy, 2003-2005

AGI Government Affairs Program: Marie Dvorzak, 2003-2006

AGI Member Society Council: Connie Manson, 2003-2006

ALA: *vacant*

Atmospheric Sciences Librarians International (ASLI): Judie Triplehorn, 2005-2007

Cartographic Users Advisory Council: Clara McLeod, 2003-2006; Linda Zellmer, 2002-2005;

GeoInfo VII: Barbara Haner, 2004-2006

GSA Publications Committee: Charlotte Derksen, 2003-2006

SLA: *vacant*

Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML): Wendie Helms, 2005-2007



NEWS FROM THE USGS LIBRARIES

by Nancy Blair

The USGS Libraries were re-organized early in January to reflect the evolving regional organization of the rest of the USGS. Instead of answering directly to the Chief Librarian, the library in each region will be under the administration of regional Geographic Information Officers in Denver, Menlo Park, and Reston. Carol Messick, head of the Reference and Circulation Section of the Reston library, and acting head of the Reston Earth Science Information Center (ESIC) last year, has been appointed to be the acting head of the Eastern Region library.

Nancy Blair, Chief Librarian, will remain in the Headquarters office of the Geographic Information Office as library coordinator. This will include oversight of the system-wide library functions of electronic systems, online catalog, cataloging, and acquisitions. Her major new function will be working on a team to integrate the USGS information services.

| GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY Budget 2005 (by Jane Ingalls 1/21/05) | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | Income Budgeted | Income Actual | Expense Budgeted | Expense Actual | |
| EXECUTIVE BOARD | | | | | |
| President | | | 150.00 | | |
| Vice-President | | | 100.00 | | |
| Past-President | | | 25.00 | | |
| Secretary | | | 200.00 | | |
| Treasurer | | | 100.00 | | |
| Teleconferences | | | 0.00 | | |
| Subtotal | | | 575.00 | \$0.00 | |
| MEETINGS | | | | | |
| 2005 Meeting (rooms and AV) | \$1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | | |
| 2005 Meeting Reception | | | 1,500.00 | | |
| 2005 Awardees lunch | | | 175.00 | | |
| 2005 Meeting: fieldtrip | \$600.00 | | 600.00 | | |
| Subtotal | \$1,600.00 | | 3,275.00 | | |
| DUES | | | | | |
| Institutional | \$1,800.00 | | | | |
| Personal | \$5,600.00 | | | | |
| Sustaining | \$30.00 | | | | |
| Retired | \$200.00 | | | | |
| Student | \$150.00 | | | | |
| Pooled Sponsorship | \$300.00 | | 300.00 | | |
| Subtotal | \$8,080.00 | | | | |
| PUBLICATIONS | | | | | |
| Publications Manager | | | 500.00 | | |
| Directory of Geoscience Libraries | \$80.00 | | | | |
| Mailing labels | \$200.00 | | | | |
| Newsletter: printing | | | 3,000.00 | | |
| Newsletter: mailing | | | 900.00 | | |
| Newsletter: subscriptions | \$600.00 | | | | |
| Newsletter: back issues | | | | | |
| Newsletter: cancellation refunds | | | 80.00 | | |
| Proceedings, v.34 (2003) | \$1,400.00 | | 1,650.00 | | |
| Proceedings, v.33 (2002) | \$300.00 | | | | |
| Proceedings, v.32 (2001) | \$180.00 | | | | |
| Proceedings, prior volumes | \$0.00 | | | | |
| Index | \$15.00 | | | | |
| Reprints | | | | | |
| Royalties | | | | | |
| Subtotal | \$2,775.00 | | 6,130.00 | 0 | |

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| REPRESENTATIVES/APPOINTEES | | | | | |
| AGI Member Council rep | | | 25.00 | | |
| AGI Gov't Affairs Program rep | | | 25.00 | | |
| CUAC (2 reps @ \$200 each) | | | 400.00 | | |
| Publicity Officer | | | 50.00 | | |
| Auditor | | | 25.00 | | |
| Subtotal | | | 525.00 | | |
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| COMMITTEES & SERVICE POSITIONS | | | | | |
| Archivist | | | 50.00 | | |
| Best Paper | | | 25.00 | | |
| Best Reference Work | | | 25.00 | | |
| Collection Development | | | 25.00 | | |
| Distinguished Service Award | | | 25.00 | | |
| Exhibits | | | 85.00 | | |
| New display case | | | 200.00 | | |
| GeoRef Users Group | | | 25.00 | | |
| Guidebooks | | | 85.00 | | |
| International Initiatives | | | 25.00 | | |
| Membership | | | 150.00 | | |
| Membership brochure | | | | | |
| Photographer | | | 25.00 | | |
| Nominating | | | 100.00 | | |
| Preservation | | | 25.00 | | |
| Website Advisory | | | 25.00 | | |
| Subtotal | | | 895.00 | \$0.00 | |
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| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | |
| AGI member society dues | | | 400.00 | | |
| GAP contribution | | | 400.00 | | |
| GIS International Fellow | \$600.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Ansari Award | | | 500.00 | | |
| Gifts (unrestricted) | \$250.00 | | 100.00 | | |
| Gifts- Professional Develop Fund | \$200.00 | | 200.00 | | |
| Bank charges | | | 50.00 | | |
| Interest | \$200.00 | | | | |
| Subtotal | \$1,250.00 | | 1,650.00 | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$13,705.00 | \$0.00 | 13,050.00 | \$0.00 | |
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natural Sciences Information Services Librarian, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Editor's note: the full description is at <http://www.washington.edu/admin/libjobs/121304NatSciInfoSvcsLibrn.html>

Application Deadline: 5 p.m., February 28, 2005

General Description: The University of Washington Libraries comprise one of the largest academic research libraries in North America and were the winner of the 2004 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. The collections include more than six million cataloged volumes, six million in microforms, more than 50,000 serial titles, and several million items in other formats.

The Natural Sciences Library subjects include: general science, biology (including botany and zoology), earth and atmospheric sciences, forest resources, speech and hearing sciences, and history of science. The collection exceeds 300,000 volumes plus access to thousands of e-journals.

The Position: The University of Washington Libraries seeks an innovative, user-oriented, dynamic and technically capable librarian for the Natural Sciences Library to provide a range of information services.

Specific Responsibilities and Duties: Provide scheduled reference service in person, electronically and by phone; Design and teach sessions for faculty, staff, and students in the use of UW and Web resources; Maintain the unit's website as well as support for the subject pages; Enhance the library's ability to offer services digitally that will support top notch research and curriculum; Serve as a liaison in a natural sciences subject area including consultation, referral, current awareness, instruction, and collection development; Assist in the planning, developing, and sustaining of collaborative relationships with faculty, students and staff; Create print and digital tools to assist users in managing information; Maintain a good understanding of library systems that are used to collect and produce information; Perform professional responsibilities in teaching, scholarship and service, demonstrating evidence of continuing professional growth.

Required Qualifications: Graduate degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association or an equivalent graduate library science/information studies degree; Minimum of two years post MLS (or equivalent) professional experience working in a library or library-related position; Demonstrated reference and instruction experience; strong commitment to user-centered services; Experience with website design and maintenance; Ability to work independently and with others in a demanding and rapidly changing environment; Evidence of initiative and resourcefulness in past activities

Desired Qualifications: Experience with knowledge information and data management software, including End-Note and Excel; Degree or coursework in a science subject area; Experience in a science library and/or working with science information resources; Experience or interest in

working with users from diverse backgrounds, interests, and abilities possessing a wide range of educational goals; Demonstrated excellent interpersonal skills. Evidence of strong written and oral communication skills.

Salary: \$39,600 minimum. Starting salary commensurate with qualifications and background.

Benefits: Librarians are academic personnel and participate in the University of Washington Retirement Plan (The Vanguard Group, TIAA-CREF, and/or Fidelity Investments) on a matching basis. Vacation is accrued at the rate of 24 working days per year; sick leave at the rate of 12 working days per year. Excellent medical, dental and life insurance plans. No state or local income tax.

Apply to: Charles E. Chamberlin, Deputy Director of Libraries, University of Washington Libraries, 482 Allen Library, Box 352900, Seattle, Washington 98195-2900

Applicants should submit a letter of application, a full resume including a work phone number and e-mail address, salary requirements, and the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of at least three references knowledgeable of the applicant's qualifications for this position.

University of Washington Libraries Home Page is at: www.lib.washington.edu

The University of Washington, an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, is building a culturally diverse staff and strongly encourages applications from female and minority candidates. In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the University is required to verify and document the citizenship or employment authorization of each new employee.

Reference Librarian, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO

Editor's note: the full description is at <http://www.is.mines.edu/hr/JobAnnouncements/ReferenceLibrarianJan05.pdf>

Responsibilities: Include staffing the reference desk; providing instruction and assistance to library users, including instruction on electronic resources; database searching; reference collection development activities; creation and maintenance of content-rich web pages and online bibliographic guides; serving as a liaison to academic departments; participating on library and campus committees; engaging in professional, scholarly, and service activities; participating in general operations of the reference section; and special projects as assigned. Some evening and weekend hours required.

The Colorado School of Mines is a doctoral-granting institution devoted to engineering and applied science, particularly in the areas of energy, mineral, and materials science and engineering. The Arthur Lakes Library is a specialized technical library that supports the educational and research goals of the Colorado School of Mines and serves as a regional center for information in engineering and sci-

ence. The Library staff consists of 10 library faculty and 10.5 FTE support staff. For more information, see: <http://www.mines.edu/library>

Required: Master's degree in library science from an ALA accredited school, and either a bachelor's degree in a science/engineering field or at least one year of experience in science/engineering library reference.

Preferred: A strong public service orientation, adaptability to a rapidly changing information environment, and good communication skills are of extreme importance. Must demonstrate potential for professional growth and development. A second master's degree in a science/engineering field; additional library experience in science/engineering; and experience with computer applications, including electronic applications. Salary: Minimum \$35,000, negotiable commensurate with experience. In addition, CSM offers an excellent benefits and leave package.

Candidates should send a letter of application, resume, photocopy of transcripts and the names and phone numbers of 4 professional references to: Office of Human Resources - Search #04-461010 Colorado School of Mines 1500 Illinois Street Golden, CO 80401

The position is currently available and first consideration will begin February 15, 2005 and will continue until the position is filled.

Colorado School of Mines is an EEO/AA employer and is committed to enhancing the diversity of its campus community. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The library's website is <http://www.mines.edu/library>

Science Librarian, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

Editor's note: the full description is at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/hr/positions/sciencelibrarian.shtml>

Mount Holyoke College (MHC) is a highly selective liberal arts college with a long tradition of educating women

for active engagement in the world. The current enrollment is 2145 women from both the U.S. and more than 70 other countries. More than one-quarter of the students major in the sciences and more than one-quarter of the faculty are in the sciences. See <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/cic/sciences/> for an overview of the sciences at MHC.

MHC seeks a creative, energetic, service-oriented professional to perform a broad range of activities, including reference, library instruction, collection and web site development, and faculty liaison work, with particular emphasis in the Sciences.

Required: ALA-accredited MLS; 1-3 years professional experience in a public service or academic setting; familiarity with scientific information sources; and a strong background in the sciences.

Preferred: Experience in and enthusiasm for teaching; experience searching online databases, especially in the sciences; demonstrated interest in developing innovative, user-centered forms of service delivery; skill in constructing web pages; familiarity with common information and instructional technology tools such as course management systems, productivity software, etc; ability to work independently and in a team environment; adaptability in scheduling hours throughout the year; and superior communication, group, and analytical skills.

Submit letter of interest, resume and names and contact information for three professional references to: Mount Holyoke College Human Resources, 50 College Street, 1 Skinner Hall, South Hadley, MA 01075-1453; HumanResources@mtholyoke.edu

If you are emailing or faxing your resume, please **do not** mail a hard copy. Thank you.

Mount Holyoke College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to fostering multicultural diversity in its staff, faculty and students. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply.



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