

Hi everyone:

1) First let's recognize another achievement by a retired colleague and former Director of CRMS. Marguerite informs me that Roy Welch has been awarded the SAIC Estes Memorial Teaching Award by ASPRS. He is the 4th recipient of this award that was initiated in 2003. Here is some information on the award provided by Marguerite:

*SAIC/Estes Memorial Teaching Award

*2006 Recipient: Roy A. Welch

*The SAIC Estes Memorial Teaching Award was inaugurated in 2003 and is named in honor of Professor John E. ("Jack") Estes, teacher, mentor, scientist, and friend of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

Purpose: This award is designed to recognize individual achievement in the promotion of remote sensing and GIS technology, and applications through educational efforts. Award recipients are chosen based on documented excellence in education, teaching, mentoring and, training.

Donor: This Award is presented by ASPRS with funding provided by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and consists of a presentation plaque and a cash award of \$2,000.

From all of us Roy, thanks for your service to Geography students over the years and congratulations on this very much deserved award.

2) Congratulations also to Rob Yarbrough who has just accepted an Assistant Professor position in cultural geography at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Rob tells me he can relax as he only has to finish his dissertation before starting on Aug. 1 (of this year!). This is great news Rob and well done.

Two great pieces of news to start the week. Have a good one.

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