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*Geomorphology and Vegetation:
Interactions, Dependencies, and Feedback Loops*
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Vegetation is an important component in multiple types and scales of geomorphic systems. As a testament to the overall interest and importance of this topic, the 1995 Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium, held at the University of Virginia, focused on the broad topic of 'Biogeomorphology' and resulted in two influential, special issues of *Geomorphology*.

Because research interests in the biotic components of geomorphic systems continue to grow and evolve, the 2009 Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium will revisit the topic of biogeomorphology, but with a specific emphasis on the linkages between vegetation and geomorphic systems. The goal of the 2009 Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium is to bring together a diverse group of scholars to examine the interdisciplinary topic of vegetation/geomorphology in order to advance understanding in the following key areas: interactions, dependencies, and feedback loops. Our program will be organized into the following three thematic areas to represent the major components of a watershed: Coupled Geomorphic/Vegetation Interactions in Upland Areas, Floodplain Processes, and Vegetation and Channel Morphology.

The 2009 symposium will be held in Blacksburg, Virginia, at the Virginia Tech Campus in mid October 2009. October, with its colorful fall foliage and mild temperatures is an ideal time of year to visit the central Appalachian Mountains. Blacksburg is known for its scenic beauty and array of outdoor activities.
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