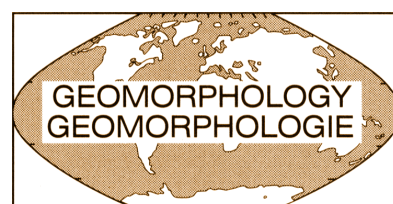


SAAG 2010 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

LANDSCAPE DENUDATION OR LAND DEGRADATION?: INTERROGATING THE GEOMORPHIC PROCESSES OF LANDSCAPE CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



3-5 September 2010
Department of Geography,
Rhodes University
Grahamstown



SAAG invites you to attend their biennial conference to be held in Grahamstown in September 2010. We would especially like to extend this invitation to all geomorphologists from overseas who have done research in southern Africa so as to share their findings with the local South African geomorphological community. We would also like to encourage Masters and PhD students to join us for all conference activities and hope to be able to subsidize their costs. Posters presenting their ongoing research will be welcomed.

Pre-conference activities

There will be a workshop and field trip prior to the conference.

Monday 30th August - Workshop on sediment fingerprinting to be run by Professors Ian Foster and Kate Rowntree. This workshop will look at the theory and application of sediment fingerprinting using radionuclides and environmental magnetism. Hands on experience of laboratory techniques will be offered through the newly developed sediment fingerprinting laboratory at Rhodes University. Intending participants should contact Kate Rowntree by the end of January.

Tuesday 31st August - Thursday 2nd September - Field trip to visit land degradation sites in the Karoo where we have been applying sediment finger printing techniques to research the history of soil erosion and sediment dynamics in the catchments of farm dams in the Sneeuwberg Mountains to the north of Graaff-Reinet. Places will be limited by available accommodation and transport. Return the registration form quickly to secure a place! Costs are likely to be in the order of R1000 per person, including two nights accommodation, full meals and transport. As accommodation will be limited we encourage people to share twin bedded rooms. A special student rate may be applicable, but accommodation will be more rudimentary.

Intending participants should contact Kate Rowntree by the end of January 2010.

Accommodation

There is a wide range of accommodation options in Grahamstown; you can check these out at www.grahamstownaccommodation.co.za/ . Please contact the conference organisers if you need further help.

Registration fee

The registration fees for the conference, workshop and field trip will be confirmed in the Second Circular, costs given below are provisional and depend in part on numbers. Conference registration will cover conference handbook, conference dinner, morning coffee and afternoon tea and lunches.

Workshop registration	R 200
Field trip fee	R1000
Conference registration	R 600

Discounts will be available to students.

Airport and transport

The nearest airport to Grahamstown is Port Elizabeth (PE); several flights a day connect from Johannesburg and Cape Town. The drive from the airport to Grahamstown is approximately 90 minutes on a good quality road. Hire cars are available from the airport. We can arrange transfer from PE to Grahamstown on request; there will be a charge for this.

Conference publication

We are negotiating with the Special Issue Editor of Land Degradation and Development to publish selected conference presentations so encourage papers that would be relevant to this journal. Papers will be subject to the normal review process; full papers should be submitted at the conference. Authors should consult the journal web pages for the required format.

Contact Details

Local organiser: Prof Kate Rowntree. k.rowntree@ru.ac.za; +27(0)488457

International organiser: Prof Ian Foster, i.foster@westminster.ac.uk; +44(0)7813354452

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO KATE ROWNTREE BY 31ST
JANUARY 2010 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SECOND CONFERENCE CIRCULAR

SAAG 2010		
Name (as you would like it to appear on the name badge)	Family name:	Given name:
Title		Student: YES NO
Organisation		
Address		
Email address		
Telephone	work:	cell:
Fax		
Please tick your preferred activity		
attendance only at conference		
paper presentation at conference		
contribution to field guide		
poster presentation at conference		
workshop 30th August	(provisional cost R 200)	
field trip 31st Aug - 2nd Sep	(provisional cost R1000)	
If you wish to attend the field trip		
	are you prepared to share a room?	YES NO
Proposed title of presentation		
Do you wish this paper to be considered for publication in Land Degradation and Development		YES NO
Conference Registration fee (provisional; excluding accommodation)	Normal: R600 Student: R400	
Would you like us to arrange transport from/to the airport?		YES NO