

Please join us for the
UK Department of Geography's
37th Annual
Ellen Churchill Semple Day

The University of Kentucky Department of Geography invites you to our 37th Annual Ellen Churchill Semple Day, a celebration of the Geography Program, our history, our present students and faculty, our alumni and friends, and the achievements of all. Mark your calendars for **April 17, 2009**, and make note of our two main events:

✍ A Friday Afternoon Address by Carol Harden, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2:00 pm at the Niles Gallery Auditorium.

✍ The Friday Evening Banquet held at Fasig-Tipton, 2400 Newtown Pike, Lexington (just north of I-64/75; 2 miles north of New Circle Rd.).

Known to the farmers of the Andes as "the lady who brings the rain," Carol Harden is a physical geographer who has studied the interaction of rainfall, land use, and soil erosion in highland South America since 1983. She is known most widely for her use of rainfall simulators to estimate rates of soil loss in Ecuadorian watersheds and to identify places particularly vulnerable to erosion. Dr. Harden is Professor and former Chair of the Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee, and President-Elect of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). She is a member of the Geographical Sciences Committee of the National Academies of Science, and holds a Distinguished Career Award from the Mountain Geography Specialty Group of the AAG.

Dr. Harden will give a formal presentation at 2 p.m. and informal remarks at the evening's festivities. In addition to the cash bar beginning at 6:00 pm and the usual sumptuous buffet beginning around 7:30 pm, the banquet will include student awards presentations (both undergraduate and graduate) as well as an opportunity for those same students to present their own version of departmental awards.

We also hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to visit both the department and the Inner Bluegrass more informally. Present faculty and students look forward to renewing old acquaintances or making new friends, and if you haven't been here for a while, stop in and see what's developing in Miller Hall. Beyond the department, don't forget the glories of April in the Bluegrass. Although we can't promise you perfect weather, you can probably bet on it. A sure bet is the excitement of the thoroughbreds at Keeneland Race Course, in session April 3-24. Take some time to tour the region, visit Shakertown, the Kentucky River Palisades, or any of the numerous small towns in Lexington's hinterlands, and generally remind yourself why this place has variously been called the Athens and the Eden of the west.

Act now: fill out the form below, and send your check in the modest amount of \$33.00 per person (\$22.00 if you are a graduate or undergraduate student) made payable to *UK Department of Geography* by **Friday, April 10, 2009**.

Any questions? Call the Department at 859-257-2931 (Raegan Wilson) or e-mail her at rwils6@email.uky.edu. See you April 17th!

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