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Geography Department shines at state conference

Sacramento State’s Geography Department made a strong showing at the California Geographical Society’s 68th annual conference, held May 2-4 in Los Angeles.

Prominent among those recognized this year for exemplary service, research or cartographic skill were Sac State undergraduate Hans Frederiksen, who took first place in the paper map competition for his entry, “Tsunami Inundation Zones in the Los Angeles Area.” Sac State alum Joel Clark, now a graduate student at San Jose State, placed third in that category. Professor Michael Schmandt won the CGS Outstanding Educator Award. And Professor James Wanket is the current CGS president.

All told, Sac State’s Geography Department had at least 15 students, alumni and faculty participating at this year’s conference.

Approximately 300 people attended the conference from many community colleges, UC and CSU campuses, plus a healthy contingent of out-of-state registrants from as far away as Georgia and Michigan. The competition was especially fierce, given the high number of students – 85 graduates and undergraduates – who presented research or cartography.

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