Farewell Celebration for Carol Gersmehl



After seventeen years of dedicated service, Carol Gersmehl left Macalester in January 2005 to continue her work in Cartography, GIS and Geographic Education at Hunter College in New York City. Her departure is bittersweet; although we are delighted for the new opportunities and adventures that lie ahead for her and her husband, Phil, as they establish a center for geographic education at Hunter, we are saddened by the irreplaceable loss our department, the college and the community will feel.

Please Join the Macalester College
Geography Department
for a Holiday Celebration
and a "Surprise" Fond Farewell
for Carol Gersmehl

When

Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Program

Where

Weyerhaeuser Boardroom Please RSVP no later than November 29th 651-696-6249 or kigin@macalester.edu













Guest Speakers Paid Tribute

David A. Lanegran '63, John S. Holl Professor of Geography

Sarah Rohde '93, Macalester College Alumna

Ken Pekarek, LMIC: MN Atlas Project

Jan, Hertel, MAGE Steering Committee Member

Bill Moseley, Macalester College Professor of Geography

Laura Kiqin, Macalester College Geography Dept Coordinator

Ana Murteira '05, Macalester College Geography Major





Friends and colleagues sent notes, cards and well wishes to include in Carol's scrapbook. In addition, we dug through our department files and found photos from years gone by!

A list of "Very Important Things" we learned from Carol

by Sarah Elwood '94

- Don't play thumpy music in the Cart Lab.
- Never let your TAs use the engraver unsupervised.
 Ever.
- Muggers can be stopped, but if you throw traffic pylons at them, you will have to answer some awkward questions from the St. Paul Police afterward.
- Students taking early morning exams will be happy (if not always successful) if you give them juice and a donut first.
- Iron World, Part I: Wear long pants or your lips will turn blue, in on the summer solstice. Really!
- Iron World, Part II: Don't sit by the parents at the childrens' violin performance. The parents don't think their naughty children are nearly as funny as you do...
- Provide a great example of commitment to your students and to your department. You'll inspire them to try to do the same.











Carol:

You will be missed! Knock on any door in Lexington, Hamline, Summit, University, east side or west side, and you will find a neighborhood or community group which you have helped to better understand where people live. Not to mention your patience at working with data producers and data gatherers to better integrate and make more accessible our knowledge base in Minneapolis/St. Paul. All the best to you and your future career! George Latimer, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Urban Studies

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Thank you Carol