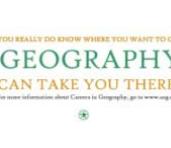
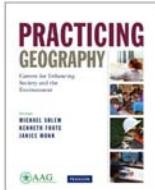


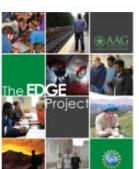
# Careers and Professional Development Resources

A guide developed by the AAG's EDGE Project ([www.aag.org/edge](http://www.aag.org/edge))

	<p><b>What geographers do</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/what_geographers_do">www.aag.org/what_geographers_do</a></p> <p>Although many people have received academic training in geography, few of us have the job title of "geographer." This resource describes some of the major geographic subdisciplines and topical emphases and matches them to related job titles to help demonstrate the role of geography in today's workforce.</p>												
	<p><b>Where geographers work</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/where_geographers_work">www.aag.org/where_geographers_work</a></p> <p>Geographers pursue rewarding careers in education, business, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Learn more about each of these employment sectors and the different career opportunities they offer for geographers.</p>												
	<p><b>Profiles of professional geographers</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/careerprofiles">www.aag.org/careerprofiles</a></p> <p>Introductions to the work, educational preparation, and career paths of dozens of geographers spanning the academic, business, government, and nonprofit sectors. The profiles can be used as case studies for educational use or as a resource for learning about geography-related careers as well as the geographic and transferable skills sought by today's employers.</p>												
	<p><b>Jobs in Geography Center</b>  <a href="http://jobs.aag.org">jobs.aag.org</a></p> <p>The new and improved AAG Jobs in Geography Center connects employers with thousands of highly engaged potential employees. Access to job listings is open to AAG members and non-members. Sign up for a free job seeker account to upload your resume, set up job alerts, and more.</p>												
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	<p><b>Career preparation tips</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/careertips">www.aag.org/careertips</a></p> <p>Tip sheets prepared by AAG staff and links to high-quality external resources that provide advice on key topics related to career readiness. These succinct and accessibly written overviews are ideal for use as assigned readings or handouts for geography courses, workshops, and seminars.</p>												
	<p><b>Careers multimedia resources</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/jobsmultimedia">www.aag.org/jobsmultimedia</a></p> <p>Videos and slideshows on a variety of topics related to careers, professional development, and geographers' contributions to enhancing society and the environment. Concise, accessible overviews ideal for classroom use.</p>												
	<p><b>Careers &amp; Professional Development Knowledge Community</b>  <a href="http://community.aag.org/careers">http://community.aag.org/careers</a></p> <p>The Careers and Professional Development Knowledge Community provides an open forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and resources related to employment for geographers in the academic, business, government, and nonprofit sectors.</p>												

	<p><b>AAG careers publications</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/aagcareerpubs">www.aag.org/aagcareerpubs</a></p> <p>A bibliography of AAG-produced resources about careers and professional development, including books, journal articles, informational brochures, and archived items from the <i>AAG Newsletter</i>. Each entry includes a link to download or purchase the resource.</p>
	<p><b>Panel and workshop notes</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/careerpanels">www.aag.org/careerpanels</a></p> <p>Missed the AAG's Annual Meeting? Had a scheduling conflict with a session of interest? Never fear! We've compiled key ideas and helpful advice from many of our recent careers-related activities and events.</p>
	<p><b>Careers news: Spotlight on geographers</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/careersspotlight">www.aag.org/careersspotlight</a></p> <p>Links to external coverage of news about jobs and careers in geography, the geography of employment, and educational preparation for jobs and careers.</p>
	<p><b>Geography departments in the Americas</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/geogdeps">www.aag.org/geogdeps</a></p> <p>Looking for an undergraduate or graduate program in geography? Check out our list of departments in the U.S., Canada, and selected countries in Latin America.</p>
	<p><b>Ask a geographer</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/ask_a_geographer">www.aag.org/ask_a_geographer</a></p> <p>Contact information for experts from various subfields who will answer your questions about geographic issues and topics. Many of our volunteers accept inquiries about careers, professional development, and educational preparation.</p>
	<p><b>Career events calendar</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/careerevents">www.aag.org/careerevents</a></p> <p>Stay informed about upcoming events and activities at the AAG's Annual Meeting, regional subdivision meetings, and other conferences and venues.</p>

## Related AAG Projects and Programs

	<p><b>AAG Annual Meeting</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/annualmeeting">www.aag.org/annualmeeting</a></p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the AAG features over 6,000 presentations, posters, workshops, and field trips by leading scholars, experts, and researchers in geography and related fields. A dynamic and expanding set of special sessions and hands-on activities focuses explicitly on careers and professional development.</p>
	<p><b>Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE)</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/edge">www.aag.org/edge</a></p> <p>EDGE is a research and action project funded by the National Science Foundation and led by the AAG to enhance the preparation of geographers for professional careers in the education, business, government, and nonprofit sectors.</p>
	<p><b>Enhancing diversity, promoting inclusion, and broadening participation in geography</b>  <a href="http://www.aag.org/diversity">www.aag.org/diversity</a></p> <p>Many AAG activities focus on diversifying the discipline and profession of geography, including the ALIGNED project, Geographies of Broadening Participation, Diversity Ambassadors, and the Diversity Clearinghouse. These goals are also integrated into ongoing association actions and functions.</p>

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