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Section Meeting

Date: January 19, 2007
Time: 5:30 Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Lecture
Cost: \$25.00 per person w/dinner
\$15.00 student w/dinner
Location: Golden Ox
1600 Genessee Street
Kansas City, MO 64102
(816) 842-2866

Why attend an AEG meeting?
NETWORKING,
KNOWLEDGE,
PROFESSIONALISM

Topic: Geoscience Adventures in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Tectonic to Terrorist Terrains!

Speaker: Jack Shroder; Regents Professor of Geography & Geology and Research Coordinator, Afghanistan Studies Program, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Eligible for 1.0 Professional Development Hour (PDH) for attending.

For reservations, please call Bruce Wilkinson at 913-217-6910 or email at bwilkinson@HaleyAldrich.com.

Deadline is January 18, 2007.

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Geoscience Adventures in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Tectonic to Terrorist terrains.

Chris Jung and I started the Afghanistan Studies Program (ASP) at UNOmaha in 1972 after convincing our administration of the strategic location of that little-known place in the Cold War – little did we know! Jung dies in 1973, leaving me to become the Director of the National Atlas of Afghanistan in Kabul. The Soviet-Afghan War broke out in the late 1970s and I was deported, but returned to Peshawar, Pakistan, on the border in 1983 to continue the work. Patrolling for opium poppies, investigating mineral resources, and helping educate the Afghan refugees became part of the adventure in wartime, until the defeated Soviets withdrew in 1989. We then designed an integrated resource extraction and redevelopment program for the country that never materialized because the short-sighted government of USA departed as well to leave Afghanistan to civil war and the Taliban. Ongoing terrorism from that failed state (Embassy bombings, USS Cole, 9/11) led to an Al-Jazeera TV broadcast by bin Laden from a place in southern Afghanistan that I recognized. Work with US intelligence after that led to discovery of bin Laden's locations and the Tora Bora battles wherein bin Laden escaped due to failure of heeding the advice of a number of people with knowledge of ground conditions. Now we are working for USGS and NASA on the GLIMS (Global Land Ice Measurements from Space) Project wherein we are assessing ice and melt water resources in this chronically drought-torn region.