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## **Duane Marble Award for GIS Design and Education Research Announcement of Award**

**Background** - To honor the work and support of Dr. Duane Marble (a friend and colleague of Dr. Michael DeMers, and an NMSU Distinguished Visiting Scholar), Dr. DeMers has established the Duane Marble Award for GIS Design and Education Research. The intent of the award is to recognize the pioneering work of Dr. Marble in the areas of GIScience, GIS design, and GIS curriculum development, and to also recognize noteworthy efforts of graduate students at NMSU in these areas of study. Specifically, the Marble award shall emphasize the following:

- New, innovative, creative and/or cutting edge GIS ideas and GIS design and
- GIS educational initiatives and curriculum research.

The award is available to Masters students in geography at NMSU pursuing either a thesis or non-thesis Masters of Applied Geography (MAG), and the award shall be based on a thesis or non-thesis report that contains:

- a substantial portion of material relevant to GIS design (particularly, but not solely, relevant to institutional design) new algorithms, software, concepts, or innovative techniques in GIS or
- a substantial portion of material relevant to GIS Education and curriculum research, including study of spatial cognition, spatial learning, or teaching and delivery methods.

**Application Procedure** - All MAG theses and reports will automatically be considered for this award, and no formal application is required. The winner of the award will be determined by the Marble Award Committee, which will be chaired by Dr. DeMers and will also include one other Geography faculty member whose teaching includes courses in GIS Design, geospatial analysis, GIS, cartography, remote sensing, aerial photography, or geographic education.

The Marble Award is available every year but may not be awarded if the committee finds that theses completed in any given academic year do not possess the content or quality that is deemed adequate for the Award. The Award includes a certificate detailing the thesis or report involved and the nature of the Marble Award, and also a cash prize of \$100.

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