2015 SEDAAG field trips

THE 70th SEDAAG MEETING

Pensacola, FL, November 22-24, 2015

Two field trips will be offered as part of SEDAAG 2015:

1) A environmental walking tour of historic downtown Pensacola conducted by Mr. Christian Wagley, a downtown Pensacola resident who studies the environmental benefits of traditional neighborhood development, from 2 pm until 5 pm on Sunday, November 22nd. The field trip will explore the history of Pensacola and its resource-based economies, from forest products and fisheries to the tourism of today. Participants will see firsthand the features that make downtown Pensacola friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists, and how early homes were built in harmony with the hot/humid climate—by using techniques like shaded porches and high ceilings, and offering lessons for building more environmentally-friendly homes and neighborhoods today. Much of the historic district is part of Historic Pensacola Village, a preservation branch of the University of West Florida. Evidence of land use change will be seen, especially in the Seaside-influenced Aragon district. The field trip will pass by Veterans Park, with its Vietnam Wall South, and also Project Greenshores, a waterfront restoration project.

2) A tour of the physical and human geography of Santa Rosa Island from Fort Pickens to Navarre led by Dr. Chris Houser, Associate Professor of Geography at Texas A&M University, from 1 pm until 5 pm on Sunday, November 22nd. The tour will include discussions of the response and recovery of the island to hurricanes and tropical storms with a particular focus on the role of the framework geology that developed over the Holocene and now controls the landward migration of the island during storms. The trip will also look at development patterns at Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach and the impacts of those developments on the future evolution of the island. Also, the relationship of development to the location of semi-permanent rip currents along the island will be examined.