

INTRODUCTION

As part of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Congress held in Brisbane, Australia in 2006, a special event, "'Legends' in Quantitative Geography and Geographic Information Science," was organized as a joint venture sponsored by the Australian Research Council Research Network in Spatially Integrated Social Sciences (ARCRNSISS) and the IGU Commission on Modelling Geographical Systems (CMGS).

The event brought together a group of researchers who were among the pioneers of the "quantitative revolution" in human geography, which had its origins in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the subsequent development of Geographic Information Science. This splendid day-long event, attended by about 120 delegates to the IGU, was held in the historic Brisbane Room in City Hall in Brisbane and was followed by a Mayoral reception to honor the "legends" who presented papers or had papers read on their behalf.

This special issue of *Geographical Analysis* is an edited collection of those papers and messages presented and sent by the "legends." The papers not only provide perspectives on the origins and evolution of the quantitative revolution in human geography, but they also provide thoughts on current developments in analytical human geography.

We trust this collection of papers and messages from a sample of "legends" will be a useful historic documentation of some of the wonderful contributions that the proponents of the quantitative revolution have made to enhance the scientific standing of analytical research in human geography that may be pursued by the current and future generations of geographers.

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A Personal Perspective from Being a Student of the Quantitative Revolution

The group of "legends" of the quantitative revolution assembled as contributors to this special event have all made a magnificent contribution to the development of a scientific approach to analytical research in human geography. They have made a lifetime of innovative contributions to the development of analysis and modeling in human geography. Their contributions range across the fields of economic, urban,