

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Newsletter, Fall 2016

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REP VIII Attendees

EGSG Officers (2016-2018)

Past Chair:

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Oshkosh

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Madhuri Sharma, University of Tennessee,
Knoxville

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Edris Montalvo, Cameron University

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University

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Sean Crotty, Texas Christian University, 2015-
2017

Stavros Constantinou, Ohio State University,
2015-2017

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia,
Okanagan, 2016-2018

Wan Yu, Binghamton University, 2016-2018

Dave Kaplan, Kent State University, 2016-2018

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, 2016-2018

Holly Barcus, Macalester College, 2016-2018

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Richard N. Gioioso, Saint Joseph's University

Greetings from the EGSG Chair

Greetings to all members of the Ethnic
Geography Specialty Group and others who seek
to become members of this dynamic knowledge
community!

I assumed the leadership position as the Chair of Ethnic Geography Specialty Group at the AAG meeting in San Francisco in April 2016.

Congratulations and kudos to Heike Alberts, now the past-Chair, who set the standards very high, especially in terms of efficient management of the professional and scholarly activities of this specialty group. I hope to keep up with the standards and help us all move forward and continue to work on making this group academically and demographically more inclusive, dynamic and contemporary by establishing a bridge between the established and traditional with newer and emerging scholarships and scholars.

The EGSG currently has 217 members (an increase from 183 members in 2015). The EGSG seeks to increase its membership through promoting the group at the REP conference as well as increasing its visibility at the AAG meetings. The EGSG has created a flyer for distribution to potential members which outlines the major functions and accomplishments of the EGSG. Annual membership dues are \$10 for members and \$3 for student members.

EGSG leadership continues to encourage specialty group members to organize sessions under the EGSG banner, and offers sponsorship to sessions with content that aligns with its mission. As in the past, EGSG leadership gathered papers not assigned to a session that focus on issues connected to ethnic geography and assembled them into sessions.

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group sponsored 27 sessions at the 2016 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. These sessions covered a broad range of issues such as neoliberal economy and race/ethnicity, urban inequality and race/ethnicity, income divide, international migration, Jewish diaspora, international skilled migration, Blackness, refugees, modeling and visualization in ethnic geography, teaching Civil Rights as a geography awareness week theme, emerging issues in ethnic geography, etc. In addition, a special session honoring Susan Hardwick, and two special sessions to honor John Frazier with the 2016 *Distinguished Scholar* award and Dave

Kaplan with the *Distinguished Career* award respectively were organized too.

The EGSG maintains its close links with the Race, Ethnicity and Place (REP) Conference. At the Chicago business meeting, EGSG membership voted to increase the sponsorship from \$750 to \$1000 for the 8th REP Conference in Kent, Ohio in September 2016. This amount allows the EGSG to be considered a full conference sponsor. In addition, the REP meeting at Kent, Ohio (21-23 September 2016) was a very successful event where many committed members attended and presented their research on a variety of sessions (posters and papers) ranging across various sub-themes within ethnic geography were presented, including several student poster sessions and competitions.

- Madhuri Sharma



Wei Li and Madhuri Sharma at REP VIII

Special Thanks to Tom Boswell

The EGSG would like to express a special thank you to Tom Boswell (University of Miami) for producing many editions of the EGSG newsletter over the years. Tom did a great job with the newsletter each fall and spring, producing a thorough compilation of the EGSG and its members' activities throughout each year. The newsletter is a valuable resource to all members of EGSG to keep up with all the interesting activities with which our membership

is involved and a great way to keep an ongoing history of the organization. If you would like to access previous editions of the newsletter, they are housed on the EGSG website here: <https://ethnicgeography.com/documents/newsletters/>

- Paul McDaniel & Richard Gioioso



Heather Smith and Paul McDaniel at REP VIII

Standing Committees

EGSG Awards Committee

Responsible for Distinguished Ethnic Geography Scholar, Outstanding Ethnic Geography Service, and Outstanding Ethnic Geography Career Awards

Sean Crotty, Texas Christian University, 2016-2018

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2015-2017

John Frazier, Binghamton University, 2015-2017

Elizabeth Chacko, George Washington University, 2015-2017

Kanika Verma, Independent Scholar, 2015-2017

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Dissertation Proposal

Susan Hume, Southern Illinois University, 2016-2018

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2016-2018

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2015-2017

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Student Paper

David Kaplan, Kent State University, 2016-2018

Reuben Allen, Ball State University, 2015-2017

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2015-2017

AAG Program Committee

Madhuri Sharma, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2016-2018

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2015-2017

Heather Smith, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 2016-2018

Website Committee

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2015-2017

Matt Cook, Eastern Michigan University, 2016-2018

Newsletter Committee

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2016-2018 (Newsletter Editor)

Richard Gioioso, St. Joseph's University, 2016-2018 (Co-Editor)

Student Committee

Ana Sanchez, University of Binghamton, 2016-2018

Scott Markley, University of Georgia, 2016-2018

Donghee Koh, University of Tennessee, 2016-2018

John Ponstingel, Binghamton University, 2016-2018

2016 EGSG Award Recipients

EGSG Best Student Paper Award

The committee selected EGSG Student Paper Competition award winner as Scott Markley (University of Tennessee), and the title of his paper was "Examining the Geographies of Infill New Urbanism in Atlanta's Suburbs." Congrats, Scott!



Scott Markley and Madhuri Sharma at AAG, San Francisco

EGSG Best Dissertation Proposal Award

The committee selected Emily Mitchell-Eaton's (Syracuse University) dissertation proposal entitled "Negotiating 'Free Association' in the U.S. Colonial Present: Intra-Empire Migration from the Marshall Islands to Arkansas" for this award. Congrats, Emily!!



Paul McDaniel and Emily Mitchell-Eaton at 2016 AAG, San Francisco

EGSG Distinguished Service Award

No award was given this year.

EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award

John Frazier was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Scholar Award. A session in his honor was organized at the 2016 San Francisco AAG meeting wherein he was honored and given a Plaque. Congrats, John!



John Frazier and Other EGSG Members at AAG

EGSG Distinguished Ethnic Geography Career Award



Carlos Teixeira, David Kaplan, and Heike Alberts at 2016 AAG, San Francisco

David Kaplan was declared the winner of this award and a session honoring him was organized at the 2016 San Francisco AAG meeting. The 2017 recipient was also declared and announced at the San Francisco meeting and Derek Alderman (University of Tennessee) was declared the recipient. A session is being organized at the AAG meeting at Boston (2017) to honor him. Congrats, Dave!

- Madhuri Sharma

EGSG Member News

Derek H. Alderman (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) was elected Vice President of the American Association of Geographers (AAG).

Matthew R. Cook (Eastern Michigan University) is a newly appointed Assistant Professor in the Geography and Geology Department at Eastern Michigan University.

Joe T. Darden (Michigan State University) received the AAG 2016 Harold M. Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice. This award honors



geographers who have a demonstrated record of the type of research and active contributions to society that have marked Harold Rose's career. The award is given to those who have served to advance the discipline through their research, and who have also had an impact on anti-racist practice. The award is presented at the Awards Luncheon during the AAG's Annual Meeting. The AAG notes that "Dr. Darden is a committed anti-racist whose research and civic contributions mark him as someone dedicated to change. His research offers a broad perspective on the many racialized groups that live in North American cities, and the ways in which their spatial insertion in the city is related to poverty, health, housing, and access to civic participation. Darden has been a strong public advocate for anti-racism, contributing in various ways to the Chicago Board of Education, the State of Michigan Task Force on Minority Health Affairs, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Detroit Police Force. He has made many important contributions to the discipline of geography, including serving on numerous committees of the AAG and especially as Chair of the Enhancing Diversity Committee."

Lawrence E. Estaville (Texas State University) received the 2016 AAG Enhancing Diversity Award. The AAG Enhancing Diversity Award



honors those geographers who have pioneered efforts toward or actively participated in efforts toward encouraging a more diverse discipline over the course of several years. The award is

presented at the Awards Luncheon during the AAG's Annual Meeting. The AAG notes that Prof. Estaville "has had a career-long dedication to championing greater inclusion of a wide range of diverse and underrepresented minorities at various institutions. In the 1980s and 1990s, he developed a pioneering lecture series focused on women and minorities. During his time at Texas State University, Dr. Estaville has hired eight minority women into tenure track positions and published seminal works for university administrators and faculty that address diversity in pedagogy and planning. At the AAG, Dr. Estaville led the establishment of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group and participated in the AAG's inaugural Diversity Task Force. Through his work, Dr. Estaville has truly encouraged a more diverse and inclusive discipline."

Wei Li (Arizona State University) received a 2016-2017 Research Grant from the Federal Reserve System. She also was a 2015-2017 Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholar with Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, for "Intellectual Migration and Brain Circulation between India and the US: Indian Students and Returnees and Their Impacts." She also delivered many invited lectures and presentations throughout 2016 in several different countries. Li was also elected to serve on the Honors Committee of the American Association of Geographers for 2016-2018.

Paul N. McDaniel (Kennesaw State University) participated in a faculty professional development program at the European Academy in Otzenhausen, Germany, in May 2016, focused on immigration and refugee issues in Europe. He also received an internal grant to cultivate an undergraduate and graduate student research

team focusing on immigrant and refugee integration and receptivity in the Atlanta metro area. He is also developing a new migration geography course for Spring 2017.

Edris J. Montalvo (Cameron University) was awarded the National Council for Geographic Education's (NCGE) Higher Education Distinguished Teaching Award at the 2016 meeting of the NCGE in Tampa, Florida.

Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) began her leadership role as the Chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, starting April 2016, and her term rolls through April 2018. Academically, she graduated two MS students during 2015-2016, with one of them starting his PhD at the University of Georgia, Athens, and the second being professionally engaged in the housing industry. She also serves as the Chair on four PhD students who work on various issues of urban social and economic geography. She also received a few small grants from various internal and external funding institutions. These grants will enable her to accomplish some pilot study projects as well as engage in interactive teaching and learning goals that strongly overlap with her academic and scholarly research focus topics, such as social and economic inequality, environmental injustice, and the like.

Ira M. Sheskin (University of Miami) delivered a variety of presentations at different conferences and meetings throughout 2015 and 2016, including Race, Ethnicity, and Place conference, Conference on Research in Jewish Education, AAG, Southern Jewish Historical Society, and an invited presentation at Binghamton University.



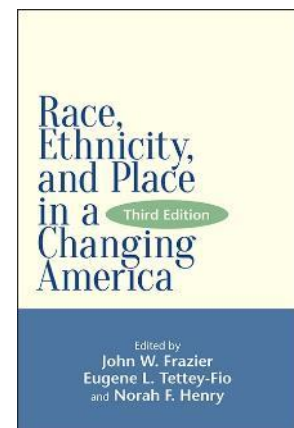
Madhuri Sharma, Wei Li, and Carlos Teixeira at REP VIII Gala Dinner Event!

EGSG Member Recent Publications

Members of the EGSG have been busy throughout 2016, publishing a variety of books, edited volumes, peer-reviewed articles, reports, and other pieces for dissemination. We highlight a few of these works on the following pages.

Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America, Third Edition

The third edition of *Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America*, edited by EGSG members John W. Frazier, Eugene L. Tettey-Fio, and Norah F. Henry (Binghamton University), was published in September 2016 by SUNY Press. Many



members of the EGSG have contributed chapters to previous editions as well as the newest edition of this book. Information about the book is available from SUNY Press, <http://www.sunypress.edu/p-6325-race-ethnicity-and-place-in-a-c.aspx>, which offers the following description: This book “uses both

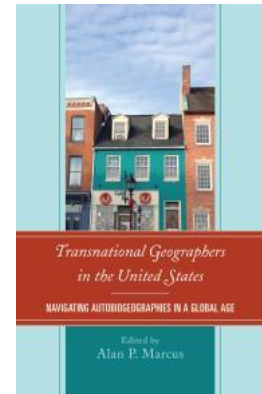
historical and contemporary case studies to examine how race and ethnicity affect the places we live, work, and visit. This book examines major Hispanic, African, and Asian diasporas in the continental United States and Puerto Rico from the nineteenth century to the present, with particular attention on the diverse ways in which these immigrant groups have shaped and reshaped American places and landscapes. Through both historical and contemporary case studies, the contributors examine how race and ethnicity affect the places we live, work, and visit, illustrating along the way the behaviors and concepts that comprise the modern ethnic and racial geography of immigrant and minority groups. While primarily addressed to students and scholars in the fields of racial and ethnic geography, these case studies will be accessible to anyone interested in race-place connections, race-ethnicity boundaries, the development of racialization, and the complexity of human settlement patterns and landscapes that make up the United States and Puerto Rico. Taken together, they show how individuals and culture groups, through their ideologies, social organization, and social institutions, reflect both local and regional processes of place-making and place-remaking that occur within and beyond the continental United States.” The book has already been mentioned in a *Washington Post* article about a more recent trend of black migration to the suburbs of American cities: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/10/donald-trump-gets-a-basic-fact-wrong-about-black-americans/>.



Elizabeth Chacko and Lawrence Estaville at REP VIII Gala Dinner Event!

Transnational Geographers in the United States: Navigating Autobiogeographies in a Global Age

Transnational Geographers in the United States: Navigating Autobiogeographies in a Global Age is a new volume, edited by EGSG member Alan P. Marcus (Towson University), published by Lexington Books in July 2016. It contains contributions from several EGSG members, including the following chapters:

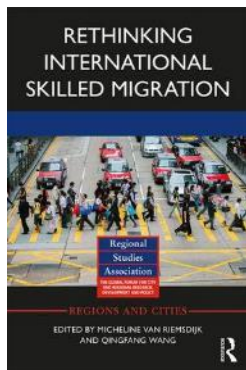


- Chapter 1: Navigating My Autobiogeography: From Brazil to Baltimore, Alan P. Marcus
- Chapter 2: Enjoying the Best of Two Worlds or Torn between Two Places?, Heike Alberts
- Chapter 3: Traversing Boundaries of Education and Geography: Sketching Stages, Spaces, and Standpoints of Transnational Self, Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo
- Chapter 4: Mobility, Time, and Home: The Experience of Two Generations of Transnational Chinese Geographers, Shaolu Yu and Wei Li
- Chapter 5: Polish(ing) My Identity, Weronika A. Kusek
- Chapter 6: A Transnational Life Revisited, Stavros T. Constantinou
- Chapter 7: The Urban Geography of my Canadian Identity, Heather Smith

More information about the book is available from the publisher here, <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498509480/TraTraTransna-Geographers-in-the-United-States-Navigating-Autobiogeographies-in-a-Global-Age>, which offers the following description: “This volume was written by eight transnational geographers. These narratives comprise a collection of essays as a way to map personal

trajectories and experiences which examine the concept of place at the micro-level. Eight transnational geographers convey their professional and personal identities in a global age. By using an approach called, autobiogeography, these narratives will be of interest to geographers and other social science and humanities scholars as well as of interest to the general public. This volume explores the concepts of transnationalism, borders, fragmentation, movement, displacement, space, place and “home.” Drawing from various national, ethnic, and cultural perspectives, the authors write about various important adjustments within contemporary global trends which in turn, reflect ever-changing ways to look at geography, migration processes, and transnationalism. Like other migrants who have left their home, they all left “something” behind.”

Rethinking International Skilled Migration



Rethinking International Skilled Migration is a new volume edited by EGSG members Micheline van Riemsdijk (University of Tennessee) and Qingfang Wang (University of California, Riverside), published by Routledge in October 2016. More information about the

book is available from the publisher here, <https://www.routledge.com/Rethinking-International-Skilled-Migration/van-Riemsdijk-Wang/p/book/9781138918726>, which offers the following description: “In today’s global knowledge economy, competition for the best and brightest workers has intensified. Highly skilled workers are an asset to companies, knowledge institutions, cities, and regions as they contribute to knowledge creation, innovation, and economic growth and development. Skilled migrants cross, and many times straddle, international borders to pursue professional opportunities. These spatial relocations provide opportunities and challenges for migrants and the cities and regions they inhabit. How have international skilled

migratory flows been formed, sustained, and transformed over multiple spaces and scales? How have these processes affected cities and regions? And how have multiple stakeholders responded to these processes? The contributors to this book bring together perspectives from economic, social, urban, and population geography in order to address these questions from a myriad of angles. Empirical case studies from different regions illuminate the multiscaled processes of international skilled migration. In particular, the contributions rethink skilled migration theories and provide insights into: the experiences of highly skilled labor migrants and international students; issues related to transnational activities and return migration; and policy implications for both immigrant source and destination countries. It also charts a future research agenda for international skilled migration research. *Rethinking International Skilled Migration* provides a comparative perspective on the experiences of skilled migrants across the local, regional, national, and/or global scale, paying particular attention to spatial and place-based dimensions of international skilled migration. It will be of interest to scholars and professionals in international migration, regional and national development policymakers, international businesses, and NGOs.”



Micheline van Riemsdijk, Heike Alberts, and Weronika Kusek at REP VIII Luncheon

Other EGSG Member Recent Publications

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Cross, J. A. 2016. “Dairying Landscapes of the Amish in Wisconsin,” *Material Culture*, Vol. 48, No. 2, 16-31.

Dashefsky, A. & I. M. Sheskin. (Editors). 2015. *The American Jewish Year Book*, (Dordrecht: Springer).

Estaville, L. E. and E. J. Montalvo. 2016. “Education issues in the Texas panhandle.” Chapter 9 in *Race, Ethnicity and Place in a Changing America, Volume 3*. Edited by J. W. Frazier, E. L. Tettey-Fio and N. F. Henry. SUNY Press. Pp. 141-152.

Frazier, J. W., E. L. Tettey-Fio, and N. F. Henry, editors. 2016. *Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America, Third Edition*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Harden, S. B., P. N. McDaniel, H. A. Smith, E. Zimmern, and K. E. Brown. 2015. “Speaking of Change in Charlotte, North Carolina: How Museums Can Shape Immigrant Receptivity in a Community Navigating Rapid Cultural Change.” *Museums and Social Issues* 10, 2: 117-133.

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Enduring Community and Increasing Diversity.” In Christopher A. Airriess eds. *Contemporary Ethnic Geographies in America*, 2nd edition Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. 263-283.

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Lo, L., and W. Li. 2016. “Chinese immigrants and North American-based banks.” In John Frazier, Eugene Tettey-Fio, and Norah Henry eds. *Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America*. 3rd edition Albany, NY: SUNY press. 297-306.

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McDaniel, P., S. Harden, H. Smith, and O. Furuseth. 2017 (*in press*). “Public Education and Receptivity in a New Immigrant Gateway: Charlotte, North Carolina.” In *US Latinization: Education and the New Latino South*. Edited by Spencer Salas and Pedro R. Portes. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

McDaniel, P. N. 2016. *Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Welcoming Cities: Lessons from Chicago, Dayton, and Nashville*. Washington, DC: American Immigration Council.

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- Marcus, A. P., editor. 2016. *Transnational Geographers in the United States: Navigating Autobiographies in a Global Age*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Markley, S. and M. Sharma. 2016. "Gentrification in the Revanchist Suburb: The Politics of Removal in Roswell, Georgia." *Southeastern Geographer*, 56(1):57-80. [doi: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/612524/pdf>].
- Markley, S. & M. Sharma. 2016. "Keeping Knoxville Scruffy? Urban Entrepreneurialism, Creativity, and Gentrification down the Urban Hierarchy." *Southeastern Geographer*, 56(4):p # NA, *in press*.
- Sadowski-Smith, C., and W. Li. 2016. "Return Migration and the Profiling of Non-Citizens: Highly Skilled BRIC Migrants in the Mexico-US Borderlands and Arizona's SB 1070." *Population, Space and Place* 22(5): 487-500 (DOI: 10.1002/psp.1868).
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- Sharma, M. 2017. "Income Divide and Race/Ethnicity in Tennessee Metropolises." *International Journal of Geospatial and Environmental Research*. 4(1): 1-25 [doi: <http://dc.uwm.edu/ijger/vol4/iss1/1/>]
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- Sheskin, I. M. 2015. *2014 Greater Miami Jewish Federation Population Study: A Portrait of Jewish Miami*. Miami: The Greater Miami Jewish Federation. 1,200 pp. (*Executive Report* 182 pp).
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- Sheskin, I. M. & H. Hartman. 2015. "Denominational Variations Across Jewish Communities." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Volume 54, Number 2 (May): pp. 205-211.
- Sheskin, I. M. & H. Hartman. 2015. "The Facts about Inter-marriage." *Journal of Jewish Identities*, Volume 8, Number 1: pp. 51-73.
- Yu, S., and W. Li. 2016. "Mobility, Time and Home: The Experience of Two Generations of Transnational Chinese Geographers." In *Navigating Geography and Self: Transnational Geographers Disrupting Boundaries in a Global Age*. Lexington. Edited by Alan Marcus. 51-68.

Successful Meeting of the Race, Ethnicity, and Place VIII Conference in Kent, Ohio, September 2016

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group was a sponsor of the 8th biennial meeting of the Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference at Kent, Ohio, September 21-23, 2016. This meeting was well attended and very successful with a variety of sessions ranging across various themes within ethnic geography, including several student poster sessions and competitions. David Kaplan (Kent State University) was part of the local planning committee for the 2016 REP conference, and John Frazier (Binghamton University) was the national director for REP.

The Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference fosters dialogue on a range of issues related to the racial and ethnic transformation of places. It encourages interdisciplinary perspectives, philosophical and methodological diversity, and professional and student perspectives on such issues. The conference is committed to providing high quality programs and remaining open to broad participation by theoreticians, practitioners, and students.



Michael Webb and Madhuri Sharma at REP VIII Gala Dinner Event!

For more information about previous and future Race, Ethnicity, and Place conferences please visit the conference website at: <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu/>

Also, please enjoy the photo highlights from the REP conference included throughout this newsletter.



Emily Skop, John Frazier, Norah Henry, and Heather Smith at REP VIII Gala Dinner!

Special Thanks to John Frazier

We would also like to express acknowledgement and gratitude to John Frazier (Binghamton University) who was the founder and has been the national director for the REP conference for years. This year, he announced that he is stepping down as director of the REP conference. Thank you, John, for your vision, direction, and service to making the REP conferences a huge success!



REP VIII Banquet

Scholarship, Mentorship, Legacy: Celebrating the Enduring Impact of Susan Hardwick's Life and Work

A special session was held at the Race, Ethnicity, and Place, REP VIII meeting to honor the legacy of scholarship and mentorship of the late Susan Hardwick, who was a professor emeritus of geography at the University of Oregon until her death in Fall 2015, and was a long-standing member of EGSG and a champion of geography. At the 2016 AAG annual meeting,

the EGSG posthumously awarded a Distinguished Career Award to Susan Hardwick for “career accomplishments in ethnic geography scholarship, teaching, and service.”

The session was chaired by Emily Skop (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs) and Heather Smith (UNC Charlotte), and included comments from panelists Susan Hume (Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville), Tom Ptak (University of Oregon), Elizabeth Chacko (George Washington University), and Wei Li (Arizona State University), as well as a lively discussion from other session attendees.



2016 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting: Accomplishments and Highlights in San Francisco, California

The EGSG sponsored the following sessions at AAG 2016 in San Francisco. For more information about the EGSG involvement at AAG, please see the “Greetings from the EGSG Chair” at the beginning of this newsletter, and please note the various awards our members received at AAG that are mentioned earlier in the newsletter.

1. Contemporary Perspectives on Urban Inequality IV: Neoliberalism, Post-structuralism and Immigrants' Roles in Place/Space Differentiation

2. Contemporary Perspectives on Urban Inequality-I: New Urbanism, Gentrification and Housing Issues
3. Contemporary Perspectives on Urban Inequality-II: Income Divide and Race/Ethnicity
4. Contemporary Perspectives on Urban Inequality-III: Race and Poverty
5. Emerging Scholars in Ethnic Geography
6. Ethnic diversity, environment and climate change (1)
7. Ethnic diversity, environment and climate change (2)
8. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting
9. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Distinguished Scholar: John Frazier
10. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Honors Professor Dave Kaplan
11. Geographies of diversity and national identity: challenges, transformations and opportunities, I.
12. Geographies of diversity and national identity: challenges, transformations and opportunities, II
13. International Migration
14. Issues in Ethnic Geography I
15. Issues in Ethnic Geography II
16. Jewish Geographies I. Spatial Insights into Contemporary Jewish Life in the Diaspora
17. Jewish Geographies II: Spatial Insights into Contemporary Jewish Life in the Diaspora
18. Memorial Service for Susan Hardwick
19. Modeling and Visualization in Ethnic Geography
20. New themes in international skilled migration research 1: highly skilled migrants
21. New themes in international skilled migration research 2: international students
22. New themes in international skilled migration research 3: internationalization
23. Planning revitalization in racialized neighborhoods in White colonial settler societies 1
24. Planning revitalization in racialized neighborhoods in White colonial settler societies 2
25. Refugees
26. Spatializing Blackness - Author Meets Critics
27. Teaching Civil Rights as a Geography Awareness Week Theme

EGSG leadership continues to encourage specialty group members to organize sessions under the EGSG banner, and offers sponsorship to sessions with content that aligns with its mission. As in the past, EGSG leadership gathered papers not assigned to a session that focused on issues connected to ethnic geography and assembled them into sessions. Please enjoy the following photo highlights from AAG 2016.

- Madhuri Sharma



John Frazier and Edris Montalvo



Attendees at an EGSG Session



Joe Darden, Elizabeth Chacko, and John Frazier



Paul McDaniel and Heike Alberts

Forthcoming Event: EGSG 25th Year Silver Jubilee Special Panel Sessions at AAG in Boston, April 2017

Besides the usual business and sessions being organized and sponsored by the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, the EGSG leadership is also organizing two special Blue Ribbon Panel sessions to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the EGSG's founding. These sessions will be comprised of panelists who are the original co-founders of EGSG, past Chairs of the EGSG, and other key members of EGSG who have contributed in significant ways to make this knowledge community a dynamic and vibrant group within AAG. EGSG is also planning a small reception at the conclusion of the second session to celebrate the Silver Jubilee event. Special thanks to Lawrence Estaville for his generous donation to sponsor the reception. I invite you all to come and attend both of these highlighted sessions and share your knowledge, scholarship, and drinks and snacks with us! The titles of these two sessions are given below:

- *Session 1: 25 Years of Ethnic Geography Specialty Group -- Founding Philosophies and State of Ethnic Geography in 21st CE (Organized by Madhuri Sharma and Carlos Teixeira, Chaired by John Frazier)*
- *Session 2: 25 Years of Ethnic Geography Specialty Group -- Geographies of Race and Ethnicity: Change and Continuity (Organized by Madhuri Sharma and Carlos Teixeira, Chaired by Madhuri Sharma)*

- Madhuri Sharma

EGSG Mission Statement

To promote the common interests of persons working in ethnic geography, to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas within the AAG, and to encourage members in their research and teaching of ethnic experiences from comparative, national/transnational and global perspectives.

New EGSG Website

EGSG activities and latest news, achievements, memberships, etc. are now available on its new website: <https://ethnicgeography.com/>. In the 2016 business meeting of the EGSG, the members and committees approved the development of a new and improved website that is hosted by an independent link. Our new website is being managed by co-webmasters Matt Cook (Eastern Michigan University) and Michael Webb (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill). Feel free to connect with them if you need any assistance with posting jobs or other updates that need EGSG focus. Also visit EGSG on Facebook at @EthnicSpecialtyGroup (<http://www.facebook.com/EthnicSpecialtyGroup/>).

Submissions to the EGSG Newsletter

If you would like to submit an item for the next EGSG Newsletter, please email your story to Paul McDaniel at pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu. Examples of contributions for inclusion in the newsletter can include:

- Professional updates
- News from the field
- New jobs, tenure and promotion announcements
- Appointments to notable committees
- Recent publications
- Research grants
- Highlights/photos from EGSG events this year (such as AAG and REP)
- Information about upcoming EGSG events
- “Who’s teaching ethnic geography?”
- Op-ed or book review
- Other relevant updates

See you in Boston in April at the 2017 AAG Meeting!