

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Newsletter, Spring 2018

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Wan Yu, Heike Alberts, Weronika Kusek, Wei Li, and Yining Tan at the 2018 AAG Conference.

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Greetings from the EGSG Chair

A warm greeting to all Ethnic Geography Specialty Group members! The EGSG also extends a special welcome to all our new members and our student members. The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group is a vibrant and active community of scholars from all over the world with diverse backgrounds and research interest. We invite new members to be part of this exciting specialty group and we look forward to seeing both new and established members at the 2018 Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference and the 2019 meeting of the American Association of Geographers!



The EGSG currently has more than 200 members. As an active specialty group, the EGSG sponsored dozens of papers, posters, and panels at the 2018 New Orleans meeting. As you begin to plan for the 2019 meeting in Washington D.C., we encourage you to seek the EGSG's sponsorship! As current members, invite your colleagues to join the EGSG and feel free to collaborate with new scholars and scholars from this and other specialty groups. Our annual membership dues are \$10 for members and \$3 for student members. Check out our EGSG website at <https://ethnicgeography.com>.

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group is a proud and longstanding supporter of the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conferences (REP). Please mark your calendars with the date for the 2018 REP Conference in Austin, Texas – October 23-25, 2018. The 2018 REP is co-sponsored by Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin and will be at the Emma S.

Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. Registration is now open! More information is at <http://www.reconference.org>.

As the new Chair of the EGSG, I wish to thank Past Chair, Madhuri Sharma, for her service as well as all other members who recently completed their terms of service on the board of directors and committees. A big welcome to our newly elected board and committee members who begin their service within the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (with some renewing their service commitment(s)). Also, I extend my gratitude to our longstanding EGSG members who's unrelenting support and leadership contributes to the continued success of our group. Our members constitute the strength and enthusiasm of this group and I look forward to working with all of you.

- *Edris Montalvo*



Carlos Teixeira, Madhuri Sharma, and Heather Smith at the EGSG Business Meeting at the 2018 AAG Conference.

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[facebook.com/EthnicSpecialtyGroup/](https://www.facebook.com/EthnicSpecialtyGroup/)**

EGSG News

EGSG Early-Mid-Career Award

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group's Early-Mid-Career Award was conceived at the AAG 2018 business meeting in April in New Orleans. This award will honor those members from the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group who are active members and have contributed substantially toward teaching, research and service and mentoring activities. This award specifically focuses on those who are within 15 years since their doctoral degrees, have been actively engaged with activities of EGSG, and are not yet at the level of seniority that the other Distinguished awards of EGSG expects. In 2019, we will select the first recipient of this award.

Student Travel Grant

Also at the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group business meeting at the 2018 AAG meeting in New Orleans, the EGSG arrived at the conclusion that to motivate the members of the EGSG Student Committee, the three members will be awarded a travel grant of \$100 as the committee will be co-organizing and co-chairing several sessions comprising of students' papers focusing on ethnic geography.

- *Madhuri Sharma*

EGSG Member News

Editor's Note: These are the news items of note that were submitted to the EGSG Newsletter or that we are aware of. We rely on our readers to keep us informed about their exciting activities so we can list them here. We know there are many members engaged in a wide variety of ethnic geography activities. Please send your news items for the newsletter to Paul McDaniel (pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu) because such news reflects well on you and EGSG as an academic organization.

Derek Alderman (University of Tennessee) began serving as President of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) in 2017. He was very active during his term, speaking at AAG regional division meetings, encouraging greater public engagement by geographers regarding the many current events with which our research and teaching intersect, and contributing to the broader public debate and discourse regarding current events related to his particular area of research. Amid recent current events related to confederate monuments, street- and place- naming practices, and protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, and elsewhere, he has offered commentary to national media audiences in a variety of venues. He also developed and launched the “Geography is REAL” initiative (Responsive, Engaged, Advocating, and Life-improving) to create and open spaces within our discipline to demonstrate the larger public value of a geographic perspective to a wider world. The initiative is also about supporting geographers as they move beyond simply analyzing issues and problems to making informed and ethical interventions in how public groups understand, debate, and act on those problems. Follow Derek on Twitter at @MLKStreet.

Lawrence Estaville (Texas State University). Dr. Lawrence Estaville, Department of Geography at Texas State University and founding member of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, was recently selected as a 2018 University Distinguished Professor at Texas State University. The award recognizes exemplary faculty whose teaching, scholarship, and service are recognized at the state, national, and international levels. In addition to his award, Texas State University President Denise Trauth nominated Lawrence for the Regents' Professor Award, selected by the Texas State University System Board of Regents.

Linda S. Fair (University of Arkansas Fort Smith), Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith, is retiring as of May 2018 and moving to Maryland to spend more time with her six grandchildren. In the future, she can be reached at lsfair@gmail.com.

John Frazier (Binghamton University) received the 2018 Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring. This is a competitive award determined by Binghamton University faculty and the Executive Vice President and Provost. Letters from current students and past students over decades support the nomination by illustrating “an extraordinary job mentoring undergraduates in research, scholarship and creative activities.” The Provost wrote to John: “We have many faculty who do an extraordinary job in mentoring undergraduates, yet your contributions stood out among your peers throughout Binghamton University.”

John Frazier, Norah Henry, and Jay Newberry (Binghamton University) recently received a project renewal (approximately \$100,000 for the next two years) to study the impacts of economic revitalization in Johnson City, New York. Binghamton University President, Harvey Stenger, funded the project and is working with the Geography Department to monitor changes that reflect investment, relocation of students, and potential impacts on the poor, including ethnic groups. For more information, contact John Frazier.

Wei Li (Arizona State University) received a 2017-2020 research grant, “Intellectual Migration: the Changing US-China Dynamics,” from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for \$149,999. She is also serving as chair of the Honors Committee of the American Association of Geographers for 2018-2019.

Paul McDaniel (Kennesaw State University), as part of his 2017-2018 Race and Ethnicity Diversity Faculty Fellowship through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion's Center for Diversity Leadership and Engagement at Kennesaw State University, recently hosted the 2018 Georgia Immigration Research Network (GIRN) Conference at Kennesaw State University on May 4, 2018. The conference brought together researchers, practitioners, and graduate and undergraduate students to learn from one another about the variety of immigration research and practice occurring in Georgia. For more information about GIRN, visit:

girn.kennesaw.edu. Also as part of the fellowship, Paul has been a Co-PI on a community engagement project during 2017-2018 in partnership among faculty at Kennesaw State University, several Atlanta-area public high schools, Green Card Voices, the Latin American Association, and Welcoming America, that culminated in May with the launch of a new book authored by immigrant high school students. The book launch event for *Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from an Atlanta High School* was held May 13 in Atlanta. The *Green Card Youth Voices* series is a collection of books dedicated to sharing the immigration stories of young, new Americans from all over the country. *Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from an Atlanta High School* is a collection of 30 personal essays written by high school students in the Atlanta area. This is the first book in the series focused on a metro area in the southeastern United States. Included with each essay is a first-person video narrative, highlighting each student's personal journey. The book also includes links to the students' video narratives, a study guide, and glossary to help teachers use the book as an educational resource when teaching about immigration. Follow Paul on Twitter at @pnmcdaniel.

Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) completed her leadership role as Chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group in April 2018. Starting in August 2017, she was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Geography. She currently has two Ph.D. students who are both working on various aspects of segregation, income inequality and health.

Ilan Shdema (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College) received a \$60,000 research grant from The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research (TSC), Tel-Aviv University and Israel's Democracy Institute, for studying interrelations between Jewish and Arab college students in Israel.

2018 EGSG Award Recipients

EGSG Outstanding Student Paper Award

The EGSG is pleased to sponsor its annual Student Paper Competition. Students who have completed a research paper to present at the AAG are eligible to submit their research paper for adjudication in this competition. The EGSG Student Paper Committee will evaluate all submissions based on written clarity, methodological rigor, and overall contribution to ethnic geography scholarship. The winner will receive a \$250 prize, a certificate, a ticket to the AAG Award Luncheon and a formal recognition at the banquet, and in the EGSG Newsletter.

Alexandra Giancarlo (Queens University, Kingston, Ontario) won the Outstanding Student Paper award for her paper, "Rural Black Place-Making and the Place of Rural Blackness in Geography." Her paper presented a more nuanced look at the subject and held closely to the award's criteria. She provided a solid theoretical base at the beginning of her compelling article to carry us through with good sources and superior writing.



Alexandra Giancarlo receives the 2018 EGSG Outstanding Student Paper Award. Also pictured: Kanika Verma, Jay Newberry, and Madhuri Sharma.



Madhuri Sharma and Alexandra Giancarlo at the AAG Awards Banquet.

EGSG Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award

The EGSG is pleased to sponsor its annual Dissertation Proposal Competition Award. Doctoral students who have completed the dissertation proposal stage of their program are eligible to submit their proposal for adjudication in this competition. The EGSG Dissertation Proposal Committee will evaluate all submissions based on written clarity, methodological rigor, and overall contribution to ethnic geography scholarship. The winner will receive a \$250 prize, a certificate, a ticket to the AAG Award Luncheon and a formal recognition at the banquet, and recognition in the EGSG Newsletter.

Mark Alan Rhodes II (Kent State University) won the 2018 Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award for his dissertation proposal, “Welsh Memory Work and the Narration of Nation.” The EGSG Dissertation Proposal Award Committee thought that Mark's topical focus on nationalism and Welsh national Identity was very timely, his proposal's research design was well-conceived, and his proposal was detailed and well-organized. Mark provided rich information about his topic and the scholarly literature, and showed how his study fills a gap in that literature.



Mark Alan Rhodes II receives the 2018 EGSG Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award. Also Pictured: Carlos Teixeira and Madhuri Sharma.

EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award

The EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award honors outstanding scholars in the field of ethnic geography. As of 2003, nomination of the Distinguished Scholars is open to the entire membership. The committee will make its selection based on reviews of the nominee's curriculum vitae (by e-mail or online). Nomination of non-EGSG members or foreign scholars is welcome. A formal announcement of the recipient will be made at the EGSG annual business meeting. At the 2018 AAG meeting in New Orleans, the EGSG held two special panel sessions to honor two recipients of the 2018 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award: Jim Forrest and Emily Skop. Additionally, Heather Smith (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award. She will be presented with the award at the 2019 AAG Meeting in Washington, DC, where Edris Montalvo and the awards committee will organize a special award panel session to honor her Heather's accomplishments.

Jim Forrest (Macquarie University). The EGSG held a special panel session at the 2018 AAG in New Orleans to honor Dr. Forrest, “Ethnic Geography Group Honors Dr. Jim Forrest with Distinguished Scholars Award: Racism, segregation, multiculturalism: understanding the Australian immigrant experience.” “In this panel session, the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group

honors Dr. Jim Forrest whose scholarship has covered topics of residential segregation and immigrant issues across continents – on North American cities/urban areas as well as those in Australia and the Oceania. In this panel session, Dr Jim Forrest and the esteemed panelists discuss his latest work that summarizes the experiences of immigrants in Australian context. The Australian experience of immigration is set against major, especially US, approaches to understanding the dynamics of the immigrant experience. Racist attitudes largely reflect those of other western countries; an added dimension to the contact-leading-to-acceptance/ –conflict is expanded to understanding racism in largely non-contact outer areas of our cities. Segregation is discussed in the context of post-World War 2 immigrants from a global range of source countries, with no one group dominating. Recent research of the children and grandchildren of ethnic immigrant groups suggests a move away from the Chicago School model to an expanded Ethnoburb contextualisation. Multicultural policies are examined for ‘why multiculturalism works in Australia, but not elsewhere’, focusing on the post-WW2 encouragement of largely unskilled labor and the post-mid-1970s focus on skilled immigrants to produce, for example, a



Jim Forrest receives the 2018 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award. Pictured from Left to Right: Carlos Teixeira, Madhuri Sharma, David Kaplan, Kevin Dunn, Jim Forrest, Audrey Kobayashi, and Weronika Kusek.

geolinguistics map of Australia’s major immigrant cities of widespread complexity.” Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) organized and Carlos Teixeira (University of British Columbia, Okanagan) chaired the session. Panelists included: Weronika Kusek (Northern Michigan University), Audrey Kobayashi (Queen’s University), Kevin Dunn (Western Sydney University), and David Kaplan (Kent State University).

Emily Skop (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs). The EGSG held a special panel session at the 2018 AAG in New Orleans to honor Dr. Skop, “Ethnic Geography Group Honors Dr. Emily Skop with Distinguished Scholars Award: Building Compassion, Bridging Cultures.” “In this panel session, the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group honors Dr. Emily Skop with Distinguished Scholars Award for 2018. Dr. Skop has worked on issues concerning migration, refugee movements, community building, and the changing social and cultural landscapes of American urban areas. Among her multi-faceted scholarship ranging across the ethnic groups, her work on Asian-Indian Americans has been widely read and cited. Recently she has started focusing on refugees and in this particular session, Dr. Skop presents her latest work on global refugee movement. The title of her paper is "Building Compassion, Bridging Cultures". This paper will explore how to galvanize community support on broader issues of global migration, with a particular interest in global refugee dynamics. She undergirds the project with the idea that members of a society, when engaged in a form of civil discourse, can better realize shared convictions that can then move toward action that benefits society as a whole. She describes the activities of the UCCS Global Intercultural Research Center, along with examples of her own public work, to explore how to move forward through division towards shared beliefs and goals when it comes to global migration.” Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) organized and Carlos Teixeira (University of British Columbia, Okanagan) chaired the session. Panelists included: Heather Smith (University of North Carolina at Charlotte),

Rebecca Torres (University of Texas at Austin), Paul McDaniel (Kennesaw State University), and John Frazier (Binghamton University).



Emily Skop receives the 2018 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award. Pictured from Left to Right: Rebecca Torres, Paul McDaniel, Heather Smith, Madhuri Sharma, Emily Skop, John Frazier, and Carlos Teixeira.

EGSG Distinguished Ethnic Geography Career Award

The EGSG Distinguished Career Award is one of the greatest honors awarded to those members with an outstanding and brilliant career. This award celebrates their selfless commitment to the advancement and pursuit of research and dissemination of knowledge. The award committee is responsible selecting the recipient for the Distinguished Career Award. For more information, send your comments and questions on this matter to the EGSG Distinguished Awards Committee Chair.

No Distinguished Ethnic Geography Career Award was presented in 2018.

EGSG Distinguished Service Award

The EGSG Distinguished Service Award recognizes the selfless commitment to the discipline. Generally, the recipients of the EGSG Service Award have a longstanding tradition of outstanding teaching, research, and service to Ethnic Geography.

No Distinguished Service Award was presented in 2018. However, Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 EGSG Distinguished Service Award and will be presented with the award at the 2019 AAG Meeting in Washington, DC. In addition to her years of service to EGSG, Madhuri also exemplifies a longstanding tradition of outstanding teaching, research, and service to Ethnic Geography. Commenting about Madhuri's service, Stavros Constantinou (The Ohio State University at Mansfield) said, "I have known Madhuri Sharma since she was a Ph.D. student at The Ohio State University. Madhuri has been a most effective, detail-oriented, and extremely competent chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group for the period 2016-2018. She is extremely organized, and never misses a deadline or forgets any of the tasks that need to be completed by the various committees of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group. Madhuri has an excellent rapport with her colleagues and has been most gracious in her dealings with me as former chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, and as a member of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee during her tenure as chair."



Madhuri Sharma will receive the 2019 EGSG Distinguished Service Award. Pictured also are Carlos Teixeira and Heather Smith.

EGSG Member Recent Publications

Members of the EGSG have been busy throughout 2017 publishing a variety of books, edited volumes, peer-reviewed articles, reports, and other pieces for dissemination. We highlight a few of these works here. **Editor's Note:** These are the only publications that were submitted to the EGSG Newsletter. We rely on our readers to keep us informed about their publications, so we can list them here. We know there are far more publications from the EGSG membership than shown in this list. If you would like for us to include your recent publications in the EGSG newsletter, please send your publication citations to Paul McDaniel (pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu) as soon as they are published as this reflects well on you as a scholar and EGSG as an academic organization.

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2018 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting

The EGSG sponsored 30 sessions at AAG 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana. These sessions covered a broad range of issues such as histories of race/ethnicity, urban inequality and race/ethnicity, domestic and international migration, skilled migration, and more. Please note the various awards our members received at AAG that are mentioned earlier in the newsletter.

1. Author Meets Critics: David H. Kaplan “Navigating Ethnicity: Segregation, Placemaking, and Difference” (photo at right)
2. Celtic Geographies
3. Creating welcoming communities: Local immigration and integration policies
4. Displacement, Deportation, and (Forced) Migration
5. Ethnic Geography Group Honors Dr. Emily Skop with Distinguished Scholars Award: Building Compassion, Bridging Cultures
6. Ethnic Geography Group Honors Dr. Jim Forrest with Distinguished Scholars Award: Racism, segregation, multiculturalism: understanding the Australian immigrant experience
7. Ethnic Geography in the Trump Era: Diversity, Bigotry, and Activism
8. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting
9. From the margins to the center: voices and movements that communicate, demonstrate, relocate, or emancipate marginalized communities
10. Geographical perspectives on social inequality and mobility (cities & regions)
11. Geographical perspectives on social inequality and mobility (comparative)
12. Geographical perspectives on social inequality and mobility (housing & urban metrics)
13. Geographical perspectives on social inequality and mobility (neighborhoods)
14. Hot Topics in Ethnic Geography
15. Issues in Ethnic Geography - I
16. Issues in Ethnic Geography - II
17. Latinx Geographies I: Urban Politics and Resistance
18. Latinx Geographies III: Envisioning Alternatives
19. Mentoring Young Women Ethnic Geographers
20. Migration and Development: Policy, Engagement, and Diaspora Perspectives
21. Place-based Policies in the U.S. and Beyond
22. Refugees and Immigrants in the City I
23. Refugees and Immigrants in the City II
24. Refugees and Immigrants in the City III
25. Refugees and Immigrants in the City IV
26. Refugees and Immigrants in the City V
27. Residential Segregation, Income-Divide and Changing Geographies of Inter-urban and intra-urban Home-ownerships and Renter-ships
28. Revisiting the Black Atlantic: The present and future of Black Geographies
29. Texas Atlas Project: Technological Pathway to Public Engagement
30. Urban Revitalization -- Story Map Applications





Madhuri Sharma, Edris Montalvo, and Elizabeth Chacko at the 2018 EGSG Business Meeting in New Orleans.



Attendees at the 2018 EGSG Business Meeting in New Orleans at the AAG Annual Meeting.

2018 Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference in Austin

Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin will be co-hosting the ninth bi-annual Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Conference in Austin from October 23-25, 2018. In the spirit of this year's theme, "Engaged Scholarship: Fostering Civil and Human Rights," we are collaborating with the City of Austin's Mexican American Cultural Center to hold the conference in the community. The beautiful Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB MACC) is located adjacent to Town Lake and the Rainey Street Historic District in downtown Austin with many opportunities to enjoy the lake and live music.

Students, faculty, and other professionals representing a wide range of disciplines will share papers, posters, and panel presentations. These scholars share an interest in racial and ethnic transformation of places worldwide and reflect a mix of applied and theoretical perspectives, often within a spatial framework.

The conference will feature an opening reception on Tuesday evening, paper and poster sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, field trips on Friday morning, as well as great food, music,

and keynote speakers with local artist & activist participation throughout the conference.

The Holiday Inn Express and Indigo Hotels have a block of rooms available at reduced rates for attendees. Book through the conference website to access the discounted rate. Once this block is full, the reduced rate will no longer be available, so book today!

Early registration ends on June 30th. The paper, poster and panel submission deadline is July 30, 2018. More information, including registration and submissions, can be found at <http://www.repconference.org>.

- Sarah Blue



Note: The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group has committed \$1,000 to supporting the conference as one of the sponsors of the REP conference.

- *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.

EGSG Officers and Standing Committees

Past Chair:

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

Current Chair:

Edris Montalvo, Cameron University, 2018-2020

Vice Chair:

Elizabeth Chacko, George Washington University, 2018-2020

Secretary-Treasurer:

Wan Yu, Binghamton University, 2018-2020

Board of Directors:

Jay Newberry, Binghamton University, 2017-2019

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2017-2019

Holly Barcus, Macalester College, 2018-2020

Debanuj Dasgupta, University of Connecticut, 2018-2020

Qingfang Wang, University of California, Riverside, 2018-2020

José Diaz Garayua, California State University, Stanislaus, 2018-2020

Weronika Kusek, Northern Michigan University, 2018-2020

EGSG Awards Committee

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

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2017-2019

Stavros Constantinou, Ohio State University, 2017-2019

Emily Skop, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2017-2019

John Frazier, Binghamton University, 2018-2020

Shaolu Yu, Rhodes College, 2018-2020

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Dissertation Proposal Committee

Selima Sultana, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 2017-2019

Susan Hume, Southern Illinois University, 2018-2020

Sean Crotty, Texas Christian University, 2018-2020

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Student Paper Committee

Kanika Verma, Independent Scholar, 2017-2019

Jay Newberry, Binghamton University, 2017-2019

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2018-2020

AAG Program Committee

Edris Montalvo, Cameron University, 2018-2020

Wan Yu, Binghamton University, 2017-2019

Fenda Akiwumi, University of South Florida, 2018-2020

Website Committee

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2017-2019

Matt Cook, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-2020

Newsletter Committee

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University,
2018-2020 (Newsletter Editor)

Student Committee

Scott Markley, University of Georgia, 2018-
2020

John Ponstingel, Binghamton University, 2018-
2020

Yining Tan, Arizona State University, 2018-
2020

- 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

EGSG Website

EGSG activities and latest news, achievements, memberships, etc. are available on its website: <https://ethnicgeography.com/>. In the 2016 business meeting of the EGSG at AAG in San Francisco, the members and committees approved the development of a new and improved website that is hosted by an independent link. Our 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/>).

**See you in Austin at the
2018 Race, Ethnicity, and
Place Conference in
October!**

**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

**Start making plans to attend
the 2019 American
Association of Geographers
annual conference in April
in Washington, DC!**