

# Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Newsletter, 2024

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## Greetings from the EGSG Chair



Dear Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Members,

As the Spring semester wraps up and we recharge for a vigorous new academic year in the Fall, I am delighted to reflect on our recent accomplishments and share exciting updates. At the AAG 2024 Annual Meeting in Honolulu, I had the privilege of meeting many of our members, both old and new. I was thoroughly impressed by the depth and breadth of the sessions and presentations from our specialty group. It was particularly heartening to see new faces, especially graduate students, actively participating and engaging with our community.

The Annual Meeting is always a time to celebrate and honor our awardees. Although we did not

have any recipients this year, we see this as an opportunity for more participation in the future. We warmly encourage all members to consider submitting nominations for next year's awards so we can continue to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions within our community.

As you will read below, our members, both individually and collectively, continue to communicate their research results and make an impact through various means—publishing, public speaking, teaching, and mentoring—both in the US and globally. The updates from our members highlight the wide-ranging scope and impact of our scholarship and engagement.

As I am stepping down as Chair after my term, I am pleased to introduce Dr. Paul McDaniel from Kennesaw State University as our new Chair. I am confident that under his leadership, our specialty group will continue to thrive in research, pedagogy, and community building. I also want to sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of our past committee members and those serving on the Board of Directors.

Finally, if your membership is due for renewal, please renew it so that the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group can continue to support the development of ethnic geography in the US and globally.

Thank you for your participation and contributions to the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group over the past year. I hope you have a wonderful summer or winter break (for our members in the southern hemisphere)!

*Wan Yu*  
Binghamton University

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## EGSG Member News

**Editor's Note:** These are the news items of note that were submitted to the EGSG Newsletter or of which we are aware. We rely on our members 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 Kate Golebiowska (Kate.Golebiowska@cdu.edu.au) if you would like to share them with us.

**Mr. Diego Taboada** supervised by **Dr. Madhuri Sharma** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) completed his Master of Science degree and his MS thesis was titled *Fixing Broken Windows or Racial Capitalism's Fixers: Policing, Displacement, and Gentrification in One of California's Last Black Enclaves* in 2023. He was subsequently admitted into the PhD program at the Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Dr. Mikhail Samarin** supervised by **Dr. Madhuri Sharma** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) completed his PhD entitled *Analyzing Rent Burden from the Geographical Perspective: Determinants and their Variation in the United States*. He has been a lecturer in the Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee, Knoxville since August 2023.

**Madhuri Sharma** (University of Tennessee) has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor, recognizing her outstanding contributions to our field. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Sharma on this well-deserved professional achievement! Since 2023 Dr. Sharma has been serving as the editor for the Book Reviews for the Southeastern Geographer and has been serving as a member of

the Nominating Committee for the Southeastern Division of the AAG (SEDAAG) since 2022.

**Wei Li** (Arizona State University) was honored with the title of an [AAG Fellow](#), acknowledging her substantial contributions to the field of geography in 2023. In the same year, she also received the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award for Doctoral Students and was elected a member of the Graduate Faculty Mentor Academy, Graduate College, ASU. Congratulations Dr. Li!

**Dr. Shaundra L. Cunningham** supervised by **Dr. Madhuri Sharma** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) completed her Ph.D. entitled *Sermon Geographies: Black People as Spiritual Cartographers in South Carolina* in 2022. She is now working as the Associate Dean of Rockefeller Chapel & Community Life, University of Chicago.

## EGSG Member Recent Publications

Members of the EGSG are busy publishing a variety of work. We highlight a few of these works here.

Bhattacharjee, S., **Sharma, M.** and Sattar, S. Towards Pandemic Proofing Mumbai: Rethinking Sustainable Urban Development Based on the Covid-19 Experience, in (Eds). Sivaramakrishnan, L., Dahiya, B., **Sharma, M.**, Mookerjee, S., and Karmakar, R. *Urban Health: A Global Perspective, Development in Environmental Science* (book series), Elsevier, ISBN: 9780443219481. In press. Expected publication in October 2024.

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## Upcoming EGSG-related Events, Meetings, Conferences

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) invites abstracts for the upcoming IASFM20 conference, which will be held from **20 to 23 January 2025 in Yogyakarta**, Indonesia. The host for IASFM 20 is the [Resilience Development Initiative – Urban Refugees Research Group \(RDI-UREF\)](#) in collaboration with the Anthropology Department, Faculty of Cultural Studies, Universitas Gajah

Mada, Indonesia. For more information on how to submit an abstract and more, please visit [IASFM 20 website](#).

Ah, magical Australia! [The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population \(IUSSP\)](#) will host its 30<sup>th</sup> International Population Conference (IPC2025) in Brisbane, **13-18 July, 2025**. These conferences draw leading population scientists and policy makers (demographers, economists, sociologists, epidemiologists, geographers...) from across the world once every 4 years. For the call for papers, see <https://lnkd.in/eMZSpVxf>. Abstracts are **due 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024**. For more information see <https://ipc2025.iussp.org/> and watch this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtRIyYXEQYI&t=33s>.

[The Regional Studies Association](#) Winter Conference 2024, themed *Driving Regions Forward: Transitioning to Brighter Regional Futures* will take place **7-8 November 2024** at The Cumberland, London. It will explore how innovation, entrepreneurship, skills, technology, trade, and investment serve as catalysts for regional development. Additionally, we'll delve into pressing issues such as housing, migration, land use, and mobility, all driven by our commitment to enhancing both lives and places. For more information see <https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/2024-winter-conference>. Call for papers is here: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/CfP-2024-RSA-Winter-Conf-v1.pdf>.

For those interested in Southeast Asian population dynamics [The Population Association of Singapore](#) has announced its 2025 Annual Meeting, hosted in collaboration with Nanyang Technological University. Visit <https://www.sgpopulation.org/pas-2025> for information.

AAG 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in Detroit, **24-28 March 2025**. Stay tuned for more details: <https://www.aag.org/all-events>.

The PAA 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in Washington, D.C., **9-12 April 2025**. Check for more details soon: <https://www.populationassociation.org/home>

## 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

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*Elizabeth Chacko*, George Washington University, 2021-2022

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*Wan Yu*, Binghamton University, 2022-2024

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*Paul McDaniel*, Kennesaw State University, 2022-2024 (chair by July 2024)

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To be announced after the election.

***Hope to see you at the 2025  
American Association of  
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meeting!***