

Minutes for the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG) Meeting at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Boston, MA.

Session 2765, Tremont, Marriott, 1th Floor, 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM, Friday, 4/6/2017

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG)

Past Chair: Heike Alberts (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh)

Chair: Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee)

Vice Chair: Edris Montalvo (Cameron University)

Secretary/Treasurer: Elizabeth Chacko (George Washington University)

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Dave Kaplan

Michael Webb

Holly Barcus

1. Call to order at 7:11PM by Chair Sharma:
 - a. Welcome to all.
2. Chair's Comments
 - a. Chair Sharma thanked Kent State University for hosting a successful REP meeting last year.
 - b. Chair Sharma welcomed new members and invited them to introduce themselves.
3. Approval of minutes for the 2016 EGSG business meeting in San Francisco, CA.
 - a. Motion to approve by John Frazier, seconded by Lawrence Estaville. Motion passed.
4. Chair Sharma reported from the AAG Chair's Meeting
 - a. This year's annual meeting was one of the largest with 9,392 registrants and 1,783 sessions with over 60 business meetings.
 - b. Treasurer's report: Montalvo and Sharma reported a balance of \$1,268.48 less deductions and expenses for receptions and any potential REP contribution.
 - c. Chair Sharma reminded members about 25th anniversary sessions Friday and provided descriptions of both sessions. Both Sharma and Montalvo announced 25th anniversary celebration at Clery's.
5. Newsletter report
 - a. Chair Sharma commended the newsletter – excellent job.
 - b. Paul McDaniel announced that the newsletter is now available on the website. He called for submissions for the Spring newsletter. Chair Sharma encouraged members to share information in the newsletter.
6. Conversation about website

- a. Estaville asked about ethnicgeography.com and if was possible to use a .edu web address. Clarification was provided - .edu addresses must be hosted by universities and the current cost of ethnicgeography.com is an initial \$99.00 with an 18 dollar renewal.
7. EGSG Student Paper Competition and Dissertation Proposal Awards
 - a. Michael Webb announced the winners of the EGSG Student Paper Competition as Audrey Lumley-Spanski with her paper "Refugee Resettlements, Divergent Outcomes: The Role of Social Network in Housing Type and Location" and Kathryn Hannum with her paper "Ethno-Linguistic Geography and the Classroom: Investigating Urban and Rural Schools in Galicia, Spain."
 - b. Paul McDaniel announced the winner of the Dissertation Proposal Award. The winner was Sean Wang with his proposal "Chinese Birth Tourism, Immigration, Politics, and Regional Racial Formations."
8. Carlos Teixeira provided an overview of the EGSG Awards.
 - a. Teixeira thanked the Awards Committee and provided background on the awards.
 - b. There were no career or service awards this year.
 - c. The 2018 scholar award goes to two recipients: Emily Skop and Jim Forrest.
 - d. Chair Sharma made a request for more submissions.
9. Chair Sharma discussed the EGSG website.
 - a. Website said to be "alive and kickin'."
 - b. Michael Webb said that the website was renewed for 2018. There was a discussion about making the website more dynamic. Estaville reminded members to take pictures as unfortunately not many pictures exist from years past. Ira Sheskin recommended to include link on listserv correspondence to encourage sessions in New Orleans in 2018.
10. Report about REP in Texas
 - a. Sarah Blue not present. Committee is looking for dates.
11. Other Business
 - a. Chair Sharma introduced the idea of a junior/early career service award. Frazier asked for a proposal to be send to the broader EGSG membership. Estaville voiced strong support for the idea but would rather it be called "young." Other names included Early Career/Emerging scholar. Sharma will send out an email.
12. EGSG Elections:
 - a. Edris Montalvo passed out ballots and Edris Montalvo counted the ballots later. The current committee roster is as follows:

Current Members: Ethnic Geography Specialty Group [2016-2017]

Past Chair, *Heike Alberts*, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, 2016-2018 [alberts@uwosh.edu]

Chair, *Madhuri Sharma*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2016-2018 [msharma3@utk.edu]

Vice Chair: *Edris Montalvo*, Cameron University, 2016-2018 [emontalv@cameron.edu]

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Newsletter Editor Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2016-2018 [pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu]

Board of Directors (8 members, including 1 student member)

Jay Newberry, Binghamton University, 2017-2019 [jnewber@binghamton.edu]

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Holly Barcus, Macalester College, MN, 2016-2018 [barcus@macalester.edu]

Standing Committees: EGSG Awards Committee (5 members) (Responsible for Distinguished Ethnic Geography Scholar; Outstanding Ethnic Geography Service; and Outstanding Ethnic Geography Career Awards)

Sean Crotty, Texas Christian University, 2016-2018 [crotty.sean@gmail.com]
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Stavros Constantinou, Ohio State University, 2017-2019 [constantinou.1@osu.edu]
Emily Skop, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2017-2019 [eskop@uccs.edu]

Student Awards Committee Outstanding Ethnic Geography Dissertation Proposal (3 Members)

Susan Hume, Southern Illinois University, 2016-2018 [shume@siue.edu]
Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, 2016-2018 [carlos.teixeira@ubc.ca]
Selima Sultana, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 2017-2019 [s_sultan@uncg.edu]

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Student Paper (3 Members)

David Kaplan, Kent State University, 2016-2018 [dkaplan@kent.edu]
Kanika Verma, Independent Scholar, 2017-2019 [kanikaverma@outlook.com]
Jay Newberry, Binghamton University, 2017-2019 [jnewber@binghamton.edu]

AAG Program Committee (3 Members)

Madhuri Sharma, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2016-2018 [msharma3@utk.edu]
Wan Yu, Binghamton University, NY, 2017-2019 [wyu@binghamton.edu]
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Website Committee (3 Members)

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Matt Cook, Eastern Michigan University, 2016-2018 [mcook40@emich.edu]

Newsletter Committee

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2016-2018 (Newsletter Editor)
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Richard Gioioso, St. Joseph's University, 2016-2018 (Co-Editor) [rgioioso@sju.edu]

Student Committee

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