

**Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG) Business Meeting**  
**Washington 1, Marriott, 6:50PM – 7:50 PM, Friday, 4/4/2019**  
**The Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 3-7<sup>th</sup> 2019,**  
**Washington, D.C.**

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1. Meeting started by Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo welcoming to all.
2. Approval of minutes for the 2018 EGSG business meeting.
3. Meeting agenda #11 moved up. Dr. Skop announced ESGG awards.
  - a. The EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award went to Dr. Qingfang Wang (University of California, Riverside).
  - b. The EGSG Early Career Award went to Dr. Caroline Faria (University of Texas, Austin).
  - c. The EGSG Distinguished Service Award went to Dr. Heike Alberts (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh).
4. Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo thanked all participants who attended the session honoring the life and career of the late Dr. Lawrence Estaville. He will post a link of Dr. Estaville's final public speech video to our listserv. He also called for photos from anyone who have Dr. Estaville's photos to share in the EGSG Spring Newsletter.
5. Group welcomed new members:
  - a. Dr. Nari Senanayake, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky
  - b. Samuel P. Neilson, University of South Carolina
  - c. Hanieh Haji Molana, Kent State University
6. Chair's Report from the AAG Chair's Meeting:

Chair Dr. Montalvo shared the information from the chair's meeting regarding next year's AAG. In AAG 2020, there will be fewer concurrent sessions but more presentations in one single session. The average presentation time will be 15 minutes per presentation. AAG also encourages more posters to be submitted instead of papers.

7. Treasurer's report: Dr. Wan Yu reported a balance of \$1,033 after the 2019 Annual Meeting expenses.
8. Dr. Jay Newberry announced EGSG Student Paper Competition and Dissertation Proposal Awards:
  - a. Student Paper Competition:
    - i. First Place: Samuel P. Neilson, University of South Carolina (Paper title "Beaches and Muslim Belonging in France: Liberty, equality, But not the Burkini!")
    - ii. Runner-up: Hanieh Haji Molana, Kent State University (Paper title "Acculturation and Psychological Health and Well-being among Iranian Female Immigrants in Los Angeles")
  - b. This year's Dissertation Proposal Awards went to two students:
    - i. Joyce Clapp, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Project title "Space is Freedom, Place is Security: An Intersectional Study of Queer Placemaking")
    - ii. Kathryn Hannum, Kent State University (Project title: "Regional Diaspora Engagement between Galicia, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina")
9. Dr. Paul McDaniel called for submissions for the Spring newsletter. Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo called for members to share their information on the newsletter as well as to encourage other faculty and students to join EGSG.
10. Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo and all members congratulated Dr. Madhuri Sharma for winning the 2018 EGSG Distinguished Service Award. Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo handed her the award plaque.
11. Chair's report on REP:

Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo reported that the past REP IX in Austin was a success. The next REP conference (REP X) will be held in Baltimore. Conference organizer Joseph Wood also welcomed EGSG members to attend the conference.
12. Student Travel Awards:

Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo invited thoughts and suggestions from members regarding how do we fund the Student Travel Award. Dr. John Frazier suggested to form a committee for this award and to name this award after Lawrence to recognize his effort in initiating this award. Motion 1 proposed to "form a Student Travel Award committee, send criteria to the committee and let the committee to decide." Motion 1 received unanimous pass by members. Motion 2 proposed to "name this award after Lawrence". Motion 2 received unanimous pass by members.
13. Other members (names didn't get chance to record) proposed to name other ESGS award after those contributed effort and service to EGSG and to rotate by year. No motions proposed from this discussion.
14. Eligibility for EGSG Awardees:

Discussions were brought up regarding if the EGSG awards should only be given to members of the specialty group. Dr. John Frazier and Dr. Madhuri Sharma suggested we should. Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo believed it is ok to give the Distinguished Scholar Award and

Distinguished Service Award only to the members of the specialty group, yet not for student awards. We can use the student awards as an incentive to lure students in joining EGSG. The group called for a vote on: 1) Only awarding the faculty awards to members of the specialty group; 2) The student awards do not have such requirement and can be given to students that are not members of the EGSG. Voting result: 14 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstained. Motion passed.

15. EGSG Elections: Chair Dr. Edris Montalvo announced the EGSG elections will be held online this year instead of in person at the business meeting. He will send the Call for Nomination and the electronic election ballot to the group in via the AAG specialty group listserv.

16. Meeting adjourned.