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Greetings from the EGSG Chair

Greetings from our summer study abroad program in Montepulciano, Italy!

I'm delighted to reflect on our recent accomplishments and share some meaningful updates. I know that recent events have brought real challenges and uncertainty, especially for diverse communities and within academia. I hope this letter offers a bit of positive energy and can serve as a moment of connection and a reminder of the vital and uplifting work we all do together. In that spirit, I'd like to highlight a valuable resource from the AAG Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee: [AAG JEDI Committee Resources for Defending Geographic Inquiry and Our Communities](#).

At the AAG 2025 Annual Meeting in Detroit, it was a joy to connect with so many of you -both longtime members and new faces. I was energized by the dynamism in our specialty group's sessions, especially the brilliant contributions from graduate students. The energy and insight they brought speak volumes about the vibrant future of our field.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating the achievements of this year's outstanding awardees during our EGSG Business Meeting. We honored:

- Dr. Joseph S. Wood, Distinguished Career Award
- Dr. Marie Price and Dr. David H. Kaplan, Distinguished Scholar Award

- Dr. Elizabeth Chacko, Distinguished Service Award
- Dr. Emily Frazier, Distinguished Early Career Award for Scholarship, Teaching, and Service

You can read more about each of these remarkable individuals in this newsletter.

While we didn't receive nominations this year for the Outstanding Dissertation Proposal or Student Paper Awards, let's turn this into a call to action: encourage your students to submit next year! We want to spotlight their incredible work and celebrate their successes. Let's make the 2026 awards cycle the most vibrant yet.

Speaking of accomplishments - prepare to be wowed as you read through this newsletter. Individually and as a collective force, y'all continue to push boundaries, share groundbreaking research, and make a real-world impact through your publishing, captivating public speaking, inspiring teaching, and dedicated mentoring - both here in the U.S. and across the globe!

A massive shout-out is also due to our incredible team - the past and present committee members and our dedicated Board of Directors! Your hard work and commitment are the bedrock of everything we do. Special appreciation to Dr. Wan Yu, who served as EGSG Chair from 2022 to 2024, and Dr. Kate Golebiowska, for her leadership on the newsletter. Thanks also to those who participated in our spring elections - you'll find our new committee lineup later in the newsletter.

One last nudge: if your membership is due for renewal, please renew. Your support helps fund initiatives like student awards, sponsor events like the Race, Ethnicity and Place conference, and strengthen our ability to champion ethnic geography both nationally and globally.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on growing our membership and expanding our reach. Please continue inviting students and colleagues to join. We also encourage participation in two key events: the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference in Albuquerque (Nov. 5–8, 2025), and the next AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco (March 17–21, 2026).

Thank you for your incredible participation and contributions to the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group over the past year! In light of the difficult national conversations we're currently navigating, I believe our collective work in understanding and celebrating the diverse geographies of ethnicity is more important than ever. Wishing y'all a truly fantastic summer or winter break (to our awesome members in the southern hemisphere)!



Paul McDaniel
Kennesaw State University
Chair Ethnic Geography Specialty Group

EGSG Member News

Promotions

Dr. José R. Díaz-Garayúa, California State University, Stanislaus, earned early promotion to full Professor of Geography & Environmental resources at the start of the academic year 2024-2025.

Dr. Paul N. McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, earned promotion to full Professor of Geography, at the start of the academic year 2025-2026.

Awards

EGSG Award Recipients

Dr. Elizabeth Chacko, George Washington University, received the 2025 EGSG Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Emily Frazier, Missouri State University, received the 2025 EGSG Distinguished Early Career Award for Scholarship, Teaching, and Service.

Dr. David H. Kaplan, Kent State University, received the 2025 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award.

Dr. Marie Price, George Washington University, received the 2025 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award.

Dr. Joseph S. Wood, University of Baltimore, received the 2025 EGSG Distinguished Career Award.



Photo: Professor Chacko receiving the Award from Professor McDaniel.



Photo: Professor Kaplan receiving the Award from Professor McDaniel.



Photo: Professor Frazier receiving the Award from Professor McDaniel.



Photo: Professor Price receiving the Award from Professor McDaniel.

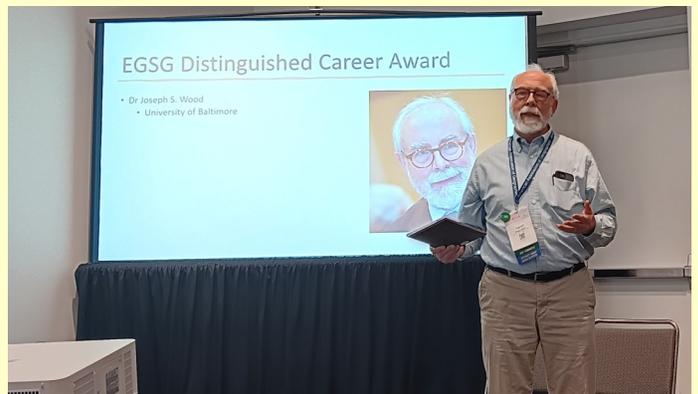


Photo: Professor Joe Wood after receiving the Award from Professor McDaniel.

Other Awards Recipients

Dr. Paul N. McDaniel received the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Online Teaching Award, Kennesaw State University. 2024. As chair of his department awards committee during 2024-2025, he also led the authorship of the nomination portfolio that resulted in their Geography and Geospatial Sciences program receiving the 2025 Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for Department or Program from the University System of Georgia.

Professor Ira Sheskin, University of Miami, was honored with the prestigious Marshall Sklare Award, presented by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ). This award is given annually to a senior scholar who has made a significant scholarly contribution to the social scientific study of Jewry, primarily through the publication of a body of research in books and articles or of published work related to public policy.

Professor Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal by City Hall of the District of Ribeira Grande. This distinguished honour is annually presented to Azorean citizens born in the District of Ribeira Grande in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the region and its

global diaspora. Professor Teixeira received this award in his hometown City of Ribeira Grande, Island of Sao Miguel in June 2024. The medal honours his significant efforts in advancing the development of the Azorean diaspora and in promoting and preserving Portuguese and Azorean culture in Canada.

Congratulations to all the Awardees!

Special Appointments

Professor Elizabeth Chacko was appointed co-Director of a new Center of Immigration and Migration Studies at George Washington University.

Professor José R. Díaz-Garayúa, California State University, was appointed Chair of the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group at the AAG.

Professor Wei Li, Arizona State University, was the spring Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong. 2025.

Dr. Paul N. McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, was elected Vice President of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers (SEDAAG) for a two-year term. Fall 2024.

Professor Ira Sheskin was elected President of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry. 2024.

PhD and Master student completions, milestones and employment

Sukanya Das has passed two specialty comprehensive exams and successfully defended her dissertation proposal on May 6, 2025, marking key milestones on her path to a PhD. Her dissertation *Integrating Women's Agency into Maternal Healthcare Utilization: A Scalar and Mathematical Modeling Approach* is chaired by Professor Madhuri Sharma (Geography & Sustainability), with committee members Professor Nicholas Nagle, Dr. Jack Swab (Geography & Sustainability), Professor Laurie Meschke (Public Health), and Professor Courtney Cronley (Social Work). Now officially ABD, Sukanya will complete data analysis and writing over the next year. Congratulations on this important progress and wishing you continued success.

Michael DCamp. *German-Americans of Ohio: An Analysis of Cultural Preservation and Ethnic Identity*. Master of Science thesis. Advisor Professor David Kaplan. 2024. Michael DCamp is now a high school teacher in Franklin, Tennessee.

Alexandria Hahn. *Perceptions of Neighborhood*

Park Accessibility in Cleveland, Ohio. Master of Science thesis. Advisor Professor David Kaplan. 2024. Alexandria Hahn is now a staff scientist at Ohio Division of Natural Resources.

Maya O'Brien. *Migrant Journey Maps: A Methodological Tool to Analyze Aspirations, Capabilities and Risks of Asylum Seekers Crossing the US-Mexico Border*. A Master's thesis defended at the Department of Geography & Environment, George Washington University. Professor Marie Price acted as Supervisor and Professor Elizabeth Chacko as Reader. April 2025.

Moira O'Neill. *The Military Industrial Simplicial Complex and Other Essays on the Spatial Dynamics of Defense Spending*. PhD thesis defended at Kent State University. Principal Advisor Professor David Kaplan. 2024. Moira O'Neill is now an Assistant Professor at Hobart College.

Mikhail Samarin, who completed his PhD in 2023 under the supervision of Professor Madhuri Sharma, is now a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Idaho State University. Mikhail is part of a multi-disciplinary team funded by the National Science Foundation, working on critical research related to Energy-Water Systems in Idaho. With his expertise in data science and housing issues, Mikhail plays

a key role in supporting the team's work, which includes efforts to improve conditions and infrastructure for Native American communities across the state. Congratulations, Mikhail, on applying your geography training to real-world challenges and making a difference!

Siqiao Xie. *The Geography of Inequality in STEM: Immigration, Gender, and Economic Disparities in the United States*. PhD thesis defended at the Arizona State University, Tempe. Professor Wei Li acted as the Principal Advisor with Associate Professor Dylan Connor as Advisor. 2024. Siqiao Xie was a policy analyst at the Sphere Institute 2022—2023 and is now a post-doctoral scholar at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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Register and submit your paper, paper session, panel, or poster before July 31st, 2025 to get the early submission rate.

The Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Conference brings together diverse groups of scholars to facilitate research on race and ethnicity.

In 2025, REP will be hosted by the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The theme of the 2025 REP conference, Diversity and Resilience, addresses how scholars can respond to ongoing attacks on diversity. All topics are welcome though.

We call for original papers, paper sessions, and panel submissions that focus on race, ethnicity, and diversity.

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Photo: Professor Sharma receiving the Award from Professor Kaplan during the event.

Other Selected Highlights

Colloquium series organized by Professor Madhuri Sharma, Fall 2024

Madhuri Sharma organized the Fall 2024 Colloquium Series in the Department of Geography & Sustainability at the University of Tennessee. The series featured several guest speakers who addressed critical topics related to diversity, immigrants, people of the Global South, and marginalized communities within the United States.

Among the most impactful speakers were: (i) Professor Kendra McSweeney, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar and Hammond Speaker, from the Department of Geography at the Ohio State University, and (ii) Professor Laurie Meschke, from the Department of Public Health at the University of Tennessee.

Professor McSweeney gave her widely publicized talk on "The Drug War and Climate Change: Making the Connections." Given the significant interest and relevance of this topic amidst increasing global crises - such as cross-border migration driven by climate change and the loss of livelihoods due to deforestation linked to drug production, as well as the absence of effective policy responses - this pub-

lic lecture was very well attended and received.

Professor Meschke's talk, "The Value of Community Engaged Scholarship in Public Health," highlighted the critical importance of avoiding the shaming of individuals and communities impacted by the opioid crisis in East Tennessee. She emphasized ethical considerations and sensitivity when conducting research with affected populations.

Professor Madhuri Sharma and Dr. Mikhail Samarin honored with the Wrigley-Fairchild Award

Professor Madhuri Sharma's and Dr. Mikhail Samarin's paper, "Rent-Burdened in the South? A Neighborhood-Scale Analysis of Diversity and Immigrants in Nashville, Tennessee", published in *Geographical Review* 114(3): 277–304, was awarded the Wrigley-Fairchild Award for the best paper published in the journal in 2024. The award was presented to Professor Sharma by Professor David Kaplan during a celebratory event on the evening of March 27, jointly hosted by the American Geographical Society, Texas State University (San Marcos), George Washington University and the University of Texas. Read the award-winning paper here: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2023.2217266>

Co-authored article by Dr. Kate Golebiowska recognized among top-cited

Kate Golebiowska's co-authored paper, "Comparing Pre-war and Forced Ukrainian Migrants in Poland: Challenges for the Labour Market and Prospects for Integration", published in *International Migration* 62(1), was recognized in 2025 as one of the journal's top-cited articles in 2023. Read the article here: <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.13213>

Paul N. McDaniel and Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez published co-edited book, *Integration and Receptivity in Immigrant Gateway Metro Regions in the United States*, with contributions from several EGSG members.

Despite the velocity and scale of the cumulative changes of immigrant integration and receptivity infrastructures in fast growing regions of the United States, less research has focused on the new and evolving experiences in these regions in recent years. Editors Paul N. McDaniel and Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez and the contributors in *Integration and Receptivity in Immigrant Gateway Metro Regions in the United States* fill this gap through case studies of different types of immigrant gateway metro areas. They provide insight into how immigrant settlement, integration, and receptivity processes and practices within each

metro area have continued to evolve beyond the nascent experiences documented in the early 2000s. This interdisciplinary volume examines ongoing processes in not only well-established immigrant gateways, but also in previously overlooked regions. This book is a resource for researchers, students, and practitioners to contextualize the ongoing changes in new destination metropolitan regions in the United States and to learn from the challenges, opportunities, and best practices emerging from different metropolitan regional contexts. Contributions include:

Introduction: Twenty-First Century Immigration Geography in the United States, by Paul N. McDaniel and Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez

Chapter 1: Detroit, Michigan: Revitalizing the Rust Belt by Welcoming Immigrants in a Former Gateway, by Xi Huang and Alexis P. Tsoukalas

Chapter 2: Washington, DC: Reception and Integration of Immigrants and Refugees in the National Capital Region, by Elizabeth Chacko

Chapter 3: Miami, Florida: Immigrant Settlement and Impact in the Gateway to the Americas, by Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez, Eric Manley, and Nilofer K. Bharwani

Chapter 4: Atlanta, Georgia: How Institutionalized Reception and Representation of Refugees

Changed Immigrant Receptivity in a Major-Emerging Gateway, by Sarah Ryniker

Chapter 5: Charlotte, North Carolina: Multiple Scales of Receptivity in the Queen City, by Paul N. McDaniel and Heather A. Smith

Chapter 6: Greensboro, North Carolina: Immigration and the Spatial Dynamics of Neighborhood Change in the Piedmont Triad, by Nabeela Farhat and Selima Sultana

Chapter 7: Nashville, Tennessee: Immigrant Integration and Rent Burden in the Music City, by Madhuri Sharma and Mikhail Samarin

Chapter 8: Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota: The Success of Somali Elected Officials in the Twin Cities, by Stefanie Chambers and Annika Davies

Chapter 9: Burlington, Vermont: Refugee Resettlement in the Green Mountain State, by Pablo Bose

Chapter 10: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Welcoming Newcomers to the City of Bridges During Times of Crisis, by Jennie L. Schulze

Chapter 11: Louisville, Kentucky: Adaptive Municipal Responses to a Growing Immigrant Community in the Age of COVID-19, by Andrew Lim, Nan Wu, and Karen Aho

Chapter 12: Birmingham, Alabama: Immigrant Integration, Place Branding, and Geographies

of Care in the Ridge and Valley, by Paul N. McDaniel

Chapter 13: Des Moines, Iowa: Refugee Resettlement Ecosystems and the Uneven Geographies of Immigrant Incorporation in the Heartland, by Emily Frazier

Chapter 14: Reno, Nevada: “I Just Feel Out of Place There” - Punjabi-Sikh Socio-Spatialities in the Biggest Little City in the World, by Heather L. Benson and Kate A. Berry

Conclusion: Future Trajectories, by Paul N. McDaniel and Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez

Learn more about the book here: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/integration-and-receptivity-in-immigrant-gateway-metro-regions-in-the-united-states-9781666955781/>

Special Issue on Immigration and Immigrant Community Engagement of Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship, co-guest edited by Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez and Paul N. McDaniel recognized with Publication of the Year Award from the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE).

The Publication of the Year Award acknowledges and celebrates the author(s) of a single published scholarly article, book chapter, book, or book series that has had a significant

impact on the study and/or practice of service-learning and community engagement, including the communities, cultures, and systems within which it is undertaken. This special journal issue brought together an interdisciplinary and demographically diverse group of students, practitioners, policymakers, and scholars to examine U.S. immigration policy, practice, and the organizations which facilitate immigrant integration. It focuses on community-based and community-engaged research that surfaces immigrant voices, those who work in partnership with immigrants, and those who do research in collaboration with and on behalf of immigrant communities.

The collective aim was for the issue to integrate the voices of diverse immigrant communities as well as the voices of emerging and established academic scholars and community researchers. Immigration and the immigrant experience are inextricably tied to the past, present, and future of the United States. Native Peoples, established U.S. residents and citizens, and newcomers all are part of the celebrated and controversial stories that shape “the story of U.S.” However, much is said about immigrants, without truly incorporating their own stories and contributions into the narrative; a narrative, we believe, that has the potential to inform and inspire community

change and scholarship.

The full special issue is available open access here: <https://ices.ua.edu/36/volume/17/issue/3>

AAG Detroit Meeting 2025

Professor Madhuri Sharma organized and co-chaired two sessions, sponsored by Ethnic,

Population and Urban Geography Specialty Groups.

Session 1: Housing, Assimilation and Economic Mobilities of Immigrants and Minorities-I

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Upcoming EGSG—Related News

US-based

Race, Ethnicity, and Place, XIIIth REP Conference, November 5-8, 2025, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. <https://repconference.org/> Please register and submit your paper, paper session, panel, or poster before July 31st to get the early submission rate.

AAG 2026 Annual Meeting, March 17-21, 2026, in San Francisco, California, <https://www.aag.org/events/aag2026>

Global

New Zealand Population Conference, 10-11 July 2025, Wellington, New Zealand, [NZPopCon – Population Association of New Zealand](#)

International Population Conference, July 13-18, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia [The 30th International Population Conference IPC 2025](#)

International Conference: How did we lift the burden? Infectious Disease Mortality in the Western and Non-Western World (1800-now), 28-29 August 2025, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, <https://iussp.org/en/civCRM/mailling/url?u=17015&qid=4041789>

WIC Conference 2025 on “Demographic Perspectives on Migration in the 21st Century”, 19-21 November 2025, Vienna, Austria, <https://iussp.org/en/civCRM/mailling/url?u=17113&qid=4056583>

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2025 REP Conference announcement

Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference
Diversity and Resilience
Albuquerque, NM
November 5-8, 2025

Hosted by University of New Mexico

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We call for original papers, paper sessions, and panel submissions that focus on race, ethnicity, and diversity.

Register and submit your paper, paper session, panel, or poster before July 31st, 2025 to get the early submission rate.

David Kaplan, Kent State University

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EGSG Bylaws

For reference, the bylaws describe all the leadership positions and committee roles and responsibilities

<https://ethnicgeography.com/documents/egsg-bylaws/>

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