

# **2009-2010 Annual Report Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG) of the Association of American Geographers**

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## **I. Review of Statement**

Statement of the TGSG: “To encourage and facilitate interactions among individuals who are interested in research, practice, and education of transportation-related topics.”

TGSG membership dues: Regular Members \$5.00. Student Members \$2.00.

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### **III. Accomplishments**

The business meeting was held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 during the AAG conference in Washington, DC. The accomplishments of the specialty group were assessed.

### **A. Ullman Award**

The 2010 Edward L. Ullman Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Transportation Geography (a plaque) went to Andrew Goetz of the University of Denver. Dr. Goetz is one of the world's preeminent air transportation geographers and is also one of the disciplines leading authorities on intermodal transportation. He has published over 30 refereed articles on air transport, intermodal transportation, and transport planning. He is well known for his book *Denver International Airport: Lessons Learned*, and he has also published numerous invited chapters in books focusing on a wide range of transport topics including but not limited to planning, deregulation, and policy implications. In addition to these achievements, he has served as the Associate Editor for the flagship journal of the discipline, the *Journal of Transport Geography*. He is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Transport Geography* and the *World Review of Intermodal Transportation Research*.

Recipients of the Ullman Award now include:

2010 - Andrew Goetz  
2009 - Harvey Miller  
2008 - Shih-Lung Shaw  
2007 - T. R. Lakshmanan  
2006 - Barry Wellar  
2005 - Mei-Po Kwan  
2004 - Richard Knowles  
2003 - Kingsley E Haynes  
2002 - Brian Slack  
2001 - Thomas Leinbach  
2000 - Donald Janelle  
1999 - Bruce Ralston  
1998 - Morton O'Kelly  
1997 - Susan Hanson  
1996 - James Vance  
1995 - William R Black  
1994 - William Garrison  
1993 - No award given  
1992 - Howard Gauthier  
1991 - Harold M Mayer  
1990 - Edward J Taaffe

### **B. Student Papers Award**

The winner of the PhD level award was Dilys Bowman for her dissertation entitled "*Commitment, connectivity and the neighbors: Greenway trail placement in North Carolina towns*" supervised by Melinda Meade at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The winner of the Masters level award was Michael Widener for his thesis *“Modeling Hurricane Disaster Relief Distribution with a Hierarchical Capacitated-Median Model: an Analysis with Extensions,”* supervised by Mark Horner at Florida State University. Both Dr. Bowman and Mr. Widener received a plaque and a \$250 honorarium.

### **C. Transport Sessions at AAG 2010**

There were 17 sessions sponsored by the Transportation Geography Specialty Group (including the Fleming lecture, see section D) at the Washington AAG meeting:

- Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography
- Airline Geographies in a Time of Crisis and Change
- Author Meets Critics: Richard Gilbert and Anthony Perl, 'Transport Revolutions'
- Emerging Techniques in Modeling Emergency Evacuation
- Network Spaces and Network Analysis
- New Geographies of Accessibility
- Rail Transit Systems (two sessions)
- Road networks and environmental change
- Spatial Interactions: Analysis and Modeling
- Sustainable Transport: Current Research and New Challenges (two sessions)
- The Mobility of Children and Youth: Current Research and Nascent Themes (two sessions)
- Time Geography: Its Past, Present, and Future (two sessions)
- Transportation and Social Exclusion: Current Research and Emerging Themes

Transportation geographers continued to forge connections with other sub-disciplines. Co-sponsors for organized sessions listed above included the China, Disability, Energy and Environment, Geographic Information Science and Systems, Human Dimensions of Global Change, Spatial Analysis and Modeling, Urban Geography specialty groups.

One TGSG session included within AAG’s Enhancing Diversity featured session track (3612: Transportation and Social Exclusion: Current Research and Emerging Themes)

### **D. Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography**

When Professor Douglas Fleming retired from teaching at the University of Washington after a pioneering career in transportation geography (and his earlier career in merchant shipping) in 1992, the Department of Geography decided to fund an honorarium for a distinguished lecture at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. This lectureship is designed to recognize outstanding contributions in the field in transportation geography. The Department of Geography at the University of Washington solicits the TGSG’s recommendation each year of an outstanding person to so honor.

For the 2010 AAG in Washington, Harvey Miller (University of Utah) was invited to give the Fleming Lecture, which was organized by Richard L. Morrill (University of Washington). Dr. Miller, who was the winner of the Ullman Award

in 2009, gave a lecture titled “*Transparent Transportation and Mirror Worlds*”. The introduction was provided by Joe Weber (University of Alabama) and Shih-Lung Shaw (University of Tennessee) was the discussant.

**E. Membership**

The 2009-2010 membership was up considerably compared to the previous year.

Year	Total Membership	Student Membership
1985	255	
1986	243	
1987	234	
1988	231	
1989	240	
1990	240	
1991	221	
1992	238	
1993	238	
1994	194	
1995	221	
1996	231	
1997	233	
1998	235	58
1999	225	41
2000	224	38
2001	228	45
2002	212	76
2003	227	
2004	274	
2005	302	
2006	299	137
2007	298	129
2008	238	135
2009	307	131
2010	322	146

Note: 2010 figures are as of February.

**F. New Officers**

Those present at the business meeting elected Julie Cidell (University of Illinois) as Chair for a two year term expiring in Spring 2012. Vice-Chair Ron Buliung stepped down after one year, and Hongbo Yu (Oklahoma State University) was elected to serve out the remaining year on the term.

Those present at the business meeting also elected Antonio Paez (McMaster University) and Yves Boquet (Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France) to two-year terms on the TGSG board expiring in Spring 2012.

## G. Financial Report

### AAG Transportation Geography Specialty Group Account Balance 2009 – 2010

Date	Description	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
8/31/08	Balance forward			\$ 2,999.42
9/30/08	Dues collected for September 2008	81.00		3,080.42
10/31/08	Dues collected for October 2008	248.00		3,328.42
11/30/08	Dues collected for November 2008	104.00		3,432.42
12/31/08	Dues collected for December 2008	115.00		3,547.42
1/31/09	Dues collected for January 2009	59.00		3,606.42
2/28/09	Dues collected for February 2009	65.00		3,671.42
3/17/09	Weber - AL tickets		(220.00)	3,451.42
3/22/09	Kang - PhD diss award		(250.00)	3,201.42
3/22/09	Deutsch - Master's Thesis Award		(250.00)	2,951.42
3/31/09	Weber - Trans Sg Plaque reimb		(119.00)	2,832.42
3/31/09	Dues collected for March 2009	63.00		2,895.42
4/30/09	Dues collected for April 2009	35.00		2,930.42
5/31/09	Dues collected for May 2009	57.00		2,987.42
6/30/09	Dues collected for June 2009	78.00		3,065.42
7/31/09	Dues collected for July 2009	40.00		3,105.42
8/31/09	Dues collected for August 2009	52.00		3,157.42
8/31/09	Balance - Audited			\$ 3,157.42
8/31/09	Balance forward			\$ 3,157.42
9/30/09	Dues collected for September 2009	62.00		3,219.42
10/31/09	Dues collected for October 2009	263.00		3,482.42
11/30/09	Dues collected for November 2009	81.00		3,563.42
12/31/09	Dues collected for December 2009	62.00		3,625.42
1/31/10	Dues collected for January 2010	56.00		3,681.42
2/28/10	Dues collected for February 2010	54.00		3,735.42
2/28/10	Balance			\$ 3,735.42

This annual report was submitted by Joe Weber, TGSG Chair (2008-2010).