

2012-13 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 Wednesday, April 10, 2013 during the AAG conference in Los Angeles, CA. The accomplishments of the specialty group were assessed.

A. Ullman Award

The Edward L. Ullman Award for outstanding contributions to the field of transportation geography was being awarded to John S. Adams, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Geography at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Adams is well known in the field of transport and urban geography for his four eras of intrametroplitan growth showing the relationship between urban growth and transportation development in

the U.S. He was one of the few distinguished scholars who realized many years ago that transport and urban professionals should work together, not separately. Thus, throughout his career, Dr. Adams' work has not only centered on transportation alone, but has considered transportation as an integral part of urban geography, connected to housing, employment, industry, and regional growth and change. Among others, his most important contribution was the Transportation and Regional Growth Study sponsored by the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, and the Minnesota Local Road Research Board. This study, in which he was one of the main investigators, ran from 1998–2003 and made major strides towards understanding the connections between land use and transportation with regards to housing, freight, financing, urban design, and policy.

Recipients of the Ullman Award now include:

2013 – John F. Adams
2012 – Jean-Claude Thill
2011 – Kevin O'Connor
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 Ph.D. student dissertation award was received by Woo S. Jang for his dissertation work entitled "Spatial Dynamics of Disaggregated Urban Commuting Patterns," supervised by Dr. Xiaobai Yao at the University of Georgia.

The Master's student competition award went to Benjamin Lundberg for his thesis, "Accessibility and University Population: Local Effects on Non-Motorized Transportation in the Tuscaloosa-Northport Area," supervised by Dr. Joe Weber at the University of Alabama.

C. Transport Sessions at AAG 2013

There were 41 sessions sponsored by the Transportation Geography Specialty Group (including the Fleming lecture) at the Los Angeles AAG meeting:

- Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography
- Accessibility to Public Spaces in Changing Urban Environments
- Asia On The Move II: Transportation, Cultural Change and Diffusions
- Bicycling For Fun and For Profit
- Children, Childhoods, and Transport Geography (two sessions)
- Cities, Transportation and Sustainability I: Environments and Flows
- Cities, Transportation and Sustainability II: Governance and Policy
- Cities, Transportation and Sustainability III: Applications and Implementation
- Contesting and Constructing Spaces of Mobility and Transport (five sessions)
- Electric and Alternative Fueled Transport
- Getting There is Half the Fun: Maritime and Land-Based Logistics
- Healthy Geographies of Transportation
- High-Speed Rail: Development, Integration and Crisis
- Mobility, Travel, and Place
- New Approaches to Transportation and Economic Development
- One If By Land, Two If By Sea: Transportation Networks for Ports and Transit
- Port Cityscapes: Dynamic Perspectives on the Port-City-Waterfront Interface (four sessions)
- Rail Landscapes I: Spaces and Networks (three sessions)
- Spatial Optimization and Analysis (two sessions)
- Spatiotemporal Thinking, Computing and Applications (two sessions)
- The Automobile and Its Consequences
- Travel, Visitation, and Transportation in the Parks
- Urban Commuting
- Using ICT for transport to facilitate the development of Green Economy

Transportation geographers continued to forge connections with other sub-disciplines. Co-sponsors for organized sessions listed above included the Communication Geography, Cyberinfrastructure, Economic Geography, Energy and Environment, Geographic Information Science and Systems, Spatial Analysis and Modeling, and Urban Geography, Recreation, Tourism & Sport specialty groups.

D. Transport Sessions at NECTAR 2013 Conference in Azores, Portugal
TGSG organized four sessions on “Commuting, Migration, Housing and Labor Markets”

E. 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.

By custom each year the Fleming lecture is given by the previous year's winner of Edward L. Ullman Award. For the 2013 AAG in Los Angeles, Dr. Jean-Claude Thill, who was the winner of the Ullman Award in 2012 was invited to give the Fleming lecture. Dr. Thill is the Knight Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Throughout his career, Dr. Thill has been an avid advocate for taking transport geography seriously in decision making and helped broaden its presence in other fields. The Fleming lecture was organized and introduced by Dr. Selima Sultana at University of North Carolina- Greensboro. Dr. Morton O'Kelly at Ohio State University served as the discussant.

The title of Dr. Thill's talk was "About Flows, Spatial Interaction, and Spatial Economic Organization". He is expert in the area of transportation and mobility system and his talk was around this theme. The audience was thrilled to hear his insights on the modalities of spatial operations of transportation and communication networks and of their articulation with their surrounding regions, in technologies and policies that frame these modalities, and in the socio-economic implications on the regional context.

F. Los Angeles Rail Transit Gold / Red Lines and Transit-Oriented Development Field Trip at AAG 2013

As a part of the 2013 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, Andrew Goetz (University of Denver) and Keith Ratner (Salem State University) organized a field trip to visit transit-oriented development along the city's gold light-rail line and red subway line.

The tour was focused on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) Joint Development Program, "a real property asset development and management program designed to secure the most appropriate private and/or public sector development on Metro-owned property at and adjacent to transit stations and corridors."

IV. Membership

Our membership has slightly declined from 2012 to 2013

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
2011	339	146
2012	291	133
2013	274	112

Note: 2013 figures are as of April.

V. New Officers

Upon the recommendation of the chair, those present at the business meeting elected Vice-Chair Yves Boquet at Universite de Bourgogne, France for one-year term expiring in Spring 2014.

Those present at the business meeting also elected Woo Jang at Minnesota State University and Rich Quodomine at New York State Department of Transportation to new two-year terms expiring in Spring 2015.

Jae Hyun lee at University of California at Santa Barbara was elected as the new student representative. His two-year term expires in Spring 2015.

VI. Financial Report

*AAG Transportation Geography Specialty Group
Account Balance 2012 – 2013*

Date	Descriptions	Receipts	Balance
8/31/12	Balance forward		\$ 3,150.68

9/30/12	Dues collected for Sept 2012	80.00	3,230.68
10/31/12	Dues collected for Oct. 2012	280.00	3,510.68
11/30/12	Dues collected for Nov. 2012	145.00	3,655.68
12/31/12	Dues collected for Dec. 2012	82.00	3,737.68
1/31/13	Dues collected for Jan 2013	73.00	3,810.68
2/28/13	Dues collected for Feb 2013	71.00	3,881.68
3/31/13	Dues collected for March 2013	76.00	3,957.68
3/31/13	Balance		3,957.68

VII. Future Plans and Directions

TGSG board members are active and took number of initiatives to increase TGSG memberships. Among them we are outreaching to outside academic communities such as transportation practitioners. TGSG also plans to organize joint meetings with AAG regional divisions.

This annual report was submitted by Selima Sultana, TGSG Chair (2012-2013).