

2018 Annual Report

Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG) of the Association of American Geographers

June 24, 2019

I. Review of Statement

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

Dues Information: \$10 (students, \$2)

Note: dues were increased as a result of our business meeting on April 5, 2019.

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III. Accomplishments

The business meeting was held on April 5, 2019, at the AAG Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. We awarded the **Edward L. Ullman Award** for Significant Contributions to Transportation Geography to Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Professor in the Department of Global Studies & Geography at Hofstra University. He is the lead author of one of the major geography

of transportation textbooks, *The Geography of Transportation Systems* (Routledge, 2017), which is accompanied by a comprehensive website <https://transportgeography.org/>. He is also the lead author of *The Sage Handbook of Transport Studies* (Sage, 2013). Dr. Rodrigue's research focuses on maritime transport systems and logistics, global supply chains and production networks, gateways and transport corridors. He has published 54 peer-reviewed journal articles, 32 book chapters, 58 technical reports and other publications as author or co-author. He served as the editor for the Transport and Telecommunication Geography section for *The International Encyclopedia of Geography* (2016), is the current editor of the *Journal of Shipping and Trade*, and has served on the editorial board of a number of transport related journals. Dr. Rodrigue served as chair for the AAG Transportation Geography Specialty Group and is a board member of a number of professional organizations. Besides teaching a number of transport geography courses at Hofstra University he has also taught transport courses in visiting teaching appointments in China and Belgium. He will deliver the 2020 Fleming Lecture at AAG's annual meeting to be held in Denver, CO.

Our **student paper awards** went to Rafael Pereira for the Ph.D. Dissertation award with a dissertation entitled "Distributive Justice and Transportation Equity: Inequality in accessibility in Rio de Janeiro", supervised by Drs. David Banister and Tim Schwanen, Oxford University. The Master's Thesis Award went to Kyle Titlow with a thesis entitled "De Alguna Manera Llegas': A Geographic Information Systems Study of Public Transit Accessibility for Precarious Settlements in Buenos Aires, Argentina", supervised by Dr. David Plane, School of Geography and Development, The University of Arizona. Travel awards were granted to Mischa Young from University of Toronto and Jinhyung Lee from The Ohio State University.

The annual **Fleming Lecture** in Transportation Geography was given by Dr. Tim Schwanen, Associate Professor in Transport Studies and Director of the Transport Studies Unit at the University of Oxford. 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 sponsor a distinguished lecture at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. This lectureship is designed to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of transportation geography. Dr. Schwanen's presentation was entitled "**Geographies of transport in a new climatic regime**".

IV. Membership and Participation

As of April 5, 2019, our membership count is around 335. At the annual meeting in Washington D.C, the TGSG sponsored or co-sponsored 23 paper sessions (in addition to the Fleming Lecture). These included:

- Advanced Vehicle Technologies: Alternative Fuels, Autonomous Vehicles, and Geographical Considerations of Diffusion I
- Advanced Vehicle Technologies: Alternative Fuels, Autonomous Vehicles, and Geographical Considerations of Diffusion II
- Public Transit: Social and Economic Opportunities and Consequences I
- Travel and the Built Environment
- Public Transit: Social and Economic Opportunities and Consequences II
- Groundbreaking Geographies: Alternative Perspectives in Transportation Planning
- Rail Landscapes
- Asian Geographies Symposium: Tigers on the Move: Mobility, Accessibility, and Transportation in Asia
- Accessibility and the journey-to-work
- Sustainable Transportation Systems: The Key Environmental Issues
- Commuting and Travel Behavior
- Bridging Remote Regions of the Arctic and Beyond
- Bridging Remote Regions of the Arctic and Beyond II
- Daily Life Segregation: Causes, Patterns and Consequences
- Symposium on Human Dynamics Research in the Age of Smart/Intelligent Systems: Panel Session of What Does ‘Space’ Mean in GIScience?
- Daily Life Segregation: Causes, Patterns and Consequences II
- Parking and travel demand management for more sustainable transport
- Mobility of older adults I
- Mobility of older adults II
- Promoting Urban Livability
- Critical Vélobilities 1: Gender, Race, Age, and Class
- Automated GISci for Network-based Decisions
- Critical Vélobilities 2: Space, Landscapes, and Policies

V. Future Activities

Plans are currently underway for the 2020 annual meeting in Denver. We hope to sponsor a transport-themed field trip and anticipate sponsoring a number of paper and panel sessions at that meeting. Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue will be delivering the Fleming Lecture.

VI. Financial Report

At our Business meeting held on April 5, members voted to increase regular membership fees (for non-student members) from \$7 to \$10. Our annual financial report follows.

Association of American Geographers
Specialty Groups Financial Report
April 30, 2019

Transportation Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>8/31/17</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 3,319.90</i>
9/30/17	Dues Collected for Sept 2017	52.00		3,371.90
10/31/17	Dues collected for Oct 2017	363.00		3,734.90
11/30/17	Dues collected for Nov 2017	104.00		3,838.90
12/31/17	Dues collected for Dec 2017	57.00		3,895.90
1/31/18	Dues collected for Jan 2018	46.00		3,941.90
2/28/18	Dues collected for Feb 2018	118.00		4,059.90
3/14/18	AM18 Awards Luncheon		(275.00)	3,784.90
3/30/18	Villena Sanchez - Travel Award		(100.00)	3,684.90
3/30/18	Khabazi - Travel Award		(100.00)	3,584.90
3/30/18	Oshan - Outstanding Dissertation Award		(250.00)	3,334.90
3/30/18	Jiang - Outstanding Thesis Award		(250.00)	3,084.90
3/31/18	Dues collected for March 2018	97.00		3,181.90
4/20/18	Casas - AM18 plaque reimbursement		(125.97)	3,055.93
4/30/18	Dues collected for April 2018	50.00		3,105.93
5/31/18	Dues collected for May 2018	41.00		3,146.93
6/30/18	Dues collected for June 2018	44.00		3,190.93
7/31/18	Dues collected for July 2018	25.00		3,215.93
8/31/18	Dues collected for Aug 18	74.00		3,289.93
8/31/18	Balance			<u>3,289.93</u>
<i>8/31/18</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 3,289.93</i>
9/30/18	Dues collected for Sept 2018	199.00		3,488.93
10/31/18	Dues collected for Oct 2018	292.00		3,780.93
11/30/18	Dues collected for Nov 2018	96.00		3,876.93
12/31/18	Dues collected for Dec 2018	48.00		3,924.93
1/31/19	Dues collected for Jan 2019	78.00		4,002.93
2/28/19	Dues collected for Feb 2019	32.00		4,034.93
3/19/19	Young - Travel Award		(100.00)	3,934.93
3/19/19	Pereira - Outstanding Dissertation Award		(250.00)	3,684.93
3/19/19	Lee - Travel Award		(100.00)	3,584.93
3/19/19	Titlow - Outstanding Thesis Award		(250.00)	3,334.93
3/31/19	Dues collected for March 2019	103.00		3,437.93
4/3/19	172V:AM2019 Awards Luncheon		(120.00)	3,317.93
4/26/19	Casas - AM19 plaque reimbursement		(125.97)	3,191.96
4/30/19	Dues collected for April 2019	29.00		3,220.96
4/30/19	Balance			<u>3,220.96</u>

Appendix

Minutes for Transportation Specialty Group Meeting, AAG

April 5, 2019

- Chair's announcement
 - o AAG Council:
 - Candida Mannozi (for David DiBiase):
 - AAG is endorsing a statement on behalf of graduate students, which is being edited by to council, regarding "best practices for graduate students" (wages, work hours, family issues). They plan on sharing it with department chairs
 - Finance: at the end of August 2018 AAG had \$263 thousand in income. They are planning on increasing investments in green energy funds as well as investing in socially conscious investments
 - A mental health task force has been created: there will be more messages going out to the AAG community. The idea is to create an affinity group
 - Statement on climate change: AAG is taking a position on climate change
 - Herrasment/agism/behaviors that are unwelcomed. AAG has as a goal to keep a safe space for conference attendees. There is an onsite advocate to talk to if anyone feels unsafe at any time
 - Creation of a rapid response team: that can help prepare quick statements and letters in response to policies. Looking for people who have experience with the media and subject matter. People willing to serve and be on call can email Candida or past president
 - There was a petition to reduce the AAG carbon footprint. Tim Schwanen suggested to send a formal petition from the group to AAG regarding reducing the "traveling to AAG" carbon footprint. Suggestions like participating from abroad and webinar sessions were suggested
 - Oscar Larsen:
 - Reduce length of sessions from 100 to 75 minutes. There will be less concurrent sessions
 - 8500 were expected for the meeting this year
 - Promote more posters. They see it as a way to increase audience and have fewer sessions
 - 1700 sessions, 6500 presentations
 - Someone suggested to do something about people who are in the program and don't show up to give their presentation. The idea was kind of shut down
 - Michelle Ledoux:
 - Knowledge communities are hosted by third parties. It takes 24hours to be added after paying. If anyone has a problem being included in the knowledge communities they should contact Michelle Ledoux or Colleen Dougherty

- Chairs and treasurers of groups are the only ones that can approve money transactions. The chair of the group can give privileges to others. There have been some phishing scams regarding specialty group chairs and money. So be careful
- Report on budget and membership of the group
 - The balance as of March 31, 2019 is \$3437.93
 - Expenses include: Award luncheon tickets, TGSG awards, and cost of plaques
 - We have 335 members as of April 2019, from which 154 are students
 - There was a motion to increase the fee of our group for regular members to \$10. Motion was seconded. Pass with a unanimous vote
 - The idea is to use some of the revenues from this increase to have a small reception after the Fleming Lecture to honor our speaker.
- Report on Journal of Transport Geography (Frank Witlox)
 - Report written for the RGB-IBG Annual International Conference 2018 with numbers reflecting previous year
 - On average the journal receives about 59 submissions a month. So far in 2018 (as per 8/2018) 467 papers were received (75 more than last year). On an annual basis the journal receives about 774 (papers 121 more than last year)
 - About 43.5% (last year 46.2%) of all submitted papers (so far 467) end up in a desk rejection, the remaining papers are then distributed among the 5 associated editors (AEs) and the editor-in-chief (EiC)
 - Assignment of papers is based on geographical location, and topic. At present the EiC is handling 27% (last year 26%) of all submitted non-desk rejected papers; the percentage distribution among AEs varies between 6.2 to 11.3%. So far there is a bit of an imbalance
 - The growing number of submissions is good, but is also a constant concern. Desk rejection rate is somewhat stabilizing
 - As of January 1 2019 the journal will have a 6th Associate Editor. This will be Mark Zuidgeest (responsible for developing countries, 'Africa', GIS-related papers, non-motorized transport papers)
 - IF has gone up from 2.090 to 2.675, now stabilizing at 2.699 (journal's highest IF so far), but will probably also mean more paper submissions)
 - Biggest issue is –clearly– finding suitable and willing reviewers. Per paper two review reports are needed in order to make a decision; ideally the journal strives to have three review reports. Reviewers are given 14 days to react to the review invitation, and are then given 28 days (previous 21 days) to send in their review
 - Frank Witlox would like to involve the International Editorial Board members more with the journal. To this end he has asked each IEB to submit a number of useful research key words. This table has been sent to the Associate editors for their convenience. It was agreed that a '4 papers a year review amount' is the minimum
 - The international editorial board (IEB) welcomed:

- Ben Derudder -Veronique Van Acker -Antonio Paez^[SEP]-Mark Horner^[SEP]-Maria Attard -Ahmed El-Geneidy -Chia-Lin Chen -Joachim Scheiner -Kurt Fuellhart
 - Book review editor: Angela Curl (University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ)
- Communications report
 - Michael Minn (Farmingdale State College): website: aag-tgsg.org. Everything is working perfectly
 - Nastaran Pourebrahim (University of North Carolina, Greensboro): twitter account: @AAG_TGSG. 372 followers
- Report on awards winners
 - Master's Thesis Award:
 - Kyle James Sorlie Titlow
 - School of Geography and Development, The University of Arizona
 - Adviser: David Plane
 - 'De Alguna Manera Llegas': A Geographic Information Systems Study of Public Transit Accessibility for Precarious Settlements in Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Ph.D. Award: Rafael Pereira
 - Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea) Brazil, and The School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford
 - Adviser: David Banister and Tim Schwanen, University of Oxford
 - Distributive Justice and Transportation Equity: Inequality in accessibility in Rio de Janeiro
 - Travel Awards:
 1. Mischa Young, Geography and Planning, University of Toronto
 - The Who, Why, and When of Uber and other Ridesourcing Trips: An Examination of a Large Sample Household Travel Survey
 2. Jinyung Lee, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University
 - Analyzing collective accessibility using average space-time prisms
 - Ullman Award: Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Department of Global Studies and Geography, Hofstra University
- Elections:
 - New Chair: Bradley Lane, School of Public Affairs and Administration
The University of Kansas
 - Vice-Chair:
 - Vacancy 1 Nomination: Isabelle Nilsson, Department of Geography & Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - Board Members: three vacancies
 - Vacancy 1 Nomination: Scott Kelley, University of Nevada, Reno
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - Vacancy 2 Nomination: Kevin Kane, Southern California Association of Governments
 - Vote: Unanimous

- Vacancy 3 Nomination: Rafael Pereira, Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea) Brazil,
 - Vote: Unanimous
- Student Representatives: two vacancies
 - Three Nominations: Jessica Villena-Sánchez, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver, Elina Sukaryavichute, Department of Geography & Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Jinhyung Lee, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University
 - Vote: Villena-Sánchez: 16; Sukaryavichute: 14; Lee:10
 - Elected: Villena-Sánchez, Sukaryavichute
- Continuing board member one more year: Yujie Hu, University of South Florida soon to move to University of Florida, Gainesville
- Other business:
 - Next year's meeting:
 - Andy Goetz: proposed two potential field trips. (1) Rail transit and (2) Airport area development
 - Michael Kuby: proposed a number of fuel-oriented sessions, as well as a potential plenary session
 - Sessions around the topic of cargo were also suggested
 - The idea of proposing Poster Lightning sessions was suggested
- Meeting adjourned at: 12:45 pm