

# 2021 Annual Report

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

27 September 2021

### 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)

Homepage: <http://aag-tgsg.org>

### II. Officers

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1- Gregory Carlton (2-year term ending Spring 2023)

Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability

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2- Elise Dejardins (1-year term ending Spring 2022)

School of Earth, Environment & Society

McMaster University

Hamilton, ON Canada

### **III. Accomplishments**

The business meeting was held on April 8, 2021, via Zoom. We awarded the **Edward L. Ullman Award** for Significant Contributions to Transportation Geography to Dr. [Selima Sultana](#), Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, [Department of Geography](#), University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Sultana has been engaged in the field of transportation and urban geography for 20 years and made significant contributions to commuting research in both the

theoretical and applied domains, and is recognized internationally as a transportation researcher, teacher, and advisor. Her work has focused on two critical areas: first, how processes of urban growth and resulting spatial characteristics, changes affect commuting and transportation decisions; and second, how transportation impacts accessibility and spatial equity for different income, family structure, racial, and ethnic groups. In addition to authoring a book on transportation modes across the world, she has published more than 50 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and research reports, as well as 11 book reviews, blog posts, other scholarly writings, numerous invited presentations and keynote speeches, and conference presentation. Her publications appear in a wide variety of outlets including some of the highest-quality journals in her fields of specialization, including the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, *Urban Studies*, *Urban Geography*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, and *Transport Policy*. Her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Department of Transportation through the University Transportation Center of Alabama, Center for Sustainability at Auburn University, and University of North Carolina Greensboro. Prior to appointment at UNC Greensboro, Dr. Sultana was an Assistant Professor at Auburn University, AL. She has served as a guest editor of special issues for the *Journal of Transport Geography and Sustainability*. She served as a board member and chair of the AAG TGSG, Co-Chair for Cluster Six of the Network of European Transportation and Academic Research, and is currently serving as an editorial board member of *Journal of Transport Geography*. She is a co-editor of *Southeastern Geographer*, the flagship journal of the Southeastern Division of AAG (SEDAAG) and serving as an AAG councilor representing SEDAAG. She was awarded the SEDAAG Research Honors in 2019 for her significant publications and research leadership in the field of transportation geography. Her co-authored book entitled *The National Park System: Human Geography Perspectives on "America's Best Idea"* will be published in 2022 by the University of Georgia Press. She will deliver a Fleming Lecture at the 2023 meeting along with the 2022 Ullman Award winner.

Our **student paper awards** went to Micha Young for the Ph.D. Dissertation award with a dissertation entitled ““What Happens when the Uber Tailpipe Smoke Clears: An Examination of the Impacts of Ride-hailing in Canada,” supervised by Steven Farber, University of Toronto. Additionally, we had three honorable mentions:

- Ignacio Andres Tiznado Aitken, "Accessibility and Affordability Impacts on Transport-Related Inequalities and Poverty: The Case of Santiago, Chile" (supervised by Juan Carlos Munoz and Ricardo Hurtubia, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile)
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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. Due to the pandemic, the previous and current year's Fleming Lecture honorees deferred their presentations until the next in person conference, currently scheduled for New York in 2022. The 2022 AAG meetings will feature a Fleming Lecture from 2019 winner Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, and 2020 winner Dr. Julie Cidell. The 2023 AAG meetings will Feature a Fleming Lecture from 2021 winner Dr. Selima Sultana, and the 2022 winner to be determined next spring.

With the end of the term of Dr. Bradley Lane as Chair, Dr. Isabelle Nilsson transitions from Vice Chair to Chair at the end of the academic year. This means that the Vice Chair position is open for election. Dr. Scott Kelley was nominated for the position. He accepted and was unanimously elected without opposition. He will serve as Vice-Chair through the 2023 AAG meeting, and then begin a 2-year term as Chair lasting through the 2025 AAG meeting.

The Board decided to adjust the officer terms, to better stagger them and increase participation and inclusivity. We approved one-year extensions for the term of board members Dr. Rafael Pereria and Dr. Yujie Hu, while Dr. Kevin Kane and Dr. Scott Kelley voluntarily rolled off their terms. Going forward there will be two board member elections every year. Additionally, we adjusted the terms of the student positions to make one position a two-year term, and the other a one-year term.

This meant we held elections for two Board members and two Student Representatives. The results of our Board elections were:

- Ying Song, 14 votes
- Richard Quodomine, 10 votes
- Bradley Lane, 9 votes

Dr. Ying Song and Richard Quodomine thus begin two year terms ending in 2023.

For the new 2-year term Student Representative, Gregory Carlton was elected with unanimous support. For the 1-year term, Elise Dejardins was elected with unanimous support.

The Board also discovered that the Group by-laws had vanished into the ether. Therefore, the Chair wrote a set of working by-laws (see Appendix B). The Board and membership approved these as working by-laws for one year, to be re-examined, modified, and approved for the 2022 AAG meeting in New York City. Key highlights of the updated bylaws, in addition to the previously mentioned election changes, were:

- Adding Treasurer to the duties of the Vice Chair
- Defining the longer student representative position to include working with the Board and Communications Officer on social media presence

After this year's business meeting, we held our first-ever Virtual Happy Hour, with plans to hold an in-person event in 2022.

Additionally, in June of 2020, the Board produced the following statement of solidarity in response to the numerous upheavals of social justice occurring in the US at that time:

The Transportation Geography Specialty Group expresses their solidarity with the American Association of Geographers and the specialty groups of the AAG, the Black Lives Matter movement, and all of our friends and colleagues of any color, race, gender, or decree in speaking out, protesting, and working to change the endemic racism, injustice, and inequality that permeates society. We are deeply saddened by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and Rayshard Brooks as the latest in a long history of violence, discrimination, and brutality along racial, gender, and other lines. These actions are unacceptable in a country that promotes itself as the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Transportation is a unique field of study in that it is deeply embedded in the fabric of all individuals of our species. We all must utilize and rely on it to function and participate in society. Transportation as an industry and a discipline has had a dialectical role in American race relations, both facilitating injustice and contributing to social change. Some examples include the Great Migration that was facilitated by railroads, which were built by suppressed immigrant labor. Discrimination in busing led to Rosa Parks and the Freedom Riders. The Pullman Porters were underpaid, overworked, and disrespected, but these were also jobs that African-Americans desired, and became a catalyst for the development of labor leaders who were later pivotal in the Civil Rights movement.

Our mobility systems today continue to facilitate inequities that divide our society. For example, automobile ownership and use as a requirement for participation in society places disproportionate burdens on lower-income households, which themselves are disproportionately people of color and underrepresented minorities. Efforts to increase active transportation and walkable communities facilitate sustainable mobility, but also place uneven burdens on people of color, including heightened police attention and reduced consideration from motorists. Contemporary work in transit and transportation provides stable, middle-class employment, but these “essential” jobs have proved especially deadly during the COVID-19 pandemic, and exposed the increased vulnerability to already disadvantaged populations.

Transportation has made significant progress in recent decades in diversifying its ranks and in progressing research and teaching on mobility inequities. Work in topics such as sustainability, spatial mismatch, modal choice, and accessibility to name a few have contributed to this progress. But, as is evident with a casual glance at almost any street, much work remains to be done.

This gives our work a special level of responsibility to equality and justice.

We commit to be a more inclusive specialty group, to encourage the participation of members of historically underrepresented peoples in transportation in our conferences, in our collaboration, and in our research and teaching. We commit to project, without fail, an open, supportive, and constructive environment for all who are interested in our fascinating and dynamic field. We commit to ask better questions, to be better listeners, and to learn. We commit to do better.

To these ends, we also ask for your suggestions and input for how to best proceed going forward to building a most equitable and just research group, and to making our contribution to building the just, fair, and sustainable world we all deserve to share in together.

Yours sincerely,

The Leadership of the Transportation Geography Specialty Group

The statement is also posted to the TGSG website.

#### IV. Membership and Participation

As of April 8, 2021, our membership count is around 225. At the 2021 Virtual AAG Meeting, we produced a very active presence with twelve sponsored virtual sessions, the annual business meeting, and our first virtual happy hour. The sessions included:

- [\*\*Transport Justice I: Distribution of Resources and Benefits\*\*](#)  
Organized by Elise Desjardins, Shaila Jamal, Joshua Davidson
- [\*\*Transport Justice II: Mode Shift\*\*](#)  
Organized by Elise Desjardins, Shaila Jamal, Joshua Davidson
- [\*\*Transport Justice III: Accessibility and Travel Satisfaction\*\*](#)  
Organized by Elise Desjardins, Shaila Jamal, Joshua Davidson
- [\*\*Emerging Vehicle Technologies and Services: Geographies of Diffusion\*\*](#)  
Organized by Scott Kelley, Bradley Lane
- [\*\*Governance Issues in Transport and Mobility\*\*](#)  
Organized by Julie Cidell
- [\*\*Social Issues in Transportation\*\*](#)  
Organized by Jessica Villena Sanchez, Elina Sukaryavichute
- [\*\*Transit Landscapes\*\*](#)  
Organized by Michael Minn
- [\*\*COVID-19 and the Practice of Urban Geography\*\*](#)  
Organized by Richard Quodomine
- [\*\*One Year Later: COVID-19 and the Practicing of Urban Geography\*\*](#)  
Organized by Richard Quodomine
- [\*\*Symposium on Human Dynamics Research: Emerging Themes in a Post-pandemic Era\*\*](#)  
Organized by Shih-Lung Shaw, Xinyue Ye, Daniel Sui
- [\*\*Racial Justice and Mobility Justice\*\*](#)  
Organized by Julie Cidell
- [\*\*Social Geographies of Transport and Mobility\*\*](#)  
Organized by Julie Cidell

#### V. Future Activities

With the current plan for the 2022 meeting in New York to be in person, we are looking at organizing a panel on High Speed Rail as a ten-year retrospective on the successful 2012 edition that also served as a special issue for the Journal of Transport Geography. Additionally, Richard Quodomine has volunteered to work at organizing tours of various aspects of New York City transportation infrastructure.

## VI. Financial Report

Our annual financial report follows. Note that it doesn't reflect approximately \$1600 in payouts for awards from the last two meetings, which are currently being processed.

Association of American Geographers  
Specialty Groups Financial Report  
March 31, 2021

Transportation Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>8/31/20</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 4,731.96</i>
9/30/20	Dues collected for Sept 2020	144.00		4,875.96
10/31/20	Dues collected for Oct 2020	168.00		5,043.96
11/30/20	Dues collected for Nov 2020	216.00		5,259.96
12/31/20	Dues collected for Dec 2020	83.00		5,342.96
1/31/21	Dues collected for Jan 2021	91.00		5,433.96
2/28/21	Dues collected for Feb 2021	24.00		5,457.96
3/31/21	Dues collected for March 2021	34.00		5,491.96
<b>3/31/21</b>	<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$5,491.96</b>

## Appendix A

### Minutes for Transportation Specialty Group Meeting, AAG April 8, 2021

- **Chair's announcement:**
  - o Welcome and thanks for making it through a rough year!
  - o 14 sponsored virtual sessions in 2021, 53 presentations, 1 panel
  - o 4 sponsored virtual sessions 2020; 37 were cancelled or postponed for a total of 41 planned for 2020, believed to be a recent high
- **Update from the AAG Council:**
  - o 963 sessions, 2,933 abstracts, 5,019 attendees (though people still registering through the week)



- Currently only lists future conferences as New York City, Feb 25-Mar 1, 2022; not sure what happened to Detroit and Honolulu, possibly try to reschedule Denver and Seattle
- Transitioning to new web platform and database system, phased launches coming over the next several months/year, trying to be ready to go for NYC 2022
- Looking to give SGs a higher profile in the new system and provide greater staff efficiencies and processing
  - Planning for more enrichment funds for speakers and plenaries for SGs in 2022 (holdover from original 2020 AAG Council update)
  - Sponsorship opportunities for curated session, in-person conferences in future (possibly help assist with reception, other funding options); AAG looking at ways to grow this in the future
  - No more limit for number of SGs a member can join
  - Council continuing to work on COVID relief, reporting and other mechanisms to regional subgroups, departments, and specialty groups
- Approved revision to the group guidelines for determining health of the groups, as well as new groups and a new review process; coming later in 2021, implemented for 2022 with future notice/feedback coming
  - Meant to be collaborative, supportive, and communicative
  - Trying to have more than just a once-a-year check-in with groups but instead have more constant contact and directions to help SGs
  - Try to raise profile of affinity groups as well
  - Any groups with issues have a three year time-period to address any such challenges
  - Intent is to “get the temperature earlier” of how departments and the discipline is doing, support graduate students, early career and contingent faculty
  - Chairs expressed that the communicative, supportive, dialogue-based nature of this needs to be emphasized in this communication
- **Report on budget and membership of the group:**
  - Current balance: \$5491.96, owe/dedicated approximately \$1600 in awards and plaque reimbursement, so consider as roughly \$3,900
    - Versus \$3521 in 2019 and \$3289 in 2018
  - Regular expenses: awards, awards luncheon tickets, award plaques (average ~\$1,000 per year for all of this)
  - Future expenses: Fleming reception (hope to be joined by AAG enrichment funds going forward)
  - Membership: 222 members paid dues, 100 of whom are students; drop from 275 members (138 students) in 2020 and 335 in 2019
    - Likely due to the movement to virtual only plus budget squeeze at universities

- Current dues: \$10 faculty, \$2 for students
- **Report on Journal of Transport Geography:**
  - IF: 3.834, Five-Year IF 4.969, Cite Score 6.6, all highest ever
  - 34<sup>th</sup> ranking (92<sup>nd</sup> percentile) in Economics, 4<sup>th</sup> highest transportation journal (closing fast on TR-A)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> ranking (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) in Geography, highest transportation journal in Geography
  - 8<sup>th</sup> ranking (80<sup>th</sup> percentile) in Transportation
  - New Visualizing Transport Geography section: short commentary plus maps
  - Additional input and information from TGSG attendees?
    - Elizabeth Delmelle:
      - Retirement of David Keeling - replaced by Julie Cidell. Received record number of submissions in 2020 (1,100), desk rejected over 50% of them (one reason for increase in IF), increased number of papers from China.
      - Been hard to find reviewers this year due to high submission rate and peoples struggles with COVID. TGSG members: encouraged to review and suggest reviewers.
      - Still tweaking out what the New Visualizing Transport Geography section will look like.
      - Transition from Evise to Editorial Manager
- **Communications report:**
  - Michael Minn (University of Illinois): website: aag-tgsg.org
    - Sees website as institutional memory for organization. Twitter more for outreach.
    - Talks about trying to have more integrated web presence with AAG but for now we support Michael handling it and hosting it.
  - Jessica Villena-Sanchez (University of Denver): twitter account: @AAG\_TGSG
    - Twitter account continues to grow. Currently 667 followers.
    - Gets requires to retweet positions etc.
    - Good experience for Jessica and future students. Helps students get involved.
    - Still hitting a wall in trying to get more engagement. May be due to pandemic to certain extent. Tried to reach out and retweet papers and positions, etc. Trying to be more active in following people and grow presence.
- **Report on winners of awards, 2020:**

- ***Ph.D. Dissertation Award:*** Joris Beckers, "The Logistics Sector in a Consumer Driven Society: Essays on Location and Network Structure," supervised by Ann Verhetsel, University of Antwerp
  - ***Master's Thesis Award:*** Yun-Hsuan (Grace) Chen, "Determinants of Flight Delays in East Asia: Airport, Route, and Network," supervised by Jen-Jia Lin, National Taiwan University
  - ***Student Travel Awards:***
    - Aimee Krafft, University of Nevada-Reno
    - Elina Sukaryavichute Shepard, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  - ***Ullman Award***
    - Julie Cidell, Professor, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
- **Report on winners of awards, 2021:**
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  - ***Ullman Award***
    - Selima Sultana, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- **Immediate Business and Updates**
- Backlog of Fleming Lectures

- Rodrigue (2019) and Cidell (2020) preferred to wait for a full, in-person meeting (originally this year)
- Plus Sultana (2021), Means 3 Fleming Lectures are “owed” for 2022
- Suggested options
  - Three Fleming Lectures in 2022 (!!!)
  - Two in 2022, two in 2023, caught up for 2024 - avored option
    - Discussants – Andy Goetz for Rodrigue, TBD for Cidell and Sultana
    - Cidell favors this, Rodrigue also prefers presenting in 2022, Sultana is in favor of presenting in 2023
    - Cost of reception (two or one big one?) might be more than we can handle – wait to decide until we see how much we can get from AAG enrichment fund.
  - Fleming-off! Panel arrangement of recent winners and discussants
    - Not mutually exclusive from above options
- Fleming reception to follow (delayed from original 2020 start); role of finances
- Follow-up on “executive decisions” of board in wake of COVID-19 and 2020 AAG, updates for the by-laws
  - One-year extension for Yujie through 2021; this meant all positions up in 2021
    - Did not want to try to replace his position 3 weeks into a pandemic
  - **Propose** one-year extension for two Board members, so that every year there are two Board members elected; need volunteers for on or off
    - No objections from any of the members present at the business meeting to this suggestion
    - Scott Kelley: off
    - Kevin: off
    - Rafael Pereira and Yujie Hu willing to stay on
  - **Propose** Student Board members: now a one-year and a two year
    - Ideally, 2 year position is a PhD student, 1 year is a pre-PhD student (master or advanced undergraduate student)
      - Current both 2 years and concurrently
      - Jessica think this new structure would be beneficial for the new student board member to have someone that has been there and knows the ins and outs
      - Good opportunity for students to network
      - Having a one year position might be attractive to students (especially more advanced undergrads) – easier to commit to - can always encourage them to run for another 1 year term or the 2 year position afterwards

- The two year is responsible for social media delivery (negotiable), working with Michael and Board/Vice-Chair/Chair on assignments
  - **Propose** Student travel awards
    - 1-time increase from 2 to 4 for student travel in 2022 to re-start student engagement and participation
      - Increase amount or number of awards?
- Reproduction of bylaws (including above changes) underway
  - Disappeared at some point so Bradley has been rewriting them, including:
  - Formalize roles and tasks
  - Formalize start date of terms (suggested: July 1 thru June 30, coincides with fiscal year, when reports are due to the AAG/JTG)
  - Will solicit feedback from Board on draft, and then solicit to membership for feedback, use as working by-laws until formal review and vote at 2022 TGSG Business Meeting
- **Elections:**
  - **Vice-Chair**, for a 2-year term overlapping the 2022 and 2023 AAG meetings, and to assume Chair of the group after the 2023 AAG meetings for a subsequent 2-year term:
    - Vacancy Nominations: Scott Kelley nominated – accepts
    - Vote: Unanimously – no objections
    - Would like to formalize this position as the formal treasurer.
  - **Board Members:** two vacancies, for a 2-year term overlapping the 2022 and 2023 AAG meetings
    - Vacancy 1 & 2 Nominations: Rich Ouodomaine volunteers; Ying Song – accepts; Bradley Lane nominated – accepts
      - Other names floated but that were not present at meeting – will keep them in mind for next year when we have an online election.
    - Vote: Ying Song (14 votes), Rich Ouodomaine (10 votes), Bradley Lane (9 votes)
    - Continuing members: Rafael Pereira and Yujie Hu
  - Suggestion for future elections to get bigger pool – do nomination via email/online prior to the business meeting.
  - **2 Year, PhD/Social Media Student Representative:** for a 2-year term overlapping the 2022 and 2023 AAG meetings:
    - Vacancy Nominations: Gregory Carlton (PhD) nominated – accepts
    - Vote: Unanimously – no objections
    - Continuing members:

- **1 Year, Pre-PhD Student Representative (Annually):** for a 1-year term overlapping the 2022 AAG meetings:
  - Vacancy Nominations: Elise Desjardins (PhD) nominated - accepts
  - Vote: Unanimously – no objections
  - Continuing members:
    - Rafael volunteers to take over work on Twitter account; assign Gregory and Elise to work on setting up Instagram and LinkedIn accounts for TGSG. Use Instagram to profile award winners and others. Cater to different groups.
  
- **Next year's meeting: Feb 25 – March 1<sup>st</sup>, New York City, NY**
  - Potential Sessions and Panels, and Organizer Volunteers
    - 10 year anniversary of 2012 AAG New York meeting plenary on high speed rail, special issue in JTG; worth a repeat with current US infrastructure bill?
      - Andy Goetz willing to do a paper or paper or both for Journal of Transport Geography.
  - Potential Field Trips and/or Workshops
    - LaGuardia refit? Rich Quodomine takes lead.
    - High Line?
    - Transit field trip with new Penn Station? Rich Quodomine takes lead.
  
- **To be discussed at next meeting:**
  - Better connections to TRB and/or relevant Committees and Sub-Committees?
  
- **Final business:**
  - Thanks to Michael Minn for Communications, Jessica Villena Sanchez and Elina Sukaryavichute Shepard for student Board member service, and Scott Kelley and Kevin Kane for Board Service
  - Welcome the new Chair of the Transportation Geography Specialty Group, Dr. Isabelle Nilsson, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina-Charlotte!
  - Welcome new Vice-Chair and the next Chair of the TGSG, Dr. Scott Kelley of Nevada-Reno!
  - Welcome new Board Members, Rich Quodomine and Ying Song!
  - Welcome new Student Representatives, Elise Desjardins and Gregory Carlton!
  - Onto our Virtual Happy Hour – here's to it being in person next year!

Meeting Adjourned.

## **Appendix B**

Working by-laws approved at Virtual Business Meeting:

### **I. Name and Purpose**

The name of this organization will be the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers (hereafter TGSG and AAG). Transport Geography Specialty Group may also be used interchangeably as a name in consideration of regional differences in the terms used in the field. The mission of the TGSG is to encourage and facilitate interactions among individuals who are interested in research, practice, and education of transportation-related topics.

### **II. Membership**

TGSG membership is open to all AAG members in good standing. TGSG membership is on an annual basis concurrent with AAG membership, and AAG members have the option to join the TGSG when they join or renew their membership in the AAG. Membership requires the payment of annual dues, which will be set by the Board of Directors annually. Graduate and undergraduate student members will pay membership dues at a lower rate than non-student members.

### **III. Board of Directors**

The TGSG is administered by a Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Board) consisting of the following officers: a Chair, a Vice Chair, and six Board members elected at large. Two of the Board members will be graduate student representatives.

One member of the Board will also serve as a Communications Officer, and one student member of the Board will assist with communications. If not an elected member of the Board, the Communications Officer will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board as the Board sees fit. No Board member may hold more than one elected position at any given time.

### **IV. Duties of Board Members**

All: organize sessions, encourage and solicit participation, post announcements, etc

*Chair:* The Chair will be responsible for coordinating the Fleming Lecture and Reception, and the Business Meeting for each annual meeting of the AAG. They will liaise with the Journal of Transport Geography (JTG) Editor in Chief to produce a report to the TGSG at the Business meeting, as well as a report of the TGSG to the JTG. They will also coordinate the

solicitations of the annual awards, attend the AAG Chairs meeting and report it to the Group, break ties in awards voting, and assist in the administration of budgeting as well as the posting of sessions, job announcements, etc to the AAG Knowledge Community.

***Vice Chair:*** The Vice-Chair will serve as Treasurer of TGSG, and will be responsible for taking minutes of the annual business meeting of the TGSG. They will also assist in counting votes for elections at the annual business meeting, and also be responsible for reviewing submissions for the annual awards. They will also assist in the posting of sessions, job announcements, etc to the AAG Knowledge Community.

***Board Members (non-student):*** Board members will primarily be responsible for reviewing submissions of the annual awards, organizing sessions at the annual meeting from floating, unassigned abstracts of transportation papers and sponsoring those sessions, and working with the students and Communications Officer on the visual and media presence of the group. They will also assist in the posting of sessions, job announcements, etc to the AAG Knowledge Community as needed.

***Board Members (Student):*** Student board members will be responsible for engaging with the non-student Board members on the activities of the group. The senior 2-year term student will be responsible for leading efforts on social media to promote and disseminate the activities of the group and of transportation geography research, where the junior, 1-year term student will assist.

***Communications Officer:*** The Communications Officer will be responsible for leading communication efforts of TGSG activities, including working with the other Board members and students on social media communication. They will also be responsible for maintaining the TGSG website, storing information and updating it with the activities of the group, and assist in the posting of sessions, job announcements, etc to the AAG Knowledge Community as needed.

## **V. Board Member Terms and Elections**

The Chair, Vice-Chair, and non-student Board members will all serve two-year terms. In odd numbered years, the Vice-Chair and two non-student Board members will be up for election; in even numbered years, the other two non-student Board members, will be up for election.

One student board member will serve a two-year term, to be elected in odd numbered years, and is intended to be held by a relatively senior student (i.e., PhD student), who will also assist the Communications Officer with Board and disciplinary communications. The other student



board member will serve a one-year term, and is intended to be a more junior student (i.e., Masters student or soon-to-graduate undergraduate).

Board members may run for re-election after their term is complete, and there are no term limits. Board member elections have historically been done at the TGSG Business during the annual AAG conference.

## **VI. Awards**

Each year at the annual meeting, the TGSG will hold the following award competitions. Anyone including Board members, the Chair, and Vice-Chair may self-nominate, but must recuse themselves from voting for themselves or for a nominee they have a close relationship with (advisor, advisee, etc.).

***Master's Thesis Award:*** Each year, the Board will offer an award (currently \$250) recognizing outstanding Masters theses in transportation geography. This will include a single award winner, and there may also be Honorable Mentions as determined by the Board each year. There will be a prize and a plaque awarded at the next TGSG Business Meeting, and awardees will be posted on the website.

***PhD Dissertation Award:*** (purpose, winners, honorable mention) Each year, the Board will offer an award (currently \$250) recognizing outstanding Doctoral dissertations in transportation geography. This will include a single award winner, and there may also be Honorable Mentions as determined by the Board each year. There will be a prize and a plaque awarded at the next TGSG Business Meeting, and awardees will be posted on the website.

***Student Travel Awards:*** Each year, the Board will offer student travel awards to two (Master or PhD) students (currently \$100/each) who will present their paper at the AAG annual meeting. In order to be eligible for these travel awards, students need to be a member of the TGSG, and the presented paper should cover a transportation topic that is relevant to the TGSG community. Abstracts and CVs are requested in PDF format and to be sent to the Chair. The Chair will then disseminate to the Vice-Chair and non-student members of the Board, who will conduct voting based on the quality of the abstract using the award template. In the event of a tie, the Chair will vote on the abstracts to break the tie.

***Ullman Award:*** The Edward L. Ullman Award has been offered by the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers since 1990 for outstanding contributions to the field of transportation geography and who are actively involved in TGSG and the AAG. It commemorates the career of Edward Louis Ullman (1912 – 1976), who was a highly influential transportation geographer who spent most of his

academic career at the University of Washington and was well known for his contributions to spatial interaction, railroad networks, freight flows, and other topics. The winner will receive a plaque and be recognized at the AAG awards luncheon. By custom, the winner of this award is invited to give the Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography at the following year's AAG meeting. Award nominations should include a letter discussing the nominee's exceptional contributions to the field of transport geography, along with a copy of the nominee's CV, in PDF format to the Chair.

The terms, conditions, and guidelines for each award will be revised each year and posted on the TGSG website no less than 9 months prior to the award submission deadline. Monetary awards will be determined each year depending on the TGSG budget. The Board reserves the right not to make an award or to offer more than one award in any given category. A comprehensive list of past awardees will be maintained on the TGSG website.

## **VII. Conference Activities**

Each year, the Chair of the TGSG will organize the Fleming Lecture, where the winner of the Ullman Award will present a paper of their choosing related to the state of the art of the field, and a discussant will present comments on that paper. The discussant may be chosen by the Board with the input or suggestion of the Ullman Award winner. The Chair of the TGSG will also organize a reception/happy hour afterward (pending availability in the budget), as well as the Business meeting for the group. All TGSG members are encouraged to organize sessions for the group to sponsor, and TGSG Board members are encouraged to organize unassigned abstracts into sessions for the group to sponsor. Additionally, all TGSG members are encouraged to consider organizing local field trips and/or special panels for each annual meeting.

## **VIII. Ratification and Amendment of Bylaws**

These by-laws will take effect immediately after either a) two-thirds approval by members present at the TGSG annual business meeting, or b) two-thirds approval via electronic voting. Amendment of these by-laws may be formally proposed by any member of the Board or by a petition of at least 25 members. reviewed at the pleasure of the Board.

Proposed 8 April 2021; approved on a temporary basis until full review prior to the next in-person AAG Meeting, currently scheduled for February 2022.