

AAG Specialty Groups and Affinity Groups are voluntary associations of AAG members. Each year, many of these groups confer awards on both faculty and students in conjunction with the AAG Annual Meeting. Recipients of the 2009 awards are listed below. Photographs are provided for those recipients who were in attendance at the awards luncheon in Las Vegas, site of the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting. For a full list of AAG Specialty and Affinity Groups, descriptions, and contact information, see www.aag.org/sg/sg_display.cfm.

Asian Geography SG

Student Paper Award

- 1st - Sara Smith, University of Arizona.
 2nd - Todd Lindley, Indiana University, "Contemporary Representations of Whiteness in Manila Urban Landscape."
 2nd - Arnisson Andre Caparas Ortega, University of Washington, "'Bahay' and 'Bayanihan' in Manila's Extramuros: Situating the Geographies of the Habiting within a Neoliberal Context."

A.K. Chakravarty Best Undergraduate Paper on South Asia Award (w/ RDPSG)

Chandana Mitra, University of Georgia, "Growth of Urban Kolkata, India, and its Impact on the Precipitation Processes."

Bible Geography SG

Amy Mather Student Scholar Award

Alyssa King, University of Redlands, "Phase 2 of the Spatially Interactive Literature Analysis System."

Biogeography SG

Student Representative Support

Jacquelyn Gill, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Poster Presentation Competition

Maria Chaffrey, University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

PhD Paper Competition

Evan Larson, University of Minnesota.

Masters Student Paper Competition

Josh Wixom, West Virginia University.

Masters Grant Award

Yanan Li, University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Doctoral Grant Award

William Flatley, Texas A&M University.

Cartography SG

Honors Student Paper Competition

Alex Yule, Middlebury College.
 Robert Burton, Middlebury College.

National Geographic Society Mapping Award

- 1st Prize - Daniel Huffman, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
 2nd Prize - Ben Coakley, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
 3rd Prize - Gregg Verutes, San Diego State University.
Examples of the winning maps and application information for next year's award can be found at natgeomaps.com/mapawards, or contact David Miller, NG Maps, at dmiller@ngs.org.

China SG

Best Student Paper Award

Francine F.X. Yi, The University of Hong Kong, "Urban Land Development and Local Public Finance in China's Urbanization."

Student Travel Grant Award

- Pengfei Li, Peking University, "Evolutionary Processes of Interactive Learning: Aluminum Extrusion Industry in Dali, Guangdong Province, China."
 Jessica Wilcczak, University of Toronto, "Migrants Troubled by Lack of Sex: The Politics of Solicitude for Migrant Workers in Contemporary China."

Outstanding Service Award

Kam Wing Chan, University of Washington.

Climate SG

John Russell Mather Paper of the Year Award

Lei Meng, Texas A&M University, "A Comparison of Soil Moisture Models Using Soil Climate Analysis Network Observations."



Meng

Student Paper Competition

- 1st - Erika Wise, University of Arizona.
 2nd - David Hondula, University of Virginia.
 2nd - Cory Morin, University of Arizona.
 Honorable Mention – David Knight, University of Virginia.

Coastal and Marine SG

Norb Psuty Student Paper Merit Award

Bailiang Li, Texas A&M University, "Field Evaluation of Grain Scale Aeolian Saltation Sensors."

Communications Geography SG

Stanley D. Brunn Student Paper Award

Ann Fletchall, Arizona State University.
 David Meek, University of Georgia.

Cryosphere SG

2009 Francois Emile Matthes Award

H. Jesse Walker, Louisiana State University.



Walker

Cultural Geography SG

Research Grant

- Nick Bausch, University of California-Los Angeles, "A Historical Geography of Digestion! The Case of the Kellogg Cereal Enterprise and the Making of the Modern Stomach, 1875-1900."
 Joomi Lee, University of Texas-Austin, "Constructing a New Medieval City in Morocco."
 James Looney, University of Kentucky, "Visions of Place, Senses of Landscape: More-Than-Representational Ethnography on Ocracoke Island, NC."
 Sharon Wilcox, University of Texas-Austin, "Encountering El Tigre: Jaguars and People in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands."

Cultural and Political Ecology

James M. Blaut Innovative Publication Award

Paul Robbins, University of Arizona, *Lawn People: How Grasses, Weeds, and Chemicals Make Us Who We Are* (2007, Temple U. Press).



Robbins

Robert McCorkle Netting Award

Piers M. Blaikie, University of East Anglia.

Student Field Study Award

Brittany Davis, University of Arizona.

Zoe Pearson, Ohio State University.



Davis

Student Paper Award

Mathew Himley, Syracuse University, "On Method and Metric: The Politics of Assessing Mining's Environmental Impacts in Andean Peru."



Himley

Cyberinfrastructure SG

Student Paper Competition

1st - Dylan Keon, Oregon State University, "The Tsunami Computational Portal: Distributed Infrastructure for Executing and Comparing Models."

2nd - Hyowon Ban, Ohio State University, "Representing and Negotiating Uncertain Exurban Concepts with User Evaluation."

3rd - Wenwen Li, George Mason University, "An Enhanced Feature Matching Model for Similarity Measurement in the Semantic Web."

4th - Ick Hoi Kim, San Diego State University, "Geospatial Stimulation and Visualization Web Portal Using the Tera-Grid."

Development Geographies SG

Student Paper Award

Kim Beazley, University of Cambridge.

Economic Geography SG

Best Dissertation Award

Julia Affolderbach, Simon Fraser University, "Engos and Environmental Bargains: A Comparative Study of Forest Conflicts in Tasmania and British Columbia."

Graduate Student Research Award

Tim Rutland, University of British Columbia.

Student Conference Paper Award

Roy Horner, Clark University.

Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography SG

Saarinen Student Paper Award

Stephanie Deitrick, Arizona State University, "Maps, Climate Change, and Mediated Knowledge: Mass Media and (Un)Certain Science."

Ethnic Geography SG

Best Dissertation Proposal

Samarth Joseph, SUNY- Buffalo, "The Effect of Remittances on Haiti's Economic Development."

Geographic Information Systems and Science SG

Robert T. Aangeenbrug Distinguished Career Award

Jerome Dobson, University of Kansas.

Honors Student Paper Competition

1st - Elizabeth Walton, University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

2nd - Matthew Collier, University of Oklahoma.



Collier

Geographic Perspectives on Women

Glenda Laws Student Paper Award

Kate Coddington Senner, Syracuse University, "Alaskan Colonial Legacies, Both Strange and Familiar: A Ghost Story."

Caroline Faria, University of Washington.



Senner

Jan Monk Service Award

Penn State University Chapter of Supporting Women in Geography. Destiny Aman and Ann Myatt James, Pennsylvania State University.



Aman and James

Susan Hanson Proposal Award

Holly Worthen, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Geography Education SG

Gail Hobbs Student Paper Competition

Minsung Kim, Texas A&M, "Development of Students' Understanding of Spatial Concepts in the Korean Context."

Geomorphology SG

Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award

Karl Butzer, University of Texas at Austin.

Graduate Student Paper Award: Masters Student

Benjamin Meade, Kansas State University, "Spatial Extent, Timing, and Causes of Channel Incision, Black Vermillion Watershed, Northeastern Kansas."



Meade

Ryan L. Perroy, University of California-Santa Barbara, "Quantifying Geomorphic Processes in a Disturbed Landscape, Southwestern Santa Cruz Island, CA."

Reds Wolman Graduate Student Research Award

G. Burch Fisher, University of California-Santa Barbara, "Spatial and Temporal Quantification of Climate-Erosion Linkages in the Himalaya."

Graduate Student Affinity Group

Graduate Student Research Award

Lucy Kammer, Syracuse University.

Joomi Lee, University of Texas-Austin, "Constructing a New Medieval City: Politics of Medina Revitalization and the Geographies of Discrimination."

James Looney, University of Kentucky, "Visions of Place, Senses of Landscape: More-Than-Representational Ethnography on Okracoke Island, NC."

Student Paper Competition

Dawn M. Drake, University of Tennessee, "Rural Agriculture as a Historical Cultural Indicator: The Case of Barus in Monroe County, Pennsylvania."

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Xingjian Liu, Texas State University-San Marcos, "Arc-Mat: A Matlab-based Spatial Data Analysis Toolbox."

Hazards SG

Gilbert F. White Thesis/Dissertation Award

Erin P. Hughey, University of South Florida, "A Longitudinal Study: The Impact of a Comprehensive Emergency Management System on Disaster Response in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas."

Giselle C. Perez, University of London-King's College London, "Vulnerability in the Shadows: A Case Study on the San Diego Migrant Hazardscape in a 'War on Terror' Climate."

Honorable Mention - Anna J. Versluis, Clark University, "We All Live Downstream: Disaster, Land Change and Reciprocity in a Haitian Watershed."

Honorable Mention - A. Case Watkins, Texas State University, "Through the Lens of Katrina: A Historical Geography of the Social Patterns of Flood Exposure in New Orleans, 1970-2005."

Jeanne X. Kasperson Student Paper Award

Christopher Burton, University of South Carolina, "From Conceptual Framework to Assessment: the Operationalization of a Place-Based Model for Understanding Community Resilience to Natural Disasters."

Khila Dahal, Texas State University, "Hazard and Risk: Perception of Glacial Lake Outburst Flooding from Tsho Rolpa Lake, Nepal."

Angela Gilbert, University of South Florida, "Hazardous Air Pollutants and Environmental Justice: The Geography of Health Risks in Florida."

Monica Zappa, Northern Illinois University, "Social, Economic, and Cultural Impacts on Hurricane Vulnerability in Bluefields, Nicaragua."

Health and Medical Geography SG

Jacques May Prize for Best PhD Dissertation

Laura J. Miller, University of Canterbury-Christchurch, NZ, "Population Mixing

and Geographical Epidemiology of Childhood Leukemia and Type-1 Diabetes in New Zealand."

Best Student Paper Award

Christine Chung, Macalister College, "Risk Factors of Young Females to HIV/AIDS in Jamaica."

Jacques May Prize for Best Master's Thesis

Julia Vedom, University of Ottawa-Canada, "Health Care Access and Regional Disparities in China."



Chung

Historical Geography SG

Andrew Hill Clark Award: Doctoral Student

Jeremy Bryson, Syracuse University, "The Nature of Urban Reversal: E41xpo '74, Riverfront Park and Gentrification in Spokane, 1960-1975."

Carville Earl Dissertation Research Award

Joomi Lee, University of Texas-Austin, "Constructing a Medieval City in Morocco."

Mountain Geography SG

Chimborazo Student Research Grant Award (HM)

Clayton Whitesides, Texas State University-San Marcos, "The Impact of Marmot Activity on Alpine Treeline Ecotones."

Mt. Everest Career Award 2009

David Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University.

Denali Recent Accomplishment Award

Charles W. Lafon, Texas A&M University.

Mauna Kea Student Presentation Award: Masters Level

Emily K. Smith, Virginia Tech, "Modeling the Incidence of White Pine Blister Rust Infection in Whitebark Pine at Alpine Treeline in the Northern Rocky Mountains Using GIS."

Mauna Kea Student Presentation Award: Doctoral Level

Grant P. Elliott, University of Minnesota, "Multi-Scale Influences of Climate, Topography, and Structure on 20th Century Tree Establishment at Upper Treeline in the Southern Rocky Mountains, USA."

Outstanding Student Research Proposal

Arvind Bhuta, Virginia Tech, "A Multi-Scale Analysis of Disturbance, Dynam-

ics, and Climate-Growth Relationships in Mountain Longleaf Pine Forests in the Southeastern Ridge and Valley, AL."

Military Geography SG

Essay Competition

Edward Heath Robinson, SUNY- Buffalo, "Current Issues in Military Geography."

Matthew S. Eggleton, University of Buffalo, "What is Military Geography?"

Paleoenvironmental Change SG

M.A./U.G Presentation Competition

Jennifer Kusler, California State University-Sacramento, "A Reconstruction of Paleoenvironmental Change in the Kalamath Mountains of California."

PhD Student Paper Competition

Jennifer Marlon, University of Oregon, "Climate Change Impacts on Past Wildfires in North America."

Poster Presentation Competition

Maria Chaffrey, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, "A Reconstruction of Coastal Paleoenvironmental Change from Laguna Saladilla, Dominican Republic."

Political Geography SG

Dissertation Enhancement Award

Afton Clark-Sather, University of Colorado, "Water Resources Development and National Identity Building in Northwestern China."

Joomi Lee, University of Texas-Austin, "Constructing a New Medieval City: Politics of Medina Revitalization and the Geographies of Discrimination."

Graduate Student Paper Competition

Keith Linder, Syracuse University, "The Struggle for La Sierra: Contested Natures and Sovereign Scriptings in the San Luis Valley, Colorado."

Stanley D. Brunn Young Scholar Award

Dave Jansson, Uppsala University.

Julian Minghi Outstanding Research Award

Rachel Pain and Susan Smith, University of Durham, "Fear: Critical Geopolitics and Everyday Life."

Population Specialty Group

Student Paper Competition Award

Marta Jankowska, San Diego State University, "The Geodemographic Classification of Slums in a Developing City."



Jankowska

Finalists - Magdalena Benza, San Diego State University, and Anna Cieslik, Clark University.

Honorable Mention - Nathaniel Lewis, Queen's University.

Qualitative Research SG

Student Research Grant

Kate Skaggs, College of Charleston, "Implications of Emerging Neoliberal Politics on Conservation Governance in the South Carolina Low Country."

Celia Vives "Luna" Gonzalez, University of British Columbia, "Negotiating Boundaries: Gendered Transnationalism from Senegal to Spain."

Joomi Lee, University of Texas-Austin, "Constructing a New Medieval City: Politics of Medina Revitalization and the Geographies of Discrimination."

Recreation, Tourism and Sport SG

Roy Wolfe Award

Daniel Knudsen.

Best Student Paper

Zhang Jiajie, National University of Singapore, "Of Kaoliang, Bullets and Knives: Local Entrepreneurs and the Battlefield Enterprise in Kinmen, Taiwan."

Best Graduate Student Paper

J. J. Zhang, the National University of Singapore.

Regional Development and Planning SG

Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Gina Mazza, Boston University, "Challenges to Sustainable Development: A Case Study of Puerto San Carlos, Mexico."

A.K. Chakravarty Best Undergraduate Paper on South Asia Award (w/ AGSG)

Chandana Mitra, University of Georgia, "Growth of Urban Kolkata, India, and its Impact on the Precipitation Processes."

Remote Sensing SG

Early Career Award

Le Wang, SUNY-Buffalo, "A Multi-Scale Approach for Delineating Individual Tree Crowns with Very-High Resolution Imagery."

2009 Outstanding Contributions Award

Stanley Morain, University of New Mexico.

Student Honors Paper Competition

1st - Daniel Redo, Texas A&M University, "A Hybrid Remote Sensing Protocol for Tracking Land Change Types in the Seasonal Tropics."

2nd - Xuefei Hu, Indiana State University, "Impervious Surface Extractions from IKONOS Imagery Using Object-Based Approach."

3rd - Jahan Kariyeva, University of Arizona, "Land Surface Phenological Responses to Changes in Land and Water Use, Climate and Socio-Economic: Central Asia Before and After the USSR Collapse."



Kariyeva

Student Illustrated Paper Competition (Sponsored by CSG, RS, and GISS)

1st - Robert Roth, Pennsylvania State University, "Geographic Disparities in U.S. Cervical Cancer Mortality, 2000-2004."



Roth

2nd - Mary Lindsey, University of Maryland, "Impact of Clouds on Later-Season Agricultural Land Cover Classification in Kentucky."



Lindsey

3rd - Prajna Regmi, Clark University, "In-

dian Ocean Dipole-Relationship with El Niño-Southern Oscillation and Teleconnectors in South Asia."

Rural Geography SG

The John Fraser Hart Award for Research Excellence

Peter B. Nelson, Middlebury College.



Nelson

2009 Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Rural and Agricultural Geography

Janel M. Curry, Calvin College.

The Donald Q. Innis Award

Julie Guthman, University of California-Sana Cruz, *Agrarian Dreams*.



Guthman

Student Paper Award

Andrew Riely, University of Texas at Austin, "Are Grass Fed Cattle Ranchers Real Cowboys?"

Transportation Geography SG

2009 PhD Dissertation Award in Transportation Geography

Hejun Kang, University of Idaho, "Moving Beyond the Individual: Activity-Based Modeling of Time Use and Travel Behavior Incorporating Intra-Household Interactions."



Kang

2009 Edward L. Ullman Award for Significant Contributions to Transportation Geography

Harvey Miller, University of Utah.



Miller

Master's Thesis Award

Kathleen Deutsch, University of California at Santa Barbara, "What's So Special

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about This Place? An Examination of Sense of Place and its Correlation to Travel Behavior."



Kathleen Deutsch accepts congratulations from AAG President John Agnew.

Sexuality and Space SG

Student Paper Competition

Carey-Ann Morrison, University of Waikato-New Zealand, "Hetero(Sex)uality and Home: Intimacies of Spaces and Spaces of Touch."

Honorable Mention - Kate Hardy, Queen Mary University of London, "Resisting Stigma, Rewriting the Street: Sex Worker Struggle in Argentina."

Water Resources SG

Illustrated Paper Competition

Patrick Dryer, Missouri State University.

Travel Grant

Joseph Hoover, University of Arizona.

Jiao Wang, Texas State University-San Marcos.

Student Paper Competition: Doctoral

Ahmad S. A. Safi, University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

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