

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Newsletter, Spring 2019

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Greetings from the EGSG Chair



A warm greeting to all Ethnic Geography Specialty Group members! The EGSG also extends a special welcome to all our new members and our student members. The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group is a vibrant and active community of scholars from all over the world with diverse backgrounds and research interests. We invite new members to be part of this exciting specialty group and we look forward to seeing both new

and established members at the 2020 meeting of the American Association of Geographers!

The EGSG currently has more than 177 members. As an active specialty group, the EGSG sponsored 15 paper/panel sessions and a poster session at the 2019 Washington, D.C. meeting in April. As you begin to plan for the 2020 meeting in Denver, we encourage you to seek the EGSG's sponsorship! As current members, invite your colleagues to join the EGSG and feel free to collaborate with new scholars and scholars from this and other specialty groups. Our annual membership dues are \$10 for members and \$3 for student members. Check out our EGSG website at <https://ethnicgeography.com>.

The Ethnic Geography Specialty Group is a proud and longstanding supporter of the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conferences (REP). The 2020 REP Conference will take place in the Fall of 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland. Look for more information as we approach Fall 2020.

This past year, the AAG offered specialty groups the opportunity for poster sessions at the 2019 meeting. These poster sessions are a great presentation format for those who are new to AAG meetings or first-time presenters. Those presenting a poster also have a decreased registration fee. Feel free to consider presenting a poster at the 2020 Denver meeting.

As always, our members constitute the strength and enthusiasm of this group. Make plans to bring a friend or colleague to our business meeting (date and time to be announced) and introduce them to our active and dynamic group. I look forward to seeing each of you in April 2020.

- *Edris Montalvo*

EGSG Member News

Editor's Note: These are the news items of note that were submitted to the EGSG Newsletter or that we are aware of. We rely on our members to keep us informed about their exciting activities so we can list them here. We know there are many members engaged in a wide variety of ethnic geography activities. Please send your news items for the newsletter to Paul McDaniel (pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu) because such news reflects well on you and the EGSG as a vibrant academic organization.



Joe Darden (Michigan State University) was selected to receive the AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors for 2019. The AAG conferred the award at the AAG Awards Luncheon at the AAG annual meeting in Washington, DC in April. AAG Honors are the highest awards offered by the American Association of Geographers. They are offered annually to recognize outstanding accomplishments by members in research & scholarship, teaching, education, service to the discipline, public service outside academe and for lifetime achievement. Although the AAG and its specialty groups make other important awards, AAG Honors remains among the most prestigious awards in American geography and have been awarded since 1951. The following was announced by the AAG in December 2018: "During his almost half-century long distinguished career, Professor Joe T. Darden of Michigan State University (MSU) has produced seven books and about 160 journal articles and book chapters, and secured significant external grants. His work on residential segregation, housing discrimination, immigration, socio-economic neighborhood inequality in multiracial societies, housing and health care disparity for minorities has exerted influential impacts on geography, urban studies and urban affairs, urban planning, sociology, and political science. Darden was one of the few African American geographers in the early 1970s and one of its earliest full professors. As an urban social

geographer, he devoted his entire career on racial-ethnic segregation and the resulting social inequality that generate racialized socioeconomic, education, employment and gendered locations affecting life chances and outcomes. The broader impacts of his work on racial inequality are reflected in his publications in popular media, his public policy consultation, and his comparative work between the US and Canada. His scholarship has been recognized as interdisciplinary, path-breaking and transformative. He prompts other scholars to think beyond the box by challenging the conventional wisdom and the prevalent paradigms for our field and our society. Darden is also an effective teacher and a caring mentor for students and junior to mid-career colleagues. His long-standing course, "The Ghetto," at MSU draws new students into the discipline. Darden's role as a mentor, however, has gone beyond MSU to countless other students and scholars nationwide. As his nominators and supporters noted, and as can be attested by many, Darden consistently mentored many who were not his students, but who benefited a great deal by his crucial career advice, his support of their development and by serving as a trusted ally to them. Darden rose fast in the academic and administrative ranks at MSU. He became full professor and the Acting Chair of Department of Urban and Metropolitan Studies in 1980, and Dean of Urban Affairs Programs in 1984. In this capacity, he was able to bring geographical perspectives to urban studies at MSU for 14 years. Darden is a tireless and vocal leader for inclusiveness and diversity in geography in general and for the AAG in particular. 20 years ago, he led the efforts to advocate for geography departments nationwide to admit and support more students from underprivileged and underrepresented minority groups; and he has provided crucial leadership in such endeavors for both students and faculty by leading the AAG's Diversity Taskforce. In 2016, he received the AAG's Harold M. Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice. Darden's influential work has earned him some major academic awards. Among them, he is the recipient of MSU's Distinguished Faculty Award (1984); the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group's Distinguished Scholar Award (2006), the AAG Enhancing

Diversity Award (2006), and the Distinguished Ethnic Geography Career Award (2015). In 2018 he was elected to the inaugural cohort of AAG Fellows. For these reasons and many more, Joe T. Darden is granted the 2019 AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors.” – excerpt from December 2018 AAG News, <http://news.aag.org/2018/12/aag-is-proud-to-announce-the-2019-aag-honors/>.

Sa'iliemanu Lilomaiva-Doktor (University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu) was elected as Chair, effective 2020, of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO). ASAO is an international organization dedicated to comparative studies of Pacific topics. She also participated in a panel, entitled Women, Power and Leadership in Polynesia, and plans to get this into a Symposium next year, and is also planning a special journal related to the topic.

Alan Marcus (Towson University) coordinated a panel discussion at the AAG meeting in Washington, DC in April entitled “Transnational Geographers in the United States: Navigating Autobiogeographies in a Global Age” (which is also the title of the book he was editor and contributing author, Lexington: MD, 2016). The panel discussion was sponsored by the EGSG. Panelists in photo below: Shaolu Yu, Heike Alberts, Weronika Kusek, Alan P. Marcus, Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, and Stavros Constantinou.



Panel discussion at AAG meeting in Washington, DC

Paul McDaniel (Kennesaw State University) was nominated for the Distinguished Early Career Faculty Award at Kennesaw State University in April. He also recently received a grant to incorporate field trips into his Urban Geography class in 2019-2020, “Teaching Urban Geography through the Lens of the Atlanta BeltLine.” He will also be teaching two courses, Introduction to Human Geography and Urban Geography, in a summer 2019 study abroad program based in Madrid, Spain. Follow Paul on Twitter at @pnmcdaniel.

Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) is continuing to serve as the past-Chair of the Ethnic Geography Group until July 2020. She also received the EGSG Distinguished Service Award at the recent AAG meeting in Washington, DC. She also received an internal award at the University of Tennessee to conduct research over the summer on the topic of establishing relationship between rental burdens and regional economic disparity that may specifically extract the race/ethnicity relationships and their spatial political economy. This research is awarded through an internal support program that pays a graduate student to assist with basic research activities (to kick start the research): Madhuri Sharma and Mikhail Samarin: “Rental Burdens and the Socio-Spatial Manifestations of Industry and Economy in USA” Funded by: ORE Scholarly & Research Incentive Funds (SARIF), University of Tennessee (\$3,600). Additionally, one of her PhD students, Donghee Koh, (now an ABD), and is also a student member of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, defended his proposal titled “Assessing Neighborhood Quality of Life Pertaining to Mental Health Vulnerability.” He is currently engrossed in completing his big data analyses to answer his research questions wherein he is linking macro-scale and micro-scale neighborhood quality to mental health vulnerability by creating an innovative measure of mental health index that varies based on its spatial weight. He hopes to defend his final dissertation by the end of Fall 2019 semester or in early Spring 2020 semester. He is also minoring in Statistics. He hopes to be in the academic and industry job market for the 2020 academic year.

Selima Sultana (University of North Carolina-Greensboro) will be a co-editor for the journal *Southeastern Geographer* beginning July 2019. She also has a Faculty First grant from UNC-Greensboro to understand African American interest in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) and reasons for both visiting and not visiting.



Rebecca Torres (University of Texas at Austin) was selected to receive the 2019 AAG Gilbert White Distinguished Service Honors award. The following was announced by the AAG in December 2018: “Rebecca Torres is an inspiring and effective public intellectual and scholar activist. Over the last two decades, she has integrated her research, teaching, and service to promote social equity and justice. Her impressive track record of service to her department, university, and discipline is matched with an equally strong track record of meaningful, substantive public engagement in the communities in which she lives and studies. Dr. Torres’ academic service covers many fronts. She is a noted mentor of undergraduate and graduate students both at the institutions where she has worked and more broadly. She also has nearly two decades of experience helping students engage substantively with questions of social equity and justice through service learning based projects. She has served on numerous campus and disciplinary taskforces and initiatives to enhance diversity and improve the climate for students and scholars of color. In addition, she is the co-organizer of the 9th Race, Ethnicity and Place conference, which took place in Texas in 2018. Dr. Torres’ record of service outside the university is even more impressive. For example, while working at East Carolina University, she developed an award-winning community-university partnership — *Los Puentes* — to create and maintain a bilingual Spanish/English curriculum, which is still expanding to other regions fifteen years after its inception. More recently, her research on rural community development and poverty reduction included a five-year stint collaborating with The Workers’ Defense Fund in Texas, first documenting, and

then promoting legislation to address issues such as dangerous working conditions, stolen wages, and social exclusion. Since 2014, she has put her safety on the line to study and publicize the precarious situation of migrant children at the U.S./Mexico border. In contributing to scholarly debates about neoliberalism, rural restructuring, migration, and gender, she has simultaneously engaged in substantive action to engage and serve her research communities. Geographers are increasingly interested in serving as public intellectuals; Rebecca Torres shows us how to do it right. It is for these many reasons that the AAG is proud to recognize Dr. Torres with the 2019 AAG Gilbert White Distinguished Service Honors.” – excerpt from December 2018 AAG News, <http://news.aag.org/2018/12/aag-is-proud-to-announce-the-2019-aag-honors/>.

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2019 EGSG Award Recipients

EGSG Distinguished Service Award

The EGSG Distinguished Service Award recognizes the selfless commitment to the discipline. Generally, the recipients of the EGSG Service Award have a longstanding tradition of outstanding teaching, research, and service to Ethnic Geography.

Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee) was selected as the recipient of the 2019 EGSG Distinguished Service Award and was presented with the award at the 2019 AAG Meeting in Washington, DC. In addition to her years of service to EGSG, Madhuri also exemplifies a longstanding tradition of outstanding teaching, research, and service to Ethnic Geography. Commenting about Madhuri’s service, Stavros Constantinou (The Ohio State University at Mansfield campus) said, “I have known Madhuri

Sharma since she was a Ph.D. student at The Ohio State University. Madhuri has been a most effective, detail-oriented, and extremely competent chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group for the period 2016-2018. She is extremely organized, and never misses a deadline or forgets any of the tasks that need to be completed by the various committees of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group. Madhuri has an excellent rapport with her colleagues and has been most gracious in her dealings with me as former chair of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, and as a member of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee during her tenure as chair.”



*2019 EGSG Distinguished Service Award
Recipient, Madhuri Sharma*



*Edris Montalvo, Madhuri Sharma, and
Elizabeth Chacko*

Additionally, at the EGSG business meeting at the AAG 2019 annual meeting, the EGSG Awards Committee announced that Heike Alberts (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh) will be the recipient of the 2020 EGSG Distinguished Service Award.

EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award

The EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award honors outstanding scholars in the field of ethnic geography. As of 2003, nomination of the Distinguished Scholars is open to the entire membership. The committee will make its selection based on reviews of the nominee's curriculum vita (by e-mail or online). Nomination of non-EGSG members or foreign scholars is welcome. A formal announcement of the recipient will be made at the EGSG annual business meeting.

Heather Smith (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) was selected as the recipient of the 2019 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award, which was announced at last year's EGSG business meeting. She will be presented with the award at the 2020 AAG Meeting in Denver, where the awards committee will organize a special award panel session to honor her accomplishments. At the EGSG business meeting at the 2019 AAG meeting, the EGSG Awards Committee also announced that Qingfang Wang (University of California-Riverside) will be the recipient of the 2020 EGSG Distinguished Scholar Award.

EGSG Early Career Scholar Award

At the EGSG business meeting at the 2019 AAG meeting in Washington, DC, the EGSG Awards Committee announced that Caroline Faria (University of Texas at Austin) will be the recipient of the 2020 EGSG Early Career Scholar Award.

EGSG Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award

The EGSG is pleased to sponsor its annual Dissertation Proposal Competition Award. Doctoral students who have completed the dissertation proposal stage of their program are eligible to submit their proposal for adjudication in this competition. The EGSG Dissertation Proposal Committee will evaluate all submissions based on written clarity, methodological rigor, and overall contribution to ethnic geography scholarship. The winner will receive a \$250 prize, a certificate, a ticket to the AAG Award Luncheon and a formal recognition at the banquet, and recognition in the EGSG Newsletter.

Joyce Clapp, PhD candidate at University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and **Kathryn Hannum**, PhD candidate at Kent State University, jointly received the best dissertation proposal award from the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG). Joyce's project is entitled "Space is Freedom, Place is Security: An Intersectional Study of Queer Placemaking," where she intends to investigate intersectional relationships between race, gender, social class, and sexuality to understand the varying definitions of the word "queer" and their experiences in geographic space. Joyce's advisor is Dr. Selima Sultana. Kathryn's proposal, entitled "Regional Diaspora Engagement between Galicia, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina," seeks to understand the aims and benefits of a regional diaspora engagement coalition and the effects of such a coalition on national identity. Kathryn's advisor is Dr. David Kaplan.

EGSG Outstanding Student Paper Award

The EGSG is pleased to sponsor its annual Student Paper Competition. Students who have completed a research paper to present at the AAG are eligible to submit their research paper for adjudication in this competition. The EGSG Student Paper Committee will evaluate all submissions based on written clarity, methodological rigor, and overall contribution to

ethnic geography scholarship. The winner will receive a \$250 prize, a certificate, a ticket to the AAG Award Luncheon and a formal recognition at the banquet, and in the EGSG Newsletter.

Samuel P. Neilson (University of South Carolina) won First Place in the 2019 EGSG Outstanding Student Paper Award competition for the paper, "Beaches and Muslim belonging in France: liberty, equality, but not the burkini!" Hanieh Haji Molana (Kent State University) is runner-up for the paper, "Acculturation and Psychological Health and Well-being among Iranian Female Immigrants in Los Angeles."



Samuel P. Neilson received first-place in the 2019 EGSG Student Paper Competition



Hanieh Haji Molana is runner-up in the 2019 EGSG Student Paper Competition

EGSG Member Recent Publications

Members of the EGSG are busy publishing a variety of work. We highlight a few of these works here.

Editor's Note: These are the only publications that were submitted to the EGSG Newsletter. We rely on our members to keep us informed about their publications, so we can list them here. We know there are far more publications from the EGSG membership than shown in this list. If you would like for us to include your recent publications in the next EGSG newsletter, please send your publication citations to Paul McDaniel (pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu) as soon as they are published as this reflects well on you as a scholar and EGSG as a vibrant academic organization.

Arwa M. A. Altaher Joyce Clapp Selima Sultana. 2019. "Residential settlement patterns among immigrants in Atlanta metropolitan area, Georgia." *Geographical Review*. First published: 11 December 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gere.12319>.

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Diaz, I.I., Hunsberger, C. 2018. Can Agroecological Coffee Be Part of a Food Sovereignty Strategy in Puerto Rico? *Geoforum*, 97: 84-94.

Diaz, I.I., Najjar, D., Baruah, B. 2018. A Review of Gender Norms, Agency, and the Adoption of Agricultural Innovations. *CGIAR-ICARDA Papers*, 1-26. [dx.doi.org/20.500.11766/7667](https://doi.org/10.1111/gere.12319).

McDaniel, Paul N. 2019. "Book Review: Shifting Boundaries: Immigrant Youth Negotiating National, State, and Small-Town Politics." *International Migration Review*.

McDaniel, Paul N., Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez, and Qingfang Wang. 2019. "Immigrant Integration and Receptivity Policy Formation in Welcoming Cities." *Journal of Urban Affairs*. doi:10.1080/07352166.2019.1572456.

Rodriguez, Darlene Xiomara, Paul N. McDaniel, and Gianni Bisio. 2019. "'FU': One Response to the Liminal State Immigrant Youth Must Navigate." *Law & Policy* 41, 1: 59-79.

Sharma, Madhuri. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Diversity and Economy - A Broad Overview of U.S. Counties, 2000-2014. *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* [Original submission November 2018; revised/resubmitted March 28, 2019, Accepted March 29 2019, forthcoming in Vol. 11(2): April-June 2020]; [March 2019 IF= 0.951].

Sharma, Madhuri & Koh, Donghee. 2019. Korean Americans in Los Angeles: Decentralized Concentration and Socio-Spatial Disparity. *Geographical Review*. [Forthcoming in 110:3, July 2020; Article published online 3rd May 2019; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/gere.12358>].

Sharma, Madhuri. 2018. Community Perspectives on Neighborhood Characteristics and Home-Buying Decisions [*International Journal of Geospatial and Environmental Research*, 5(1): Article 3, 1-33; <https://dc.uwm.edu/ijger/vol5/iss1/3/>]

Sharma, Madhuri. 2018. Economic Growth Potentials and Race/Ethnicity in Tennessee: Diversity and Economy. *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*, 9(2)33-54; doi: <https://www.igi-global.com/viewtitlesample.aspx?id=198484>.

In Memory of Dr. Lawrence Estaville

Dr. Lawrence Estaville, founding member of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, passed away in December 2019. A special session, "Honoring the Life and Career of Dr. Lawrence Estaville," organized by Edris Montalvo, was held at the AAG annual meeting in Washington, DC, in April 2019. Session description: "In this session, colleagues, friends, and family join together to honor and discuss the life, career, and legacy of Dr. Lawrence Estaville. Lawrence was a professor and scholar serving the discipline of geography for more than 40 years at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Clemson University, California State University, Fresno, and Texas State University. He contributed significantly to the areas of Ethnic Geography, Historical Geography, Geographic Education, Business Geography, and Medical Geography. Lawrence was honored with numerous awards by the AAG, NCGE, numerous universities, and the Texas State University Board of Regents. Above all Lawrence was a tireless and dedicated educator and advocate for geography, diversity, students, and colleagues. He mentored students and faculty both formally and informally and was a dear friend to many. Lawrence led a life dedicated to service - to his country, to the discipline of geography, and to his students, colleagues, friends, and family. All are invited as we remember our friend and discuss the diverse impacts of his career and friendship." Discussants in this session included Edris Montalvo (Cameron University), Richard Nostrand (University of Oklahoma), Yongmei Lu (Texas State University), John Frazier (Binghamton University), Dawna Cerney (Youngstown State University), Fenda Akiwumi (University of South Florida), and Kanika Verma (Texas Christian University).

The following message was sent to EGSG Members by EGSG Chair, Edris Montalvo, on December 20, 2018, which also appeared on the AAG website, here: http://www.aag.org/cs/membership/tributes_memorials/af/estaville_lawrence



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform each of you that Dr. Lawrence Estaville, founding member of the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, had died. While many if not most of us knew Lawrence well, I hope that you will permit me to share the following words.

Lawrence served in the academy as a professor, scholar, and administrator for more than 40 years with positions in Wisconsin, California, South Carolina, and Texas. During his career, Lawrence was a prolific scholar, steadfast mentor and educator, and an effective administrator. While in no way inclusive, I would like to highlight some of Lawrence's many accomplishments during his unparalleled career and life. Lawrence led the establishment of three PhD programs at Texas State University and aided in the founding of the James and Marilyn Lovell Center for Environmental Geography and Hazards Research and the Gilbert M. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education. He published 10 books (with an additional co-authored monograph forthcoming), 36 peer-reviewed articles, 19 peer-reviewed book chapters, and presented 92

conference papers. An effective fundraiser, Lawrence raised over 6 million dollars in grants and raised funds to support graduate students and conferences. He worked closely with the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conferences and with the conference creator and his dear friend Dr. John Frazier.

Above all, Lawrence would tell you that his passion was teaching. He taught nearly 40 courses during his career and was a steadfast advocate for students. Diversity of students and ideas was a cornerstone of his teaching. Lawrence's love of cinema led him to include assignments involving important films in several of his undergraduate courses. He was often recognized as a favorite professor by both undergraduate and graduate students. He advised three doctoral students and several masters students to the successful completion of their degrees. As one of those doctoral students, I will share that Lawrence's mentorship did not end at the culmination of my graduate degree but rather turned into a life-long duty for him.

Lawrence was an award-winning professor with recognition at the highest level. I highlight a few here. Lawrence was a recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1985 and the Distinguished Mentor Award in 2012 from the National Council for Geographic Education. He was honored in 2011 with the Outstanding Scholarship and Service Award from the Business Geography Specialty Group – a group that he led in establishing. From our Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, Lawrence was the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2015 and the Distinguished Ethnic Geographer Career Award in 2010. He received the Enhancing Diversity Award from the American Association of Geographers in 2016. Most recently, on November 16, 2018, Lawrence was the recipient of the highest faculty honor and title bestowed by the Texas State University System – Regents' Professor.

I will add that one of the things that Lawrence was most proud of, especially toward the end of his career, was his service to the National Marrow Donor Program and his establishment (with Yvonne Ybarra and Angelika Wahl) of the Texas

State Cancer Advocacy Movement for Colleges and Outreach (CAMCO). The efforts of this state-wide alliance resulted in tens of thousands of student marrow donors and, most importantly, the saving of over 50 lives through marrow matches – including several children. He shared privately with me years ago, after his successful fight with leukemia, that he felt that he just had to do something if he "beat this thing," especially after seeing what he saw at M.D. Anderson. He did.

These few paragraphs only scratch the surface of Lawrence Estaville's vast career accomplishments. As most of you know, Lawrence was very private about his valiant fights with cancer. However, as we remember and mourn our friend and colleague, I would like to offer the following words from a personal perspective that I hope bring some comfort.

I am eternally thankful that I was fortunate enough to see Lawrence a few times recently. On Wednesday, December 5th 2018, Lawrence was honored with a Texas State University presidential reception for his Regents' Professor distinction in San Marcos, Texas. Although he was a little thinner than we may remember and in a wheel chair, Lawrence was vibrant and excited to speak to all who came to congratulate him. His contagious, deep laughter could be heard throughout the room as he reminisced and joked with friends and colleagues. I remember that displayed his Regents' Professor medallion proudly over his suit jacket adjusting it for pictures. He would later tell me that he was so very thankful for the experience and for all his friends near and far. He said that the award was "the cherry on top" of what he said was a great life and career.

I visited him again a few days later in his home. Lawrence, in characteristic fashion, wanted to talk more about me, my family, and our friends than himself. Always the hosts, the Estaville's had refreshments out for me. When I commented on not needing to have refreshments out he said, "Oh Edris, that is my beautiful wife Sandra who put those out." I said, "You are one lucky man." He replied, "You're telling me." Lawrence's deepest love and admiration for his wife, Sandra, remains an example to us all.

A professor and educator until the end, Lawrence was afraid that he would not be able to complete his Ethnic Geography course this semester and see his students' presentations. Angelika Wahl, his dear friend and colleague from the department at Texas State suggested that he could Skype-in to see and grade the final presentations which excited Lawrence greatly. Lawrence was able to finish his course this semester – a duty he would tell me that he felt he owed his students... to finish what he started. He was very thankful for that.

In one of our conversations, Lawrence did lament that there would be many that he would not be able to say goodbye to personally and he hoped that everyone understood. I, of course, reassured him that all would. He reminisced about many of you. He shared with me that he felt that he had lived a wonderful life and was thankful for every moment of it. Lawrence also wanted me to thank you, his friends, for years of collaboration, laughter, and cherished friendship. Always the gentleman, the last time I saw him, Lawrence insisted on walking me to the door to say farewell. Despite my objections, he did.

Colleagues and friends, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), professor, scholar, mentor, colleague, and friend Dr. Lawrence Estaville passed away on the morning of December 20, 2018 with his loving wife Sandra by his side. He was 74 years old. Lawrence is survived by his wife Sandra and his daughter Deborah. He is survived by dozens of colleagues and friends who he collaborated with over his long career. Finally, Dr. Lawrence Estaville is survived by thousands of students who are better for their time spent with him – in the classroom and beyond.

If I receive any other pertinent information, I will forward it to you all. Please feel free to share this letter regarding Lawrence's passing to those who may not be reached by this email. I do ask, on behalf of Lawrence's wishes, that nothing be posted on social media at this time.

As we take the time to remember Lawrence in the next few months and at the AAG meeting in Washington D.C., I know that our friend and

colleague wouldn't want us to spend too long mourning him. Instead, I believe that Lawrence would want us to continue to educate and serve students and each other to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,
Edris J. Montalvo

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- Sarah Blue

EGSG Mission Statement

To promote the common interests of persons working in ethnic geography, to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas within the AAG, and to encourage members in their research and teaching of ethnic experiences from comparative, national/transnational and global perspectives.

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EGSG Awards Committee

(Responsible for Distinguished Ethnic Geography Scholar, Outstanding Ethnic Geography Service, and Outstanding Ethnic Geography Career Awards)

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2017-2019

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Yining Tan, Arizona State University, 2018-2020

EGSG Website

EGSG activities and latest news, achievements, memberships, etc. are available on its website: <https://ethnicgeography.com/>. In the 2016 business meeting of the EGSG at AAG in San Francisco, the members and committees approved the development of a new and improved website that is hosted by an independent link. Our website is being managed by co-webmasters Matt Cook (Eastern Michigan University) and Michael Webb (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill). Feel free to connect with them if you need any assistance with posting jobs or other updates that need EGSG focus. Also visit EGSG on Facebook at @EthnicSpecialtyGroup (<http://www.facebook.com/EthnicSpecialtyGroup/>).

Submissions to the EGSG Newsletter

If you would like to submit an item for the next EGSG Newsletter, please email your story to Paul McDaniel at pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu. Examples of contributions for inclusion in the newsletter include:

- Professional updates
- News from the field
- New jobs, tenure and promotion announcements
- Appointments to notable committees
- Recent publications
- Research grants
- Highlights/photos from EGSG events this year (such as AAG and REP)
- Information about upcoming EGSG events
- "Who's teaching ethnic geography?"
- Op-ed or book review
- Other relevant updates

***See you at the 2020 American Association of Geographers
annual conference in Denver!***