

# Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Newsletter, Fall 2020

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## Greetings from the EGSG Chair



Hello EGSG members both old and new! In place of a more formal greeting for this newsletter, I wanted to write briefly about some updates that may be pertinent to EGSG members.

My sincere hope is that all of you are healthy and adapting to the various new challenges that 2020 has brought for all of us. Communities, colleagues, friends, mentors, and so many networks are more important now than ever. As we adjust to the different dynamics of our jobs and lives due to COVID-19, let me invite each of you to reach out to your communities. This can be for collaboration, brainstorming,

friendship, or any other reason. Of the many things that this isolation has shown is that our ability to work together and adapt is strong and that EGSG has shown throughout its history that it is well suited for just that.

Many EGSG members participated in what was an extremely successful virtual Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) meeting from October 21-23, 2020. The conference was conducted in collaboration with the Middle Atlantic Division of the American Association of Geographers (MAD-AAG) and featured twenty-two Zoom sessions. The conference had a total of 155 registered participants (61 students and 94 non-students) and featured plenary sessions from Dr. Leana Wen, Professor of Public Health at The George Washington University, Dr. Marie Price, Professor of Geography at the George Washington University, and Mr. Leon Smith-Bey of the Arch Social Club's community Network.

The 2020 virtual REP conference included 38 papers, and various panels focusing on advancing geography and social issues in Baltimore. Sincere thanks and gratitude go to the many tireless supporters and organizers of the 2020 virtual REP conference especially Joseph Wood, Conference Director and Professor Emeritus from the University of Baltimore, Professor Mark Barnes of Morgan State University, Professor Sarah Blue of Texas State University, and Professor Jeremy Tasch of Towson University. The EGSG excitedly looks forward to the in-person REP meeting in Baltimore scheduled for October 2021.

By now we all know that the 2021 AAG has also adopted a virtual format. I invite each of you to participate in the meeting as you are able. Although it is far different than the in-person meetings that we are used to, I can say from

participation in the 2020 AAG virtual meeting and most recently in the virtual REP meeting that the experience is equally rewarding and valued by students and participants.

Finally, as the nation begins to see the end of the pandemic with the recent approval of and start of vaccinations, the scholarly work for many of us is just beginning as we examine the geographic questions introduced by this pandemic. I know that we all share in the grief of those who have lost loved ones to this pandemic and lend our steadfast support to those who have been and continue to see us through this challenging year – from front-line workers to teachers to all those who simply work to make each day better. While this pandemic has not yet ended, we hope that the progress that has been made continues so that we may be able to see each other soon once again. On behalf of the EGSG, I wish each of you health and safety this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

- *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 ([paul.mcdaniel@kennesaw.edu](mailto:paul.mcdaniel@kennesaw.edu)) because such news reflects well on you and the EGSG as a vibrant academic organization.

**Elizabeth Chacko** (George Washington University) is co-PI on an interdisciplinary project, "Pandemics and migrant precarity: North-South dialogues" that is funded by the Social Science Research Council. The grant, which was awarded in summer 2020, brings together seven international scholars from the fields of history, economics, geography and sociology over the next two years to study migrant precarity. The collaboration is aimed at

developing an interdisciplinary methodological toolkit to study migrant precarity at a time of pandemics in the global context. By examining the world's largest democracies—India and the US—the working group will focus on low- and high-skilled migrants as an entrée to analyze the socio-economic-political and geographical dimensions of the COVID-19 crisis as it unfolds. Chacko also presented a webinar presentation entitled, "Whose Life Matters? Contextualizing Ethnic and Racial Discrimination," to Loreto College in Kolkata, India, in August; and also presented a paper, "Temporary Murals in Washington, D.C.: A Reflection on People, Politics, Power and Place," at the virtual Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference in October.

**José Díaz-Garayúa** (California State University - Stanislaus) recently received notification of tenure and promotion to associate professor at California State University - Stanislaus. Díaz-Garayúa was recently appointed by the Vice President of Faculty Affairs to a steering committee that delivered in October a Forum that discussed the realities that faculty of color encounter in academia, and was also appointed to the Social Sciences Steering Committee. Additionally, Díaz-Garayúa continues as Co-Director of CASA, the Center for Applied Spatial Analysis, where he has been working with community members resulting in an ongoing project on Racially Restrictive Covenants. The web mapping application is in CASA's website ([www.csustan.edu/casa](http://www.csustan.edu/casa)). In addition, he continues organizing GIS Day events. This year GIS Day was virtual. Community members presented ongoing research (for the GIS Day videos, with English and Spanish subtitles, please visit [www.csustan.edu/geography/gis-day](http://www.csustan.edu/geography/gis-day)). This talk brought over 130 persons from over 45 zip codes, over 20 cities, and 2 states.

**Wei Li** (Arizona State University) has several updates in 2020, including: being a finalist in the Graduate College at Arizona State University for the 2020 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award; becoming the Associate Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the School of Geographical Science and Urban Planning at Arizona State University; becoming a member of the Steering Committee for Metropolis Asia with

the International Metropolis Project; and becoming a member of several American Association of Geographers committees, including the AAG Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the AAG Fellows and Honors Guidelines Subcommittee, the AAG COVID Response Task Force, and the International Councilor Subcommittee of the AAG National Council. Li was elected by the national membership of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) to serve as National Councilor for AAG for 2019-2022. Li and colleagues also received a CONVERGE working group grant, “COVID-19 and Vulnerable Populations: Perception, Prevention, and anti-Discrimination,” through COVID-19 Working Groups for Public Health and Social Sciences Research, the NSF-funded Social Science Extreme Events Research Network and the CONVERGE facility, the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder (the research team includes Angela Chen, Karen Leong, Wei Li, Sunny Kim, Sean Han, at ASU; and Weichao Yuwen, at University of Washington).

**Paul N. McDaniel** (Kennesaw State University) recently earned tenure and promotion to associate professor of geography at Kennesaw State University. McDaniel is also the recipient of the 2020 Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Early Career Award for Scholarship, Teaching, and Service. He recently became a member of the AAG Diversity and Inclusion Committee. McDaniel was also invited to join Welcoming America’s Welcoming Standard Advisory Board, which is working on a 12-month review of the Welcoming Standard, the guiding set of principles that outlines the core of what it means for a community to be welcoming, particularly in terms of immigrant and refugee residents. The Welcoming Standard Content Advisory Board has approximately 50 members from the academic, nonprofit, and local government sectors. From immigrant inclusion to racial justice to public policy, the advisory board provides a broad range of expertise and feedback on the main pillars of the Welcoming Standard to ensure that it sets the bar for communities around immigrant inclusion; and also accounts for diversity in geography, politics, demographics,

government resources, and infrastructure of immigrant and refugee communities. Follow Paul on Twitter at @pnmcdaniel.

**Marie Price** (George Washington University) is currently serving as President of the American Geographical Society.

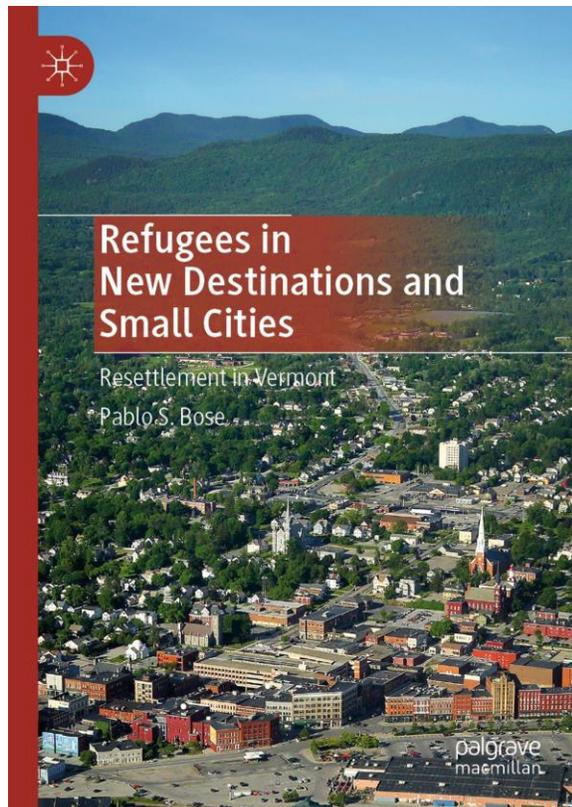
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## EGSG Member Recent Publications

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 ([paul.mcdaniel@kennesaw.edu](mailto:paul.mcdaniel@kennesaw.edu)) as soon as they are published as this reflects well on you as a scholar and EGSG as a vibrant academic organization.

### ***Refugees in New Destinations and Small Cities: Resettlement in Vermont*, by Pablo S. Bose**

Pablo S. Bose (University of Vermont) recently authored a new book, *Refugees in New Destinations and Small Cities: Resettlement in Vermont*, published by Palgrave MacMillan. The publisher describes the book as follows: “For the last two decades, refugees, like other immigrants, have been settling in newer locations throughout the US and other countries. No longer are refugees to be found only in major metropolitan areas and gateway cities; instead, they are arriving in small towns, rural areas, rustbelt cities,



and suburbs. What happens to them in these new destinations and what happens to the places that receive them? Drawing on a decade's worth of interviews, surveys, spatial analysis and community-based projects with key informants, Dr Pablo Bose argues that the value of refugee newcomers to their new homes cannot be underestimated." For more information about the book, please visit the publisher website: <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9789811563850>.

### **Other EGSG Member Recent Publications**

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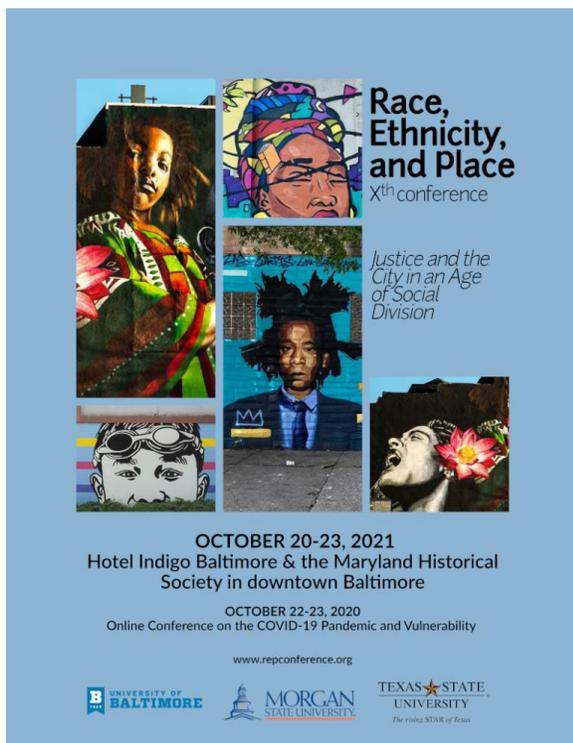
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## Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference in 2021 in Baltimore

The Xth Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Conference, originally scheduled for October 21-24, 2020, in Baltimore, was rescheduled to October 2021, while a smaller online virtual conference focused on Race, Ethnicity, Place and the COVID-19 Pandemic was held in October 2020 in collaboration with the Middle Atlantic Division of the American Association of Geographers (MAD-AAG).



Information from [repconference.org](http://repconference.org): “Join us in downtown Baltimore from October 20-23, 2021 for an invigorating exchange of ideas at the 10th bi-annual REP Conference. The 2021 REP Conference hosts are Morgan State University and the University of Baltimore. The conference theme, *Justice and the City in an Age of Social Division*, ties in strongly with current and ongoing struggles for civil and human rights in Baltimore. Paper and plenary sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday at the Hotel Indigo and the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore’s Mt. Vernon District. Intrepid walkers will have wide access to neighborhoods for self-

directed and formal field trips, and vans as well as public transportation extend the geographical opportunities to engage with people who know Baltimore. A pre-conference workshop on building and supporting geography in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions will take place on Wednesday, October 20, at Morgan State University. The conference location in downtown Baltimore is located close to Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore’s once thriving black downtown and center of urban unrest in 1968 and 2015. You can compare Freddie Gray’s neighborhood with white neighborhoods a stone’s throw away and follow the sectoral pathways of black residential expansion. Learn about the city’s racialized geography of housing, crime, education, employment opportunities, public health, food ways, banking, social services, and more. See where Baltimore’s Hispanic population is clustering. Meet and talk with local historians, community activists and organizers, pastors, writers, and artists from Baltimore’s underrepresented communities. Explore downtown Baltimore’s thriving museums, bookstores, restaurants, and clubs.” For more conference information, tailored readings on Baltimore, or to volunteer ideas or to help in conference planning and implementation, contact Joseph S. Wood at [jswood@ubalt.edu](mailto:jswood@ubalt.edu) and visit [repconference.org](http://repconference.org).

## Job Opportunity Announcement

EGSG Member Alan Marcus submitted the following new tenure track, 10-month Assistant Professor faculty position in the Department of Geography & Environmental Planning at Towson University, beginning August 2021.

Qualifications: PhD in geography. PhD in cognate field will be considered. ABD applicants considered, but appointment will be at the Instructor rank and all degree requirements must be completed by February 2022. Candidates should have expertise in urban geographies and demonstrate the ability to incorporate critical perspectives on social justice, especially in terms of racialization and other sociospatial inequities,

in their teaching and research. While we welcome candidates from a broad range of specializations, we encourage applicants whose scholarly work and teaching focus on intersectionality, critical race studies, post/anti-colonial theories, urban economic development, urban political economies, and/or urban political ecologies. Candidates should possess the ability to build an active research agenda in the Baltimore area that incorporates undergraduate and/or graduate student research and course offerings. Towson University places a high priority on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Candidates must be sensitive to the needs of, and possess an interest in working with, a diverse student body. Experience with innovative teaching or the potential to engage undergraduate and graduate students in critical and dynamic ways are highly desirable.

Responsibilities: Faculty are assigned an instructional workload of six (6) course units per academic year for the first year. Beginning the second year, faculty are assigned an instructional workload of seven (7) courses per academic year. Teaching responsibilities include undergraduate introductory courses and other existing or newly developed undergraduate and/or graduate courses that align with faculty area(s) of expertise. Research responsibilities include maintaining a record of scholarly research and publication. Other responsibilities include advising students in major and minor programs and service to the Department, College and University. Opportunities exist for contributing to other academic programs, including but not limited to Environmental Science and Studies, Metropolitan Studies, International Studies, Women and Gender Studies, and Interdisciplinary Studies, which houses programs such as African and African American Studies, Latin America and Latinx Studies, Deaf Studies, and Global Humanities.

The full job posting and application process is available here: [https://towson.taleo.net/careersection/fac\\_ex/job\\_detail.ftl?job=200000FZ](https://towson.taleo.net/careersection/fac_ex/job_detail.ftl?job=200000FZ)

- Alan P. Marcus

## 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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### Past Chair:

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### Current Chair:

*Edris Montalvo*, Cameron University, 2018-2020

### Vice Chair:

*Elizabeth Chacko*, George Washington University, 2018-2020

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(Responsible for Distinguished Ethnic Geography Scholar, Outstanding Ethnic

Geography Service, and Outstanding Ethnic Geography Career Awards)

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*Shaolu Yu*, Rhodes College, 2018-2020

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### **Student Committee**

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*Yining Tan*, Arizona State University, 2018-2020

### **EGSG Website**

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[ethnicgeography.com](http://ethnicgeography.com)

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 [paul.mcdaniel@kennesaw.edu](mailto:paul.mcdaniel@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

**Hope to see you at the 2021  
American Association of  
Geographers virtual  
conference!**