American Association of Geographers

Trajectories in Geography
2002-2018 and Beyond

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NGAC Meeting - April 4, 2018
Change in AAG Membership, 2000 – 2016

2000: 6,497
2001: 6,731
2002: 7,004
2003: 8,475
2004: 9,041
2005: 9,478
2006: 10,086
2007: 10,396
2008: 10,765
2009: 10,794
2010: 10,823
2011: 10,544
2012: 10,064
2013: 10,804
2014: 11,735
2015: 11,829
Change in Net Assets FYE1999 - FYE2017

- 1999: $72,795
- 2000: $69,811
- 2001: $123,179
- 2002: $325,813
- 2003: $507,448
- 2004: $777,215
- 2005: $755,258
- 2006: $1,106,250
- 2007: $1,170,006
- 2008: $1,065,496
- 2009: $552,684
- 2010: $561,709
- 2011: $554,825
- 2012: $498,245
- 2013: $853,268
- 2014: $873,182
- 2015: $1,141,112 (est.)
Cumulative Change in Net Assets, 2003-2016

Source: AAG Audited Financial Statements
Establishing a Financial Foundation

- New Management Systems; Appropriate Technology
  - Recruit and Develop Good Staff; Team Approach
    - Redesign Workflow; Contain Costs
- New Initiatives; Dynamic and Inclusive Programs
- Increase Membership; Provide Needed Services
  - Greater Interaction with Society
- Strategic Grants and Contracts
- Fundraising – Internal and External
- Annual Meeting Growth and Dynamism
- Participate in the Larger Intellectual Enterprise
- Grow the Discipline – Not just the AAG
Public Policy Engagement

- Monitor Federal Policy Impacting Geography
- AAG Blueprint and Resolution for Geography Education – many signatures
- Certification and Licensure Issues
- Research Funding: NSF, NIH, DoEd, USGS, etc.
- Scientific Freedom
- Participation in Congressional Briefings
- Identifying Grant Opportunities for Geographers
Recent AAG Policy Activities
(Samples from 2017)

- AAG Statement on Charlottesville Tragedy and White Supremacy
- AAG Urges Congress to Sustain the DACA Program
- Numerous Actions Opposing Efforts to Hijack GIS and Mapping
- AAG Statement on U.S. Withdrawal from the Paris Agreement
- Numerous AAG Letters Opposing Cuts to Federal Science Agencies
- AAG Partnership and Participation in the March for Science
- Numerous Efforts by AAG Opposing Restrictions on Use of Geospatial Data for Analysis of Racial Disparities
- Geography and the New Administration: An AAG Twitter Chat
- Why We Need to Protect Map Databases In the Age of Trump
Recent AAG Policy Activities
(Samples from 2017)

- AAG Actions to Support International Travelers to the 2017 Annual Meeting
- AAG Condemns Trump Administration Travel Bans
- AAG Statement on First Executive Order
- AAG Joins AAAS on Travel Ban Statement
- AAG Supports Meeting Attendees with Travel Restrictions
- Creating and Preserving Actionable and Policy-Relevant Geography (column by G. MacDonald)
- The Serious Business of Public Communication (column by D. Alderman)
- A Letter to Our Members about the Recent U.S. Election
- Stay Informed Via Our Social Media Channels
- Follow Through with Your Own Views on These Issues

For more information, visit www.aag.org/aag_policy_analysis
Communications

Social Media
AAG Disciplinary Data Dashboard, interactive AAG Guide maps, AAG Mobile App, Review of Books searchable database, Geography.com/org, and much more
Career & Jobs Resources

Jobs in Geography (JIGs)

Student Opportunities Site (SOS)
Research & Outreach
Strategic Initiatives

Geography and Health
• AAG Initiative for an NIH-wide GIS Infrastructure
• AAG-NIH National Cancer Institute Workshop
• Geography & Drug Addiction Symposia & Book
• Extensive Research and Policy Interaction with NIH
• Geospatial Frontiers in Health and Social Environments

Geography and Human Rights
• AAG Role in AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition
• AAG Geography & Human Rights Clearinghouse and Forum
• Human Rights Themes Featured at AAG Annual Meetings
  – Las Vegas, Washington DC, Seattle, New York, Boston
• Mary Robinson and Julian Bond — AAG Atlas Awardees
Research & Outreach
Strategic Initiatives

GIScience

• AAG Symposium on Space-Time Integration in Geography
• Geospatial Data Confidentiality and Privacy (NSF, ICPSR)
• Historical GIS Clearinghouse
• Frontiers of Space-Time Research in the US and China
• Quantitative Social Science Digital Library (NSF, UofM)
• GIS&T Cyberinfrastructure (IDB)
• Ethics of GIS&T
• Publication of the GIS&T Body of Knowledge

Geography and Climate Change

• United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  – (Copenhagen – Cancun – Durban – Doha)
• Teaching about Global Climate Change (NASA)
• Climate Change & Hazards in the Americas (NSF PASI)
• Featured Theme at AAG Annual Meetings, DC-NYC-Tampa
Enhancing Diversity - Research and Action

• AAG Diversity Task Force: Ten Actionable Priorities
• Human Rights focus
• AAG Diversity Clearinghouse
• Strategic Partnerships
  – Howard University, other HBCUs (e.g. Coppin State)
• Race, Ethnicity and Place Conferences
• Congressional Black Caucus Foundation collaborations
• Catalyzing Geographies of Broadening Participation
• Multimedia outreach materials development (NSF-RAPID)
• Survey of Diversity in Departments (2005-2010)
• Diversity Ambassadors, Enhancing Diversity Committee,
  VGSP with Minority Serving Institutions, etc.
• Mainstreaming diversity: Diversity integral to all AAG programs
Research & Outreach

International Activities

• AAG Developing Regions Membership Program
• International Geography Organizations and Associations
• Haiti Recovery and Reconstruction
• Extensive Outreach in China + MOU
• Significant Presence in Latin America
• Long-term Collaboration with Geographic Organizations in Africa
• New NSF funding: Five Years of Support of US Scholars to attend IGU conferences: Cologne 2012 – Beijing 2016
• International Research and Capacity Building Programs
• Participation in Many International Organizations and Meetings
AAG Education Programs

- Enhancing Departments for Graduate Education (EDGE) in Geography Phase 2 (NSF REESE)
- Geography Climate Change Curriculum (NASA)
- AAG Online Center for Global Geography Education (NSF CCLE)
- New CGGE Workshops in Bangalore and Tokyo (NSF)
- GENIP - National Geography Standards
- AP GIS&T® Course Proposal Development
- NSF Geography Education Roadmap - Research
Recent Education Projects:

- ConnectED Initiative
- AAG GeoMentors Program
- GeoProgressions
- K-12 Education Road Map
- Association of American Geographers’ Diversity Clearinghouse
- National Center for Research in Geography Education
- Coding for Girls in GIS and Geography
Publications
(New journals publishing contract in place — 2018-2028)

And many others
The International Encyclopedia of Geography was selected for the prestigious CHOICE award for Outstanding Academic Title.

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Interactive Annual Meetings

Plenary Presentations
Latest Research in Geography
Late Breaking News Panels
Leading Experts in Science and Policy Applications

Volkow Diamond Chomsky Dangermond Goodall Bond
Annual Meetings
Boston, Massachusetts, April 5-9, 2017

• Geographies of Bread and Water in the 21st Century
• Mainstreaming Human Rights in Geography and the AAG
• Uncertainty and Context in Geography and GIScience

2016 U.S. Elections: Implications for Geography and Beyond

Interactive Topical Poster Sessions
Field Trips and Workshops

• Overarching Themes
Upcoming Annual Meetings

2018: New Orleans
2019: Washington, DC
2020: Denver
2021: Seattle
2022: New York
2023: Detroit
2024: Hawaii
Thank you!

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