

Animal Geography Specialty Group (AnGSG) Annual Report 2013

1) Mission Statement

The Animal Geography Specialty Group strives to enhance geographic research and scholarship on matters relating to human-animal studies by: (a) encouraging the exchange of ideas among geographers studying biological, cultural, ecological, economic, political, and technical aspects of the myriad ways humans co-exist with other animal species, (b) promoting research in these areas, (c) facilitating collaboration between existing AAG specialty groups and committees to promote common interests and develop intra-disciplinary and interdisciplinary projects. The overall aim of AnGSG is to support discussion of human-animal issues by geographers as a legitimate and active part of the discipline.

2) Dues Information

As of October 3, 2013, we have \$1043.43 in our AAG account. This includes dues and additional donations. Our annual dues are \$5.00 for faculty and \$1.00 for students.

3) Chair/ Board of Directors / Officers Listing / Newsletter Editor / etc.

Our current executive committee (8 members) is composed as follows:

1. Julie Urbanik, Chair: Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Geoscience, University of Missouri-Kansas City (3 year term, AY 12/13 to AY 14/15)
2. Monica V. Ogra, Secretary/Treasurer: Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies & Globalization Studies Program, Gettysburg College (3 year term, AY 12/13 to AY 14/15)
3. Sharon W. Adams, Communications Officer: Graduate Candidate, Department of Geography & the Environment, University of Texas at Austin (1 year term, AY 13-14)
4. Kathryn Gillespie, Graduate Student Officer: Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography, University of Washington (1 year term, AY 13-14)
5. Elizabeth Hennessy, Graduate Student Officer: Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (1 year term, AY 13-14)
6. Harvey Neo, General Board Member: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore (3 year term, AY 11/12 – AY 13/14)
7. Mona Seymour, General Board Member: Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Geography, Loyola Marymount University (3 year term)
8. Stella Capoccia, General Board Member: Doctoral Student, Department of Geography, Rutgers (3 year term)

4) Accomplishments:

- Continued development of our SG website (<http://www.animalgeography.org>), which houses the key documents described below and archives prior versions.
- Published fourth annual newsletter, *Animal Geography News*, in February of 2012
- Continued to develop our animal geography refworks bibliography and Wikipedia page
- Launched a new mentoring program to connect students to faculty
- Hosted our first AnGSG social event (SG happy hour prior to the 2013 business meeting). Well attended; we hope to make this a tradition.
- Awarded undergraduate and graduate papers competition winners at the 2013 AAG meeting.
- Sponsored the following paper and panel sessions at the AAG meeting in 2013:
 1. Science and the Production of Species (3 sessions)
 2. Animal Geography the next 15 years (1 panel session)
 3. Places of co-habitation (2 sessions)
 4. The production of nature
 5. Posthumanism, Method, and Materiality

Activities Scheduled for AAG 2014: Multiple AnGSG-related events proposed at the 2014 AAG meeting including: sponsoring relevant paper and panel sessions, hosting a field trip to local wildlife refuge, organizing our first keynote lecture, and planning another social event.

Future Plans and Directions:

1. Continue to develop website and student mentoring network.
2. To increase visibility within the AAG we are planning on hosting a field trip at the 2014 meeting and organizing a keynote lecture to demonstrate our vibrancy.
3. To develop an Animal Geography peer-reviewed journal. (a longer-term goal)

Business Meeting at the AAG Conference in Los Angeles.

We had 9 attendees at the meeting. Our main item of business was to elect new members to the board and to clarify responsibility for the annual newsletter. We also awarded the first undergraduate student paper award to Mary Ann Denzer.

Student Paper Awards: Have been finalized for the 2014 meeting. Cadi Fung was awarded the 2013 graduate student paper winner and Joe Klein was awarded the 2013 undergraduate student paper winner.

Newsletter information: We published our fourth newsletter in February of 2013. A PDF file is available for download on our website (www.animalgeography.org).

2012 Annual Meeting Plans for Tampa 2014

The AnGSG will be sponsoring multiple sessions at the meeting and holding the fourth graduate student paper competition and the third undergraduate student paper competition.

5) Membership and Participation: We currently have 130 group members.

6) Financial Report (If your funds are being managed by AAG and you need your statements, please contact Teri Martin at tmartin@aag.org directly).

8/31/12	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$1,048.65</i>
9/30/12	Dues collected for Sept 2012	6.00		1,054.65
10/31/12	Dues collected for Oct. 2012	59.00		1,113.65
11/30/12	Dues collected for Nov. 2012	20.00		1,133.65
12/31/12	Dues collected for Dec. 2012	13.00		1,146.65
1/25/13	Wolch - SG Donation	125.00		1,271.65
1/31/13	Dues collected for Jan 2013	19.00		1,290.65
2/28/13	Dues collected for Feb 2013	16.00		1,306.65
3/31/13	Dues collected for March 2013	19.00		1,325.65
4/18/13	Fung - Graduate Student Paper Competition		(200.00)	1,125.65
4/18/13	Klein - Undergrad Student Paper Competition Award		(50.00)	1,075.65
4/30/13	Dues collected for April 2013	22.00		1,097.65
5/16/13	Ogra - Donation	50.00		1,147.65
5/31/13	Dues collected for May 2013	6.00		1,153.65
6/30/13	Dues collected for June 2013	10.00		1,163.65
7/29/13	Urbanik - website and domain name exp		(144.22)	1,019.43
7/31/13	Dues collected for July 2013	10.00		1,029.43
8/13/13	VOID CK#15171 dated 3/13/12 Denzer, Mary Ann and reissue	50.00		1,079.43
8/13/13	Urbanik - reimb. for award for M. Denzer CK#15171 lost in mail		(50.00)	1,029.43
8/31/13	Dues collected for Aug 2013	14.00		1,043.43
8/31/13	Balance			\$1,043.43