

Animal Geography Specialty Group (AnGSG) Annual Report 2012

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, 2012, we have \$500.65 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)
2. Monica V. Ogra, Secretary/Treasurer: Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies & Globalization Studies Program, Gettysburg College (3 year term)
3. Sharon W. Adams, Communications Officer: Graduate Candidate, Department of Geography & the Environment, University of Texas at Austin (1 year term)
4. Connie Johnston, Graduate Student Officer: Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography, Clark University (1 year term)
5. Rosemary Collard, Graduate Student Officer: Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia (1 year term)
6. Harvey Neo, General Board Member: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore (3 year term)
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:

- Published third annual newsletter in February of 2012.
- Completed and published an initial animal geography bibliography
- Awarded first undergraduate student paper competition at the 2012 AAG meeting.
- Sponsored the following paper and panel sessions at the AAG meeting in 2012:
 1. Animal Geographies I: Geographies of Wildlife
 2. Animal Geographies II: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
 3. Animal Geographies III: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
 4. Animal Geographies IV: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
 5. Animal Geographies V: Animating Studies: Qualitative Methodologies and the Question of the Animal
 6. City Habitat: Urban Ecologies and Ethical Cohabitation
 7. Representing "meat": politics, culture and nature
 8. Wildlife Conservation and Management Session 1
 9. Wildlife Conservation and Management Session 2
 10. Sounding Spatial Discipline
 11. Sailing the flagship: mobilizing wildlife in geographies of conservation (Part 1)
 12. Sailing the flagship: mobilizing wildlife in geographies of conservation (Part 2)
 13. Wildlife Conservation and Management Session 1
 14. Wildlife Conservation and Management Session 2
 15. Live property
 16. Biogeography Methods

Activities Scheduled: multiple events sponsored at the 2013 AAG meeting including: sponsored paper and panel sessions, a book panel discussion about Julie Urbanik's new animal geography text, hosting a field trip to the Animal History museum, organizing a keynote lecture, and planning a social event.

Future Plans and Directions:

1. Continue to develop website.
2. To develop an Animal Geography peer-reviewed journal.
3. To increase visibility within the AAG we are planning on hosting a field trip at the 2013 meeting and organizing a keynote lecture to demonstrate our vibrancy.

Business Meeting at the AAG Conference in New York.

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 2013 meeting. Mary Ann Denzer was awarded the first undergraduate student paper at the AAG meeting in 2012. There were no entries for the graduate student paper competition.

Newsletter information: We published our third newsletter in February of 2012. A PDF file is available for download on our website (www.animalgeography.org).

2012 Annual Meeting Plans for Los Angeles 2013

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

5) Membership and Participation: We currently have 126 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).

<i>8/31/2011</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>		<i>\$ 500.65</i>
9/30/11	Wolch - Donation	125.00	625.65
9/30/11	Dues collected for Sept. 2011	69.00	694.65
10/31/11	Dues collected for Oct. 2011	24.00	718.65
11/30/11	Dues collected for Nov. 2011	19.00	737.65
12/6/11	Emel - Donation	125.00	862.65
12/31/11	Dues collected for Dec. 2011	10.00	872.65
1/31/12	Dues collected for Jan 2012	25.00	897.65
2/29/12	Dues collected for Feb 2012	23.00	920.65
3/15/12	Seymour, Mona - donation	50.00	970.65
3/12/12	Denzer – Undergrad Paper Award		(50.00) 920.65
3/31/12	Dues collected for Mar 2012	34.00	954.65
4/30/12	Dues collected for Apr 2012	22.00	976.65
5/31/12	Dues collected for May 2012	11.00	987.65
6/30/12	Dues collected for June 2012	19.00	1,006.65
7/31/12	Dues collected for July 2012	11.00	1,017.65
8/31/12	Dues collected for Aug 2012	31.00	1,048.65
8/31/12	Balance		<u>\$ 1,048.65</u>