

Place and Culture

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Association of American Geographers

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Letter from the Chair



Greetings Members of the CGSG!

At the 2011 AAG Annual Meeting in Seattle, I was elected to serve as Chair of the CGSG, 2011-2013. From 2005-2009 I was Nominations Director, and I am pleased to return in this new role to work with the rest of the CGSG Executive Board to promote the goals of our specialty group. Of course, the activities and efforts of

the CGSG are only effective through the support and interest of its members. At the time of writing this column, our specialty group has a strong base of 817 members.

Before I introduce myself briefly, I would like to thank Soren Larsen (University of Missouri-Columbia) for his dedication and service as Chair of the CGSG, 2007-2011. We appreciate his efforts in continuing the tradition of organizing the Marquee sessions at the AAG annual meetings. Soren values enhancing the involvement of students in the CGSG, and he supported a number of initiatives to increase student participation and increase communication within the specialty group. He continues to play an important role by hosting and managing the CGSG website: <http://cultural.missouri.edu/>. Thank you so much, Soren!

Soren and I are “related” somewhat through our connection to the University of Missouri. As a native of Columbia, Missouri, I earned two degrees at Mizzou (BS Ed., Social Studies Education, 1993, summa cum laude; MA in Geography, 1997). My master’s thesis focused on the cultural/historical geography of rural, Ger-

man-American communities in Osage County, Missouri. I continued my research in immigration and community identity at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I completed my PhD in 2003. My dissertation, under the supervision of Bob Ostergren, was related to the construction of regional identity in Wisconsin’s Holyland. My first publication appeared in the *Journal of Cultural Geography* (2004). I mention that for two reasons: as an example of my long-standing interest in cultural geography and my fond memories of the somewhat painful, but important, learning process of writing a peer-reviewed article. I was thankful to Alyson Greiner, editor, for all of her constructive feedback in the revision process.

Since that time, my research interests have been both in cultural/historical geography and geography education, particularly through my work with the team of researchers on the Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education (EDGE) in Geography project. For more information, see www.aag.org/edge. While I have been focused on graduate education since 2005, I have conducted research recently in the German Eifel region and I have plans to revisit Wisconsin’s Holyland in 2012.

As an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Toledo, I teach a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, and I am the faculty advisor for Gamma Theta Upsilon as well. Like all of you, I am busy juggling my personal and professional life. I am grateful to work with so many supportive colleagues in our discipline

We are a healthy specialty group with new opportunities to stay connected throughout the year. I want to encourage everyone to check out the new AAG Knowledge Communities, where you can stay up-to-date on all of the happenings of our specialty group. You can post messages to the entire specialty group, create your own personal profile, and view the latest AAG Smart-Briefs.

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You can logon to the AAG Knowledge Communities here: <http://community.aag.org>.

I am looking forward to seeing you in New York City, February 24-28, 2012 at the AAG Annual Meeting. We have a number of CGSG events planned, which are described in this newsletter. I encourage you to attend the CGSG business meeting, especially if you would like to be more actively involved in the group!

Wishing you all the best for the New Year,



Beth Schlemper, PhD
Department of Geography and Planning, University of Toledo

**Anthropologist Julian Brash to Deliver
2012 CGSG Annual Marquee Address in New York City
Co-Sponsored by the Urban Geography Specialty Group and the *Journal of Cultural Geography***

**Julian Brash on *Bloomberg's New York*
Sunday, February 26, @ 2:40 p.m.
Gramercy Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY**

The 2012 Cultural Geography Specialty Group Marquee Address will be delivered by Julian Brash, anthropologist at Montclair State University. This talk centers on the role that urban imaginaries—collective imaginings of cities, their inhabitants, and their relationship to the broader social, political, and economic field—play in urban development and governance. In particular, it will focus on the ways in which these urban imaginaries are connected to urban class politics, as they both have their roots in certain class formations and serve to bind different class formations to certain approaches to development and governance. Of particular importance in this case is New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, whose corporate and technocratic approach to urban governance was animated by a vision of New York as a “Luxury City” characterized by ambition, innovation, creativity, and upper class sociality. This vision was crucial to the efficacy of the hegemonic upper class project that Bloomberg’s approach to governance represented. Drawing on this case, the talk will conclude by addressing the way in which understanding the role of urban imaginaries might help us better understand urban processes, most notably the current fiscal hardships faced by many cities despite hewing to recent entrepreneurial and neoliberal orthodoxy.



Julian Brash is assistant professor of Anthropology at Montclair State University. He is the author of *Bloomberg's New York: Class and Governance in the Luxury City* (University of Georgia Press, 2011) and articles in *Social Text*, *Urban Anthropology*, and *Critique of Anthropology*, and *Antipode*. He received a PhD in Anthropology from the Graduate Center of City University of New York in 2006 and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University in 2000.

A Short Story about Mapping Gypsies (Romanies) in America

David J. Nemeth



The scientific study of ethnic Gypsies (Romanies) began as an international collaboration in 1888 when the Gypsy Lore Society (GLS) was founded in England. What the English-speaking Europeans and Americans called “Gypsies” at that time referred to local exemplars of diverse yet seemingly-related peoples widely perceived by outsiders as exotic phenomena. Their leaders were prone to self-ascribing as royalty with Egyptians origins. They were first chronicled as novelties marching into and throughout Europe beginning in the fourteenth century. Founders of the GLS included scholars, scientists, and even some Habsburg royalty, who all shared an interest in solving what they termed “The Egyptian Question.” That question was in the main “Who are the Gypsies?” Implicit was a more specific geographical question begging to be mapped: “Where did they come from?”

There was at least one prominent geographer among the GLS founders, the famous explorer Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton. A prolific writer with a lifelong interest in Gypsies and other marginal cults and cultures, Burton explored some “big” geographical questions (like mapping the source of the Nile River) – meanwhile giving close attention to all manner of cultural minutia and esoteric wherever he traveled in the world. While many of Burton’s books include maps, none of his original publications include any maps related to the whereabouts of Gypsies. How could a brilliant geographer-explorer of diverse cultural landscapes like Burton neglect to map the densities, distributions and diffusions of Gypsies? Perhaps because a map does not directly display phenomena, it displays data. Burton may not have had sufficient and necessary data on Gypsies to produce a map.

So it remains today. Gypsies remain more a popular culture phenomenon in various countries around the world than mappable data. More to the point: There is a lot of information about “Gypsies” (the phenomenon) around but scarce little data-driven knowledge available about *ethnic* Gypsies (i.e. Romanies).

It is accurate to gloss Romani people as a “stateless nation” whose sub-groups are known by a multitude of endonyms and ethnonyms worldwide. Romanies are at once an ethnically-distinct (though variegated) European people *and* Europe’s largest minority. Demographic certainties are near impossible to come by, but it would be amiss to disregard speculations by informed academics: for example, that *perhaps* as many as 20 million are scattered throughout the world, mostly in Europe and the Americas, with *perhaps* as many as one million residing in the U.S.A. At anywhere near these numbers, Romanies constitute sizeable minorities almost everywhere; as an ethnic minority in the multicultural U.S.A. they cannot be overlooked as a people “too insignificant” to map.

My formal study of Romanies began in 1966 as a new MA student in the Department of Geography at San Fernando Valley State College (now Cal State Northridge). I had a focused thesis topic in mind even at that time: “Ethnic Gypsies in Los Angeles,” emphasizing their territorial behavior. I had earned my B.A. in Political Science at Northridge and aspired initially to enter their M.A. program and proposed pursuing the same thesis topic. I recall one of their faculty members chiding me as naive: “Gypsies? Aren’t they like fairies and leprechauns?” So I went downstairs to the Geography Department where I discovered their faculty to be more knowledgeable, broad-minded and accepting.

By 1969 I was immersed in intimate fieldwork among an extended family of semi-itinerant Romani tinsplating specialists based in a Los Angeles suburb. Policemen and Romanies in and around Los Angeles seemed to agree at that time that the local Romani population was in excess of 5,000 individuals during the winter months. It was significant that these estimates were also informed “guesstimations” and not based on any official census data.



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2012 Call for Nominations

The CGSG has three open positions on the Executive Board this year for two-year terms (2012-2014), including Secretary/Treasurer, Program Director, and Graduate Student Representative. We will hold an election during the CGSG business meeting at the AAG meeting in February. We thank all of those who are willing to provide service to the CGSG. Please encourage everyone to attend the business meeting in New York City!

Secretary/Treasurer (two year term, 2012-2014)

The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for receiving and disbursing all funds of the CGSG; maintaining an up-to-date list of all members of the CGSG; keeping minutes and presenting a financial statement of the CGSG at the annual business meeting; and helping the Chairperson with the publication of the CGSG annual newsletter.

Program Director (two year term, 2012-2014)

The Program Director is responsible for organizing, arranging, or sponsoring (or co-sponsoring with other speciality groups) cultural geography sessions at the annual meetings of the AAG. With the other members of the executive committee, the Program Director will also assist in selecting and convening the speaker for the annual CGSG Lecture Series.

One graduate student representative (two-year term, 2012-2014)

The Graduate Student Representative is responsible for overseeing and encouraging graduate student participation in the specialty group and at events held at the AAG Annual Meeting.

Balloting will take place at the CGSG Business Meeting at the Association of the American Geographers Annual Meeting in New York City on Sunday, February 26 at 8:30 pm. Self-nominations are highly encouraged. To nominate, please send the following information to Charlie Travis (ctravis@tcd.ie), CGSG Nominations Director by **February 17, 2012**.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Nominee's name and affiliation
- 2) Brief (paragraph) biography
- 3) Qualifications and platforms for respective positions

Should you have questions about the roles, please do not hesitate to contact Charlie Travis (ctravis@tcd.ie) or CGSG Chair, Beth Schlemper (marybeth.schlemper@utoledo.edu)

Regards,

Dr. Charles Travis
Lecturer in Geography
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VOTE IN NYC

Come to the CGSG Business Meeting at 8:30 PM on Sunday, February 26, 2012 to cast your vote for these positions. Write-in candidates are acceptable too.

Announcements from CGSG Members

Conference Announcement

The 3rd joint international conference of the Pan-American Mobilities Network and the Cosmobilities Network will take place from March 16-18 2012, hosted by the Communication, Rhetoric and Digital Media (CRDM) Program and the Mobile Gaming Research Lab at North Carolina State University.

Invited keynote speakers:

- Paul Dourish (University of California, Irvine)
- Rich Ling (IT University of Copenhagen)
- Teri Rueb (University of Buffalo, SUNY)

Mobility has always been critical for the creation of social networks and to the development of connections to places. Mobilities research contributes to the study of the technological, social and cultural developments in areas such as transportation, border control, locative mobile communication, intelligent infrastructure, and surveillance. While mobility is an important framework to understand contemporary society, the pervasiveness of location-aware technology has made it possible to locate ourselves and be networked within patterns of mobility. As user generated maps and location-aware mobile devices become commonplace, we experience a shift in the way we connect to the internet and move through space. Networked interactions permeate our world. We no longer enter the internet—we carry it with us. We experience it while moving through physical spaces. Mobile phones, GPS receivers, and RFID tags are only a few examples of location-aware mobile technologies that mediate our interaction with networked spaces and influence how we move in these spaces. Increasingly, our physical location determines the types of information with which we interact, the way we move through physical spaces, and the people and things we find around us. These new kinds of networked interactions manifest in everyday social practices that are supported by the use of mobile and location-aware technologies, such as participation in location-based mobile games and social networks, use of location-based services, development of mobile annotation projects, and social mapping, just to name a few. The engagement with these practices has important implications for identity construction, our sense of privacy, our notions of place and space, civic and political participation, policy making, as well as cultural production and consumption in everyday life.

Conference themes:

- Mobile communication and location awareness in everyday life practices;
- New urban spatialities developed with mobile gaming and locative social media;
- Privacy and surveillance issues as they relate to mobile and location-based social networks;
- Identity and spatial construction through locative media art / embodied performance;
- Civic engagement and political participation through mobile social media, new mapping practices and location-aware technologies;
- Borders, surveillance, and securitization with ubiquitous and mobile technologies;
- Aeromobilities, air travel, and aerial vision;
- Alternative mobilities and slow movements;
- Planning, policy and design for future mobilities and location-based services;
- Tourism, imaginary travel, and virtual travel;
- Transitions toward sustainable mobilities;
- New methodologies for mobilities research.

Conference location:

North Carolina State University, Raleigh (NC), USA

Important dates:

Registration deadline: 30 January 2012

Conference Dates: 16-18 March 2012

Organizing Committee:

Adriana de Souza e Silva (NC State University, USA)
Heather Horst (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia)
Lee Humphreys (Cornell University, USA)
Ole B. Jensen (Aalborg University, Denmark)
Mimi Sheller (Drexel University, USA)
Irina Shklovski (IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
Phillip Vannini (Royal Roads University, Canada)

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Report from the Awards Director

Dear CGSG Members,

It is my pleasure to announce the results of the 2011 research and student paper awards, which were formally presented at the Marquee Speaker Session in Seattle. Thank you to Chris Post, the outgoing Awards Director, for providing this information and for doing such a wonderful job overseeing these award competitions!

Two research awards were made at the PhD level. Timur Hammond of UCLA received the Denis Cosgrove PhD Research Grant Award of \$500 for his proposal titled “Making Eyüp Islamic: History, Piety, and the Transformation of the Built Environment.” Amy Miller Savener (formerly Miller-Gray) of Indiana University received a \$250 grant for her proposal “The Host Gaze in Kuna Yala, aka San Blas islands.” One MA student paper award of \$200 was presented to Ann Epperson of Western Kentucky University for her paper titled “Internet GIS as a Historic Place Making Tool for Mammoth Cave National Park.” No Jordan-Bychkov PhD student paper award was made.



Each year we ask our research grant awardees to provide an update on their projects. I am happy to report that these students continue to express the benefits of these grants in supporting their research.

Timur Hammond (UCLA), Denis Cosgrove PhD Research Grant Award, “Making Eyüp Islamic: History, Piety, and the Transformation of the Built Environment.”

The Denis Cosgrove Research Award has helped to support ongoing dissertation field research in Istanbul, Turkey. My dissertation explores how the Istanbul neighborhood of Eyüp has been made into one of the city's most important religious sites. It does so by focusing on two different processes: The ongoing transformation of the built environment and the everyday practices that take place and are organized through the neighborhood. Rather than study Islam *in* Eyüp, I am trying to study how Islam comes to be materialized through the making (and unmaking) of the neighborhood's built environment; in other words, *through* Eyüp. Making Eyüp Islamic is not only about contemporary practices; it also involves distinct ways of encountering (and claiming) the past. My work so far has been split between archival research in several Istanbul archives and participant observation in Eyüp. This award has helped defray my living expenses in Istanbul, and I am very grateful to the Cultural Geography Specialty Group for their support. While my research will keep me away from New York this year, I look forward to sharing my work with colleagues at upcoming meetings.



A view from the *meydan* looking at Eyüp Sultan, the neighborhood's main mosque, Summer 2010 during Ramadan.
(Photo by Timur Hammond)



View of the mosque of Eyüp Sultan from the cemetery on the opposite side, Fall 2011
(Photo by Timur Hammond)

Amy Miller Savener (Indiana University), PhD Research Grant Award, “The Host Gaze in Kuna Yala, aka San Blas islands.”

I study social semiotics of interactions between tourists from advanced capitalist societies to this autonomously-governed indigenous territory. The Kuna do not wholeheartedly welcome tourist intrusion on their undeveloped islands and therefore manage with biopolitical resistance in a manner that maintains and preserves their cultural identity. The CGSG grant afforded me a month in Panama, conducting interviews and observing interactions. The results will be published in two edited volumes next year -- *Transformational Tourism* (edited by Yvette Reisinger) and *The Host Gaze in Tourism* (edited by Reisinger and Omar Mouffakir). I also received support from the Indiana University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the AAG Recreation, Sport and Tourism Specialty Group. This CGSG award contributed greatly to my research.

Congratulations to the recipients for their excellent work! Thank you to all the student members who submitted proposals and papers and to the faculty members who encouraged your students to participate! I look forward to seeing you all in New York City where will announce the results of our 2012 research and paper award competitions at our Marquee Speaker Session and our Business Meeting.

Regards,

Sarah Smiley
CGSG Awards Chair
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Report from the Graduate Student Representative Landscape Photography Exhibit and a Breakfast Social in NYC

CGSG members will find their specialty group well represented at the upcoming annual meeting. In addition to sponsoring or co-sponsoring nearly one hundred sessions and hosting marquee speaker Julian Brash of Montclair State University, the CGSG will again host a landscape photography exhibition and breakfast social.

The landscape photography exhibition has been part of CGSG programming since the 2009 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. In its three years, the exhibition has showcased photographs (with short descriptive captions) from both fieldwork and more everyday encounters with cultural landscapes. Unique at the conference, it provides geographers the opportunity to share images and stories that perhaps receive less attention in their paper presentations and panel comments. Organizers of the event have seen an upward trend in the number of submissions. Last year's exhibit featured nearly twenty photographs. We hope this year's submissions will be even more plentiful. A formal call for contributions will circulate soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to submit photographs and captions (limit of 150 words) to Nicholas Jon Crane (crane.61@osu.edu) or former Grad Student Rep Ramin Zamanian (raminz@okstate.edu). (Ramin generously continues to help organize the event.) This year, like last year, approved submissions will be displayed near the AAG's registration desk. I encourage you to contribute your own photography and/or browse the submissions of your colleagues.

Attendees of the 2012 Annual Meeting will also have a chance to socialize with fellow geographers over breakfast. The social last year in Seattle was well received. This year's will occur on Monday, 27 February from 7:00 to 9:00 AM at **Europa Cafe at 515 Madison Avenue between 53rd and 54th Street in Midtown.** Like last year's event, the gathering will be informal. Feel free to drop in anytime, have breakfast, and take an opportunity to meet and or catch up with colleagues in your sub-discipline.



Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Jon Crane
Grad Student Rep, CGSG
Crane.61@osu.edu

Travel Opportunity:

Joe Scarpaci, Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Cuban Culture and Economy, accompanied 15 members on an American Geographical Society trip to Cuba. Joe will lead a group for the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the AGS yet again over the next four months. For more information about cultural travel to Cuba, or if you are considering organization a trip, contact Joe at www.cubancultureeconomy.org or joescarpaci@gmail.com

Material Culture

The Journal of the Pioneer America Society:
Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes

Now Accepting Manuscripts

The topics covered by *Material Culture* include all aspects of the study of material remains. These include: the cultural patterns that explain distribution and diffusion; exploration of cultural patterns in performing and visual arts; understanding tradition and innovation among individuals and the societies creating them; the meaning and importance of extant relics and objects to their makers and users; attempts at restoring and maintaining folk and popular culture landscape elements; and the importance of understanding the relationships of material culture extant in the contemporary landscape. We welcome manuscripts from individuals interested in these subjects.

Editor: Sara Beth Keough, Ph.D., sbkeough@svsu.edu

Book Review Editor: Chris Post, Ph.D., cpost2@kent.edu

Submission Guidelines: www.pioneeramerica.org

Report from the Treasurer



The budget to the right shows that the CGSG has ample funds to support the upcoming year's projects. All of our income this year came from dues collected from members. Our expenses include cash awards given to the recipients of our student grant and paper competitions. In addition, we have hosted a keynote speaker the last three years and covered their travel to the AAG meeting, as well as giving them an honorarium. Last year's speaker was Richard Day. Finally, we reimbursed our graduate student representative for the costs of hosting the annual Graduate Student Social at the AAG. Any questions regarding the budget can be addressed to the treasurer at:

sbkeough@svsu.edu

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Beth Keough
CGSG Treasurer

Members (as of Jan. 2012)*	817
Student members*	425
USA**	474
Canada	41
UK	24
Australia	9
Germany	8
Switzerland	6
Ireland	5
Netherlands	4
Brazil, France, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore	3
Korea, Spain, Sweden	2
Austria, Brunei, Colombia, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, India, Kenya, Puerto Rico, Romania, Taiwan, Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago	1
* 817 includes lapsed members (608 of the 817 have paid their AAG memberships) ** Country figures based on 608 paid members.	

Date	Description	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
12/31/10	Year End Balance			3901.53
1/31/11	January Dues	153		4054.53
2/28/11	February Dues	127		4181.53
3/30/11	Miller-Gray PhD Research Award		250	3931.53
3/31/11	Epperson 1st Place MA Paper		200	3731.53
3/22/11	Mitchelson Awards Judging		100	3631.53
3/22/11	Hanlon Awards Judging		100	3531.53
3/22/11	Adams Awards Judging		100	3431.53
3/22/11	Hammond Denis Cosgrove Award		500	2931.53
3/31/11	March Dues	197		3128.53
4/21/11	Travis-Reimburse for Printing		32.85	3095.68
4/21/11	Day-AM 2011 Speaker Honorarium		500	2595.68
4/30/11	April Dues	144		2739.68
5/31/11	May Dues	143		2822.68
6/30/11	June Dues	83		2965.68
7/31/11	July Dues	106		3071.68
8/16/11	Day-AM 2011 Expenses		1190.74	1880.94
8/31/11	August Dues	196		2076.94
9/30/11	September Dues	562		2638.94
10/14/11	Routledge-Richard Day Talk	250		2888.94
10/31/11	October Dues	195		3083.94
11/30/11	November Dues	213		3296.94
12/31/11	December Dues	189		3485.94
12/31/11	Year End Balance			3485.94

Cultural Geography Specialty Group Sponsored Sessions at the AAG 2012

Prepared by Sharon Adams

For the 2012 Annual Meeting in New York, the CGSG is sponsoring 104 sessions, examining a diverse set of methods, subjects and perspectives within cultural geography. The 2012 Cultural Geography Specialty Group Marquee Address will be delivered by Dr. Julian Brash, an anthropologist at Montclair State University. There are a number of other sessions listed here by date and time that may be of interest. We hope this will help in preparing for the upcoming AAG Meeting in New York City.

--CGSG FEATURED SESSIONS--

CGSG Marquee Address: Julian Brash on Bloomberg's New York
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Gramercy Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Cultural Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

--YOUR GUIDE TO CGSG SESSIONS IN NEW YORK CITY--

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Critical Geographies of Young People - Globalization, Space and Time I: Global Discourses
Friday, 2/24/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Conference Room K, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Nightscares: Discourses on Nocturnal Labor, Recreation and Leisure, Nighttime Infrastructural Landscapes and Spatialization
Friday, 2/24/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Conference Room I, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Geographies of Waste (1) Waste Infrastructures
Friday, 2/24/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Riverside Suite, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Human-Plant Geographies I: Engaging Relations
Friday, 2/24/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 1 - Geographies of Difference
Friday, 2/24/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Morgan Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

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10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Qualitative Methods in Winning Research Proposals

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Geographies of Waste (2) Global flows

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Riverside Suite, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Human-Plant Geographies II: Practicing Relations

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 2 - Rationalities, Logics, Practices

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Morgan Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

12:40 PM – 2:20 PM

Geographies of Waste (3) Bodies and Local Practices

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Riverside Suite, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Human-Plant Geographies III: Governing Relations

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 3 - New Paths of Creative Development

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Morgan Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Moral Encounters in Tourism I

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Nassau B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

2:40 PM – 4:20 PM

Geographies of Waste (4) Food Wastes

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Riverside Suite, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Human-Plant Geographies IV: Retelling Relations

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Moral Encounters in Tourism II

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Nassau B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

The Changing Energy Landscapes of North America and Europe - Session 1

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in East Suite, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

4:40 PM – 6:20 PM

Geographies of Waste (5) The Remainder...

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Riverside Suite, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Human-Plant Geographies V: (Re)Forming Relations

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Moral Encounters in Tourism III

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Nassau B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

The Changing Energy Landscapes of North America and Europe - Session 2

Friday, 2/24/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in East Suite, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Management Geography

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Liberty 3, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Geographies of Media 1, "The Vanishing City" (2009): New York Gentrification, Globalization, and Documentary Film

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Murray Hill Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Human-Plant Geographies VI: Place Relations

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Geographies of Craft and Crafting I

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

When "the Rest" enters "the West": (Re-)Negotiating identities in touristic settings

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Harlem Suite, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

Geographies of Media 2: Spatialities of Sound and Rhythm

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Murray Hill Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Human-Plant Geographies VII: Agricultural Relations

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Japanese Cities in Global Networks II

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Conference Room C, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Geographies of Craft and Crafting II

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

12:40 PM – 2:20 PM

Geographies of Media 3: Geographies of Music

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Murray Hill Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Human-Plant Geographies VIII: Discussing Relations

Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Japanese Cities in Global Networks III

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Landscape in and beyond the 'Lewisian' Tradition

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Geographies of Craft and Crafting III

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Session I: Geographies of Francophone Minorities: The Canadian Context

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Historical Geography of the Environment: National Parks and Protected Areas
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Japanese Cities in Global Networks IV
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Lewisian Landscapes I: Axioms for Re-Reading Cultural Geography
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Geographies of Craft and Crafting IV
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Session II: Geographies of Francophone Minorities: Immigration & Migration I
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

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Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group Plenary Session Featuring Oren Lyons
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Empire Ballroom West, Second Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Japanese Cities in Global Networks V
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Conference Room C, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Lewisian Landscapes II: Axioms for Re-Reading Cultural Geography
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Geographies of Craft and Crafting V
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Session III: Geographies of Francophone Minorities: Immigration & Migration II
Saturday, 2/25/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Islands, Arts and the Geographical Imaginations
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Capital Cities 1: Politics, History and Culture
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Children and young people's everyday politics I
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Culture, Identity, and Placemaking in China: I
Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

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10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

For Felix: Transversal Geographies I

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Capital Cities 2: Visuality, Ruins and Nostalgia

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Children and young people's everyday politics II

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Culture, Identity, and Placemaking in China: II

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Reframing Islandness I: Thinking with the Archipelago

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

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For Felix: Transversal Geographies II

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Reframing Islandness II: Thinking with the Archipelago

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

2:40 PM – 4:20 PM

Reframing Islandness III: Thinking with the Archipelago

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Geographies of Media 9: The Aurality of Place

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Murray Hill Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Mappings I: Haunted Landscapes and Acts of Viewing

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

4:40 PM – 6:20 PM

Mappings II: Embodied Memory, Everyday Life, and The City

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Cultural Geographies Annual Lecture: Living with Ecological Novelty: Towards the Culture and Politics of a Strange Future

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Gramercy Suite B, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Geographies of Post-Secularism?

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Central Park West, Second Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Mapping Fictional Geographies

Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Conference Room F, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Translating, crossing and (re)thinking borders: Knowledge-making as journey
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Animal Geographies I: Geographies of Wildlife
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 1
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Gibson Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Challenges of Qualitative Methods in "Illiberal" Contexts 1
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Carnegie Suite East, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Animal Geographies II: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 2
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Gibson Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 3
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Gibson Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Challenges of Qualitative Methods in "Illiberal" Contexts 2
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Carnegie Suite East, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Spaces of Humor
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Hudson York Suite, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

12:40 PM – 2:20 PM

Animal Geographies III: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Deaf Geographies I - Foundations for Deaf Geographies
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Humor, Space, Power
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Hudson York Suite, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

New research on Indigenous place names: Connections and interrelationships
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

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Animal Geographies IV: Bodies in Motion: Animality, Movement, and the Human-Animal Relationship
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 4
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Gibson Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Deaf Geographies II - Analyzing Deaf Geographies
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Contemporary Nomads: Artists and the Deterritorializing of Place
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Concourse C, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Intervention and Embeddedness, Art Practice and Environmental Discourse
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Mercury Rotunda, Third Floor, Hilton NY

4:40 PM – 6:20 PM

Animal Geographies V: Animating Studies: Qualitative Methodologies and the Question of the Animal
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Deaf Geographies III -The Future of Deaf Geographies
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Park Suite 1, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Translator Meets Critics: Pierre Machery's 'Hegel or Spinoza', translated by Susan M. Ruddick
Monday, 2/27/2012, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Conference Room F, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**8:00 AM – 9:40 AM**

Developing a Global Data Infrastructure for Human Geography
Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Material Culture and Geography I
Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Carnegie Suite East, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Border Matters! (1)
Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Migration of Professionals and the City - Mobility, Locality and Identities of Expatriates and the Global Elite: 1
Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

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Material Culture and Geography II

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Carnegie Suite East, Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel

Border Matters! (2)

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Concourse B, Concourse Level, Hilton NY

Geographies of Media 12: Author Meets Critics - An engaged and critical discussion of Ken Hillis' *Online a Lot of the Time: Ritual, Fetish, Sign* (Duke University Press, 2009)

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Conference Room L, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Utopias, Dystopias, and Everyday Places: Contested Narratives of Environmental Justice

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Migration of Professionals and the City - Mobility, Locality and Identities of Expatriates and the Global Elite: 2

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

2:00 PM – 3:40 PM

Geographies of Media 13: Space and Video Games

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Conference Room L, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel

Geography 2.x: Applications; Innovations; and Implications

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Nassau A, Second Floor, Hilton NY

Integrating Sustainability Across the Geographic Curriculum

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Green Room, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

Longing and Belonging: Geographies of Exile and Diaspora I

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Migration of Professionals and the City - Mobility, Locality and Identities of Expatriates and the Global Elite: 3

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Lincoln Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY

4:00 PM – 5:40 PM

Longing and Belonging: Geographies of Exile and Diaspora II

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM in Madison Suite 5, Sheraton Hotel, Fifth Floor

Evolutionary Geographies

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM in Green Room, Fourth Floor, Hilton NY

Biopower in Tourism

Tuesday, 2/28/2012, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM in Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor, Sheraton Hotel

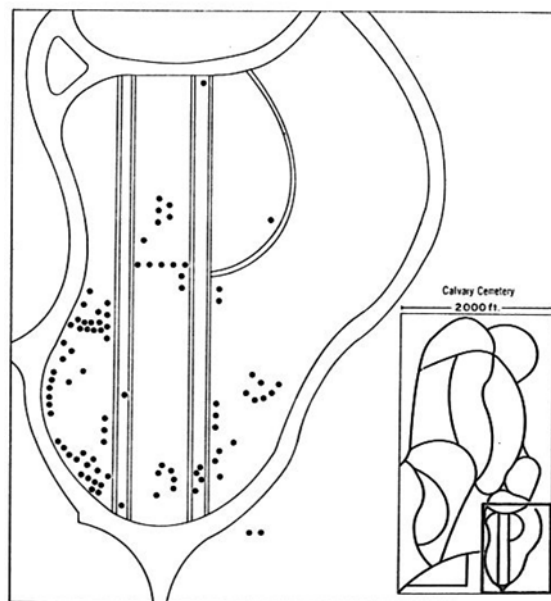
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If there was no appropriate official census data available to tap into, could my study of Romanies in Los Angeles still pass muster as a successful thesis in ethnic geography? Maps were essential to almost every geography thesis in those days. The answer turned out to be “Yes!” because the many maps in my thesis based on qualitative data (including anecdotes, photographs) and rudimentary quantitative data (including newspaper reports, police records, reconnaissance missions into cemeteries) proved sufficient and adequate on the day of my thesis defense. Ironically, one of my committee members was Dr. James P. Allen. He had arrived on our campus in 1969. Dr. Allen would go on to demonstrate the usefulness of U.S. Census Bureau data for ethnic mapping by co-authoring (with Dr. Eugene Turner) the 1988 award-winning publication *We the People: an Atlas of America's Ethnic Diversity*. Their successful census data-mining methodology would not have helped me in 1969, or even today! Their *Atlas* in all its updates and revisions has never included Romanies. Why not?

Romanies are historically a secretive ethnic minority with a propensity for mobility as one of their principle characteristic socio-economic survival strategies. Romanies were once and remain today vulnerable-*but-for-their-wits* to the potential threat of outsider persecutions wherever they might travel or reside. Not surprisingly, Romanies have discovered in the Americas, and especially in North America, unprecedented “safe zones” within which to go about their mostly informal and underground businesses and social institutions relatively unnoticed and unmolested. Meanwhile they maintained their traditional cultural identities and integrities to a remarkable extent. Given these conditions, data about Romanies in the U.S.A. was never, is not yet, and will not soon be, forthcoming.

One sort of mapping of Romanies in America that is possible in spite of dearth-of-Bureau of Census data (and increasingly-prohibitive IRB restrictions) is the mapping of Romanies interred in American cemeteries. I included an experimental map of this sort in my MA thesis (Figure 1, below). Crude as it was, it was useful and revealing: I felt I could “remotely sense” from cemetery data mapped the social networks of ethnic Gypsies in Los Angeles. The family surnames on the tombstones and the ceramic memorial photographs attached to them were especially valuable to my research.

Figure 11



Identifiable Gypsy family names in Calvary Cemetery: Adams, Lee, Merino, Marks, Uwanawich, Mitchell, Guich, Miller, Stevens

Figure 1: Romani Tomb Sites at New Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles, in Nemeth (1970)

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When GIS was trending in my Department of Geography a few decades ago I began to speak of it in reference to my own research interests -- and half in jest -- as a possibly emerging “Gypsy Information Science.” Recently one of my graduate students (Mr. Mike Chohaney) has begun to explore the interface between social and spatial networks utilizing Romani cemetery data. Figure 2 is a preliminary map of spatial relationships of Romani tomb sites in a Toledo, Ohio cemetery.



Figure 2: Romani tombsites at Calvary Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio
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