



AAG

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
of GEOGRAPHERS

AAG Encourages Geographers to March for Science

The AAG encourages its members to take part in the March for Science – a multi-location event that will be held in Washington, D.C., and in nearly 300 satellite locations around the world, on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. To learn more about the March for Science and related events please visit the website <https://www.marchforscience.com/>. The AAG is a formal Partner in the March for Science.

As a nonprofit scientific, research, and educational society with a current membership of over 12,000 individuals from across the nation and around the world, the AAG is proud to stand with many other organizations that share a belief that the benefits of science are a human right, and that science should be well funded and that political leaders should enact evidence-based policies for the common good.

We are pleased to join with our colleagues in all disciplines to champion the ideals that science is crucial to societal and human rights, and is a pillar in educating and enriching our lives and communities. Science also plays an important role in economic growth and in developing the ideas that make our lives better.

The AAG has long stood up for the values espoused by the March for Science and we have been especially active in fighting for these ideals in recent months. In addition to joining with colleagues for March-related activities, we also ask AAG members to consider taking the following actions to support both the March for Science and the AAG's ongoing work for geography and science:

1. Visit the AAG's policy action webpage (http://www.aag.org/aag_policy_action) to learn more about the work we have undertaken to promote policies that support geographers, our discipline, and the broader scientific community.
2. Consider a donation to the AAG Policy Office (http://www.aag.org/donate#AAG_Public_Policy_Initiatives) to support our important and necessary policy work and the March for Science.
3. We always encourage AAG members to share their own views on critical policy issues with their members of Congress and state and local policymakers.

The AAG is planning several activities to foster increased participation in the March for Science by AAG members and to provide resources and assistance for geographers who are planning to be in Washington on April 22:

- On the day of the March, the AAG Meridian Place office in Washington (1710 16th Street, N.W.) will remain open as a gathering place for geographers participating in the March. We will have coffee and refreshments available for marchers and will serve as a communication center for those taking part.
- The AAG has designed special “*Geographers March for Science*” hats that will be available at the Annual Meeting in Boston and at the AAG office leading up to and during the March. We have also produced large banners for groups of geographers participating in the March. AAG members also will have an opportunity to sign these banners during the meeting in Boston.
- AAG President Glen MacDonald will be in Washington for the March on April 22 and he and I will participate in preparatory meetings and outreach with organizers of the March for Science.

Please do not hesitate to contact John Wertman of the AAG staff (jwertman@aag.org) with any questions you may have about participating in the March for Science or about the event itself. We welcome all AAG members to join us and our colleagues from other disciplines to support this historic event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Richardson
Executive Director