



# AAG

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*of* GEOGRAPHERS

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Dear Colleague,

As the reality of COVID-19's impact has set in during these past months, you have rallied to show how committed you are to the discipline of geography and to your place in AAG's community. Your support makes it possible for us to strengthen geography while facing this unexpected challenge. I am especially grateful to those who gave generously yesterday to support the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. You contributed more than \$4,800.

Member support helps to make so much possible, including:

- our COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Force who is working through the month of May to develop proposals for activities to support AAG membership (proposals will be reviewed and selected in June)
- our first Virtual Annual Meeting in April with 180 sessions and donations from participants totaling over \$22,000
- our partnership with AAAS to create "Geographers Respond to COVID-19" programming
- our COVID-19 Resource Hub for knowledge exchange among members working on pandemic-related issues.

These efforts show that when you support AAG, you support each other. I want to thank you for entrusting AAG with the resources to support our members and geographers everywhere in the work of making sense of the world in crisis, and in bringing your knowledge to bear on solutions.

These past few months have taught me that social distancing doesn't fragment our community. We are drawing closer together in many ways and are grateful for your membership and support.

Please continue to think of AAG and your fellow members in your giving, now and in the future, to ensure that we can continue supporting the vital work that geographers do.

With gratitude,

Gary Langham  
Executive Director