



Western Regional Science Association

Fall 2021

Newsletter

Save the Date for Our 61st Annual Meeting!

*The Scott Resort & Spa – Scottsdale, Arizona
February 17-20, 2022*

For our 61st meeting, we will finally be meeting in person again! While WRSAs is no stranger to Arizona, this will be our first time going to the city of Scottsdale! The meeting will be held February 17-20, 2022 at The Scott Resort & Spa.

It's never too soon to get the next annual meeting on your calendar. The Scottsdale meeting will open on Thursday, February 17th with the Lay James Gibson Opening Plenary Session and the Welcoming Reception. Three days of paper sessions and social events will follow on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Scott Resort & Spa will be accepting online reservations under our room block; see the WRSAs website (WRSAsonline.org) for full details and reservation instructions. Our negotiated room rate for the 2022 meeting is \$209 (plus applicable taxes). The daily resort charges of \$42 will be waived for our group. But, you will still enjoy free parking (both self/valet parking), free Wi-Fi in guest rooms and public space (not including meeting rooms), free 24-hour access to the fitness center and business center, free bike rental, and free shuttle service within a 3-mile

radius. The hotel has agreed to honor our special room rate three days prior to and following our meetings (Feb 13th through Feb 23rd), based on availability. Guest parking is available at no extra charge.

Rooms may be reserved via this [link](#) or by calling (800) 528-7867 and asking for the Western Regional Science Association (Western Regional Science Conference) group rate. Please note: after Jan 18th, 2022, or as soon as our block fills, the hotel will no longer honor our special room rate, so be sure to book early!

The other important date to keep in mind is the deadline for the submission of conference papers: **October 15th, 2021**. Remember that only full papers are considered for the annual meeting program, although draft versions will be considered so long as final versions are uploaded by the end of the year. All submissions will be reviewed by a member of the Program Committee before invitations to the meeting are issued. See the WRSAs website for online paper submission instructions.



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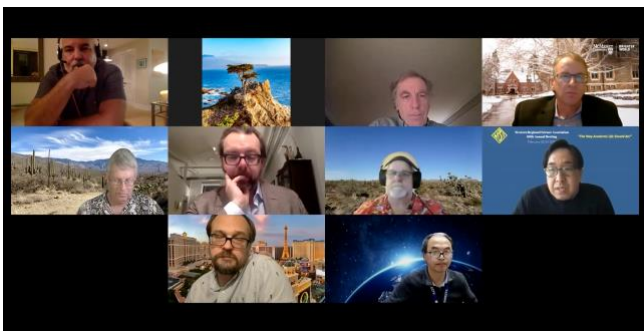
60th Annual Meeting Highlights *Virtual Meeting*

We refused to let COVID keep us from getting together (albeit virtually) two years in a row! We appreciate all of your patience and flexibility as we conducted our 60th Anniversary meeting virtually this year.

Regardless of not being in the same room as each other, the meeting continued the WRSA tradition of showcasing thoughtful sessions, lively discussion, and a unique opportunity to connect with colleagues and old friends. We want to give a special thanks to *A Life Well Drunk* LLC who provided excellent technical support throughout the duration of the conference.

In terms of size, this year's meeting had a strong turn-out. We had a total of 138 participants representing seventeen different countries. The meeting program included over 130 paper presentations organized into 25 different paper and panel discussions including the Keith Schwer Memorial Western States Economic Outlook panel.

This year's plenary sessions were outstanding. The 10th Annual Lay James Gibson Opening Session provided another successful and engaging start to our annual meeting. Former WRSA President David Plane chaired a panel discussion on the impacts of COVID-19 on the US and Canadian censuses, as well as North American spatial, demographic, and economic trends. Mark Brown from Statistics Canada and Marc J. Perry from the US Census Bureau were joined on the panel by Nicholas N. Nagle, K. Bruce Newbold, and Peter A. Rogerson.



The 8th Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis was delivered by Shaowen Wang from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Dr. Wang spoke on "Extreme Digital Transformation in Spatial Analysis and Modeling." His discussant was Alan Murray from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Western Regional Science Association
8th Annual Getis-Ord Lecture
In Spatial Analysis**

**5:30 PM – 7:15 PM (PDT of the U.S., GMT-8)
Feb 23rd (Tue), 2021**

Speaker:
Shaowen Wang
University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign

*Extreme Digital Transformation
In Spatial Analysis and Modeling*

Chair: Arthur Getis
San Diego State University

Discussant: Alan Murray
University of California, Santa Barbara

"The Way Academic Life Should Be!"

This year's meeting kept up the tradition of providing a thoughtful discussion from the WRSA President during the Annual Banquet Luncheon. Richard Church's Presidential Address was on the timely topic of disruption and resilience in Regional Science. His presentation was joined by discussant Adam Rose from the University of Southern California. The virtual luncheon also showcased student success by naming the winners of the Tiebout Prize and Stough-Johansson-Springer Prize.

**Western Regional Science Association
2021 WRSA Presidential Address
Virtual Presentation (Zoom)**

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM (PDT of the U.S., GMT-8)
Feb 24th (Wed), 2020**

**Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Richard Church**
62nd President of WRSA
Dept. of Geography
University of California, Santa Barbara

*Regional Science:
what about disruption and resilience?*

Chair: Professor Janet E. Kohlhase
61st President of WRSA
Dept. of Economics
University of Houston

Discussant: Professor Adam Rose
Sol Price School of Public Policy
Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of terrorism Events (CREATE)
University of Southern California

"The Way Academic Life Should Be!"

Finally, we added a new session to the plenary calendar. At this year's meeting, we introduced a professional development workshop geared at helping graduate students understand the job market and interview process. A special thanks to Sandy Dall'erba, Elizabeth Mack, Daoqin Tong, and Jaewon Lim for joining the panel discussion!

If you missed or want to re-watch any of the sessions mentioned above, I encourage you to visit our YouTube channel [here](#).



What else makes a WRSA meeting unique? The people: from session organizers to the Program Committee to the student volunteers. Running a meeting of this caliber couldn't be done without their assistance: thank you!

Seunghoon Oh and Noe Nava win Tiebout Prize!

At this year's conference, the 35th Tiebout Prize was awarded to two co-winners. Congratulations to Seunghoon Oh and Noe Nava for sharing this top honor. Seunghoon Oh is from the University of Cincinnati and his winning paper is titled *Public Transportation Finance, Agglomeration Economies, and Equity: A dynamic panel analysis on the effect of transit operation revenues on employment growth and opportunities for low-skilled workers in Ohio*. Noe Nava is from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and his winning paper is titled *Who Benefits from Local Agriculture?*

The Tiebout Reading Committee also selected two papers from honorable mention. Congratulations to Eunji Choi from Seoul Nation University for her paper *Micro and Macro Level Investigations of the Impacts of Transportation Infrastructure on Farm Income in South Korea, 2005-2015*, and Protty Aman Akbar from the University of Pittsburgh for his paper *Who Benefits from Faster Public Transit*.

The Tiebout Reading Committee, comprised of past WRSA Presidents, is charged each year with evaluating a large pool of submissions. This year's committee included: David Plane from the University of Arizona, Alan Murray from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Matthias Ruth from Northeastern University, and Genevieve Giuliano from the University of Southern California.

The Tiebout Prize is given in memory of Charles Tiebout and his contributions to regional science, especially his mentoring of graduate students. Due to an unprecedented donation to the Tiebout Fund, winners of future Prizes will receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs associated with attending the annual meeting.

Interested in contributing to the Tiebout Prize endowment fund? Donations ensure the long-term financial health of the Prize and every dollar helps! The Tiebout Prize fund is managed by the University of Arizona Foundation. Donations can be made easily online. See the WRSA website for instructions.

Stough-Johansson-Springer Prize Goes to Gloria Cicerone!

Each year a prize is given at the annual meeting for the best paper presented at the conference by a young career scholar (PhD completed within the past five years). This year's winner was Gloria Cicerone from Gran Sasso Science Institution for their paper *Regional Artificial Intelligence and the Geography of Environmental Technologies: Does the digital transformation meet the green transition?*

The Springer Prize is supported by the publisher of our official journal, *the Annals of Regional Science*, and qualified papers are judged by the team of editors.

The prize consists of a certificate and a book voucher for \$500. To be considered for next year's prize, simply check the "Stough-Johansson-Springer Prize" box at the time of paper submission for the 2022 Scottsdale meeting.



WRSA Board Updates

Makena Coffman Named Vice President



One of the main tasks at the annual WRSA Board meeting is to make decisions about future leadership of the Association, in particular Vice President, new Board members, and Fellows. At this year’s meeting, the Board enthusiastically selected

Makena Coffman as our incoming Vice President. Coffman is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is currently the Director for the Institute of Sustainability and Resilience, and a UHERO Research Fellow. Her research topics consist of environmental planning, energy and climate change policy, resource management, and system modeling.



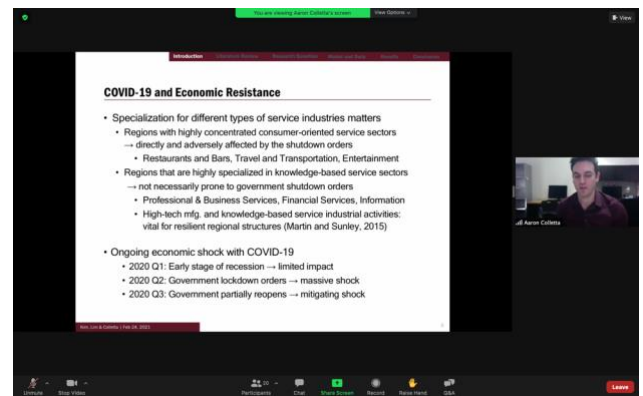
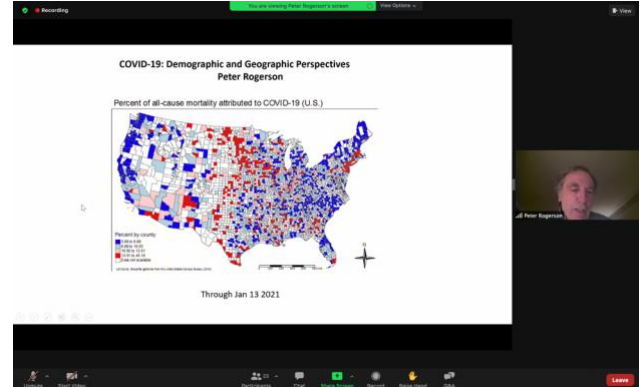
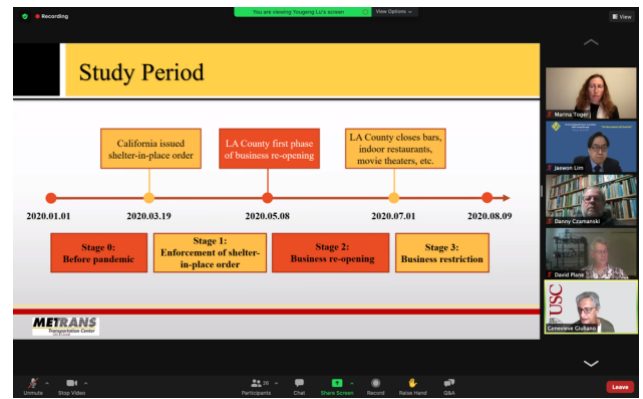
President Elect: Richard Church

Terry Clower (George Mason University) continues his ascension, moving from Vice President to President-Elect for 2021-2022. As President Elect, Terry will present a

topic and host the President’s Reception at next year’s conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

New Board Member Announced

This year, the board made one addition to its membership: Yuri Mansury. Yuri is an Associate Professor of Social Science and Director of the Undergraduate Program at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His research is in the economics of technology and innovation, computational modeling of urban system, spatial networks, disaster impact analysis, and unbalanced regional development. He has previously help postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



In Memoriam

Antoine S. Bailly (July 4, 1944 – June 26, 2021)



Tony Bailly, our 36th President (1995 – 1996) and a Fellow of our Association, will be deeply missed—and fondly remembered—by WRSA members with whom he interacted and with all those whose lives he touched.

Tony was a pre-eminent scholar whose work spanned a wide range of topics that captured his lively curiosity and attention: human geography, regional science, regional medicometry, viticulture, and enology were among the fields that captured his passionate interest and to which he devoted his keen intellect and highly energetic organizational skills. His *joie de vivre* suffused all that he did; his appetites for skiing, good wine, and living life to the fullest were voracious.

French-born, Tony's doctorate was from the Paris-Sorbonne Université. Tony spent much of his career in Switzerland, where he held the position of Professor of Human Geography at the Université de Genève from 1974 until being awarded Emeritus status in 2004. Prior to assuming his professorial position at the Université de Genève, Tony held a faculty position at the Paris School of

Architecture, and he split his years between teaching there and working as one of the early research faculty of the newly established Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique Urbanisation in Montréal.

Tony's initial introduction to regional science came in the mid-1960s when he went to Philadelphia for an exploratory year. At Penn he studied with Walter Isard and Tom Reiner, and there he met Mario Polèse, then a doctoral student. Later, Mario and Tony would be among those who—along with WRSA Fellow Jean Paelinck, Board Member Denis Maillat, and others—were instrumental in forging joint ventures between WRSA, CRSA, and the Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française. For a number of years WRSA had a vibrant “French Section.” WRSA conferences regularly featured special bilingual French-English paper sessions cosponsored with the ASRLF and the CRSA, and a reciprocal membership agreement between CRSA and WRSA, along with the opportunity for a mid-winter break in warmer climes, helped draw large contingents from Quebec and Europe.

Tony's involvement in WRSA traces back to discussions at summer conferences in Europe with the Association's longtime Executive Secretary, Lay Gibson. Observing that he resided in “the West of Switzerland,” Tony became a WRSA “regular” after attending his first conference in 1986: our 25th Annual Meeting at the Surf and Sand Hotel in Laguna Beach. WRSA's unique blend of high-quality, seminar-style academic sessions; the applied focus of much of the research presented at our conferences; and the importance given to social events and to the forging interpersonal relationships with scholars from around the world were attributes of WRSA that Tony found attractive. These were also aspects which he would begin promoting and enhancing.

WRSA members who were active during the later 1980s and 1990s will fondly recall the wine-tasting evenings that Tony organized and hosted in conjunction with our Annual Meetings. On February 22, 2006, prior to the opening of our 45th Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, a celebratory luncheon was held in tribute to Tony's active involvement and manifold contributions to WRSA.

Among Tony's many academic and professional leadership roles, he served as President of the Regional Science Association from 2003 through 2004. During his term as RSAI President he promoted the growth of regional science around the world and advanced the idea of universal membership for all who belong to an affiliated regional science association.

Tony's promotional efforts were not restricted to regional science and the academic world. He took great delight in kindling popular interest in all things geographic, serving for eight years as scientific Director of the International Festival of Geography. In some of the years of his tenure the festival attracted more than 40,000 participants.

In 2008 Tony was honored with regional science's most prestigious scholarly award: The Founder's Medal. He was elected a Fellow of the RSAI in 2009 and was an active member of the Regional Science Academy.

The WRSA expresses its deep condolences to Tony's wife, Maguy, and his daughter Mirabelle, both of whom accompanied Tony on trips to our February conferences.

For additional information about Tony's distinguished career and his personal recollections on his involvement in regional science see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoine_Bailly

<https://regionalscience.org/index.php/news/miscellaneous-news/item/2244-antoine-bailly.html>



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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

68th North American Meetings of the RSAI

Denver, Colorado | November 10–13, 2021

<http://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/>

61st Annual Meeting of the WRSA

Scottsdale, Arizona | February 17–20, 2022

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News Contributions Welcomed!

The *WRSA Newsletter* is published twice yearly and welcomes contributions from members and friends.

Please feel free to send along news, employment opportunities, research updates, calls for papers, brief reviews of published work, or related items.

We especially appreciate updates from our peer regional science associations!

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**See you all “in-person” at
the 62nd Annual Meeting in Scottsdale!!
Feb 17-20, 2022**