

Dear Murray:

Many thanks for your e-mail. Yes, I would be absolutely delighted to join the AGC Board. Please allow me to write to you and the AGC Board of my interest in this e-mail.

I would be honored to serve. My research and teaching specializations--hazards, emergency management, economic geography, location analysis, business geography, finance, international trade, natural resource use and management--all emanate from an applied perspective. When I first began my academic career at Texas State 27 years ago, I chose to focus on attending and participating in the Applied Geography Conferences. I have authored or co-authored 11 articles in either the *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* or *Applied Geography*, and have two chapters in *Evolving Approaches to Understanding Natural Hazards*. In addition, I been a member of AAG's Applied Geography Specialty Group since 1992.

I also serve as a Career Mentor for the AAG for more than 10 years now, and began my career at Texas State Geography as Internship Director for our department from 1992-96. I firmly believe in assisting undergraduate and graduate students in establishing careers related to geography, and demonstrating to them the power of geography in their careers and personal lives.

It would be my pleasure to be a part of this organization, and to help it grow. Applied Geography is important now more than ever given the societal shifts toward career preparation for students in higher education.

Thank you for considering me for this all important position. I have attached a copy of my C.V. for your review and information. I will be out-of-town next week, but back to work on January 6th. I also may be reached on my cell at 1-512-618-7770 and would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information about my qualifications and/or my interest.

Sincerely Yours,
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