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EIGHT GEOGRAPHERS HONORED FOR SERVICE, TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP Lifetime Achievement Honors Given to Carol Harden of University of Tennessee-Knoxville

WASHINGTON, D.C The American Association of Geographers (AAG) announced the recipients of its 2021 AAG Honors, the highest honors bestowed on its members. Among them is:

AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors: Dr. Carol Harden, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Distinguished Scholarship Honors (2 awardees):

**Cindi Katz, City University of New York (CUNY)
James Tyner, Kent State University**

Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors (2 awardees):

**Joseph Oppong, University of North Texas
Patricia Solís, Executive Director of the Knowledge Exchange for Resilience (KER) and
Research Associate Professor at Arizona State University**

Gilbert White Distinguished Public Service Honors:

Timothy Trainor, US Bureau of the Census

Distinguished Teaching Honors:

Barbara “Babs” Buttenfield, University of Colorado-Boulder, for her career-long devotion to GIScience education. Buttenfield, who established a campus-wide curricula in GIScience at Colorado, is renowned for her engaging teaching style, remarkable ability to explain complex concepts through example and metaphor, and skill at blending theory with technical skills. In a rapidly evolving field, she delivers courses that are at the cutting edge of GIScience.

Media Achievement Award:

Richard Campanella, Tulane University

Since 1951, [AAG Honors](#) have been offered annually to recognize outstanding accomplishments by members in research and scholarship, teaching, education, service to the discipline, public service outside academe, and for lifetime achievement. The AAG Honors Committee is elected by the AAG membership and charged with making award recommendations for each category, with no more than two awards given in any one category. This year’s Honors Committee members are Julie A. Silva, University of Maryland College Park (Chair); Amy Glasmeier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ronald Hagleman, III, Texas State University; Richard Kujawa, St. Michael's College; Andrew Sluyter, Louisiana State University; and Julie Winkler, Michigan State University.

For more than 100 years, The American Association of Geographers (AAG) has contributed to the advancement of geography. Our members from nearly 100 countries share interests in the theory, methods, and practice of geography, which they cultivate through the AAG's Annual Meeting, scholarly journals ([Annals of the American Association of Geographers](#), [The Professional Geographer](#), the [AAG Review of Books](#) and [GeoHumanities](#)), and the online [AAG Newsletter](#). The AAG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1904.