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Henry Yeung  
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Dear Henry,

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the **AAG Distinguished Scholarship Honors for 2018**.

The AAG will confer its Honors and Awards at the Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon, which will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. I hope that you and a companion will be the Association's guests at the luncheon so you can personally accept this recognition. I would be grateful, if you would let us know whether or not you are able to attend. Please RSVP me or Candida Mannozi at (202) 234-1450 or [cmannozi@aag.org](mailto:cmannozi@aag.org).

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for all that you do for the discipline and the Association.

Sincerely,

Douglas Richardson  
Executive Director

**AAG Distinguished Scholarship Honors  
Henry Yeung**

*Short Citation*

Dr. Henry Wai-chung Yeung, Professor of Geography at the National University of Singapore, is an internationally recognized and prolific scholar in economic geography. He has made signal contributions to the geographic literature over the past two decades. Professor Yeung's major conceptual and empirical contributions offer fundamental insights into the geographic nature of the production process and the changing nature of the relationship between states and firms. This focus has led him to pioneer investigations into global production networks, an approach that seeks to unravel how economic globalization actually connects with, and has differential impacts on, specific places—be they cities, regions, or countries. In short, Professor Yeung's work has been described as “becoming recognized as the most significant new contribution to geographic development theory in a decade”.

*Long citation*

The Association of American Geographers is proud to present Professor Henry Wai-chung Yeung, Provost's Chair Professor in Geography at the National University of Singapore, with Distinguished Scholarship Honors in recognition of his pioneering scholarly contributions and leadership in economic geography.

Rooted in a network-oriented approach from a Southeast Asian perspective, Dr. Yeung's scholarship has made major conceptual advances in relational economic geography and empirical contributions to the study of globalization. Professor Yeung's major body of scholarly work offers fundamental insights into the geographic nature of the production process and the changing nature of the relationship between states and firms. This focus has led him to pioneer investigations into relational economic geography and global production networks, an approach that seeks to unravel how economic globalization actually connects with, and has differential impacts on, specific places—be they cities, regions, or countries.

Dr. Yeung's exemplary scholarship is recognized globally. He is appointed as Overseas Experts to the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and in 2012 received an Individual Residency Fellowship at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Study and Conference Center. In 2016, he was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's 2017 Murchison Award for his pioneering scholarship on globalization. These honors reflect the significance of his work. Indeed, Professor Yeung's work has been described as “the most significant new contribution to geographic development theory in a decade.” As Professor Murphy writes: “He is one of the leading researchers in economic geography today, and he has given much to the disciplinary and institutional communities of which he is a part.” Others have described Professor Yeung's scholarship as holding significance beyond economic geography, “extending to all areas of human geography that touch upon the powerful world of the economy and its relationship to place, and offers crucial insights into understanding the processes that shape our contemporary global economy.”

Professor Yeung has done much to promote the research of others in economic geography and allied subfields. He served as editor of major geographic journals: *Economic Geography* and *Environment and Planning A*. Moreover, he has played a leadership role at the National University of Singapore in the service of strengthening that institution's research mission, and he has been active in both the American Association of Geographers and the Regional Studies Association—organizing sessions and promoting the work of fellow scholars.

Thus, in recognition of his extraordinary scholarship and leadership in the discipline, the AAG offers Professor Yeung this honor.