

Subject: SAM Outstanding Service Award Nominations

The **Spatial Analysis and Modeling (SAM)** Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers welcomes nominations for the annual **Outstanding Service Award**.

**About:** The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who have substantially contributed to the SAM group through outstanding service. Nominations are accepted each year. Below are the guidelines.

**Qualifications:** Any current active SAM member with membership not less than two years and who has made substantial contributions to the SAM group in terms of one or any combination of the following areas can be considered for Outstanding Service Award:

- documented evidence in increasing the number of SAM members,
- promoting the awareness and reputation of the SAM group (e.g., through SAM-sponsored AAG sessions, journal articles, or other publications),
- excellence in organizing SAM Student Paper Competition (e.g., through increasing number of participants, and/or quality of papers),
- seeking extramural funding (e.g., grants from NSF or other agencies) to support SAM activities such as (but not limited to) co-sponsoring a plenary speaker at the annual AAG meetings and/or other AAG events, and
- exceptional outreach activities that render the general public or researchers from other disciplines to accept/use spatial analysis and modeling theories or techniques.

Note that the current board members *shall not* be nominated for the award.

**Nominations:** Any SAM member (with membership verified) may submit a nomination.

**Procedure:** All nominations should be sent to the SAM Vice Chair (Carson J. Q. Farmer, [Carson.Farmer@Colorado.EDU](mailto:Carson.Farmer@Colorado.EDU)) and the SAM student representative (Yolanda McDonald, [ymcdonald77@tamu.edu](mailto:ymcdonald77@tamu.edu)) by **Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>** via email with the subject *Nomination for Outstanding Service Award*. The nomination should include:

1. name and contact information of the nominee,
2. what/how the nominee has served SAM (in no more than 300 words, see the above award qualification),
3. name and contact information of the nominator and how the nominee is related to the nominator, and
4. a ½-1 page biosketch of the nominee as a PDF attachment.

Kind regards,  
Carson Farmer