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## The American Geographical Society Names 2018 AGS Geography Teacher Fellows

*Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named the AGS Geography Teacher Fellows for 2018. As part of the recognition, the Teacher Fellows will attend and participate in the AGS Fall 2018 Symposium "Powering Our Future Planet" in New York City on November 15 and 16, 2018.*

[New York City, NY] – [September 4, 2018] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named the 2018 AGS Geography Teacher Fellows. Fifty teachers were selected from across the United States to participate in this third year of the initiative. The AGS Geography Teacher Fellow initiative has been made possible by a generous gift from the [Boundless Corporation](#), Sponsorship from [Mapbox](#) for the Geography Teacher Fellow Mapathon, and support from the AGS Corporate Angels Partners, whose contributions provide resources for teacher professional development throughout the year.

The selected teachers are:

*Names listed alphabetically (like below) - link to personal PRs*

[Colleen Adrion\\*](#)  
[Michelle Albahae](#)  
[Doug Andersen](#)  
[Stacy Bartkowski\\*](#)  
[Jennifer Bray](#)  
[Brian Buccinna\\*](#)  
[Anne Canipe\\*](#)  
[Katherine Cantu](#)  
[Cynthia Carlisle](#)

[Luke Chaffee](#)  
[Justin Clark\\*](#)  
[Cynthia Cullen](#)  
[Sarah Dahl-Wyland](#)  
[Nicole Darbois](#)  
[Katie Dew\\*](#)  
[Marc Dyer](#)  
[Kevin Fox](#)  
[Kristen Fredricks](#)

[LoriAnne Frieri](#)  
[Dean Haakenson](#)  
[Sonia Henze](#)  
[Teresa Hoggard](#)  
[Robert Killen](#)  
[Samantha Kowalak\\*](#)

[Tracy Law](#)  
[Susan Locklear](#)  
[Staci Mauro](#)  
[Kimberly Mckernan](#)  
[Michael Meyer](#)  
[Parisa Meymand\\*](#)  
[Ethan Morton-Jerome](#)  
[Nancy Murrey-Settle](#)  
[James OConnor](#)

[Stewart Parker](#)  
[Licia Paulus](#)  
[Christie Revis](#)  
[Lisa Sanders\\*](#)  
[Kameron Schaefer](#)  
[Evan Sellers](#)  
[Samantha Serrano](#)  
[Wendy Silvius](#)  
[Jessica Stern\\*](#)

[Deborah Sunset](#)  
[Amy Wallner-Drake](#)  
[Meaghan Walsh](#)  
[Daniel Whalen](#)  
[Leslie Whitlow](#)  
[Molly Winters Diallo](#)

As part of the award for being selected as a Teacher Fellow, they will attend the AGS Fall Symposium on November 15 and 16, 2018 at Columbia University in New York City. The Symposium will enable the Teacher Fellows to gain valuable cutting-edge content knowledge and awareness of the real-world geographic and geospatial workplace skills required by employers in all fields. The Geography Teacher Fellows will have a unique opportunity to interact with, and become one of, the nation's thought-leaders who are involved in the multi-year dialog about the future of geography.

While at the AGS Symposium, teachers will participate in an exclusive Mapathon, as well as a day-long workshop led by experts in geospatial technology, where they will receive training in open web-mapping and learn how to take what they've learned at the Symposium back to their classrooms.

"This will be the third year AGS has invited 50 of the top geography teachers in the nation to attend the Fall Symposium" said Dr. John Konarski, Chief Executive Officer of AGS. "AGS Geography Teacher Fellows are an integral part of the AGS community, leading and educating future generations in geography and geospatial science. This year we have focused on expanding activities that reinforce teachers' geographical and geospatial knowledge, and will be continuing to provide guidance to teachers seeking to develop projects for their classrooms" said Dr. Konarski.

Geography 2050 is the most important and widely recognized geographical/geospatial event in North America during the fall semester. CEOs and senior executives from preeminent geospatial companies along with leading experts and representatives from government, not-for-profits, and academia attend the AGS Fall Symposium.

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 166 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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