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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**AAG Annual Meeting**  
San Francisco, California  
March 29–April 2, 2016

## **International Geography and Urban Health Symposium**

A Research Symposium organized by:  
**International Society for Urban Health (ISUH)** and  
**Association of American Geographers (AAG)**

*Other Co-Sponsors:*

The International Geospatial Health Research  
Network (IGHRN)

The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM)

The AAG Health and Medical Geography Specialty  
Group

The AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group

**Where: At the Joint Meetings of the AAG and  
International Society of Urban Health (ISUH)**

AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco:  
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ISUH Annual Meeting, San Francisco:  
April 1-4, 2016

Joint ISUH and AAG Geography and Urban Health  
Symposium, San Francisco: April 1-2, 2016

The International Society for Urban Health and the  
Association of American Geographers are pleased to  
announce a joint international symposium on  
**Geography and Urban Health**, to foster inter-  
disciplinary and international collaborations in team  
science, geodesign for healthy urban environments,  
GIScience advances in health research and  
technology transfer, and geographic or biomedical  
research which addresses global health needs.

Sessions for the **Joint ISUH and AAG Symposium**  
will be held on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2  
within the 2016 AAG Annual Meeting in San  
Francisco. The AAG Annual Meeting will begin on  
March 29, 2016. We seek to bring together national  
and international scholars, practitioners, and policy  
makers from different specialties, institutions,  
sectors, and continents to share ideas, findings,  
methodologies, and technologies, and to establish,  
and strengthen personal connections,  
communication channels, and research  
collaborations and networks.

On Friday, April 1, there will be a **Joint Plenary  
Session** that will have strong appeal to health  
geographers and urban health researchers,  
population health researchers, and biomedical  
researchers. The Plenary will be followed by a  
**Reception** for those attending the Plenary Session.

We welcome papers on all aspects of urban and  
global health, as well as health and medical  
geography – most broadly defined – and their  
intersections with other branches of geography or  
GIScience. Topics may include but are not limited to:

### **Research Collaborations**

- Scientific collaborations in geography and urban health
- urban health and health geography
- Collaborating to advance global urban health policy

### **Environmental Health**

- Disease mapping
- Assessment of the impact of environmental exposures (physical and/or social) on health
- Exposure monitoring utilizing real-time GPS/GIS methods
- EcoGeographic genetic epidemiology: gene-environment interactions
- Disease ecologies

### **Global or International Health**

- Health issues in the Global South
- Development and health
- Health development and displaced populations
- International perspectives on maternal and child health

### **Infectious and Communicable Diseases**

- Infectious diseases and their relations to climate change
- Spatiotemporal modeling of infectious and communicable diseases

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### Health Behaviors

- Mobilities and health
- Spatial analysis of substance abuse and treatment
- Social environments and mental health

### Healthcare Service

- Accessibility of healthcare services and its optimization
- Healthcare provision, access, and utilization
- Health disparities and inequalities
- Global health research and public health initiatives

### Methodologies and Technologies

- Methodological issues in health research (e.g., MAUP, UGCoP)
- Spatial uncertainties in health studies
- CyberGIS and high performance computing in health studies
- Geospatial big data and health
- Crowd sourcing of geospatial data for health research
- mHealth and global health service delivery initiatives

### To submit an abstract to this symposium:

- Register for the conference at [www.aag.org/annualmeeting/register](http://www.aag.org/annualmeeting/register)
- During abstract submission select “Geography and Urban Health” as the Primary Topic
- In the space for “Special Request” add a note that the abstract submitted is intended for the Geography and Urban Health Symposium
- When you receive confirmation of a successful abstract submission, please then forward this confirmation to: [geohealth@aag.org](mailto:geohealth@aag.org)

To submit a session to this symposium please forward your session confirmation email to [geohealth@aag.org](mailto:geohealth@aag.org).

The abstract deadline for papers submitted to this symposium is **October 29, 2015**.

**Registration in either conference allows access to BOTH conferences (AAG and ISUH) as well as the joint plenary.**

For more information, please visit [www.aag.org/annualmeeting](http://www.aag.org/annualmeeting) or contact members of the Symposium’s Scientific Committee at [geohealth@aag.org](mailto:geohealth@aag.org).

### Scientific Committee of the Joint AAG-ISUH Geography and Urban Health Symposium:

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