

***Professor Kevin Cox, The Ohio State University
AAG Honors for Lifetime Achievement***

Recognized as the preeminent scholar in understanding local politics and growth amidst global economic and political change, Dr. Kevin R. Cox, has blazed a career that has produced remarkable insights known far beyond his discipline. For almost fifty years, Kevin Cox has engaged the fundamental puzzles of Geography, making major contributions to questions of voting behavior, urban growth and development, and the politics of global economic change. In the process, he helped to imagine and create the fields of Behavioral Geography and modern Political Geography. He is the author of thirteen major books and more than one hundred articles and chapters. He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and awards from the Association of American Geographers, along with recognitions from his elite home institution, who have named him Distinguished University Professor, their highest honor. His papers have been consistently amongst the highest cited in the discipline and his audiences extend to the fields of Political Science, Planning, Urban Studies, and International Studies and beyond. Kevin's superlative care and mentoring of graduate students has had a global reach, effectively fostering several generations of influential Geographers, who occupy academic leadership positions in places as wide-ranging as Singapore, South Africa, India, and Canada, as well as the United States and United Kingdom. Known for generous mentoring of young faculty, moreover, his support and wisdom have flowed across the discipline. All of these contributions were made while maintaining a sharp eye on the formidable and grossly unjust challenges facing disenfranchised, minority, and underrepresented groups around the world.

In recognition of his superlative achievements that have led, defined, and transformed multiple fields within the discipline of Geography; and in honor of a career marked by a generosity of spirit in the training of generations of intellectual leadership, we are pleased to confer the 2012 AAG Lifetime Achievement Honors to Kevin R. Cox.