

LSGI Welcomes a Famous New Professor : Mei-Po KWAN



Professor Mei-Po KWAN, Visiting Chair Professor, has joined the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics (LSGI) on 1 June 2012. She has been a Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Professor of Geography at the Ohio State University.

Professor Mei-Po Kwan received her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1994, M.A. in Urban Planning from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1989, and B.SoSci. in Geography from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1985. She is currently Editor of *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*; also, she is Book Series Editor for the *SAGE Advances in Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Series* and is currently on the editorial board of *Journal of Transport Geography* and *Asian Geographer*.

Prof. Kwan has 22 edited or co-edited volumes which include one encyclopedia, three books and 18 journal special issues; and she has published 71 articles in refereed journals, 28 book chapters, 9 papers in conference proceedings and 14 research reports and bulletins. She has given over 300 presentations to date, including 123 keynote addresses and invited lectures and 67 invited presentations at professional meetings and specialists workshops.

Prof. Kwan has been widely recognized nationally and internationally for her contributions to advancing geography and applications of innovative geographic methods. She has delivered 123 keynote addresses and invited lectures (many are named) in countries including Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, U.K., and U.S.A.

Her invited lectures span schools and departments in many different disciplines, including city and regional planning, civil engineering, demography, geography, geosciences, history, political science, population studies, preventive medicine, psychology, public health, public policy and planning, sociology, spatial information science, transportation, urban engineering, and urban studies.

In addition, she has been invited as a visiting fellow or professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (China), Beijing University (China), Ritsumeikan University (Japan), the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands), Cardiff University (U.K.), Queen's University (Canada), Utrecht University (the Netherlands), Indiana University

– Purdue University (USA), University of California at Davis (USA), University of Hong Kong, and Baptist University of Hong Kong.

Prof. Kwan has received about 42 grants as Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator totaling US\$18 million from various US National funding sources, including National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA), US Department of Transportation (DoT) and other sources. Her recent projects increasingly embrace the interdisciplinary approaches thought to be highly important to scholarly progress. Moreover, Prof. Kwan is working with researchers in fields like medicine and public health in some of her recently funded NIH projects.

Her research addresses questions in urban, transportation, health, and economic geography through the application of innovative GIS methods that include GIS-based geocomputation, 3D geovisualization, and qualitative GIS. Importantly, a part of her work focuses on the complex interactions between people's activity-travel patterns and their physical and social environments. Her research interests are geographical information systems and science, geographic analysis of accessibility, geographies of health, information and communications technologies (ICT), research method, and geographies of gender, race and religion.