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AAG Executive Director Doug Richardson and President [Audrey Kobayashi](#) say human rights should be embedded in our work as geographers. What does this mean?

Since this time, AAG changed its name from Association of American Geographers to American Association of Geographers. There is a difference.

He is correct to say that “we are honored” when she agreed to accept the Atlas Award.

In this speech -- and with her MRFCJ work -- Dr. Robinson was at the forefront of the concept of climate justice. Although it has not yet been accomplished a decade later, it is at least understood more broadly as a goal.

THREE THEMES

13m: “Geography of climate change impacts and vulnerability.”

“Vulnerability is the ability to cope with risk.” -- this is the difference between physical location and true risk.

Climate migrants -- see Louisiana and Kiribati links.

19m: “Geography of Responsibility.”

20m: 1992 annex: Common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

In Durban, an agreement to fund differentiated responsibility was reached, but the funds have not been provided.

She points out the “Gordian knot” of imbalance between historic contributions to greenhouse gases and current emissions.

25m: “Geography of Politics and Power: Geopolitics”

Durban meeting in 2011 agreed to a legally binding agreement to be in effect by 2015.

She challenges us to think of climate resilience as an opportunity, not a costly burden.

She mentions small-island states. See AOSIS.

32:30: “I want to challenge you to speak up for the people living at risk from the impacts of climate change.”