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## About APCG

Founded in 1935 by a gathering of geographers including graduate students and faculty from universities, normal schools and junior colleges, and a few from government and industry, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge. Members gather at the annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual Yearbook, first published in 1935, that includes abstracts of papers from the meetings and a number of full length peer-reviewed articles. Members also receive the biannual newsletter *Pacifica*, first published in Fall 1994. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the Association of American Geographers, serving AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT.

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## Feature Article

### Indigenous Rights, Territory, and Small Hydropower in Puelwillimapu (Southern Chile)

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Springtime in the Puelwillimapu territory – spanning the Ríos and Lagos regions of Southern Chile – is unpredictable. For a week straight in early October, the sun bears down with ferocity. Then the rains fall heavily again, with snowfall in the higher Andean cordillera (mountain range) threatening recently planted crops. Many farmers opted to plant earlier this year, in hopes their plants will be hardier for summer's hot sun and increasingly worrying droughts. Yet there are more pressing concerns in this Mapuche-Huilliche ancestral territory – hydropower development threatens the veins of the territory: the many rivers that flow out of the cordillera. The legal process which exists to involve indigenous people in decision-making about their territory, specifically the Indigenous Consultation and how it interacts with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA process), is weak, ambiguous, and largely ineffective. In the case of hydropower, the intermediaries of the law are private consultation companies who work with project owners and state actors committed to fulfilling an ambitious energy agenda.

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## President's Column

### Issues Arising From the Executive Council Meeting

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Your Executive Council met for more than four hours on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> and the topics, the actors, and the actions are described elsewhere in Secretary Yolonda Young's report in this *Pacifica*. I want to highlight a couple of unresolved issues which would benefit from the thoughts and suggestions of the APCG membership. Then I will ruminate on the geographies of APCG membership and APCG activities.

**First: A venue for 2018?** As of now we have a 2017 meeting in Chico but we have not pinned down venues for the 2018 and 2019 meetings. We would like to be surprised by a message from a department that volunteers to discuss being a host! We would be just as pleased with an answer of "yes" when we inquire at some schools/cities that we will be targeting. Three of us feel the greatest responsibility for "beating the bushes" on this matter; contact us or entertain an inquiry from Past President Stephen Cunha, President Dennis Dingemans, or Vice President Paul Starrs. There is a general expectation that the meetings will move around and will over the years cover the corners of our region as well as the core. No part of our region would be ruled out from over-use and many attractive places in APCG land could be a "destination venue" or provide a close-up look at a thriving (or rising) cluster of academic faculty, staff, students, and facilities.

**Second,** we have gotten some blowback from our year-long experiment with a

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policy statement about who is asked to chair our annual Nominations Committee. In Palm Springs last year, the EC decided it would be good policy to use the Past President's experience a bit more systematically by asking that as a rule the committee be chaired by that outgoing ex-President. This year, in late October after we followed our new rule, we received a message from a couple of venerated grey beards who disagreed with our logic and asked us to consider changing the rule so that it **prevents** Executive Council members from participating as Nominations Committee members. "Have the selection of our officers be the product of an arm's length process" was their thrust and a fear of cliques or a reluctance to allow a perception of insider domination seem their motivation. Let us know if you have opinions on the issue. It may be that a compromise position would ask the Past President to chair but prevent currently-serving Executive Council members from being appointed to fill out the NC.

Meanwhile, please be reminded that the Bylaws of the APCG give three ways to be a candidate: "Officers may be nominated by a Nominations Committee, by a petition signed by fifteen (15) members and delivered to the Secretary for verification of membership status, or by write-in on the official ballot."

**Third**, we have unresolved issues concerning the World Geography Bowl as a regularly scheduled event in APCG's annual meetings. I will be gathering data and stories about what has happened in the recent past and what are the opportunities for continuing and strengthening that part of our regional meeting and, in years when our student team is strong, our participation in the AAG's national meeting. At issue is recruitment of student members, departmental teams, and leadership from faculty and students (including submission of questions). Just the simple matter of putting the Bowl in the annual meeting program needs a bit more systematic attention. If the Geography Bowl has been of interest to you in the past, please contact me to share your advice.

**Fourth**, I want to express appreciation for such a fine quantity and quality of field trips and paper and poster presentations at Portland/2016. The program of 142 papers, trips, and poster presentations at Portland is remarkable but it does reveal our organization's modest global and national reach. Counting only their lead author for posters and presentations, 2 were from the United Kingdom and one each from Portugal, Italy, Canada, and Australia. Disappointing but fitting with past patterns, none were from the American countries south of our border. The AAG's national meetings are increasingly populated by scholars from around the world while the APCG is not so cosmopolitan. Bob Richardson tells me that among the 2016 memberships just 3 of the 530 were from outside of the USA or Canada; only 40 of the 530 were from States and Provinces and Territories not in the APCG.

Portland's meeting had thirteen papers associated with 11 states not in the APCG's 8-state USA region. Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Alabama, and Texas give us a bi-coastal presence. Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas from the Midwest joined Montana to give us 13 from the near-abroad. No presenters were from the remaining 29 states.

Seven schools within Oregon contributed 50 lead authors or field trip leaders. Host Portland State University, with 25, showed an astounding turnout of their geographical community. U of O sent 10 presenters, OSU sent 6, Willamette sent 2, while Western Oregon and Portland Community College rounded out the strong regional response to the hosts in Portland.

Three of Oregon's shared-boundary neighbors responded variably but the aggregate figures were high. Washington's Western, Eastern, and Central Universities presented collectively 8 papers. Nevada sent 16 papers from the Reno campus alone and 1 from the Desert Research Institute. Idaho sent one. Those 3 states plus Oregon have 32% of APCG's members and 54% of APCG/Portland's presentations. Since those four have just 25% of the 8-state APCG population, on an "active geographers per capita" basis Oregon and its non-California neighbors anchor the core of APCG.

California had 31 presenters, six from Northern CA and 25 from Southern CA. Non-contiguous states Hawaii and Alaska together sent 3. Arizona sent 7, 3 each from U of A and ASU.

The 2015 Palm Springs meeting featured about two-thirds the amount of presentations as were given in 2016 (98 instead of 142). Two countries (Korea, Germany) presented one each. Nine non-APCG states presented 10 papers (coastal MA, NH, MD, VA, FL, AL, TX; interior NB, & UT). Roughly equivalent (weak) extra-regional draw was manifested during our last two APCG meetings.

No surprise due to the distances involved, in 2015 the Southern California venue attracted just 9 from Oregon and just 2 each from Washington, Nevada, and Idaho (an aggregate reduction from 76 in 2016 to only 15 in 2015 from the Northwest); and 1 from Alaska (none from Hawaii). Perhaps both high travel costs and weaker

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regional loyalties were at issue when the northern tier states didn't attend and present so "hugely" (as Donald Trump might put it) in 2015.

Strong home-state and near-neighbor attendance for presentations was shown in the 2015 Palm Springs data. Home-state California scholars made 60 presentations and nearly doubled the 31 given by Californians in Portland/2016. Arizona sent 10 presentations a comparatively short distance in 2015 compared to 7 presenters in Portland/2016.

The Palm Springs meetings attracted presenters from 33 APCG schools; Portland attracted presenters from 42 APCG schools.

No individual school in either year could top the Portland State record of 25 presentations from PSU when they hosted the meetings. The nearest rivals include 16 from Reno in 2016, 13 from Northridge in 2015, 10 from U of Oregon in 2016, 8 from Fullerton in 2016, 8 from SDSU in 2015, 7 from Northridge in 2016, 7 from UCLA in 2016, 7 from U of Arizona in 2015, and 6 from OSU in 2016.

A diagnostic pattern is shown by the comparison of California's UCs versus its CSUs. In Palm Springs UCLA (3), UCSB (2) and UCD (2) combined for 7 presentations; at Portland UCLA (6), UCD (2), and UCSB (2) combined for 11 presentations. Participation numbers for these PhD granting schools seem a bit thin for both years. The CSUs (California State University campuses) contributed an impressive 47 presentations from 11 campuses in 2015; in 2016 notable numbers continued to come from the CSU's -- 30 presentations coming from 11 campuses. In addition to the CSUs mentioned above (Northridge, San Diego, Fullerton) APCG papers and posters in these last two years came from Long Beach, Pomona, Fresno, Stanislaus, San Luis Obispo, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Maritime, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Los Angeles.

**Fifth**, to what extent do (and have in the past) California schools disproportionately dominate the APCG region's presentations at annual meetings? During the 1930s, California schools sent 48% of the presenters (30 of the 62 papers known to have been presented at the first five annual meetings). This was a time when California's population was 48% of the APCG's 8 states and California had 61% (27 of 44) of the charter members in the 8-state APCG region. Twenty years later, during the second half of the 1950s, 61% (41 of 68) of presentations were by California institutions when 67% of the 8-state APCG region's population was in California. A score of years later, during the Fresno meetings in 1975, a truly disproportionate 80% of the 83 presentations came from California schools. At Sonoma for the 1995 meetings, California schools made 55% of the 49 presentations. In historical perspective, the 2016 Portland meetings had a remarkably low 26% of its papers from the APCG states come from California when 63% of the APCG re-

## TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

### San Diego State College

June 16-18, 1959

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Association was held at San Diego State College, San Diego, California, with Dr. James W. Taylor as chairman of local arrangements. Four half-day sessions were devoted to research papers and a business meeting. The address of retiring President Francis J. Schadeegg was presented Wednesday evening, June 17, at the annual dinner.

#### Program

BOYCE, RONALD R., *Western Washington College, Bellingham*  
"The Central Business District Core-Frame Concept and Some of Its Implications."

COLE, CHESTER F., *Fresno State College*  
"Coalinga's Water Supply."

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"Peruvian Sailing Rafts: Problems of Their Origin."

\*GREGOR, HOWARD F., *San Jose State College*  
"Fact and Fancy in the Desert Farming of Southeastern California."

JOHNSON, MARTIN E., *University of California, Los Angeles*  
"Contrasts in the Indigenous Economies of Three African Peoples of the South Sudan."

KIRBY, PATRICK, *University of California, Los Angeles*  
"The Changing Character of Nakuru, Kenya."

KRAMER, FRITZ L., *University of Nevada*  
"Some Features in the Vicinity of Wheeler Peak, Nevada."

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"The Monterey Pine Makes Good in New Zealand."

PECK, ELMER W., *Riverside City College*  
"Air Pollution in the San Bernardino Valley."

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"An Alternate Interpretation of Koeppen's Dsb Climate in Oregon."

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gion's population lived in California. Palm Springs in 2015, with 70% of its papers from California Schools was by no means an extraordinarily dominant turn-out from the state that has 63% of the population of the 8 state APCG region.

**Sixth**, how many of the 80 annual meetings have been hosted in the various APCG member states? California is the leader with 43 (54%) of the hostings. Three times each, UCLA, UCB, and UCSB have been the venue. UCR, UCD, and UCSB have hosted one each. Stanford and USC and CalTech hosted together another 5 meetings. In contrast to these 17 meetings held at PhD granting institutions, there have been 12 CSU hosts sponsoring an aggregate of 25 APCG annual meetings. The leader is San Diego, having hosted 6 meetings. Northridge and Chico each hosted 3. Two each were arranged by Sacramento, San Francisco, Long Beach, and Humboldt. One each were held at Sonoma, Fresno, Hayward/EastBay, SLO, and San Bernardino.

Outside of California the leader is Washington with 11 of the 80 hostings, including 5 by Seattle/UWA, 2 by WASU, 2 by Bellingham, and one each from Evergreen and EWU. Oregon also has done its fair share with 9 meetings: Portland with 4, Eugene with 3, and Corvallis with 2.

Arizona's 5 meetings include 3 at Tucson and one each at Flagstaff and Tempe. Alaska's two were at Fairbanks. Idaho's two were at Moscow. Twice Reno hosted. Hawaii's was at Hilo. Victoria and Vancouver hosted in BC. Outside the region, Salt Lake City and Denver hosted meetings in the early years.

## Feature Article

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My collaborative dissertation research project poses research questions developed in conversation with a territorial Mapuche-Huilliche alliance. Its three lines of inquiry address hydropower impacts, conflicts, and the enactment of indigenous rights in relation to environmental and indigenous laws. The central aim is to examine the emerging implications of small hydropower development for indigenous territorial rights and self-determination. The project combines legal and ethnographic investigation to examine the governance issues posed by new trends in hydropower generation. The heart of our collaboration has focused on the interactions between small, run-of-river hydropower and indigenous rights through iterative meetings and systematization of territorial data. We methodologically combine participatory mapmaking and other social science methods such as transects with the traditional Mapuche-Huilliche form of dialogue and decision-making (see Picture 2). Through examining the EIA process among other forms of conflict resolution and conducting interviews across sectors, I also document the interests of actors such as government officials, hydropower industry employees, tourism operators, educators, conservationists.



Picture 1. Precordillera in Puelwillimapu

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# Report on the Seventy-Ninth Annual Meeting

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers held its 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on October 5-8 at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. Over 250 academic, professional, and student members of the APCG came together for paper and poster sessions, the welcoming keynote session and reception, the presidential plenary, field trips, and the awards banquet. The collegial and supportive atmosphere at the APCG meetings makes it a great forum for exchanging ideas and we were pleased to host this year's meeting at PSU.

The Portland State University Department of Geography faculty hosted the meeting on their campus and most of the events took place in the Smith Memorial Student Union. The opening session began on (a rainy) Wednesday evening. PSU Provost Sona Andrews, APCG President Stephen Cunha, Director of PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Robert Liberty, and PSU Department Chair Heejun Chang each greeted the gathering before the opening plenary. Philip Mote, Director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Center and Oregon Climate Services, and Professor at the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University delivered the opening plenary, 'Planning in the face of uncertainty: what we don't know about our changing climate'. A reception in the browsing room overlooking the South Park Blocks and replete with Oregon beers and wines followed the opening session.

For the 2016 meeting, all poster and paper sessions met on Thursday and Friday and the field trips occurred on Saturday. APCG members presented over 140 papers and posters in 4 (and at times 5) concurrent sessions. Sessions topics spanned the gamut of interests held by the members of our organization and the program is available on line at the APCG and PSU Department of Geography websites.

A number of organized events and sessions took place on (an also rainy) Friday. In the morning, the APCG Women's Network sponsored a panel discussion focused on mentorship and action strategies related to gender equity and diversity in higher education. Organized and chaired by Katie Meehan of the University of Oregon and Jessie Clark of the University of Nevada, Reno, the session panelists were Kate Berry, University of Nevada, Reno, Harriet Hawkins, University of London, and Amy Lobben, the University of Oregon. The session was later followed by a lunch sponsored by the APCG Women's Network.

In the late morning, Stephen Cunha delivered his Presidential Address on the topic of his research on evolving land protection in the Pamir Mountains of Tajikistan. The environmental and political context provided by Stephen was supported and illustrated by an extraordinary collection of his photographs from the region.

The Student's Awards Banquet took place in the Smith Memorial Student Union ballroom on Friday evening at this year's meeting. Excellent student presentations were plentiful and the great turnout made decisions about choosing award winners particularly difficult this year. APCG vice-president Dennis Dingemans, of UC Davis, emceed the event.

On Saturday (the day it didn't rain much and when the weather was actually quite nice), four field trips coordinated by Barbara Brower offered a number of different looks at the Portland area. Martha Works led a group on a Landscapes of Wine in Oregon tour. Andres Holz and Martin LaFrenz led an excursion on the Biogeography and Geomorphology of Mount Hood. Barbara Brower and Robert Voeks took a group to the Columbia River Gorge and the Hood River Valley. David Banis and Hunter Shobe stayed more local and led a crew of participants on a meandering walking and public transportation tour of Portland, very loosely connected to their book *Portlandness: a cultural atlas*.

The event came together thanks to the efforts of many APCG members and people at Portland State University. Steve Graves of California State Northridge single-handedly put the registration site together. David Deis and James Craine, also of California State Northridge, designed the clean and sharp look of the meeting program. The PSU Department of Geography staff, especially Seyra Croy, Iliana Torres, and Andrea Celentano, was instrumental in helping pull everything together before, during and after the meeting. The success of the meeting was also due to the hard work of our student volunteers: Alexis Cooley, Alex Costello, Tim Hitchins, Janardan Mainali, Aylan Lee, Ali Santora, Douglas Thalacker, and Ashley Weslowski. Special thanks are extended to Debbie Blackmore for her time and support and to Martha Works, organizer of the 2003 APCG annual meeting (also held at PSU), whose contributions and support proved invaluable.

Thanks to everyone who helped put the conference together and thank you to all the participants!

Hunter Shobe and David Banis

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Picture 2. Collaborative research blending Mapuche-Huilliche and Social Science methodologies

A year ago, the Margaret Trussell Scholarship funded a dissertation scoping trip before I moved to Chile for extended fieldwork. This austral spring visit allowed me to strengthen my collaborative research plan, and to prepare upcoming summer research to better document the potential impacts of hydropower on activities such as farming, tourism, and ceremony. During this trip I began to grapple with the new governance challenges posed by the development of small, run-of-the-river hydropower. In Chile, and internationally, small is defined by the megawatts (MW) generated. While internationally there is a growing consensus that small hydropower generates between 1-10 MW, in Chile small and mini are defined as 20 MW or less, with projects generating 3 MW or less not entering the EIA process. Run-of-the-river refers to system designs that do not hold water for more than 24 hour periods, as opposed to (large) dams that create reservoirs, or artificial lakes. It is a misleading term because it obscures that significant water can be diverted via pipes and canals to generate electricity outside of the river channel. In a forthcoming review of the scholarly literature on small hydropower impacts and policy implications,

my colleagues and I document a growing consensus that small hydropower is not necessarily more benign than large hydropower reservoir dams, particularly considering the cumulative impacts of multiple small hydropower projects in a watershed (Kelly-Richards et al., 2017). While the water resources used for hydropower production are often conceived of as renewable, hydropower projects generate negative, land-based impacts that disproportionately affect indigenous and rural communities. Throughout Latin America, reinvigorated hydropower development stands in conflict with indigenous territorial rights. I designed my methods based on the observation that recognition of these territorial rights depends first on understanding small hydropower's interactions with these territories, and second on the historical and current relationship between law and territory.

In 2009, Chile ratified the International Labor Organization's Convention 169 (hereafter ILO Convention) concerning indigenous and tribal people. To codify the Indigenous Consultation process for projects that can generate impacts in indigenous territory, Chile then passed Decreto 40 in 2012 (Regulation for the Environmental Impact Assessment System) and Decreto 66 in 2013 (Regulation for the Consultation) (Leppe Gúzman, 2015). In my research I have found that the nascent consultation process is ambiguous, weak, and ineffective in its legal language and in practice, and that these limitations are exaggerated by the protagonist role granted to private actors implementing the consultation process (the hydropower company and by extension the third-party consultancy agency hired by the hydropower company). It bears mentioning that the Indigenous Consultation for projects like hydropower is one consultation among many. Consultations vary greatly by government agency – this variance not only produces mixed outcomes and frustrations, but it is increasingly time- and resource-intensive for indigenous leaders.

Overall, the consultation is weak because the mechanism does not outline what happens if communities reject the project (Interview, October 26, 2016). It is ambiguous for a number of reasons, allowing consultation agencies to interpret and carry out the consultation at different moments in project implementation (most often after project details have been decided, and significant investment undertaken, see Tecklin et al., 2011 for overview of EIA process). This ambiguity also manifests spatially in terms of the area deemed to be directly impacted (thus determining who is consulted, and who is not). More often than not it provokes conflicts surrounding representation of indigenous communities, whereby new juridical communities (legally-recognized communities via the Ley Indígena, Indigenous Law) are formed dur-



Picture 3. Caunahue River

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Picture 4. “Small” run-of-the-river hydropower project, Minicentral Las Flores

ing the hydropower development process. On a case-by-case basis in courts and other administrative agencies, indigenous people and their lawyers can effectively exercise their rights to halt a particularly harmful project via citing the ILO Convention within a broader resistance strategy. Yet despite public emphasis on the technical nature of the EIA process, interpretations of claims against projects are influenced by political-economic interests and social movement pressures. Ultimately, these shortcomings combine with a history of land dispossession and long-term failure to recognize the rights of the Mapuche Nation, rendering the consultation ineffective in many cases.

While I agree with the lawyers and government officials I’ve interviewed that the existing consultation is an improvement, it continues to place the burden on indigenous peoples and their allies to creatively exercise their rights in order to momentarily have a voice in territorial decision-making. One of the most difficult and important challenges for protecting indigenous rights is how the concept of territory is recognized, codified, and interpreted within Chilean law. Private actors with an interest in their own profit are not neutral arbiters of the ILO Convention; the Chilean state should be acting as the intermediary. This case study unearths tensions and poses governance questions regarding the benevolence of transition to renewable energy in indigenous territories internationally, calling for closer examination of how ILO Convention is codified and operationalized in practice.

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# Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting in the SMSU building Room 327, at Portland State University's campus, was opened by Stephen Cunha at 5:00pm on Friday, October 7, 2016 with 40 people present.

Minutes from Fall 2015 APCG Business Meeting in Palm Springs, California were approved.

**Election Results:** 164 ballots were returned according to Bob Richardson.

Dennis Dingemans – President

Paul Starrs – Vice President

Bob Richardson – Treasurer

Sriram Khé – AAG Councilor

Continuing Secretary: Yolonda

YoungsPast-President: Stephen Cunha

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Richardson's Treasurer Report was distributed (see p. 12 for specifics). The first page is a narrative of the budget, a brief overview of the twenty-five year snapshot, the special funds, APCG Yearbook and membership numbers.

We are in good shape, with receipts exceeding disbursements by about \$6,550 in excess of disbursements; but the Palm Springs accounting is not closed yet, and at the moment they are \$1,500 in the red. Jim Craine is trying to get CSUN people to help reduce that, as he'd been promised. If nothing happens we'd be more like \$5,050 in the black this year. Receipts included \$1,275 generously donated on short notice to help pay for the Susan Hardwick reception at the AAG meeting this past spring in San Francisco. We gave AAG \$1,400 to help cover their costs. Paypal charges will go up next year but Bob secured us a lower fee as a non-profit, saving Portland registrations around \$100. Regional allocation from AAG: \$1,500, plus now AAG is offering \$500 for World Geography Bowl, plus up to \$350 if matched, which we did. Membership expenses (\$2,111) include reimbursement for stamps and mailing supplies for two years (\$1,832).

**Special Funds.** The Trussell, Bailey,

and McKnight/Clemons funds continue to draw down on principal. The McKnight/Clemons Best paper award was increased to \$500 three years ago. The Area Studies award was paid out of APCG money this year. Women's Network drew down \$1,777 this year. Larry Ford fund grew by \$747, giving two awards of \$500 in Palm Springs. LATS grew by \$615, and made one award for \$300 at Palm Springs. ISTS gave no award and grew by \$385. ADSTS made no awards in 2015 and grew by \$434. No Christopherson Geosystems Award was made in Palm Springs so the fund remains at just over \$1,000. Robert and Bobbé intend to contribute \$1,000 annually to cover the two awards when given. All the special funds are in need of continued support and, all told, approximately \$4,508 (down about \$1000 from 2015) in contributions made this FY of which \$3,837 came with dues renewals (about the same as last year), the rest separately. Remember, another \$1,275 was contributed for the Susan Hardwick reception. Our membership continues to be very generous.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Fiscal Committee reviewed Bob Richardson's books and bookkeeping and found the APCG Treasurer's Report to be in good order and well done. The committee thanks Bob for his many years of superior service as Treasurer.

**Membership** numbers are 519 as of the Portland 2016 meeting (which includes regular members, student members, retired members, etc). This is better than the past two years but overall membership has been declining. The discussion at the Business Meeting included comments that dwindling membership is a serious problem.

An APCG Membership Committee has been appointed to recruit new members for APCG. The committee consists of Robin Dattel, Sriram Khé, and Yolonda Youngs. Robin Dattel, as Chair of the Membership Committee, presented a committee report at the Business Meeting. The committee is looking for a fourth member to join the committee. Representation from the southern part

the APCG region would be ideal.

Through a request submitted to the Executive Council by Robin Dattel as Chair of the Membership Committee, the membership committee requested several items. They requested that the Executive Council approve the use of social media as part of a membership outreach effort. The Membership Committee would work with a graduate student to establish an APCG Twitter feed. The student would receive free registration to next year's meeting (2017) in exchange for the student running a Twitter campaign during the meeting. Yolonda Youngs would supervise the graduate student for this first year of the social media outreach.

The Membership Committee also requested that the Executive Council approve an outreach campaign to junior faculty members in APCG. The campaign request includes offering up to 40 free APCG memberships to faculty who meet the following requirements: (1) no previous non-student APCG membership and (2) no more than 5 years post-doctorate. The Membership committee would contact Geography Department Chairs to get the names and contact information of qualified faculty and then write them personal invitations to join. The committee would indicate in the letter a deadline to apply for a free membership, as well as let them know that the offer is limited. The committee would track attendance at next year's APCG meeting and membership renewals to see how this strategy is working. This effort is aimed at recruiting early career faculty members who can sustain the organization in the years ahead. Younger faculty tend to be more diverse, so this effort may result in increased diversity in our organization.

**2017 Conference Report:** The 2017 APCG conference will be October 25 - 28 in Chico, CA. The conference will be at the campus of CSU Chico and hosted by the Department of Geography and Planning. The conference theme will be Sustainable Communities. The department submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee for this meeting that included a variety of paper session topics, field

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# Business Meeting Minutes

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trips (including historic Chico, Sierra Nevada Brewery, Big Chico Ecological Reserve, Lassen National Park, Sutter Buttes, and Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge), schedule of events, accommodation ideas, and maps of campus and town. The proposal noted that the department has already arranged a year in advance all of the facilities in the schedule, both on and off campus. The conference co-leaders are Dr. Mark Stemen, Dr. Scott Brady, and Dean Fairbanks. Eugenei Rovai (CSU Chico) attended part of the Executive Council meeting and shared the Chico proposal with the group.

**2018 Conference:** Several meeting sites were discussed including Hilo University, HI, University of Northern Arizona, in Flagstaff, AZ, Las Vegas, NV, Fullerton, CA, and Reno, NV.

**Yearbook Report:** We received one royalty check and one bill from the University of Hawaii Press this year, after none last year. For the most recent volume with completed financials (76) we're in the black (\$1,606) thanks to Project MUSE. Volume 78 has been mailed and is online at MUSE. It is Jim Craine's longest ever, twice as long as v.77, and his last, after two five-year stints as editor. Our next bill and royalty will net us \$4,617. All is good!

Jim Craine is stepping down as Editor but will assist with v.79. A position announcement and call for a new Editor was published online at the APCG website. Two highly qualified candidates applied for and were interviewed for the position.

At the Executive Council meeting on Saturday, October 8, the council voted to appoint Dr. Craig Revels, Associate Professor of Central Washington University as the new *Yearbook* editor starting in 2017.

**Pacifica report** Vienne Vu will continue on as the editor for the online *Pacifica*. She requested that all input for Fall *Pacifica* for publication be submitted by early or mid November, with a possible Thanksgiving publishing date. New feature articles possible with the online publishing, including color photos. Students receiving some grants are mandated to be included in the *Pacifica*.

**Trussell Scholarship:** Peggy Hauselt (chair for the Trussell Scholarship Committee) provided a brief report. Two \$1,000 scholarships are given per year and we continue to give two a year. Fund is being drawn down. If we start to reduce the award size, then it might not be as helpful a scholarship to the recipients. Recipients want to travel abroad to collect data. Should we reduce to 1 or keep 2? Bob Richard-

son noted that some people send contributions to the Trussell out of the blue.

**AAG Councillor:** Sriram Khé was voted in as the new AAG Councillor this year.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**President's report:** Stephen Cunha related that we are all set for next year's meeting at Chico. There was a discussion about membership and ways to register and a common way to link registration and membership in same place.

**Executive Council Meeting:** The EC meeting was held on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Crammer Hall 409 on the Portland State University campus.

## Discussion Topics:

**Awards:** Steve Cunha proposed to reorganize the APCG Student Awards into Doctoral, Master's, Undergraduate, and a Poster categories. There was a discussion of judges and the need for trained judges, rubrics for judging, and the logistics of judging multiple presenters at the same time. The AAG is also offering a travel grant of \$1,000. A vote was taken at the Business Meeting and most in attendance agreed that a new awards structure should be considered by the Executive Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Yolonda Youngs, APCG Secretary

# 2016 Student Awards



## 2016 APCG Student Paper Awards

Nine awards were given for outstanding student presentations at the Portland meeting:

### **Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for the Outstanding Student Paper, \$500**

Name: Ashley Fent

Affiliation: University of California, Los Angeles

Title of Paper: The Politics of Defining the “Local” Population in a Zircon Mining Controversy in Casamance, Senegal

Advisor: Eric Sheppard

### **Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems (Graduate), \$500**

Name: Denielle Perry

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Paper: A Political Ecology of Federal River Conservation: 50 Years of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act

Advisor: Alexander Murphy

### **Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems (Undergraduate), \$500**

Names: Summer Grandy, Brooke Holmes, Zoe Shaw, and Georgia Hastie

Affiliation: University of Portland

Title of Paper: Developing New Substrates to Improve Ecoroof Performance in the US Pacific Northwest

Advisor: Ted Eckmann

### **Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for the Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, \$200**

Names: Logan Simpson, Samantha G. Wight, and Joe L. Walker

Affiliation: University of Portland

Title of Paper: Analyzing Winds and Spatial Patterns to Identify Sources of Industrial Odors in Portland, Oregon

Advisor: Ted Eckmann

### **Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for Excellence in Area Studies, \$200**

Name: Sarah Hughes

Affiliation: University of California, Los Angeles

Title of Paper: Suburban occupation: constructing ‘home’ in West Bank settlements

Advisor: John Agnew

### **President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, \$200**

Name: Yi Yu

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Paper: Institutional Mother, Professional Caregiver—The Biopolitics of Affective Labor in State-owned Social Welfare Institutions in China

Advisor: Xiaobo Su

### **President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by an M.A. or M.S. Student, \$200**

Name: Clare Beer

Affiliation: University of California, Los Angeles

Title of Paper: Land Conservation as Environmental Statecraft: A State-theoretical Approach to Biodiversity Protection in Chile

Advisor: Eric Sheppard

### **President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200**

Name: Christiana Saldana

Affiliation: California State University, Los Angeles

Title of Paper: Loftification

### **President’s Award for Outstanding Student Poster Presentation, \$200**

Names: Stacey Olson and Gabriella Alvarez

Affiliation: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Title of Poster: A Patchwork of Assistance: Tulare County’s Response to California’s Historic Drought

Advisor: Brian Pompeii

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### **Margaret Trussell Scholarship, \$1000 each**

Carly Nichols, Ph.D. student, University of Arizona

Barbara Quimby, Ph.D. student, San Diego State University

### **Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography** *Not awarded in 2016*

### **Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, \$200 each**

Kevin Goxcon, California State University, Fullerton.

Anay Palafox, California State University, Fullerton.

### **African Descent Student Travel Scholarship** *Not awarded in 2016*

### **Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship** *Not awarded in 2016*

### **Women’s Network Travel Grant Recipients**

Recipients received a one-year APCG membership and lunch at the APCG Women’s Network Luncheon.

Dongmei Chen, University of Oregon

Yael Golan, San Francisco State University

Anay Palafox, California State University, Fullerton

Christiana Saldana, California State University, Los Angeles

Yolanda Valencia, University of Washington



# 2016 Student Awards

## 2016 Travel Grants

The student membership of the APCG was very well-represented in Portland, with numerous excellent presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 19 travel grants for student presenters from fourteen different campuses.

Gabriella Alvarez, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
Clare Beer, University of California, Los Angeles  
Gregory Beringer, California State University, Fullerton  
Chelsea Canon, University of Nevada, Reno  
Dongmei Chen, University of Oregon  
Cynthia Davis, California State University, Fullerton  
Maelynn Dickson, California State University, Fullerton  
Daniel Ervin, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Yael Golan, San Francisco State University  
Thad Hogan, University of North Alabama  
Sara Nichole Hughes, University of California, Los Angeles  
Cheryl King, California State University, Fullerton  
Casey Lynch, University of Arizona  
Guadalupe Maldonado, California State University, Fullerton  
Heather Monteleone, California State University, Fullerton  
Sam Nowak, University of California, Los Angeles  
Stacey Olson, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
Barbara Quimby, San Diego State University  
Angela Sakrison, Arizona State University

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## Special Recognition!

For the eighth year in a row, Bill Bowen has covered the cost of award banquet dinners for all student first-presenters at the Portland meeting, all forty-seven of them this time, for a total of \$1,175. The banquet has become a fun, boisterous occasion, packed with students, the majority of whom probably wouldn't attend were it not for his generosity. Thanks Bill, from us all!

Having served as Treasurer for so long (Portland was my 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in that capacity), I'm enjoying seeing student members from awhile ago show up as faculty members (and in the case of Yolonda Youngs and Vienne Vu, as an officer or editor). Ted Eckmann (who joined when he was a UCSB PhD student in 2008 and attended our Fairbanks meeting, with a travel grant and he won President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a PhD student) attended the Portland meeting as a faculty member with a number of his undergraduate students at the University of Portland. Summer Grandy won the Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Undergraduate Student Paper, along with co-authors Brooke Holmes, Zoe Shaw, and George Hastie. Logan Simpson won the Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, along with co-authors Samantha Wright and Joe Walker. Thanks Ted. Fabulous! One more thing—Ted was on our winning World Geography Bowl Team back in 2009.

The bills are still coming in from Portland (which I'm paying this year since all the money came into our PayPal account through the WildApricot registration site) and it looks as though there will be a very nice profit, thanks to the great work done by Hunter Shobe and Dave Banis at PSU. They had a shorter timeline to work with than normal, but it all came out great. Both of them started in the APCG as student members. Hunter joined in 2000 while a student at Oregon, and received a travel grant to help him attend our annual meeting that year in Arcata. Dave joined in 2003 while in the MA program at Portland State U. and has remained a member ever since. He was a double winner in my "A Hard Day's Night—the Larry Ford Challenge" contest two years ago: he won the drawing portion of it, and shared the runner-up award I created for him and one other person who were dinged half a point for identifying Ringo's camera as an *Asahi* Pentax, but otherwise had perfect scores. Thanks guys!

# Treasurer's Report

October 7, 2016, Smith Memorial Student Union, Portland State University  
Robert T. Richardson, Sacramento State Univ.  
Transactions for July 1, 2015--June 30, 2016

**Forward at close of books, 7/1/15** **\$120,263.52**

## RECEIPTS

Dues	\$10,007.00
AAG Regional Allocation	\$1,500.00
YEARBOOK (UHP yr ending 6/30/14)	\$8,988.61
Interest on Regular Accounts	\$171.01
General contributions (Torregrosa, MacDonald, Houghton, Francaviglia)	\$179.00
AAG contribution for GeoBowl (pass-thru from AAG--\$500 +\$350 we matched)	\$850.00
Susan Hardwick Reception contributions	\$1,275.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$22,970.62</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

APCG '15 Annual Meeting Grants & Awards	\$6,171.83
Student Travel Awards (inc. \$1,200 GeoBowl)	\$5,250.00
President's Awards (inc. DSA plaques & AS)	\$921.83
Corporate Filing Fee (Olympia, WA)	\$10.00
To AAG for Susan Hardwick Reception	\$1,400.00
PayPal charges	\$130.94
Membership: renewals, ballots, etc.	\$938.73
YEARBOOK v.76	\$3,863.08
YEARBOOK v.77	\$356.69
YEARBOOK v.78	\$3,550.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$16,421.27</b>

**Balance on books, 6/30/16** **\$126,812.87**

## SPECIAL FUNDS

Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$1,996.57
(\$200 award and \$3.08 interest)	-\$197.19
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$1,799.38</b>
McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$11,599.26
(\$500 award and \$16.92 interest)	-\$483.08
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$11,116.18</b>
Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$48056.84
(2 Trussell awards, \$70.20 interest*, and \$51 contribs—Delgado & Houghton)	-\$1,878.80
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$46,178.05</b>
Women's Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$7,006.88
(\$3,000.00 grants, \$1,215 contributions, and \$8.59 interest)	-\$1,776.41
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$5,230.47</b>
Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/15)	\$26,089.98
(2 \$500 grants, \$1,707.00 contributions, and \$39.19 interest)	\$746.19
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$26,836.17</b>
Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$8,178.19
(\$300 in grants, \$903 contributions, and \$12.35 interest)	\$615.35
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$8,793.54</b>
Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/15)	\$2,735.95
(\$0 in grants, \$381 in contributions and \$4.32 interest)	\$385.32
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$3,121.27</b>
African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/15)	\$2,242.61
(\$0 in grants, \$431 in contributions and \$3.66 interest*)	\$434.66
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$2,677.26</b>
Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (forward 7/1/15)	\$1,002.24
(\$0 in awards, \$0 in contributions, and \$1.50 interest)	\$1.50
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$1,003.74</b>

\* note: interest pro-rated among funds, causing some rounding errors; closing balances are correct



# Members

## New Members

Welcome to these 142 new members who have joined since the list in the Spring 2016 issue (\*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined). Most of them joined in conjunction with attending the Annual Meeting in Portland.

Mark Adams  
Sanchayeeta Adhikari  
Naomi Adiv  
Gabriella Alvarez  
Clare Beer  
Kelly Biedenweg  
Douglas Boyle  
Barbara Brower\*  
Maggie Bruckner  
Carla Cerda  
Heejun Chang\*  
Dongmei Chen  
Michael Childers  
Sandra Childers  
Julie Cidell\*  
Jessie H. Clark\*  
Emma Colven  
Presley Conrad  
Alexis Cooley  
Eric Dahlaw  
Cynthia Davis  
Jhasmine Rae De Los Angeles  
Elvin Delgado  
Susanne Dengenis  
Judah Detzer  
Maelynn Dickson  
Kevin Donohue\*  
Mark Drayse\*  
Christopher Druck  
Geoggrey Duh\*  
Gerald Dwyer  
Elise Eberhard  
Dominique Edmond  
Laura Englund-Krusee  
Kali Fernandez  
Ken Fichtelman  
Aquila Flower\*  
Richard Francaviglia  
Yael Golan  
Gemayel Kevin Goxcon  
Summer Grandy  
Steve Graves\*  
Samantha Hamlin

John Harrington Jr.  
Matthew Hemmatijou  
Gary Hennigh  
Tera Hinkley  
Tim Hitchins  
Thadeus Hogan  
Andres Holz  
Shaun Huston\*  
Shireen Hyrapiet  
Marissa Isaak  
Lauren James  
Kate Jones  
David Kerr  
Joseph Klein  
Gabriel Kohler  
Martin D. Lafrenz\*  
Devin M. Lea  
Darren Leaver  
Su Jin Lee  
Aylan Lee  
Drew Lehman  
Amanda Lindgren  
Amy Lobben\*  
Paul Loikith  
Elsie Love  
Richard Lycan  
Dillon Mahmoudi  
Guadalupe Maldonado  
Melanie Malone  
Richard A. Marston  
Marissa Matsler  
Cameron McCormick  
Elliot G. McIntire\*  
Rebecca McLain\*  
Leslie McLees\*  
Briana Meier  
Kevin Michael Mercy  
Katelyn Michelson  
Ryan Miller\*  
Edward Miller  
Kevin Moens  
Olivia Molden\*  
Heather Monteleone

Monica Moreno-Espinoza  
Don Morrill  
Randall Morris  
Deanna Nash  
Samuel Nowak  
Michael Nowicki  
Stacey Olson  
Alex Pakalniskis  
Anay Palafox\*  
Joe Pallon  
Elliot Pearson  
Michael W. Pesses\*  
Dusty Pilkington  
Sarah Proctor  
Barbara Quimby  
Brittany Raizada  
Zuriel Rasmussen\*  
Michael Reed  
Darren Roach  
Dr. Cathy Robinson\*  
Hope Rosen  
Gabriel Rousseau  
Stefan Safranek  
Angela Sakrison  
Christiana Saldana  
Noriyuki Sato\*  
Annamarie Sawyer  
Alec Seidler  
Amir Sheikh  
Hunter Shobe\*  
Matthew Shubin  
Leann Silvia  
Terry Simmons\*  
Logan Simpson  
Lindsay Skog  
Emily Slinskey  
Martin Swobodzinski\*  
Jesse Tenenbaum  
Andrew Thorne  
Jenna Tilt  
Vyacheslav Tislin  
Ivan Townshend  
Tera Trujillo

Yolanda Valencia  
Susan M. Walcott  
Joe Walker  
Deseret Weeks  
Denis White  
Claire Wieszczyk  
Randall Wilson  
Stephanie Wolf  
Keith Woodward\*  
Scott Wright  
Ramses Yanez  
Joshua Yarno  
Yi Yu

# Members

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## Special Funds Contributions

Since the Spring 2016 listing \$2,120 in new contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$485 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$365 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$655 to the Latina/o Travel Scholarship Fund, \$80 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$50 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$315 to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship Fund, and \$170 in general contributions. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds:

Sarah E. Anderson  
Diane T. Besser  
Fernando Bosco  
John A. Carthew  
Jim Craine  
Vicki Drake  
Richard Francaviglia  
Barbara E. Fredrich  
Gary Hennigh  
Cheryl King  
Larry Knopp  
William A. Koelsch

Drew Lehman  
Dillon Mahmoudi  
Kevin E. McHugh  
L. HoMana Pawiki  
Robert T. Richardson  
Diane Ward  
Denis White  
Claire Wieszczyk

# In Memoriam

Leland R. Pederson  
1928-2016  
Emeritus Professor  
Geography and Regional Development  
University of Arizona

Please click on the highlighted name for a link to the individual's obituary.

## Membership

Questions about membership should be directed to Bob Richardson at:

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Visit the APCG web site at <http://www.apcgweb.org> for information about the organization and for a new member application form.

APCG member dues, raised starting 2009, are:

Regular \$25,

Student or Retired \$15,

Contributing \$30 or more  
(any contribution over \$25 is tax deductible).

A Second (Joint) member may be added to any of these categories for another \$3.

Second (Joint) members receive a ballot but not another copy of the Yearbook.

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Unless indicated otherwise, checks dated before November 1 will be credited to the current year, while those dated after November 1 will be credited to the next year.

Only current year members receive the Yearbook.

Current members will be sent a membership renewal notice near the end of the calendar year.



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