

The Women's Network

of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 2023 Women's Network Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2023 Women's Network Award Recipients!



Margaret Trussell Scholarship Awardees

Caitlin Berry
Pasadena City College
Associate's Degree for Transfer



Project Title: *An Analysis of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's System Hardening Efforts*

Monica Pech Cardenas
School of Earth & Sustainability
Northern Arizona University
PhD Earth Sciences and
Environmental Sustainability



Project Title: *Social-ecological Drivers of Watershed Modification and their Influence on Mangrove Protection and Restoration Efforts*

Gwenyth Greco
Climate Land and Spatial Science Lab
California State University
Northridge
MS Geographic Information Science



Project Title: *The Relationship Between Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutis*) Foraging and Disturbance on Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) Meadows in Morrow Bay, California*

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Aila Badagi
PhD Geography
University of Nevada Reno

Aila Bandagi is from Hyderabad, Telangana. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Geography and Masters in Gender, race and identity from the University of Nevada, Reno. Aila's research is motivated by a personal need to make cities, and transportation in India responsive to the needs of women. Aila Bandagi's research focuses on women's embodied and intimate experiences of urban transportation that ultimately aid in envisioning and establishing a feminist city. For her PhD, she is studying the everyday mobility practices of women working in the Information Technology (IT) industry in Hyderabad, highlighting the multiple contradictions of being global citizens in a Southern city. Aila believes that transportation spaces are important political and social sites where expectations of gender roles and responsibilities meet, and where urban belonging, and the gendered right to the city, is negotiated. She also enjoys reading fantasy, organizing events and is a really good Bollywood dancer.

Melinda Collins
MA Geography and Environmental Studies
California State University Northridge



Melinda "Mindy" Collins is a MA student in the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences at California State University Northridge. As a geoscientist interested in studying global environmental change, she came to geography to study human impacts on the environment. Her research compares and contrasts coastal armoring techniques in Santa Barbara Channel. Having worked in traditionally male-dominated career fields, including the United States Air Force and the Oil & Gas Industry, Mindy understands the key role women's networks play in mentorship. She is excited to become a part of the APCG Women's Network and honored to contribute to geography through the Margaret Trussell Scholarship. An outdoor enthusiast at heart, Mindy enjoys trips to the beach with her spouse and two children, igniting her interest and passion for coastal geomorphology.



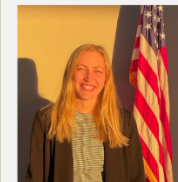
Chevon C. Holmes
University of California, Davis
PhD Geography

Project Title: *Geography of Cannabis: Do (de)criminalization studies assay legal weed?*



Danielle A. Juarez
Northern Arizona University
MS Geography

Project Title: *Navigating Protections: Spatial and Policy Analysis of River Conservation Policies in the US*



Jessica Raty
Free-flowing Rivers Lab
Northern Arizona University
MS Environmental Science & Policy

Project Title: *Assessing the Spatial Distribution and trends of Outstanding National Resource Water Designations of the Clean Water Act*



Mengya Xu
Spatial Sciences Institute
University of Southern California
PhD Population, Health, and Place

Project Title: *Food Access in Los Angeles County: The role of the Food Environment, Transportation Modalities, Activity Spaces, Mobility, and Time.*