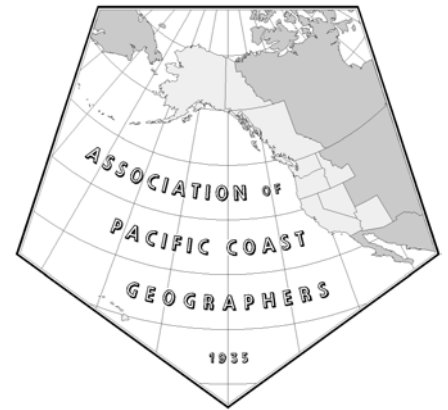


# PACIFICA



The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Fall 2010

## RESEARCH SUMMARY BY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Cultural Geography Fieldwork Scholarship, and the Margaret Trussell Scholarship, are annual competitive awards for graduate students in Geography. Both these scholarships require the awardees to submit a summary of the research work for publication in *Pacifica*.

Gretchen Hill and Mutha Ramanathan were awarded the Trussell Scholarships in 2010. Gretchen Hill was also the winner of the Larry Ford Fieldwork in Cultural Geography award and received the President's Award for Outstanding Master's Paper for her presentation at the Coeur d'Alene conference in September.

A Masters Student's Fieldwork Experience:  
**The Basque Block: An Invention of Place**  
Gretchen Hill  
University of Oregon

During the summer of 2010, I travelled to my study area in Boise, ID known as the "Basque Block" before, during, and after the largest Basque International Cultural Festival in the world. Boise, ID has a considerable Basque population and is known for developing the only Basque International Cultural Festival, known as Jaialdi, held every five years to commemorate the Basque culture in Idaho. Although Jaialdi is a significant factor to maintaining the Basque identity, and a key component to my research, I am focusing mainly on the construction and maintenance of the Basque Block located in Boise's urban center. This space, officially recognized as the Basque Block, is a network of streets with both historical and modern institutions catered to Basques and non-Basques alike. My ultimate decision in visiting Boise, before, during, and after Jaialdi was to determine how this space was being utilized, and in what ways this space was performing for locals and outsiders. I found that the Basque Block's construction of heritage plays an important role in maintaining the Basque identity, al

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Research Summary by Scholarship Winners  
**Tracing Spatial Technology in a Rural Development Landscape of South India**  
Muthatha Ramanathan  
University of Washington

Muthatha Ramanathan is a graduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of Washington. Her dissertation develops an understanding of the emerging, yet ambivalent trend of spatial technology-based development in the rural development sector in India through an ethnography of the everyday use of technology. Influenced by critical development geography and science and technology studies, the significance of her study hinges on a conceptualization of this trend as a development process and a technological process, and as an ethnography that does not separate the practice of GIS from the layered landscape of articulations in which it takes place. Having completed field research in India, she is now writing her dissertation. Building on a tangle of practices from three interconnected 'locations' -- State-sponsored spatial technology programs, an NGO's experiments with GIS-based planning, and farmers' practices of knowledge production -- her research will serve to

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by San Francisco State University Dept. of Geography, the annual meeting will be held September 28 through October 2, 2011, at the Holiday Inn at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. Details in the Spring 2011 issue.

## IN MEMORIAM

**We deeply regret the demise of:**  
Brigham A. Arnold (1917-2010)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Space for a Regional Professional Group of Geographers: This I Believe Martha L. Henderson, The Evergreen State College

As I began to organize my thoughts around writing this column, a barrage of email hit the APCG listserve. If you followed the email string, you know that the email focused on an exchange between members and others commenting on the political views and agendas related to climate change. The contents of the exchange on the issue of climate change were interesting to read. More interesting were the thoughts of a number of members about the significance of the exchange. Significant questions about intellectual and professional activities of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers came from all over the country; from public and private higher education institutions; from geographers working in government and private industry. Wow! I felt like a net had dropped over the entire US and gathered up our entire membership plus others into a pool of anxious fish!

The most interesting questions for me focused on the role of a professional organization in the midst of social and climatic change. I have given this topic a bit of thought since becoming Vice President and now President. Just what is the role we play? One email from the exchange offered that the entire event was probably the best use of the listserve in the last few years. Another email indicated the value of the exchange for students as the political and social decision-making with regard to climate change begin to unfold. Another email brought a much more sobering response asking how a professional group could be so lax to allow seemingly unprofessional behavior and communication to occur.

These emails and all of the others in response to climate change questions and reliable publications are encouraging. I am encouraged to see such an important and immediate environmental and social issue being discussed by APCG members. Many events linked to climate change and energy are discouraging. I am a bit disheartened to see the American response to the summer oil spill off the Louisiana coast. The technical fix was not accompanied by real questions about rates of consumption and the need for more oil. I am discouraged to observe the lack of regulatory control over dangerous environmental practices. I was a bit discouraged to hear fearful responses to the Plenary Panel at the recent APCG meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I do not believe fear was the intention of the panelists. I believe they were sincere in asking

engage in actions that promote clear thinking about the conditions of climate change as best we know them. The recent email exchange is a good example of action.

The context of the email exchange also reveals the degree to which society is under stress with regard to the facts of climate change. Political stress across the country and state by state within the western U.S. is also evident in the recent elections. In Washington, an initiative to rehabilitate public school buildings to energy efficiency standards was rejected by the voters. Conversely, the California initiative to end air pollution control law was defeated. National leadership versus state leadership on climate change issues seems to be in disarray. Where is the space for APCG in all of this social stress?

I believe the space for APCG is immense, yet we as members of APCG must work to claim this space. The space for discussion and discourse is only limited by our inaction to be committed to a geographical view of the world. I believe that we not only face our greatest opportunity to create a forum for debate regarding climate change, we also make a solid statement about the role of academics in a time of great social stress. I have always believed that geography ultimately is about what it means to be human. I believe geographers have the ability to bring about clear thinking about the human experience.

We are now confronted with the human experience of uncertainty due to environmental change. What is the degree of uncertainty? How well do we Americans handle this type of change? How much is Western civilization's scientific investigation accepted by the general public? How much are these same investigations accepted by other scientists including other geographers? My training as a professional geographer at Louisiana State University forces me to ask, what is the measurable impact of humans on the environment and vice versa? My work in interdisciplinary education at The Evergreen State College forces me to ask, what are the synergistic forces at work in the Pacific Northwest that have helped create climate change? What is the local capacity to transform our local geographies to meet these challenges? Can the dependence on fossil fuel consumption be transformed? Can the regulatory status of environmental action be appropriately expanded?

Remembering the value of regional professional organizations is important when professional memberships, attendance at professional meetings, communication between members, and resources for students are under a great deal of financial stress. APCG is holding its own against changes in tax

structures (thanks to Treasurer Bob Richardson). We are re-thinking our newsletter and finding ways to serve our members with both electronic and paper copies. We are moving forward with plans for the next annual meeting in San Francisco. We will continue to support student, faculty and independent scholarship in geography with travel grants, research grants, and professional meetings. APCG can respond to questions about legitimate geographical research through email exchanges. We could also create a place on our website for questions and dialog. We could be much more active in having a regional voice in topics that we claim to be knowledgeable of. We could think of ways to strengthen our unity as geographers.

I believe we are at the most important moment for clear, logical thinking and communication about geographical issues and their significance in revealing what it means to be human. I believe geographers can make a real difference. I believe regional professional organizations like APCG and the state geography organizations are exactly where change begins. I believe we can offer the space for discourse. We can sort out what is worth listening to and what is not. I believe we can offer the space for colleagues to present their findings through recognized scientific methods. I believe APCG is an important space for working with geographers to maintain a geographical inquiry into what it means to be human.

I believe we are in the process of strengthening our individual and collective commitment to geography. I am heartened by the responses of those who see the organization as a space for debating the possibilities during this period of stress. We are not fish out of water; in fact, we are right in the middle of a sea change. This is the time for APCG members to support their membership, their students, their local communities, and the larger intellectual project of discerning what it means to be human in a period of major environmental and social stress. I welcome the challenge!

I hope we can support each other as members of this organization to keep this light shining in the face of climatic and social stress. I encourage all of you to consider what small task you could do to support APCG from paying dues, writing an article for the newsletter or offering suggestions as to how as many students and fellow geographers can attend the next annual meeting. Please send me or other APCG officers' suggestions as to how the organization can best serve you in these times. A stressful period can become a great opportunity. I hope you will join me in claiming a space for intellectual debate.

## MINUTES OF THE APCG BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the APCG Business Meeting  
Saturday, September 18, 2010  
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

The meeting was opened by Dolly Freidel at 5:12 pm with 20 people present.

The minutes from the October 3, 2009 ACG meeting in San Diego were approved unanimously.

1. VOTE RESULTS: 160 ballots were received and counted with the following results:

Martha Henderson – President; Jim Keese – Vice President; Dolly Freidel – Past President; Jenny Zorn – AAG Regional Councillor; Bob Richardson – Treasurer

2. 2010 CONFERENCE REPORT: Approximately 110 people attended the Coeur d'Alene conference. No final numbers on cost/profit for this conference available yet.

3. 2011 CONFERENCE REPORT: Scheduled for September 28-October 2, 2011 in San Francisco. Nancy Wilkinson has made arrangements with the Holiday Inn at the Fisherman's Wharf, 1300 Columbus Avenue (at North Point) for the conference.

4. AAG PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Ken Foote, President of AAG, talked about the upcoming AAG annual conference in Seattle, April 12-16, 2011. Ken stated that membership in AAG is up to 12,000 and registration for the Seattle conference was also up.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: (See attached) Bob Richardson's Treasurer Report was distributed. The first page is a narrative with a discussion regarding Bob's ongoing battle with the IRS because of not having filed 990-EZ returns. The two main results of this IRS struggle are (1) cutting off the Treasurer's report at June 30, 2010 to coincide with the fiscal year – not the calendar year and (2) moving all the Special Funds into a single CD. Both of these options will simplify the 990-EZ returns in the future. Additionally, keeping all the Special Funds in one CD will make it easy to monitor and keep track of each individual fund's share. Plus, combining all of Special Funds together might allow for greater interest earnings overall.

As of June 30, 2010, then, we are in good shape – income is nearly \$13,000 in excess of expenditures. However, no Hawaii Press or GeoBowl payouts have been processed yet. We received nearly \$6,000 in royalties from the Yearbook and a \$2,000 profit from the San Diego conference (in addition to dues money from new registrants). Abstracts need to be included since it appears that the number of hits for our online Yearbook are for abstracts.

Special Funds – funds not receiving new income (Bailey, McKnight/Clemons, and Trussell) are drawing down on principal, but are still well funded. Women's Network Travel Grant spent a bit more than was taken in for donations, but again, in good shape with a comfortable reserve. The Larry Ford fund (formerly Cultural Geography fund) received nearly \$5000 in donations this year and made two awards. MATS took in nearly \$1000.00 and two new funds, ISTS and ADSTS each took in more than they paid out.

6. YEARBOOK: Jim Craine did not attend the conference, but has stated that he has completed 5 issues and finished his four-year obligation, but is willing to continue on. Kate Berry stated she would like to encourage our editor to come to the conference and speak with students regarding publishing articles in the yearbook.

7. PACIFICA: There was considerable discussion regarding the status of the Pacifica.

Currently, the editor is a recent APCG member, there was no print edition, the format of the bulletin was changed, and the current editor, David Dees, was paid \$750.00 for the last edition. At this time, publication of Pacifica seems to be in limbo. It was suggested that a procedure needs to be established to ensure a timely publication of the Pacifica; i.e., the past-president becomes ex-officio 'editor'. Dolly agreed to help.

8. AWARDS: Jim Keese stated that over \$9,000.00 in awards would be given out this conference.

9. UPCOMING CONFERENCES: 2012 – Evergreen, Olympia, WA 2013 – University of AZ, Tucson – in October 2014 – CSUN (?)

10. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS: (a) Discussion about creating a membership chair position and re-establish a contact person at each school/university/college. Suggestions included methods to recruit both students and new faculty through emails; (1) Contact faculty at universities that are currently not participating; (2) involve more community college faculties through contacts with CGS collaboration – cross advertise meetings, for example. Kate Davis, San Francisco State, agreed to volunteer as a Membership Chair.

(b) APCG Webmaster: no one available at this time. Bob Richardson has performed some webmaster duties in the past. Suggestion to contact Chris Luckinbeal? Vincent del Casino asked about using the AAG website? Terry Simmons (not present at this meeting) has suggested creating a domain name. Another present member asked about creating a Facebook page for APCG.

(c) Scholarship/Travel Grants: Proposal to merge travel grants into one grant for all students. Jenny Zorn

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questioned how the 'pooling' would be managed. Dolly suggested that at this time the 'special' grants might be excluding access for disabled students. Martha stated that each travel grant had different requirements for awarding the monies and for some, only qualified students could apply. The different requirements would make it more difficult to pool awards. Dolly's concern was about future problems because the proliferation of ethnic-specific grants might be too narrow in their focus. Jenny Zorn suggested that department chairs of participating universities be contacted to advertise the

different awards to encourage more student applicants. Martha suggested a leadership position be created to document how the awards are advertised and promoted, and review the requirements for each grant. Teresa suggested that a brief description of the position is needed; defining the differences between the scholarship grants, travel grants and other awards.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

*Submitted by Vicki Drake, Secretary (December 31, 2010)*

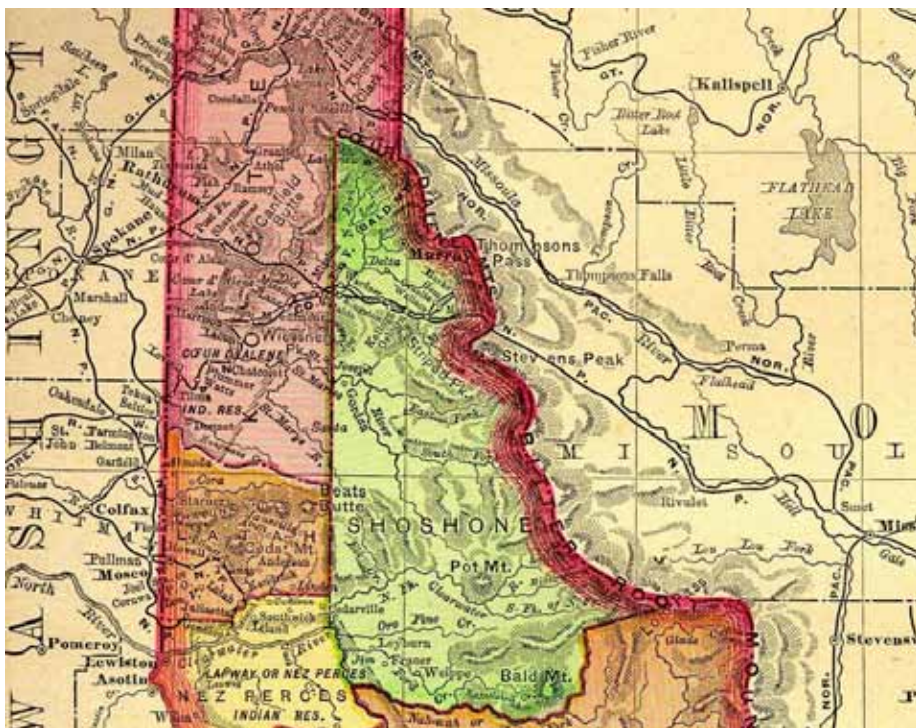
### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS

Over the past few years, opportunities for students of Geography at universities throughout the West have grown, thanks to the generous financial support of faculty and lovers of Geography in our region, and the vision of a few Geography devotees who have taken the initiative to establish several new travel grants for the APCG meetings. If you are a student of Geography, undergraduate, Master's, or PhD, and have an ambition to attend next fall's APCG meeting in San Francisco, but think you can't afford to go, just check out the APCG website, under Grants (<http://www.csus.edu/apcg/grants.htm>). There you will see travel grants for all levels of students of any background, as well as a few special travel grants for students who are under-represented in Geography. The special grants include those for students of Mexican American background, Indigenous students, and those of African descent. There are also travel grants for women geography students.

You will also notice that there are several scholarships that are designed to assist students with their research projects. Specifically, there is the new Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, which was named last year in honor of the San Diego State urban geography professor who perfected the technique of "lurking" around neighborhoods and local restaurants as he studied their unique cultural essences. There is also the Margaret Trussell Scholarship for women graduate students, named after the dedicated mentor of young women geographers, founder of the

APCG Women's Network, and first woman President of APCG. The large bequest Dr. Trussell left to APCG has supported many fine research projects by women Geographers since 2000.

So don't be shy, be sure to apply for one or more of these scholarships, or, to you faculty, encourage those starry-eyed new recruits to Geography – the ones who say, "I had no idea that Geography could be so fascinating!" Watch in the next *Pacifica*, or on line, or on the APCG email list for announcements of application requirements and deadlines this summer. The San Francisco meeting this fall is destined to be one of the best and you won't want to miss it!



*Part of 1895 Map of Idaho. (From Virtual Library: History, <http://www.maphistory.info/imageus.html#states>)*

## The Basque Block: An Invention of Place ....CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

though the role of this unique place takes many forms with different producers.

The director of the Basque Museum and Cultural Center for instance, plays a role in the production of identity through providing services to the Boise community, such as donating Basque culture literature to the public school districts and managing an Ikastola (children's Basque language school) created for Basques and non-Basque children to learn about the Basque culture and the importance of language to the Basque identity. Additionally, the local owners of the restaurants and Basque market also play an important role in the construction of heritage. The business owners are either of Basque descent or Basque through marriage, which in turn have to balance their role and responsibility between profit making and identity maintenance or cultural display while performing on the street.

The street itself, either known as the Basque Block or Grove Street, has taken on a new function in the urban landscape and Basque heritage. The street appears to have been reconstructed for ease of consumerism; in other words, redesigned for pedestrians to move across the street from one store to the next with little to no concern for vehicle traffic, due to limited vehicle parking, one-way traffic, and minimal curb height (Fig. 1).

The center of the street too portrays a representation of the Basque identity through inlayed lauburus (the Basque symbol), thus this notion of constructing the culture to maintain the Basque identity (Fig. 2).

Moreover, the sidewalks have been creatively redesigned with inlayed Basque surnames, from A to Z, and portrayed to mimic a labyrinth spiral. Additionally, Basque songs and the seven Basque Provinces are systematically dispersed through-

out the sidewalks to provide a myriad of details and entertainment for the tourists who visit the block and to enrich the overall experience. Lastly, the sidewalk landscape appears to have been reshaped and reinvented from Spain to Boise, in the sense that Basque surnames are typically displayed on residences in Spain, whereas in Boise the Basque surnames appear together in a relatively small neighborhood.



Figure 1. Basque Block, Grove St. Boise, Idaho. 2010. Photo Courtesy of sangres.com. The Basque Block was reconstructed in 2000 to provide ease in consumerism as in, for instance, the redesigning of a city block to eliminate a curb, thus leveling the sidewalks with the street.



Figure 2. Basque Block, Grove St. Boise, Idaho. 2010. Photograph by author. This image illustrates the reconstruction of Grove St. to symbolize the invention of place for the Basque culture in an ever increasing globalizing world.



I found that the Basque Block plays an important role in maintaining the Basque identity in the American West and possibly contributes to the Basque identity in the Basque country. I look forward to further analysis of the construction and maintenance of the Basque Block and exploring the many facets that make up my master's thesis.

I wish to offer a special thanks for the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography and the Margaret Trussell Scholarship, both from the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, for making my field work possible through financially supporting my research interests and travels. Furthermore, a special thanks to my research/field assistant Jenn Kusler for spending many late nights and early mornings while in the field, and to my dear friend Asier Vallejo Itsaso from the Basque country who graciously introduced me to the Boise Basque community at Jaialdi 2010.

complicate the content of spatial planning and will provide some answers to what might be politically enabling ways to understand these technologies, including what counts as a GIS, and what spatial representations are relevant in rural development in semi-arid contexts in India.

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### In Memoriam: Brigham A. Arnold, 1917–2010

Brig was raised in the small southern Wisconsin town of Sharon, then moved with his family to Tucson where he finished high school and earned his BS in Anthropology at Arizona in 1942. The Army sent him to Oregon State College where he completed a second BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1943, then he saw intense action in North Africa and Italy, where he earned three bronze stars. After the war he traveled by mule and small sailboat around Mexico and Central America, living with indigenous peoples along the way, an experience that inspired him to undertake graduate studies in geography at Berkeley. He completed his dissertation, "Landforms and Early Human Occupation of the Laguna Seca Chapala Area, Baja California, Mexico," in 1954 under Carl Sauer, whose regard for Brig's intellect was legendary. In the same year he founded Geography at Sacramento State College, also teaching Archaeology in the early days. For most of his teaching career, up to his retirement in 1988, he taught physical geography, climatology, landforms, and history of geographic thought. He strongly advocated the use

of world maps in the teaching of physical geography, giving a notable paper on this subject in the special Sauer Session at the 1973 APCG Annual Meeting in San Diego, observing among other things that most texts only showed climate and precipitation for the land surface of the planet, making impossible the explanation of their distributional patterns. After the session Sauer made extemporaneous comments about each speaker (most having been his students), saying of Brig there was nobody whose opinion he valued more as to whether or not a rock had been shaped by human hand. He rarely published but wrote numerous highly thoughtful essays, duplicated for his colleagues, about studying physical geography with maps and many other concerns relating to his teaching. The Special Collections and University Archives at the CSU Sacramento Library will house his papers. He was a treasured colleague—always thoughtful and friendly, always worth listening to.

—Bob Richardson (some of this is from Brig's daughter, Sally)

## APCG MEETING AT COEUR D'ALENE

What a beautiful setting greeted APCG meeting participants at Coeur d'Alene in September! Despite the remoteness of the venue, the meeting was quite well attended, with more than 100 participants from as far away as Arizona and Southern California. Gundars Rudzitis and Harley Johansen, co-chairs of the meeting, organized one of the most memorable APCG conferences with their choice of forest and lake venue. The group was treated to an opening session on Wednesday evening with an interesting and amusing history of the area presented by Dean Katherine Aitken of the College of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences at University of Idaho who spoke about "From Noah Kellogg's Donkey to Superfund Site: Idaho's Silver

Valley; some Historical Vignettes". The group was also honored with a few words from the President of the University of Idaho, Geography's own Duane Nellis.

Many geographers ventured out into the wilds of Northern Idaho on one of the two Thursday field trips. One trip involved learning about the old silver mining industry and its impact on the economy of the region, and the other to explore the history and effects of the horrific wildfires that swept throughout Idaho and Montana 100 years ago during the summer of 1910. Both trips managed to merge when the fire folks were seeking refuge from the drizzle in an old and very dark railroad tunnel to enjoy their gourmet box lunches. The tunnel was one of several famous for having provided shelter for trainloads of townsfolk seeking escape from the fires. The railroads were also an essential part of the silver mining industry, transporting tons of ore at the height of the mining years.

Thursday evening APCG members were treated to a lovely sunset cruise around Lake Coeur d'Alene, complete with cocktails and appetizers, and accompanied by beautiful views of the northern forest and shoreline resort development.

The Friday and Saturday papers and posters were of the usual high quality, although unfortunately few if any undergraduates were represented. Most compelling were the presentations by the impressive cohort of climate specialists at University of Idaho, Drs. **Jeff Hicke, Von Walden, John Abatzoglou, Crystal Kolden, Harley Johansen, and Mike Jennings**, during the President's Plenary on Climate Change 2010, Status of Impacts and Response. These talks culminated with the stark and disturbing projections of earth's climate future by ecologist Mike Jennings, and sparked intense discussions among the audience and presenters.

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Field trip participants hike past a spike of charred tree along the path toward the old mine shaft where Ed Pulaski, the famous forest ranger, took shelter with his 21 men and was forced to hold them at gunpoint to save their lives.



Map illustrating the extent of the enormous wildfires that incinerated forests and towns of the western U.S. during the summer of 1910.



## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following 76 new members who have joined since the last list in the Spring 2010 issue of *Pacifica*. About half joined with their registration for the Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene. (Asterisk denotes former members who have rejoined.)

John Abatzoglou	Leslie Gray	Nadia Jones	John Kyle Parker-McGlonn
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Alexander Ginsburg	Harley Johansen	Bin Owen	
Carla Grandy	Christine K. Johnson		

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At the banquet Saturday evening, President Dolly Freidel handed the gavel over to Vice President Martha Henderson, and then gave the Presidential Address on her geoarchaeological work in the highlands of Guatemala, "Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and drought: Environmental Challenges for the Ancient Maya People of the Antigua Valley, Guatemala".

We are all now looking forward to the next APCG meeting this fall, at the storied Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, September 15 through October 1, 2011. Mark your calendars now, as this is likely to be an excellent and exciting meeting!



## STUDENT AWARDS

### 2010 APCG Student Paper Awards

Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for Outstanding Student Paper, \$400

Name: Bin (Owen) Mo

Affiliation: California State University, Los Angeles

Title of Paper: GIS Network Analysis for Finding the Potential Metro Rail Ridership by Access Modes in Los Angeles County

Advisor: John Kirchner

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a PhD Student, \$200

Name: Martin Swobodzinski

Affiliation: San Diego State University

Title of Paper: Sequence Alignment and Regression Analysis for the Exploration of Human-Computer Interaction

Advisor: Piotr Jankowski

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

Name: Alexis H. Arizpe and Jesse Minor

Affiliation: University of Arizona

Title of Paper: Cryptoclimatology: Contextualizing Recent Sightings of *Gigantopithecus Canadensis*

Advisors: Don Falk, Paul Robbins

Committee Award for Regional Geography, \$200

Name: Innisfree McKinnon

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Paper: Regional Identities in American Politics: The Oregon-California Borderlands as the Last American Frontier

Advisor: Peter Walker

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Master's Student, \$200

Name: Gretchen L. Hill

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Paper: Hidden in Plain Sight: The Boise Basques

Advisor: Xiaobo Su

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200

Name: Not Awarded in 2010

Affiliation: N/A

Title of Paper: N/A

Advisor: N/A

President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200

Name: Aquila Flower

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Poster: Western Spruce Budworm Outbreak, Climate, and Wildfire Interactions in the Interior Pacific Northwest

Advisor: Daniel Gavin

### 2010 Student Paper Awards Committee

Greg Bohr, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Chris Castagna, Sonoma State University

Kathryn Davis, San Jose State University

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Jim Keese, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Meg Streiff, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Ray Summer, Long Beach City College

### 2010 Travel Grants

As always, students were well-represented at Coeur d'Alene, with a large number of high-quality presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 25 travel grants (summing to \$4,250) for student presenters.

### Women's Network Travel Grant Awardees 2010

<i>Student</i>	<i>Nominator</i>
Butterworth, Melinda	Andrew Comrie (U Arizona)
Davis, Brittany	Sallie Marston (U Arizona)
Flower, Aquila	Dan Gavin (U Oregon)
Hill, Gretchen	Susan Hardwick (U Oregon)
Kitson, Jennifer	Kevin McHugh (Arizona State)
Kusler, Jenn	Dan Gavin (U Oregon)
Lewis, Robin	Jan Monk (U Arizona)

### African Descent Travel Scholarship

The APCG African Descent Scholarship Program was created in 2009 to provide travel grants for Geography students of African descent to assist them with financial support to attend APCG annual meetings. The Scholarship Committee members are: James W. Harrington (University of Washington), Dawn Wright (Oregon State University) and John and Bev Passerello (Passerello Thoroughbreds).

The Committee made awards to

Brittany Davis (University of Arizona, Tucson).

Davis presented a paper at the APCG 2010 meetings in Coeur D'Alene and was presented a check for \$200 at the annual banquet.

This is an appeal to those of you who would like to donate funds to provide an opportunity for Geography students of African descent to attend APCG annual meetings.

Contact the Committee's chair, for additional information.

## From the Treasurer

### Special Thanks----from the Treasurer!

Since the Spring 2010 issue of *Pacifica*, by which time most dues renewals had already been received, contributions have continued to be made to the Special Funds, either directly or with dues payments: \$1,275 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$110 to the Women's Network Student Travel fund, \$50 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, and \$5 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds:

John F. Burns  
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 Paul F. Starrs  
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 Harmut Walter  
 Tina White  
 Nancy Lee Wilkinson

SPECIAL THANKS to Bill and Marilyn Bowen for their contribution of \$480 which covered the banquet dinner cost for all fifteen students who presented papers as first author and attended the Awards Banquet. Special Thanks also to Fernando Bosco who, after returning from a spring semester sabbatical in Argentina, closed the books on last year's Annual Meeting in San Diego and sent us a check for \$2000, their profit from the well-organized event. Great job, Fernando!

## APCG TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

*Robert T. Richardson*, CSU Sacramento  
 Transactions for September 22, 2009--June 30, 2010.

**Forward at close of books, 9/22/09** **\$60,460.89**

### RECEIPTS

Dues	\$13,161.00
AAG Regional Allocation	\$1,000.00
YEARBOOK v. 70 (inc. MUSE for multiple vols)	\$5,946.70
Interest on Regular Account	\$974.58
Profit from 2009 Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,082.28</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

APCG '09 Annual Meeting Grants & Awards	\$3,651.58
Student Travel Awards	\$3,000.00
President's Awards (inc. DSA plaque)	\$651.58
<i>PACIFICA</i> Printing Prod. Postage	
F'09 (650x12 pp) \$559.11 \$0.00 \$393.32	\$952.43
S'10 (online) \$0.00 \$750.00 \$0.00	\$750.00
Corporate Filing Fee (Olympia, WA)	\$10.00
Tax Accountant Consultation	\$950.00
Membership (mostly mailings)	\$255.86
YEARBOOK v.72 (copy edit)	\$2,744.00
YEARBOOK v.73 (copy edit--1st installment)	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$10,113.87</b>

**Balance on books, 6/30/10** **\$73,429.30**

### ----- SPECIAL FUNDS

<b>Bailey Schl. Fund</b> (forward 9/22/09)	<b>\$3,034.37</b>
(\$150 award plus \$53.11 interest)	-\$96.89
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$2,937.48</b>
<b>McKnight/Clemons Schl. Fund</b> (forward 9/22/09)	<b>\$14,695.33</b>
(\$250 + \$150 in awards plus \$271.95 interest)	-\$128.05
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$14,567.28</b>
<b>Margaret Trussell Mem. Fund</b> (forward 9/22/09)	<b>\$64,273.65</b>
(Trussell awards, 7 WN grants, contribs., interest)	-\$973.13
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$63,300.52</b>
(\$56,696.42 of which is Trussell Scholarship fund)	
<b>Larry Ford Fieldwork Schl. Fund</b> (fwd 9/22/09)	<b>\$15,867.93</b>
(\$4,830 contribs, \$282.09 interest)	\$5,112.09
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$20,980.02</b>
<b>Mexican Amer. Travel Schl. Fund</b> (forward 9/22/09)	<b>\$5,483.17</b>
(\$350 in awards, \$960 contribs, \$67.51 interest)	\$677.51
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$6,160.68</b>
<b>Indigenous Stdnt Travel Schl. Fund</b> (fwd 9/22/09)	<b>\$1,401.14</b>
(\$150 award, \$560 contribs)	\$410.00
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$1,811.14</b>
<b>African Descent Stdnt Trvl Schl. Fund</b> (fwd 9/22/09)	<b>\$1,000.33</b>
(\$400 in awards, \$1,185 contribs)	\$785.00
Balance 6/30/10	<b>\$1,785.33</b>
<b>Total in Special Funds 6/30/10</b>	<b>\$111,542.45</b>



## ABOUT THE 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 bi-annual 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.

*Pacifica* is a publication of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, a regional division of the Association of American Geographers. The newsletter appears two times a year in fall and spring. The deadline for submission of announcements and reports for the Spring issue is March 15, and for the Fall issue is a fortnight after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

For further information about *Pacifica* contact Dolly Freidel at: [Freidel@sonoma.edu](mailto:Freidel@sonoma.edu) or at 707-568-6907.

## MEMBERSHIP

Questions about membership should be directed to Bob Richardson at the address below, or phone (916) 278-6410, fax (916) 278-7584, or e-mail [apcg@csus.edu](mailto:apcg@csus.edu). Visit the APCG web site at [www.csus.edu/apcg/](http://www.csus.edu/apcg/) 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 *Pacifica* and 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.

## CORRECT ADDRESS?

Most mailings to members are done using the APCG's Non-Profit authorization. Non-Profit mail is not forwarded, so to be sure you receive your copies of *Pacifica* and the *Yearbook* it is critical that you provide new address information.

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