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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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The Politics of Sustainability in Prison: Creative Approaches to Studying the Green Prison Movement

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The prison population is reaching unprecedented levels, with the U.S. incarcerating over 25% of the world's prisoners (American Civil Liberties Union, 2011). This has led to increased attention towards the carceral system in the United States and its methods of rehabilitation. While a great deal of public discussion on prisons has focused on the social issues surrounding high rates of incarceration, prisons have also been criticized for their environmental impact, which has consisted of hazardous waste dumping, overcrowding, septic leakages, and water pollution. (See: Dannenberg, 2007; Heck, 2011; Kelso, 2000) In response to this and calls to action by the Justice Department to implement more sustainable and cost effective strategies in prisons, the United States is seeing a surge in prison sustaina-

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Geographers in the Field

Anderson Geographics & Consulting LLC

Will and Sarah Anderson make up Anderson Geographics, a husband and wife team based in Northeastern Oregon that provides GIS services to area farmers. Based in the lower Columbia River Basin - an area with a history of being at the forefront of adopting new agricultural technologies - the young business is enjoying the challenge of addressing local needs for their geography skillsets. Their custom, web-based information systems - including mobile reporting apps and dynamic web maps - process and visualize a host of geographic data relating to each farm's operations, and help enhance communication and coordinate operations among mobile work forces.

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President's Column

Exiting the Souk: Revising APCG Student Awards

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Three couples enter a Dubai souk to determine the best produce. The first couple tastes figs at nine different stalls, and then ranks them from top to bottom. The second couple follows the same procedure, but they focus on dates. The third couple follows suit, but they taste only oranges. By nightfall, each couple submits their respective rankings for the best figs, dates, and oranges.

Now we ask our three couples to determine the best *overall* piece of produce—or

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the ripest, or the largest—across the three categories. Since each team observed just one category, how do they make accurate comparisons across multiple sets? As we expect in a souk, lots of haggling and trading might eventually produce agreement, even when their cross-category decisions are based largely on the unseen. At this point, bargaining skills become an important ingredient in selecting the various winners.

Current Program

In 1975, the APCG began judging student papers at our annual meeting. Since then, the number and award types have been somewhat ephemeral. Today, largely through the generosity of our members, we offer the nine awards presented in Table 1.

Table 1 Current APCG Student Awards

Degree Awards

- 1) **President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student**
- 2) **President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Master's Student**
- 3) **President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student**
- 4) **Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Undergrad Paper**

Crossover Awards

- 5) *Harry & Shirley Bailey Award for Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography*
- 6) *Tom McKnight & Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Student Paper*
- 7) *Tom McKnight & Joan Clemens Award for Excellence in Area Studies*
- 8) *Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Graduate Paper (2 levels)*
- 9) *President's Award for an Outstanding Poster Presentation*

Each individual award falls into one of two distinct classes, and each class presents a different challenge to our judges.

Degree Awards (**bold**) subdivide according to Ph.D., Master's, and Undergraduate levels. Scheduling the various presenters into separate time slots throughout the conference allows our three judging teams to accurately evaluate *each* entrant, and then collectively allocate the awards. For example, when the doctoral students appear in various sessions—with no two overlapping in the same time slot—the entire judging team assigned to this cohort is able to view each entrant.

Crossover awards (*italics*) fall into two subcategories: graduate (PhD. and Master's) or all three degree levels (PhD., Master's, Undergraduate). It is not possible to comparatively evaluate any of the four *crossover* paper awards because judges are consumed with their respective degree categories. Although individual judges do witness some crossover papers, none are able to evaluate the entire suite of entries due to scheduling conflicts. Moreover, assigning separate judging teams for each crossover award would still fall short because the greater number of entries makes scheduling overlaps unavoidable. Judging crossover awards independently from degree awards would also result in papers winning multiple awards—something members strongly oppose. For this reason, selecting crossover winners always involves a visit to the souk.

The Poster Award is the lone crossover that we can judge comprehensively. The static nature of posters allows each judge to view all entrants in a specified time frame. Thus no poster is left behind.

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One way to reorganize the student paper matrix is to maintain the degree-specific awards with dedicated judging teams, and then move crossover awards into discrete categories independent of degree level. Using this approach, students would specify which award they wish to pursue. For example, a student from any degree level could select the Bailey Award, or the Area Studies Award. By doing so, they would not compete for any other award. However, this approach obligates extra judging teams, and complicates program scheduling to avoid overlaps within these additional categories. Although employed by other organizations, it is extraordinarily difficult to implement.

Proposal

Discussing this issue with our membership reveals many cherished sentiments. Continuing the APCG President's Awards, and integrating professionals and students within paper sessions are primary concerns. Isolating student competitors into award-specific paper sessions—a strategy employed by many academic societies, including the AAG—is strongly opposed. However, maintaining a full slate of award categories, both by subfield and by degree level, is also important. Faculty and students want rigorous and fair evaluation. Members do not want multiple awards going to one student. Honoring the intent of our donors is a final concern, although the apparent absence of written directives by the donors makes this difficult to address.

The restructured APCG awards matrix presented in Table 2 addresses these competing concerns. This scheme retains all nine awards, but the crossover awards now appear in degree categories. This matrix requires three separate judging teams. Judges are not required to allocate every award if no paper proves worthy, and cannot transfer an award to another degree level.

Table 2 Proposed APCG Student Awards

<p><u>Doctoral Level</u></p> <p>President's Award for an Outstanding Paper</p> <p>Tom McKnight & Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Paper</p> <p>Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper</p> <p><u>Master's Level</u></p> <p>President's Award for an Outstanding Paper</p> <p>Tom McKnight & Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Paper</p> <p>Harry & Shirley Bailey Award for an Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography</p> <p><u>Undergraduate Level</u></p> <p>President's Award for an Outstanding Undergraduate Paper</p> <p>Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper</p> <p><u>Poster Award</u></p> <p>President's Award for an Outstanding Poster</p>
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Conclusion

This proposal respects APCG traditions and our donors. By avoiding the souk, the dedicated judging corps can reward deserving students with greater accuracy. This matrix also provides a more organized structure to add new awards, and to delete existing awards when their supporting funds expire.

The APCG Executive Committee is keenly interested in your reaction to this proposal. The recent discussion in Palm Springs made clear the importance of student awards to our Association. After all, the *Student Awards Banquet* ends our annual conclave. Please send your thoughts to the APCG, c/o Stephen Cunha (sc10@humboldt.edu), who will compile and forward all submissions to the Executive Committee.

Geographers in the Field

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Aerial Survey

Sarah (PhD Geography, SDSU/UCSB) originally planned for a career in academics, but was glad to find her background prepared her well for the exciting applied research and analysis she now performs with various agronomic and other data. Her scripting skills in particular help automate much of the everyday tasks. One of the biggest challenges for her has been to make highly technical and analytical information understandable to various people in a way that enables meaningful and timely decisions. Will's (MA Geography, SDSU) familiarity with the capabilities of GIS and the challenges of mobile operations helps drive a focus to develop simple yet robust tools that can easily be adopted by workers and incorporated easily into their existing operations.



Ground Truthing

One of the things they've noticed has been that accessible technology has made people more aware of the geographic nature of data. "There is a need for capable geographers who can navigate the complexities and mix of data that farms create every day," says Will. "A main role for Anderson Geographics has been to bridge the gap between technology-driven big data and the time-sensitive,

concise information needed by a farmer." Consequently, the couple spends much of their time arranging information flows and data visualization, and testing tools for versatility, dependability, and how well they fit client needs.



Hydrology Survey

Not all the work involves staring at a screen, however. Naturally, the couple frequently gets their boots dirty conducting (literal) field work to ground-truth aerial imagery of crops, map complex irrigation systems, and train system users. In Northeastern Oregon, this can mean hot, dusty work, sometimes with the odd rattlesnake or coyote as a spectator. As Sarah and Will put it, "it's exciting GIS work that requires attention to detail and organization, but also requires enough of a connection to the field that reminds us what it is - as geographers - we're trying to accomplish here."



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bility programs throughout the country. While sustainability is an important challenge facing the world, some researchers have argued that these changes are being made not only with ecological sustainability in mind, but the sustainability of current levels of hyper incarceration. For this reason, doing research in prisons is essential, but unfortunately there are many obstacles to mitigate before such work is possible. Many researchers have written about ways to navigate the difficulties, some of which I will describe in the following paragraphs.

Prisons are structurally and bureaucratically closed off, leading researchers to catalogue the difficulties of doing research in prison and bemoan the scarcity of research attention paid to prison. Additionally, when researchers do get access to prisons, the emotional disconnection of researchers to their participants in prison cause some academics to refer to prisons as “black sites for research.” (Reiter 2013) Due to the restricted nature of incarcerated peoples’ spaces and personal liberties, in order to focus academically in this area it is vital to incorporate a discussion on doing research in new ways. Creative approaches to prison research have the potential to open the door up for non (or less) hierarchical research strategies that can be employed with vulnerable populations whose ability to consent is potentially restricted by their environment. Implementing new and better ways to perform prison research can create “networks of accessibility” which can offer prisoners voice and agency while holding penal institutions accountable (Reiter 2013).

In 2011 the U.S. Department of Justice, in conjunction with the National Institute of Corrections, convened to discuss the future of corrections in a changing climate. From this collaboration, a directive on the need for green carceral practices, as well as suggestions for implementation, emerged. Following this, more prisons than ever have instituted green programming at their facilities. Prison sustainability programs seek to provide food, education, and therapeutic activities to inmates. These efforts teach inmates green job skills that can potentially help employ them following their release and lower chances of recidivism. Proponents of these programs also argue that they make institutions friendlier to the local environment and community. However, the pros and cons of such projects have been widely disputed in academic communities.

Focusing specifically in the Pacific Northwest, my research focuses on the “Sustainability in Prisons Project,” or SPP. The Sustainability in Prisons Project began in Washington, but has since spread nationally. Pilot programs for the Sustainability in Prisons Program began in 2003 in response to Governor Gary Locke’s directive to prisons to enact more “sustainable practices,” specifically, to reduce water use and energy use, and limit waste. The Sustainability Programming features options from vermiculture and garden plots to fire fighting and habitat restoration.

My research seeks to explore how prisoners experience the sustainability programming, and how that compares to its intended goals. I am also interested in what it means to create “green mentalities” in inmates and staff, and what sustainable prisons will mean for the future of incarceration. My methodological goal with this research is to give inmates the greatest amount of agency by minimizing my presence during the data collection process to provide participants space to become the primary actors in the research. Specifically, I strive in my methodological decisions to make inmates feel comfortable (or less uncomfortable) answering questions how they would like to or to not answer certain questions at all, with the goal of diminishing anxiety for the interviewee during the questioning process.

There is a wide variety of literature concerning qualitative research methods that I could employ in my interactions with staff and prisoners, such as interviews, focus groups, and surveys. While these are all valid methodologies that can be done in extremely radical and non-hierarchical ways, I decided against them for the following reasons:

Interviews can produce extreme anxiety for interviewees, and the presence of a researcher may make inmates feel as though they must answer every question. Interviews also give little time for an interviewee to reflect before answering. They are also a poor choice for remembering daily activities that are minor and in the past, and many of my questions for the inmates pertain to their daily activities working within the program. There is also an inherent hierarchy between the interviewer and the interviewee, and this power relation is all the more exaggerated with a vulnerable subject. My hope is by not employing interviews the participants will feel more comfortable answering the questions. Additionally, interviewing inmates one by one also presents a great logistical challenge for any department of corrections, and employing other methods may make correctional facilities more willing to support a particular project.

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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 April 1, and for the Fall issue is a fortnight after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

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I chose against focus groups because they can potentially aggravate political relationships and internal group dynamics that may already be tense within the prison. There is no privacy in such conversations, and problems that could potentially emerge through disagreement could be taken back into the prison after I leave. There may also be other personal and political issues being worked out in the focus group that I'm not privy to, and may not realize are being discussed.

While surveys would be a possible method that overcomes some of the issues with focus groups or interviews, I felt that I could not get enough information about daily tasks in one survey and that I needed repeated data.

So after much thought, I chose in the end to do a mixed methods approach. With staff, I plan to use interviews, because their ability to consent is greater, and an interview will be more egalitarian with them than with the prisoners. But, with the prisoners, I chose to use a solicited journal method. I will give inmates a journal with a few detailed and a few open ended questions, and ask them to fill them out at their leisure on days that they work with the program. The journals will have the questions written at the front of the journal, as well as instructions that remind them of various issues to confidentiality (the prison can confiscate and read the journals at any time while they are in the cell, as well as when I exit the facility with them), and requesting that they do not use their names or any information that would specifically identify them or others, and also not to write anything incriminating in the journals. Following introductory project details and consent procedures, I will leave the journals with the inmates for two weeks.

Using the solicited journal style method will allow greater time for participants to reflect on questions. With journals, participants can work at their leisure, thus decreasing the anxiety of an "on the spot" interview. It also offers the ability to adjust how they answer a question, or not answer a question at all. Additionally, journals afford inmates more privacy (as much as they can get in prison).

Other important methods that have been used by other researchers have included co-authoring with inmates (See: Bosworth 2005), helping inmates to do their own research within prison (See: Piche, Gaucher, Walby, 2014), and using participatory action research to empower inmates to get involved in research projects (See: Drake 2013, Fine 2006). I also think that it is important to give inmates copies of everything that is written about them, and writing in a language that is clear and simple enough for anyone to understand. In sharing research results with inmates it is crucial to navigate the line between writing in a way that is fair and responsible to the participants, without patronizing and "dumbing down" the findings in the research.

In conducting research, by putting time and consideration into our methods we can optimize our data collection efforts and ensure that participants are treated with respect. This is particularly true when working with vulnerable peoples, to ensure that the views of our participants are accurately represented, and their experience doing research doesn't leave them feeling used or exploited, but instead that they've consented to the research and know their input has uniquely improved the results.

Prison populations continue to rise as food, water, and energy become more globally insecure. In the face of global climate change, sustainability is no longer important, but essential. However, sustainability is a malleable term, and its usage can be applied in a variety of ways, and does not always constitute and social or ecological good. The intersection of sustainability and prisons warrants more research, and I hope that my project will address that that gap.

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APCG Nominations Committee News

The APCG is looking for candidates to run for the following positions: Vice President and AAG Councilor. Kindly send your nominations or suggestions to Chris Lukinbeal, Chair APCG Nominations Committee (chris.lukinbeal@arizona.edu). Information on the duties of the positions can be found at: <http://apcgweb.org/history-governance>.

Margaret Trussell Scholarship

The 2015 Margaret Trussell Scholarship Committee, Peggy Hauselt (Chair), Robin Datel, Sarah Elwood, and Christine Rodrigue, is pleased to report this year's recipients. The MA Trussell scholarship went to Jewell Bohlinger from the University of Oregon. She is studying *Politics of Sustainability in Prisons*. Her advisor wrote that she is "starting her path with enthusiasm, creativity, and a certain amount of daring." This year's Ph.D. recipient is Sarah Kelly-Richards from the University of Arizona. She is doing an *Ethnographic and Legal Analysis of Small Hydropower Governance in Chile*. Her advisor described her as an "excellent student with a lot of personal drive, intellectual curiosity, and grass-root field experiences."



Professor Trussell earned her Ph.D. at the University of Oregon and was a professor at the California State University, Chico. She served as an APCG President from 1985-86. She received the APCG Distinguished Service Award in 1996. We continue to recognize that as leader of APCG, she supported women in geography, especially graduate students conducting fieldwork. She

mentored many of our current leaders who in-turn have mentored many of us.

The Trussell fund was established in 1999 with a generous donation from the Trussell Estate. Normally, two \$1000 scholarships are made annually, one to a woman doctoral geography student and one to a woman master's geography student. All fields of geographical study are welcome. Women students who are members of APCG are encouraged to apply. These funds are currently being drawn down as we

distribute the annual scholarships. Please consider donating to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship fund, so we may continue to give these generous scholarships in years to come. The APCG is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization eligible to accept tax deductible charitable contributions. Please make checks payable to "APCG" and indicate that it is for the Trussell Fund. Please send contributions to: APCG, Department of Geography, CSU Sacramento, Sacramento, CA 95819- 6003. Donations may also be made online at <http://apcgweb.org/>

AP Human Geography Readers

Are you looking for something geographical to do during the first week in June? If you have taught an introductory Cultural or Human Geography course within the past three years, you should apply to be a Reader for the College Board's Advanced Placement Human Geography exam. Readers from the ranks of higher education (full or part time) are eligible to apply. You can begin the application process here: http://www.ets.org/scoring_opportunities

The next Reading of AP Human Geography free-response questions takes place June 2-8, 2016, in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to scoring exams, there are ample opportunities for networking and a full schedule of professional development opportunities. Remuneration is about \$1500 with all travel expenses covered. The popularity of geography's own AP course (begun in 2000) has become one of the metatrends in the history of our discipline. We are already one of College Board's top ten AP exams, and within the next two years, we will surpass 200,000 test takers. Surveys indicate that one-fifth consider taking further geography courses in college, something that could benefit geography programs everywhere. Colleges and universities need to do more to capitalize on these potential students and majors. Becoming a Reader might be the first step in figuring out how to do that. We need more than 600 Readers each year, so please apply! If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Don Zeigler, Chief Reader, at dzeigler@odu.edu.

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Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting in the Grand Ball Room, Hyatt Palm Springs Hotel, was opened by Christopher Lukinbeal at 5:11pm with 19 people present.

Minutes from the Fall 2014 APCG Business Meeting in Tucson, Arizona were approved. Robin Datel and Dan Arreola abstained. Some typos in the summary of the treasurer's report were noted for correction.

ELECTION RESULTS: Turnout 130 ballots were returned according to Bob Richardson. The only contested position was for Secretary.

Stephen Cunha – President

Dennis Dingemans – Vice President

Yolonda Youngs – Secretary

2016 vote: There are some offices to fill in 2016. Scott Mensing is ending his term as AAG Councillor. Steve will appoint nominations committee. Bob might step down as Treasurer. Bob has a long and much appreciated history of leadership with the APCG organization. Chris asked for others to consider this position to give Bob a break.

BYLAWS: Chris Lukinbeal suggested adding a description for the secretary and the treasurer's duties to the bylaws, also for AAG Councillor.

YEARBOOK: Jim Craine will be stepping down as the Yearbook editor in 2016 after volume 78 is finished. He will have served two five-year terms. There will be a call for new editors on the APCG listserv in the coming months. Jim said that contributions to volume 78 should be sent by the end of January, 2016. It was noted that some of the scholarships given by APCG have a requirement that the recipient publish their paper in either the *Yearbook* or *Pacifica*. It appears that many students are not fulfilling this obligation. The students, their sponsors, and the grant committees will be reminded of this requirement before the Fall *Pacifica* is ready for publication. There will be a call for new Editors soon, to start in 2017.

PACIFICA: Vienne Vu will continue as the editor for the online *Pacifica*. However, she is taking family leave in Spring 2016. If others are interested in the interim position, please contact Vienne.

2015 CONFERENCE REPORT: Jim Craine reported there were about 200 attending and about 90 presentations. He expects to break even financially; if they run a deficit he'll ask his campus to help make it up.

2016 CONFERENCE REPORT: The 2016 APCG conference will be held from October 5 to 8, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Infor-

mation on room rates, field trips and other details will be provided soon by Stephen Cunha. Chico, CA is lined up for the 2017 conference. There was a discussion of other locations for future conferences including Washington (UW, WWU, CWU, or EWU), Hawaii (Hilo), British Columbia, and Reno. Comments were made on the floor that when a conference is far away, fewer people can drive there and the costs may be prohibitive for students.

FROM THE FLOOR: AWARDS DISCUSSION

Steve Cunha lead this lengthy discussion (40+ minutes). He suggested that awards are difficult to judge evenly and fairly. He noted that he discussed this with several people at the conference this week. He suggests that the main issue is consistent judging. There was much discussion about this topic from many voices in the room adding their perspective. A concern was raised about reducing the number of awards or gauging if or how big a problem there is with judging. The Executive Committee voted in 2015 (two days prior to the Business Meeting) to reduce the number of awards given this concern for continued funds. There was a great deal of discussion about this topic and many comments from the floor. After this discussion, a motion was made to suspend the action with respect to the student awards taken by the executive committee for one year until the Fall 2016 meeting. The motion was that we delay the resolution of this awards discussion until the Fall 2016 conference when Jim Keese, Greg Bohr, and other members from the Student Awards Committee including current chair Elena Givental can join us at the meeting to have a fuller discussion on judging with the larger body of APCG membership present and with more information on the awards. VOTE: 14 in favor. 2 abstain. 0 oppose.

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 eighteen years of superior service as Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See page 13. Bob Richardson's Treasurer's Report was distributed. The first page is a narrative of the budget, the special funds, APCG Yearbook, and membership numbers. We are in good shape with receipts \$4,861 in excess of disbursements and would be \$5,125 more but the University of Hawaii Press did not send an invoice this past fiscal year, nor our royalty check. Chris Lukinbeal's profit (\$3,122 net) from last year's meeting in Tucson helped our bottom line, as did the \$2,000 we received from AAG (\$1,500 our regional allocation, \$500 for World Geography Bowl).

Special Funds, also discussed in the treasurer's report, continue to be in a single account, earning very little interest. The Trussell, Bailey, and McKnight/Clemons funds continue drawing down on

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Business Meeting Minutes

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principal. It may be time to discuss reducing the Trussell award and we may need to move the Regional Paper award back to APCG funds now. The Women's Network gained \$1,000 this year but distributed fourteen grants in Palm Springs. Continued contributions from benefactors are important for this fund. The Larry Ford fund grew by \$1,540, giving one award for \$500 in Tucson and contributions remain strong. LATS grew by \$471 and distributed one award of \$300 in Tucson. ISTS shrank by \$275 after two awards in Tucson but several years without awards. ADSTS made no awards in 2014 and grew by \$338. The Christopherson Geosystems Award made two awards of \$500 each in 2014. Robert and Bobbé have generously funded two awards in 2015 with another contribution of \$1000, to be continued indefinitely. All special funds need continued support. Approximately \$5,751 in contributions made this FY. Our membership continues to be very generous.

Yearbook, as discussed in the treasurer's report, is doing well. All volumes of the Yearbook are now on Project MUSE and all but the most recent three or four are in JSTOR. Volume 77 is overdue in print but is available on MUSE now.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee asked Robin Datel, Sriram Khé, and Yolonda Youngs to look at membership and how we might increase our numbers.

NEW BUSINESS: Peggy Hauselt, Chair of the Trussell committee, noted that The Margaret Trussell scholarship is drawing down. What do we want to do with the scholarship? Shall we spend it down or find more donations? If you would like to contribute to this discussion there will be a venue in the fall Pacifica. Please contact vvu@occ.cccd.edu with comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Drake, Secretary and Yolonda Youngs, incoming Secretary.

AAG Council Meeting Report, Fall 2015

*APCG Regional Councilor, Scott Mensing
University of Nevada, Reno*

AAG Update

AAG membership is anticipated to exceed 11,000 members by the time of annual meeting

Doug Richardson has signed a Renewal Addendum of our Publishing Agreement of the AAG journals with the Taylor and Francis Group for a 10 year period (2018-2028). The terms of the agreement significantly help the long-term financial stability of the organization.

AAG is working on creating short punchy videos for recruitment and retention that we can use when talking to prospective students

The Richardson Endowment for Geography's future is at \$10 million. The endowment is planned to grow to \$15 million at which point a plan will be in place for disbursements of the interest.

Information for members:

As a reminder the AAG has purchased a license for video conferencing system (GoToMeeting) available for use by AAG committees, specialty groups, regional division executive committees, etc. If you need to hold a meeting (such as for nominations or scholarships) and can use this service, please contact the AAG.

The AAG Dissertation Research grants have been increased to \$1,000 per recipient; the AAG will allocate funds to top off the awards to \$10,000 (to fund up to ten awardees per year at \$1,000 each) for a period of three years. A task force is exploring developing an AAG "Fellows/Scholars" award.

Efforts are under way to develop list of metrics of data for collecting from departments that would be particularly helpful when chairs

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2015 Student Awards



2015 APCG Student Paper Awards

Seven awards were given for outstanding student presentations at the Palm Springs meeting:

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

Name: Sara Hughes
Affiliation: University of California, Los Angeles
Title of Paper: Construction as Commemoration: Memorializing Violence through West Bank Settlement Construction
Advisor: John Agnew

Name: Katherine Sammler
Affiliation: University of Arizona
Title of Paper: From the Ocean's Abyss to the Vacuum of Space: Privatization in the Vertical Commons
Advisor: Jeffrey Banister

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

Name: *Not Awarded in 2015*

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

Name: *Not Awarded in 2015*

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

Name: Rachel Vann-Foster
Affiliation: California State University, Long Beach
Title of Paper: Native California Grasslands: La Jolla Valley, Malibu Species Change and Recovery Rates Over Time
Advisor: Paul Laris

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

Name: Christine Carolan
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Lough Neagh: A Contested or Co-operative Space in Post Conflict Northern Ireland?
Advisor: Shaul Cohen

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

Name: Casey Lynch
Affiliation: University of Arizona
Title of Paper: Pursuing and Contesting Libertarian Development: Social Space and Political Transformation in Post-Coup Honduras
Advisors: Elizabeth Oglesby

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

Name: Kristine Hunt
Affiliation: Idaho State University
Title of Paper: "Our Bungalow Dreams": Housing and Occupation in the US West, 1900–1930
Advisor: Yolonda Youngs

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

Name: *Not Awarded in 2015*

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

Names: Jeffrey Nelson and Andrea Hernandez
Affiliation: Cal Poly Pomona
Title of Poster: Park Environments in Pomona, California: A GIS Analysis and Field Assessment
Advisor: Terence Young

Margaret Trussell Scholarship, \$1000 each

Brittany Jewell Bohlinger, MA student, University of Oregon
Sarah Kelly-Richards, PhD student, University of Arizona

Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$500 each

Heather Ream, California State University, Stanislaus
Alison Hotten, University of Nevada, Reno

Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, \$300

Emanuel Delgado, San Diego State University

Women's Network Travel Grant Recipients

Laylita Day, University of Arizona
Audra El Vilaly, University of Arizona
Lily House-Peters, University of Arizona
Sara Hughes, University of California, Los Angeles
Kristine Hunt, Idaho State University
Cheryl King, California State University, Fullerton
Lynne Mendillo, California State University, Fullerton
Heather Ream, California State University, Stanislaus
Jaime Rossiter, San Diego State University
Katherine Sammler, University of Arizona
Emily Webb, California State University, Sacramento
Hannah Zucherman, California State University, Long Beach

2015 Student Awards

2015 Travel Grants

The student membership of the APCG was very well-represented in Palm Springs, with numerous excellent presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 21 travel grants for student presenters from fourteen different campuses.

Jasmine Arpagian, San Diego State University
Audra El Vilaly, University of Arizona
Daniel Ervin, University of California, Santa Barbara
Brian Garcia, Yale University/University College London
Jason Gilliam, San Diego State University
Olga Govdyak, California State University, Northridge
Andrea Hernandez, Cal Poly Pomona
Alison Hotten, University of Nevada, Reno
Lily House-Peters, University of Arizona
Sara Hughes, University of California, Los Angeles
Kristine Hunt, Idaho State University
Casey Lynch, University of Arizona
Eric Magrane, University of Arizona
Connor Martin, University of North Alabama
Jeffrey Nelson, Cal Poly Pomona
Heather Ream, California State University, Stanislaus
Katherine Sammler, University of Arizona
Noah Silber-Coats, University of Arizona
Zackery Thill, University of Oregon
Rachel Vann-Foster, California State University, Long Beach
Sahar Zavareh, Oregon State University

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need to do external reviews and make these more readily accessible.

Department Leadership workshops. Long-term directors Ken Foote and J.W. Harrington, Jr. will retire from running the Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) after 2015. Derek Alderman will shadow the program to be held at the University of Connecticut in 2015 and then host future workshops at the University of Tennessee.

AAG VP Glen MacDonald and AAG Exec. Director Doug Richardson expressed concern that the Geographical Sciences Committee of the National Research Council is dormant and needs some level of increased activity. Doug and Glen are going to explore what it will take to repopulate the GSC.

A "Diversity Curriculum Task Force" has been created with the first goal of sharing curriculum ideas and successes between departments.

The archives of the Association of American Geographers will be consolidated at the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress. Existing materials at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee will be digitized for archiving at the Library of Congress as part of this process.

The AAG resolution supporting K-12 Education intended to include geography and geospatial education in its STEM blueprint and asking Congress to appropriate funds for geography education has been endorsed by governors in 24 states and territories, including Nevada, Arizona, and Washington within the APCG states.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

October 24, 2015, Hyatt Palm Springs
Robert T. Richardson, Sacramento State Univ.
Transactions for July 1, 2014--June 30, 2015

Forward at close of books, 7/1/14 **\$115,402.72**

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$11,516.00
AAG Regional Allocation	\$1,500.00
YEARBOOK (UHP yr ending 6/30/13)	\$0.00
Interest on Regular Accounts	\$164.03
General contributions (Ilicheva, English, MacDonald, Wolf)	\$123.00
AAG GeoBowl contributions (pass-thru from AAG)	\$500.00
Gross Profit from Tucson (includes repayments; net is \$3,122.15)	\$5,404.30
A Hard Days' Night—Larry Ford Challenge donation (also \$15 for one membership)	\$637.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,844.83

DISBURSEMENTS

APCG '13 Annual Meeting Grants & Awards	\$5,750.00
Student Travel Awards (inc. \$1000 GeoBowl)	\$5,150.00
President's Awards (DSA plaques pd last year)	\$600.00
A hard Day's Night—Larry Ford Challenge prizes	\$637.50
Advances for Tucson & Palm Springs meetings	\$2,632.15
PACIFICA (no costs—thanks, Vienne!)	\$0.00
Corporate Filing Fee & reinstatement fees (Olympia, WA)	\$35.00
PayPal charges	\$103.56
Net Buffalo fee (website)	\$195.00
Membership: renewals, ballots, etc. (two years worth of mailing fees)	\$2,110.82
YEARBOOK v.75	\$0.00
YEARBOOK v.76	\$920.00
YEARBOOK v.77	\$2,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,984.03

Balance on books, 6/30/13 **\$120,263.52**

SPECIAL FUNDS

Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$2,193.49
(\$200 award and \$3.08 interest*)	-\$196.92
Balance 6/30/15	\$1,996.57
McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$12,281.54
(\$500 + \$200 in awards and \$17.72 interest)	-\$682.28
Balance 6/30/15	\$11,599.26
Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$49,978.75
(2 Trussell awards, \$73.09 interest, and \$5 in contribution from D. Perry)	-\$1,921.91
Balance 6/30/15	\$48,056.84
Women's Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$6,086.42
(\$660.00 grants, \$1,571 contributions, and \$9.46 interest)	\$920.46
Balance 6/30/15	\$7,006.88
Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/14)	\$24,576.18
(1 \$500 grant, \$1,976 contributions, and \$37.80 interest)	\$1,513.80
Balance 6/30/15	\$26,089.98
Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$7,706.74
(\$300 in grants, \$760 contributions, and \$11.45 interest)	\$471.45
Balance 6/30/15	\$8,178.19
Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/14)	\$3,010.89
(\$654.00 in grants, \$375 in contributions and \$4.06 interest*)	-\$274.94
Balance 6/30/15	\$2,735.95
African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/14)	\$1,904.51
(\$0 in grants, \$335 in contributions and \$3.10 interest)	\$338.10
Balance 6/30/15	\$2,242.61
Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (forward 7/1/14)	\$1,001.86
(\$1,000 in awards, \$1,000 in contributions, and \$0.38 interest)	\$0.38
Balance 6/30/15	\$1,002.24

Members

New Members

Welcome to these 110 new members who have joined since the list in the Spring 2015 issue (*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined). Most of them joined in conjunction with attending the annual meeting in Palm Springs.

Spencer Adkisson*	Shelly Hayes	Karen Sonksen
Edgar Alvarez	Andrea Hernandez	Neil Sorenson*
Jasmine Arpagian	Casey Hes	Cindy Soto
Lourdes Johanna Avelar Portillo	Bridget Hicks	Herschel Stern*
Andrew Bagley	Jaime Hoffman	Zachary Sugg
Amory Ballantine	Henry Hong	Justing Sutter
Remi Bardou	Rebecca Jacobs	Jonathan Taylor*
Gregory Beringer	Steven Kemble*	Douglas Thalacker
Noah Bernhardt	Sean Kennedy	Deborah Thien*
Brittany Jewell Bohlinger	Nina Kilham	Marcus James Thomson
Dylan Brady	Cheryl King	Budita Jawher Tithi
Kiyumi Brocious	Joseph Lamon	Jodi Titus*
Lauren N. Brown	Jessica Leal	Alicia Torregrosa
Michelle Calvarese*	Ruben A. Lopez*	Matthew Uchiyama
Danielle Casey	Regan Maas	Rachel Vann-Foster
Pedro Chacon*	Amy Macpherson	Suzanne Walther
Teresa Cavazos Cohn*	Catherine Magee*	Josh Watkins
Cynthia Davis	Connor Martin	Emily Webb
Laylita Day	Chris McGirr	Stuart Weiss
Cristi Delgado*	Lynne Higgins Mendillo*	Scott Williams*
Emanuel Eduardo Delgado*	Dominika Moore	Lydia Wood
Shelby Devlin	Jeffrey Nelson	Maria Wroblewski
Joseph Diminutto	Blaire O'Neal	Wei Yang
Luke Drake	Raun W. Olson	Xu Yang
Ted Eckmann*	Brian Petersen	Amanda K. Yepiz
Collins Eke	Jennifer Pjerke	Don Zeigler
Audra El Vilaly	Sean Pries	Hannah Zucherman*
Daniel Ervin	Amarinda Ramirez	
Maria Fadiman*	Heather Lene Ream*	
Tiana Fain	Alexander Ribeau	
Elizabeth Fard	Wesley Roberts	
Brian Garcia	Sean Robison	
Matthias Gebauer	Christine M. Rodrigue*	
Jay Gilliam	Andrea Rodriguez	
Brett Goforth	Dillon Root	
Julia L. Goldsworth	Jaime Speed Rossiter	
Olga Govdyak	Robert Scruggs	
Steve Graves*	Valeria Shilova	
Bonnie Guyer	Noah Silber-Coats	
Victoria Hallmeyer	Kira Smith	
Jamie Hawk	Rachel Snavely	
James Hayes		

Members

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Special Fund Contributions

Since the Spring 2015 listing more contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$215 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$115 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$15 to the Latina/o Travel Scholarship Fund, \$15 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$110 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$55 to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship Fund, \$5 for Student Travel, \$5 for Paper/Poster awards, and \$20 in general contributions. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds:

Fernando Bosco
Jim Craine
Stephen Cunha
Cristi Delgado
Emanuel Eduardo Delgado
Peggy Hauselt
Aleksandra Ilicheva
Janice Monk

John & Bev Passerello
L. HoMana Pawiki
Denielle Perry
Alicia Torregrosa
Vienne Vu
Martha Works
Jenny Zorn

Call for submissions

If you would like to submit an article or have any news, announcements, or other information you would like to include in the Spring 2016 issue of *Pacifica*, please submit them to vvu@occ.cccd.edu no later than April 1, 2016.

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 Year-
book.

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.



North Shore Beach & Yacht Club Community Center, Salton Sea

In Memoriam

William Garrison

1924 - 2015

Susan Hardwick

1945 - 2015

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

Marilyn Bowen

1944 - 2015

Marilyn was born near Neillsville, Wisconsin in February of 1944. Marilyn's goal was to become an accredited school teacher, and in fulfilling the class requirements for a teaching credential, enrolled in an upper division California geography course taught by me. I was later told that she found me both formidable and amusing, so much so that she would stand up in the classroom before I arrived and mimic my mannerisms, much to the hilarity of the eighty students. No one squealed on her. She sat front row center in a "murderers row" of retreads (recently divorced bright women in their late twenties and early thirties) who were driven to succeed and begin a new chapter in their lives. All of them were excellent students, and Marilyn earned an A.

I met Marilyn almost by accident after a final exam at the end of the 1975 spring semester. I had left for my office after the exam, walking with a gaggle of students, several of whom I already knew as Geography majors. I do not remember what I said to the group, but, this cute coed piped up that my humor reminded her of her brother. I shot back that her brother must be mighty weird, to which she retorted, "Oh no, I love my brother." She cringed in consternation as the others laughed at her accidental outburst. We began dating later that summer and married on June 9, 1976.

Marilyn transformed my life, the house, and the neighborhood. She filled my life with love, joy, and energy. The empty shell of a house became a welcoming home filled with children, friends, and neighbors. As the years passed, she tore out the existing yard and created gardens that were filled with trees and flowers, a labyrinth of shaded patios, hedges, and fountains that would become the stage setting for her entertaining.

Marilyn's life revolved around children and family. She returned to teaching pre-school children when our children were older. She taught Sunday school at three Methodist churches and became something of a fairy god-

mother to many neighborhood and faculty children. She was fun, an imp that would conspire with youngsters to break out of their conventional moulds. She hugged everyone and kissed many. Her favorites were her own children and grandchildren (Wendy, Bill, Christine, Janine, Will, Sean, Jillian, Thomas). She was real.

No sooner had we retired in 2003, than Marilyn began her twelve year battle with three separate and supposedly unrelated cancers. Between the two of us, we spent far too much time with doctors. Even so, she traveled to Alaska, Mexico, New Zealand, Europe, and Southeast Asia. And, more importantly, nine years ago she began playing with her grandchildren. Even while in treatment for her metastatic melanoma, she accompanied me and the grandchildren camping in the Sierra Nevada and on the North Coast.

Marilyn died at home on Saturday afternoon September 12, 2015 with Bill and Christine by her side. My dad once told me that I had married a "party girl." What can I say? She was a beautiful girl who brought the party to me.

-Submitted by Bill Bowen

Carol Turner

1947 - 2015

Carol Ann Turner (Povroznik) was born in Seattle, Washington in 1947. She married Eugene Turner, who was a geography student at the University of Washington, in 1968. In 1975 Eugene and Carol moved to Canoga Park, California where her husband started a new job as a professor at California State University, Northridge. A friend invited Carol to join the California State University, Northridge Women's Club where she eventually became treasurer as well as a coordinator for membership information. She accompanied her husband to many of the APCG meetings, enjoying traveling to the venues throughout the APCG region and the relaxed setting at the meetings. Carol died suddenly after a lifelong struggle with diabetes. She and Eugene were married for 48 years.



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