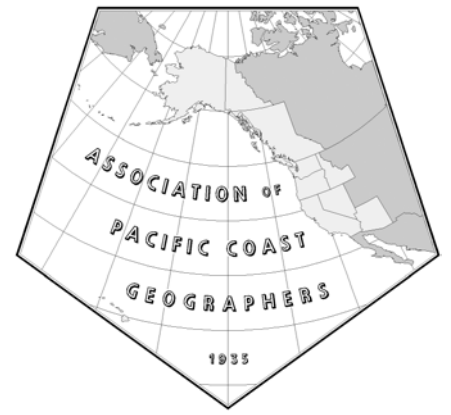


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BEAVER, WESTERN LANDSCAPES, AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Jeff Baldwin
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In 1938, two newly enlightened geologists wrote in *Science* that

...a third agent had to be found [to explain the broad flat and rich alluvial farmland east of Troy in the Capital District] and this is seen in the beavers who, by building dams successively upward from the lower reaches to the very sources of the creeks and repeating this process as often as the ponds are filled with sediment ... for untold thousands of years...must have accomplished an enormous amount of aggrading work in the course of time in the northern half of North America. ... Geologists have apparently overlooked this important geologic agent (Reudemann and Schoonmaker, 524).

The authors went on to note that in their time the U.S. Government had put 600 beaver to work in concert with forces from the Civilian Conservation Corps in projects to stop soil erosion by Western streams. A supervisor stated that each beaver, whose initial cost was about \$5, completed work worth \$300.

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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 underrepresented 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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From AAG Seattle to APCG San Francisco
Martha L. Henderson, The Evergreen State College

I am sitting in the Washington Convention Center watching the remains of the AAG meeting being tucked into boxes ready for flights back to geography departments all over the country. It has been an inspiring meeting. The majority of presentations at the 7,000 plus meeting were by students, many from the APCG region. Faculty and department were very well represented. The national meeting is always a great time to connect with new and old friends in geography. Speaking for myself, the downside was attending my departmental party and realizing I was the 'senior faculty' person in the room! How fast all these years have gone by!

As I think again about the value of regional meetings, I hope in this column to reaffirm the role of APCG in the larger context of the AAG. Even more important is how the AAG is the sum total of regional groups like APCG. The AAG provides a framework for gathering new ideas and members together where we can test our ideas, share across international boundaries, and engage in scientific and academic leadership in the reproduction of knowledge. The regional groups are where the realities of day to day departmental life and learning occur.

This spatial hierarchy was most evident to me as I attended the regional chairs luncheon hosted by the AAG. Doug Richardson, AAG Executive Director, and Ken Foote, AAG President, were genuinely interested in our regional concerns. The luncheon included a number of rounds around the table to hear our concerns and celebrations. I am happy to report that APCG is vibrant and active. Our membership continues despite local funding issues. Our membership includes K-12 faculty, community college faculty and four-year faculty. Our annual meeting is well planned with resources on-line for those planning regional meetings. We have an excellent website. Student participation is high at our meetings. Jennifer Helzer along with the Office of Service Learning at California State University Stanislaus, received a prestigious award for her leadership in service learning opportunities for geography students.

As I listened to other regional concerns, it became clear to me that we do face some issues specific to our region. I believe that one of the greatest concerns is the relationship between geography and environmental studies and sciences. My other concern echoed what I heard from other regional officers,

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the lesser engagement by research universities in the regional organizations. This division seems also evident in student attendance at regional meetings. We tend to attract more masters level students than PhD students. I found this also true in coordinating the Trussell Awards. It is more likely to see the masters degree applicants and winners of this prestigious award attend the APCG meeting than the PhD students and awardees.

In light of these two issues, the on-going need to dialogue with environmental studies/sciences, and engaging students and faculty from the research institutions, I propose two forms of action: 1) could we all take on the responsibility of contacting at least one person in a research institution and invite them

to the meeting in San Francisco? The meeting website is now accessible with lots of detail and information to inspire attendance; and 2) I propose that we have a round table discussion about our departmental relationships with environmental studies/science. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at mhenders@evergreen.edu.

Attending the national AAG meeting was inspiring. I am inspired to support departments, faculty and students within APCG. I encourage you to attend the San Francisco meetings, invite someone you believe should be there, and support our students as they apply for travel grants and scholastic awards. You will find information about the awards application process in this newsletter.

See you in San Francisco!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

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!

**Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
African Descent Student Travel Scholarships 2011**

The APCG offers travel grants to attend the APCG Annual Meeting in San Francisco CA, 28 September – 1 October: \$200 for current Geography students who attend the meeting; \$300 for current Geography students who present papers or posters. Application deadline is Monday 29 August 2011.

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.

In 2009, the Committee made awards to Reginald Archer (UC, Santa Barbara) and Brittany Davis (University of Arizona). Both students presented papers at the APCG 2009 meetings in San Diego and were presented checks for \$200 at the annual banquet. At the 2010 APCG meetings in Idaho, Brittany Davis (University of Arizona) received a travel grant and presented a paper. Application requires two steps:

- 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography, commitment to attend the Coeur d'Alene meeting, and, if presenting a paper or poster, the topic, and the student's ethnic background, and
- 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

Please email the student statement and the faculty support letter to:

James W. Harrington, University of Washington, Seattle jwh@u.washington.edu

This is also 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. Funds may be sent to: Robert Richardson, APCG/Geography, CSU Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6003. Please indicate "ADSTS" on the memo of the check.

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APCG VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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I joined the department of Geography at San Diego State University in the fall of 2002 after earning my Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. I was new to the Pacific Coast region, but I became a member of the APCG soon after my arrival in San Diego, encouraged by friends and colleagues who spoke highly of the collegiality of the association and the wonderful annual meetings. Over time, I became more involved, first by attending the meetings regularly, then by contributing in more formal ways. I was part of the student awards committee in 2007 and I became a member of the editorial board of the APCG *Yearbook* that same year. In 2009, I co-organized and co-chaired the APCG annual meeting in San Diego, a highly rewarding (if exhausting!) experience where I met and interacted with a broader set of APCG members. I continue to serve in the APCG *Yearbook's* board of editorial consultants and I am now a member of the Mexican American Travel Scholarship Committee.



My home geography department at SDSU is an active, diverse and highly dynamic academic program where I interact with undergraduate and graduate students. My research sits at the intersection of social, political and urban geography and often deals with critical analysis of space-society relations in some form or another. Often my specific foci are on children, families, communities, collective action and other actors committed to social change. For example, I have written articles on the geographic dimensions of human rights movements in Argentina, the development of alternative notions of citizenship of women and children along the US-Mexico border, and the globalization of NGOs that deal with children's poverty in Latin America. I am currently writing on the politics surrounding the proliferation of places of memory and commemoration in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and working on the second edition of a co-edited book on the geographies of Latin America. I teach several courses that relate to my areas of interests, including urban and social geography, South America, and graduate seminars.

My training in geography is broad and I appreciate, respect and nurture the expansiveness of our discipline. As vice-president of the APCG, I would like to encourage and grow the participation of an even broader spectrum of those who love or are even just a bit curious about geography. To me, this begins with students. One

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APCG WOMEN'S NETWORK TRAVEL GRANT

Women's Network invites all faculty members of the APCG to nominate an outstanding female undergraduate or graduate student for a Women's Network Travel Grant to support their attendance at the APCG meeting in San Francisco, CA. The 2011 Travel Grant awards will be \$200 per award. Grant recipients will be recognized at the Women's Network Luncheon and will be asked to speak briefly at the luncheon about their interests and goals, as well as how the Network might assist them in reaching those goals.

The travel grant is designed to defray the cost of registration fees and/or travel to attend the 2011 meeting. It is not necessary that the student give a paper, rather the monetary award provides an opportunity for a student to gain experience from attending a major regional meeting. In addition to the cash grant, the Women's Network will also pay for a one-year student APCG membership, and the cost of the Women's Network Luncheon, for each recipient. This initiative is funded through contributions to the Women's Network of the APCG. We expect to fund six or seven students, depending on available funding.

Nominations must be received by **June 15, 2011**. Nominations should consist of a brief paragraph outlining the student's interests and abilities in geography. Nominations can be emailed to Lise Nelson (lise@uoregon.edu).

Please ask your student nominee to provide the Women's Network with a one-page statement detailing why they want to attend the meeting and their current interests and goals in the field of geography. This statement, as well as contact phone number and mailing address, should be converted to a pdf file and submitted via email to Lise Nelson at University of Oregon (lise@uoregon.edu) no later than **June 25, 2011**.

We will notify the recipients in late July. Awardees must provide receipts in order to receive their award. Therefore, recipients should keep all receipts associated with the meeting registration and travel costs.

This program is entirely funded through contributions to the Women's Network of the APCG. Last year, to assure a more secure funding for the Travel Grants, we introduced a successful fund-raising campaign to honor someone (living or passed on) who are (or have been) mentors in Geography. This year, we again give members the opportunity to send a donation to the Women's Network Travel Grant, along with the name of the 'honoree.'

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WOMEN'S NETWORK TRAVEL GRANTS 2011

The Women's Network is pleased to announce the awarding of 7 student travel grants to this year's APCG in San Francisco, CA. The total cost of these travel grants is nearly \$1700.

The Women's Network Travel Grant is completely funded by donations from APCG members. The fund was initially created by contributions from Teresa Bulman and David Miller. However subsequent donations have not kept pace with the awarding of grants, putting at risk our ability to continue supporting the professional development of women who are aspiring geographers.

To that end, this letter is an opportunity for each APCG member to honor a mentor, a former professor, or even a colleague, with a contribution to the Women's Network Travel Fund. The form below allows you to pledge a donation in the name of your honoree, giving recognition to his/her role in your professional life in Geography. The mentor / honoree list will be published in the fall 2011 *Pacifica* Newsletter. You can turn in a check to us today, or mail it when you get home (pre-labeled envelopes are provided).

Thank you for your generous support!

Dorothy Freidel, APCG President
Lise Nelson, Women's Network Coordinator

Contributor's name and affiliation: _____

Email address: _____ Amount of contribution: \$ _____

My donation to the Women's Network Travel Fund is made in honor of: _____

My check is enclosed

I will send my contribution at a later date

Use pre-labeled envelope or mail to: Lise Nelson, Geography Dept. 1251, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403

Please make checks out to APCG (memo line: Women's Network Travel Grant fund)

Over the following six years the State of Oregon used funding from the Federal Wildlife Restoration Act to re-locate over 3,000 beaver to help restore riparian streams and landscapes. The result was successful restoration of pre-trapping ecologies—much to the chagrin of many Willamette Valley farmers.

Beaver, of course, accomplish restoration by building dams that store water in local landscapes. The amount of water stored in an average dam/pond is an impressive six acre feet of water. Much of that is stored in local aquifers wetting an area approximately 20 times the size of the pond itself (Westbrook *et al.* 2006). This groundwater charging has the additional benefit of discharging water back into the stream at about 54° F (12° C), the temperature salmonids have co-evolved to, in part because these streams used to have beaver on them. Furthermore, beaver can quickly produce perennial flows in formerly ephemeral streams (see Fouty 2003).

However, across the Willamette Valley, and most wet agricultural areas of the American West, farmers and State agencies have worked clear water from lands. To discipline waterscapes, drainage canals have been cut and extant streams channelized. In Western Oregon, highland logging has widely



denuded slopes, causing streams to scour and channelize their courses as well. In short, Oregonians have worked intentionally among farmlands, and as an unintended consequence in forestlands, to create landscapes that drain very quickly. Beaver counter this, often flooding roads, fields, and structures built in former wetlands.

This ability to effectively moderate flashiness and seasonality is particularly relevant in light of on-going and forecast changes in hydrologies. In the Cascades, the Rockies, and areas of the Sierra, stream flows are becoming more seasonal. Climate models

forecast increasing winter precipitation. However, because as a precipitate, snow forms near the freezing point, a relatively small increase in temperature can cause that winter precipitation to fall as rain. Records show decreasing snow packs across this area, and models predict this trend will accelerate so that by 2050 in the West 9200 km² of currently snow-dominated highlands will switch to a rain-dominated hydrology (see Chang and Jones 2010 for overview). Downstream, this shift is causing increased flooding in winter. More significantly, earlier spring peak flows are now followed by lower summer flows. As a result, there is less water available for agriculture and urban populations when it is most needed, during our warming western summers. In short, as much of the West loses snowpack, it is losing a significant water storage mechanism.

In Oregon, the Beaver State, both the former and the recently elected governors have directed state agencies to engage with climate change mitigation and adaptation. As a result, over the past six months State agencies and various working groups have published a series of monographs on climate change and adaptation. Changing hydrologies are prominently featured throughout these studies. While encouraging beaver re-colonization would seem a “low hanging fruit” as one lobbyist put it (low cost with significant returns), in the recent spate of reports beaver are not mentioned once.

An examination by this author of some of the reasons for that absence is forthcoming in a special edition of the journal *Global Environmental Change*, edited by Ashwini Chhatre and Arun Agrawal. That study identifies several institutional inhibitions to beaver re-colonization in Oregon. Briefly, those inhibitions revolve around the damage beaver can do to infrastructure, and are voiced most clearly through the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). It is important to understand that in Oregon the department represents very vocal farming and ranching interests; it also represents the interests of the logging industry, for decades the center of the State’s economy. All of these groups can be troubled by beaver. However, logging companies have both new tree plantings and extensive road networks which beaver can damage significantly— primarily by building dams across culverts which can cause roads to wash out. Thus reaction from the ODA and from rural land-users to any report recommending beaver re-introduction would be, as one Board member put it, “swift and violent”, and the reports would not be published—the immediate goal of the authors.

The ODA was also responsible for adding beaver to the list of “predators”, species that can be killed on private or on leased public lands. Together those make up 45.3 and 29.7 percent of Oregon lands respectively. As a result, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), an agency charged with managing all non-domestic animal and plant life in the State, regulates beaver trapping in only 25 percent of Oregon’s lands. My research also identifies several sub-cultures within the ODFW that inhibit beaver re-colonization; all rely on problematic evidence for support.



There are several small but vocal groups working to assist beaver re-colonization across the Western United States. Until recently those agents have been motivated by the prospects of restoring Western streams to greater functionality. Climate adaptation has only very recently been added as an argument to support re-colonization. In Colorado, through twenty five years of experience, Director of Wildlife 2000 Sherrie Tippie has developed and practices a successful beaver re-location protocol. In Utah, Mary O’Brien, Forests Program Manager with the Grand Canyon Trust, along with relocation activities, has been developing an analysis of the economic value of the services provided by beaver. In California, Heidi Perryman founded Worth a Dam in order to build community support for a colony of beaver living in the center of Martinez (www.martinezbeavers.org). In Washington and now Oregon, fisheries biologist Michael Pollock has pioneered significant research into beaver-salmon interrelations and in new, simple techniques to encourage beaver to build dams along wooden post anchors set mid-channel several meters above culverts (see video at: <http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/segments/view/1758>). While several individuals and groups are pushing to facilitate

beaver recolonization in Oregon, none are more active than the Beaver Advocacy Committee. Centered in the small settlement of Tiller, the Committee’s founding members, Stanley Petrowski and Leonard and Louis Houston, have begun their own relocation study with the cooperation of Roseburg Lumber, partially on their timberlands. Primarily self financed, the Committee has successfully moved dozens of beaver and have now organized two regional conferences (<http://www.surcp.org/beavers/index.html>).

This is still very much a grassroots movement with serious institutional hurdles to clear. However, the potential effects of beaver recolonization are significant. For geographers, beaver recolonization offers many opportunities for research. Beaver dams can significantly change sediment flows and so affect channel form and downstream erosion and deposition. Because dam/pond systems change habitat for many species (and improve habitat for 50 of the 140 critical species identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy) beaver present significant biogeographic changes. For geographers interested in political and resource geographies and/or in political ecology perspectives, beaver recolonization could be at the crux of human-environment relations as the Pacific coast states work to adapt to climate change. Clearly there is a lot here for geographers to study and to do.

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of my goals would be to collaborate with all APCG committees, annual meeting organizers and the membership more broadly to increase student involvement, in particular of undergraduates—not simply as spectators but as active participants. I believe that the APCG has done much better in this area in some of the recent meetings, but more could be done if we can establish mechanisms that allow us to work on this throughout the year. I have several ideas, such as connecting undergraduates with our fantastic APCG graduate students through research projects (even small ones) that can then be showcased in our annual meetings and I would love to hear what other members think about possibilities in this area. I also would like to explore the possibility of raising the profile and participation of the APCG during the annual AAG meetings, in particular when the annual meetings is somewhere in our Pacific Coast Region. I am delighted to be part of this organization and plan on continuing my involvement so that the organization remains looking to the future for many more years.

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I'm honored to be a nominee for the position of Vice President. I first became involved with the APCG in 1993 and later served as *Pacifica* editor from 1998 to 2005. The APCG is a dynamic professional organization with a healthy membership. While membership may not be a pressing issue, I believe our community could use strengthening; we need more bonds to unite us. I can see at least two ways to accomplish this: first, we need to find a home—and a format—for the *Pacifica*, our newsletter, and secondly, I propose that we create an academic document library accessible to members. Let me outline these two points.



Like the *Yearbook*, the *Pacifica* has much to offer our community, but beyond its feature articles and its recapping of the annual meetings, it is the organization's mouthpiece. Through it, the APCG communicates with its members about upcoming meetings, events, scholarships, announcements, and candidates for office. The *Pacifica*, however, is more than a communication device; it is a medium that helps organize the organization. The *Pacifica* has publishing deadlines and—with the help of the organization's presidents and that of Bob Richardson, its long-serving Treasurer—these

deadlines seem to be the pressure needed (at times) to get organizational tasks done. Ever since Sriram Khé's long and effective editorship concluded, the *Pacifica* has bounced around. It needs a home, and we need a broad discussion about its future. I think that discussion should start with the newsletter's format—the question of digital versus paper. Currently, I support keeping it in paper format. I receive many e-mails from professional organizations with links to their digital newsletters, and most of these I never click. I do not want the *Pacifica* to become a click-less newsletter, but if it continues in hard-copy format, each issue must be worthy of its paper and ink. Your views may be different, and I invite you to share them.

Another way we might strengthen our APCG community is through the creation of an online document library, a repository of documents, created by members at different departments throughout our region. Think of this library as an online filing cabinet that has drawers and folders with documents arranged thematically that address administrative topics such as student learning outcomes, assessment, curriculum, 5-year reviews, and whatever else is deemed useful. Departments and individuals who wish to share their work with the membership at large could upload their files to the library. Members can also access these documents to spur ideas, strategies, or just get a sense of the road ahead. This would allow us to avoid recreating the wheel and build upon the past good work of our members. This document library might be especially useful for members of smaller geography departments, which usually have the same obligations as larger departments, but have fewer faculty to share the load. Often forced to stretch themselves thin, they may be more vulnerable to budget cuts. This document library could help them with their workload and also unite them to a larger community of geographers. We can all, however, benefit from this for we are stronger when we work together. The broader discussion of this online library should focus on whether our community sees a need for such a thing, and if so, how it might be hosted and what form it should take.

These are a couple of ways I believe we can strengthen our community, and I think that they are consistent with our organization's constitutional objectives. As candidate for Vice President, I ask for your support.

As you can tell from the above paragraphs, the APCG has been my academic home for many years, and I care deeply about it. I personally know many of you, but for those that do not know me, I invite you to my website (<http://webpages.csus.edu/~schmandt/>) where you will get a sense of my teaching, scholarship, and service.

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Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarships in Cultural Geography

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG) announces the continuation of an annual tradition—competition for two **\$500 awards** for the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography. The awards are for geography graduate students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in cultural geography in a geography department in the APCG region. (Applications from outside the region cannot be considered.) **Applicants must be members of the APCG.** One or two awards are made each year. The award committee may choose not to award in a given year if proposals are not judged suitable.

There is an early deadline for the Cultural Geography Fieldwork Scholarship—15 June 2011. The goal of the awards committee and the donor is simple: Graduate students who receive this award will have the \$500 available soon after quarter-based colleges and universities let out for the summer. Recipients can use the funds right away, and should present at least preliminary results at the APCG meeting this year in San Francisco, Ca.

Application requirements:

1. Proposal from the applicant not to exceed 1000 words. The proposal must include project title, topic to be investigated, the context of research, methods, and a brief budget that explains how the award will contribute to field research for a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation.
2. Two letters of support, including one from the applicant's major advisor that explains how the award will be applied toward field research in cultural geography.

The award recipients are required to present a paper or poster about the field research supported by the award at the APCG meeting at the meeting immediately following the award. In addition, the award recipient must write a brief summary of the field research findings for *Pacifica*. The Larry Ford Fieldwork

Scholarship in Cultural Geography from the APCG should be acknowledged in any publication based on the supported field research. Publication in the APCG *Yearbook* is encouraged.

Submit the proposal and budget (as a PDF file) and request that letters of recommendation go directly to the Chair of the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship committee of APCG. Deadline for receipt is 15 June 2011. Applicants will be notified in late June, and a check delivered soon after. Recipients will be feted at the annual meeting banquet.

Chair: Paul F. Starrs (Department of Geography University of Nevada Reno, NV 89557) starrs@unr.edu. Other committee member includes Susan Hardwick, at the University of Oregon, and Michael Schmandt at CSU Sacramento.

Margaret Trussell Scholarships for Women Graduate Students

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, in conjunction with the APCG's Women's Network, is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Margaret Trussell Scholarship. Normally, two 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.

The competitive awards are made based on excellence in research design, written proposals and requests for funding, and supportive letters of recommendation. The funds may be used to support field work, archival research, and/or writing. A well-stated research description, statement of need, timeline of work, and budget are required. Each application should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from faculty who either know the student or serve on their research committees.

Each application must include:

1. Statement of Project and a general overview with bibliography
2. Timeline for completion
3. Budget and identified use of award (\$1000)
4. Graduate Transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from faculty
6. Contact information

Faculties are asked to encourage students to apply and support applicants with letters of recommendation. **Applications are accepted in late**

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spring and early summer but no later than August

1st. Applications may be made by email with a follow-up hard copy of the application if possible.

Applicants are asked to attend the San Francisco meeting and make a presentation. Winners are further asked to send a short article about their work to the *Pacifica* editor for inclusion in the Fall edition of *Pacifica*. Only those applicants out of the country at the time of the meeting are excused from attendance.

Please send email and hard copy applications to Peggy Hauselt, Ph.D. CSU Stanislaus PHauselt@csustan.edu, Department of Anthropology & Geography, One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382.

Incentives for Students to Present in San Francisco

Student Paper and Poster Competition Awards

Papers by students are a significant portion of the presentations at our annual meeting. Students benefit by presenting to a diverse audience and receiving expert feedback on their research. To encourage participation and to recognize and reward student scholarship, the APCG annually presents seven awards:

- 1) Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Student Paper, \$400
- 2) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, \$200
- 3) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Master's Student, \$200
- 4) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200
- 5) Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, \$200
- 6) Committee Award for Regional Geography, \$200
- 7) President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200

The awards are open to undergraduate and graduate students who are APCG members. Papers and posters may be co-authored if all authors are students, and the paper or poster must be presented at the annual meeting. Evaluation is made by the APCG Awards Committee based on the extended

abstract and the presentation. Applicants need to: 1) Submit the regular short abstract to the conference coordinator in San Francisco as outlined in the *Call for Papers/Abstracts*, and 2) Submit an extended abstract (1,250 word max) AND a student paper and poster competition application form to Greg Bohr at gbohr@calpoly.edu by September 12, 2011. Extended abstracts and application forms are required for both paper and poster entries.

Travel Awards for Student Presenters

To encourage student participation in the annual meeting, the APCG will commit \$4,000 to travel grants of \$200 each (except for students from the Bay Area who will receive registration fee grants of \$50). If grant applications exceed the \$4,000 total, recipients will be selected by a random lottery. To be eligible for a travel grant, a student must be an APCG member and must present a paper or poster at the annual meeting. However, you do not need to be entered into the paper/poster competition to be eligible for a travel grant. Travel grant applications can be emailed, mailed, or faxed to Greg Bohr, gbohr@calpoly.edu, and must be received by September 12, 2011. Recipients will be notified by September 14, 2011, and will be awarded grant checks at the banquet in San Francisco (or by mail afterward).

To obtain more information, the mailing address, and applications for travel grants and student awards, go to <http://www.csus.edu/apcg/grants.htm> or contact Greg Bohr, gbohr@calpoly.edu, (805) 756-1322.

The Women's Network of the APCG solicits donations each year to our travel fund, donations that can be made in honor of an important mentor of women geographers. The following were honored with donations, given in their name, to the Women's Network Travel Grant fund in 2010:

Mary Lynn Bird
Susan Hanson
Vicky Lawson
"all women grad students in APCG"
Lydia (the OSU geosci dog)

Welcome to San Francisco!

The Department of Geography at San Francisco State University is honored to host the 2011 APCG Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf in Francisco, California, between September 28th and October 1st, 2011. The Conference venue is an excellent facility located near San Francisco Bay in the heart of the city's tourist district. Nearby attractions include Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, and the historic San Francisco Presidio. North Beach, Chinatown and Downtown are within easy walking distance, and sports fans can take in the last game of the season at AT&T Park, home of the World Champion San Francisco Giants.



Why not leave your car at home and take BART from the airport or surrounding Bay Area communities? The conference venue is easily accessible by cable car, bus or historic trolley, and if you wear comfy shoes you'll find the city eminently walkable. There are also bicycle rental concessions near the hotel in case you want to explore the bayshore by bicycle or even participate in Friday's Critical Mass birthday ride – a direct action event that originated in San Francisco in 1992.

Scholarship and camaraderie are the hallmarks of APCG meetings. An Opening Plenary and Reception on the evening of Wednesday, September 28th will open the meetings, followed by field trips and a sociable dinner on Thursday, September 29th. Formal paper sessions, including the President's Plenary Session, will be held on Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1. The Awards Banquet and Presidential Address will be

held on the evening of October 1st at the conclusion of the conference. There will be many chances to network and socialize with colleagues, including the Department Chairs' Lunch on Friday and the Women's Network Luncheon on Saturday. Details will be online soon at <http://bss.sfsu.edu/geog/apcg/>

San Francisco, founded in 1776, is California's most densely settled large city and the financial, cultural, and transportation center of the Bay Area, a region with nearly 7.5 million inhabitants. Yet San Francisco is a city of neighborhoods justifiably famous for its ethnic and social diversity, fantastic food, public spaces and gorgeous views. While our summer fog is notorious, late September and early October afternoons are often cloudless and warm, though layers and wind breakers are recommended for potentially chilly coastal winds. In addition to the exciting lineup of field trips, there will be plenty of opportunities for individuals to explore The City and beyond.

Just like the city of San Francisco, SF State is known for valuing activism, social engagement and community service. The University is one of a select group of schools that Princeton Review calls "Colleges with a Conscience" -- institutions of higher learning that possess both "an administration committed to social responsibility and a student body actively engaged in serving society."

The Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies boasts an excellent BA program, a competitive MA program with optional focus in Resource Management and Environmental Planning, and a new MS program in Geographic Information Science. The affiliated Institute for Geographic Information Science is a research institution dedicated to the promotion and support of geographic information technology that strives to stay at the cutting edge in geospatial analytical methods in order to provide the highest quality training, consulting, and research support. Faculty members and grad students also pursue research in resource conservation, environmental restoration, urban sustainability and environmental science.

We hope that you will make plans to join us in San Francisco!

—Nancy Wilkinson (nancyw@sfsu.edu)
Coordinator, APCG 2011

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 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. Visit the APCG web site at 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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