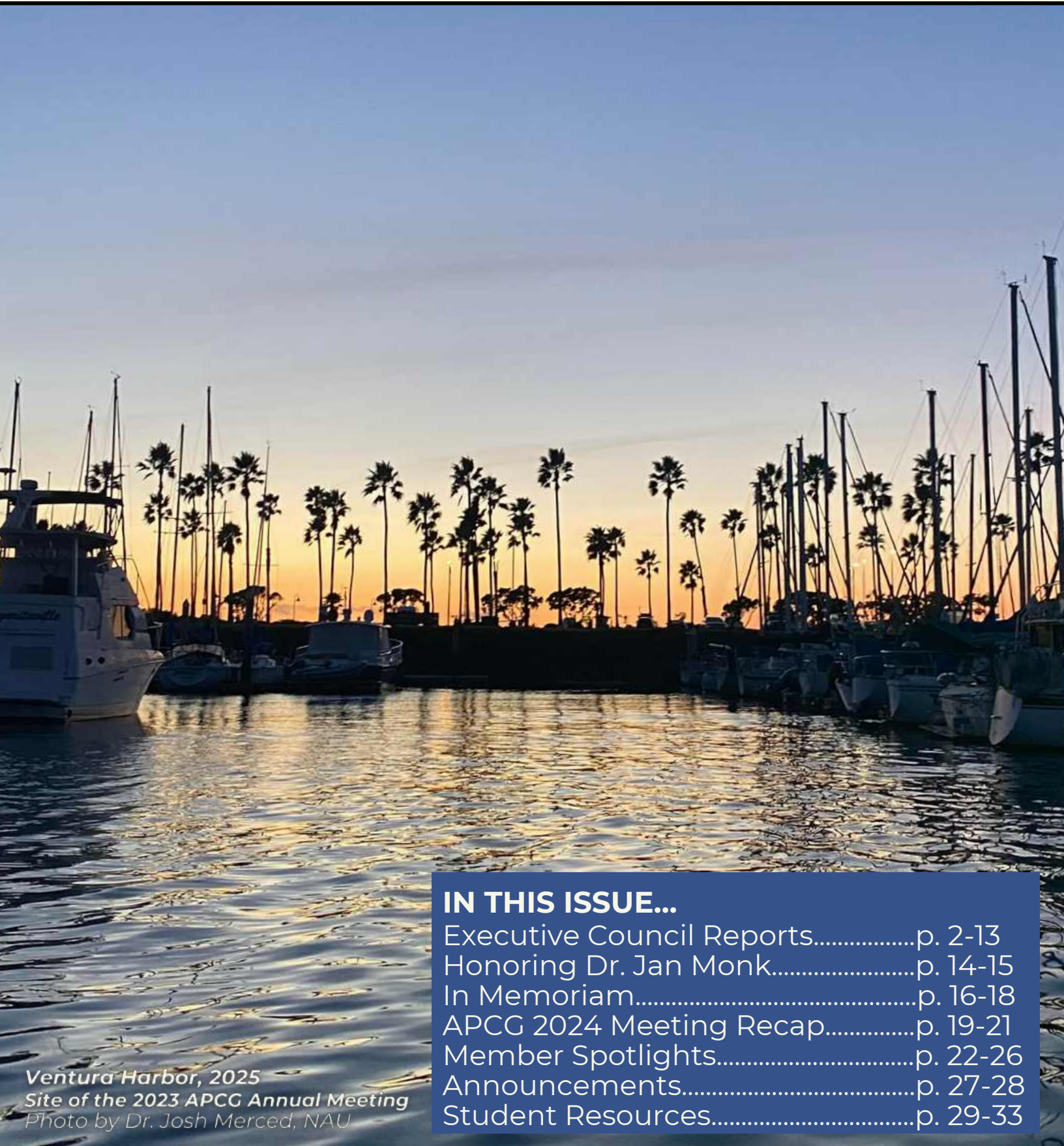


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Ventura Harbor, 2025
Site of the 2023 APCG Annual Meeting
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ABOUT APCG

Founded in 1935 by a gathering of geographers including graduate students and faculty from universities, normal schools, and junior colleges, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge. Members gather at the APCG's annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual Yearbook, first printed in 1935, that includes full-length peer-reviewed articles and abstracts of papers from the meetings. Members also receive the bi-annual newsletter Pacifica. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers, serving Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the Canadian Province of British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory.

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Awards, Grants, and Scholarships for 2025

In 2024, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers provided \$13,360.00 in student and faculty awards, grants, and scholarships at our Arcata, California meeting. Your Executive Council is pleased to offer the same opportunities in 2025, including:

- **For Faculty**
 - APCG Jan Monk Early Career Research Award
 - Creative Educator Research Award
- **For Students**
 - Paper and Poster Awards
 - Travel Grants
 - African Descent Student Travel Scholarships
 - Eugene Hoerauf Scholarships (Cartography & GIS)
 - Ford-Arreola Fieldwork-Archival Scholarships
 - Indigenous Student Travel Scholarships
 - Latina/o American Travel Scholarships
 - Margaret Trussell Scholarships (In conjunction with APCG Women's Network)

Information, contact, and application instructions for APCG awards are online at:
<http://apcgweb.org/grants-scholarships>

In addition, the APCG Women's Network offers students: **Women's Network Small Grants**

Information, contact, and application instructions for APCG WN awards are online at:
<http://apcgweb.org/womens-network>.

The application deadline for most awards, grants, and scholarships is September 15.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

TWO COUNTRIES, TWO GEOGRAPHIES

From the desk of Dr. Elena Givental, CSU East Bay

Founded in 1935, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers is almost 90 years old. Having arrived in California from the Former Soviet Union sixty years after the APCG had emerged, I found the state of geography in the United States somewhat bewildering. In California, most middle and high schools did not teach Geography classes, while at many universities Geography Departments were merging or closing altogether. This was the case with UC Davis where the Geography Graduate Group, of which I have very fond memories, became my alma mater in the absence of a Geography Department. Having been trained as a geographer in the Soviet Union, I was sufficiently educated in the basics of geography, but I was keen on observing the differences between the geographic discourse in the two countries. As a freshly minted APCG President, I would like to use this platform to reflect on the importance of geographic education, the mission of geography in our society, and the APCG's role in fulfilling that mission.



Really, what is Geography? For most people in the Former Soviet Union, geography was a school subject that was subdivided into physical geography and economic geography. For many people in the United States, geography is a part of social studies best known for memorizing and reproducing a lot of geographic names on a blank map. For us, professional geographers, “geography is a science, but it is also an art” as was famously pronounced by the University of Minnesota Professor of Geography John Fraser Hart in his AAG presidential address delivered at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Los Angeles in April of 1982 (Hart 1982). What kind of science is Geography? I would say that geography is like philosophy, it is in fact a science about science that integrates a diverse complex of modern natural and human studies. Only, unlike philosophy, geography today has a lot of practical applications to our everyday life. Why is geography an art? Because, similarly to art, geography describes and analyzes a diverse range of human activity based on fieldwork observations while invoking creative powers.

At the APCG Annual Meeting in Arcata in October 2024, we remembered the University of Washington Professor Emeritus Richard Morrill, a long-term APCG member who passed away last year. Richard Morrill served as AAG President in 1983 and in his presidential address entitled “The Responsibility of Geography”, he outlined the responsibilities of professional geographers: the responsibility to truth and scientific integrity, the responsibility to the discipline of geography, the responsibilities to community, society, humanity, and physical environment (Morrill 1984). Today, these responsibilities sound even more valid, urgent, and forward-looking than they did forty years ago.

Back to my comparison between the two geographies, Soviet geography was a mixture of European geographic tradition and communist indoctrination. Though geographical education was still comprehensive, the centralized state machine was using geography as an ideological tool for changing and adjusting economic laws and promoting the notion of “conquering the nature” for the sake of the economic competition between the democratic West and the Communist Bloc. By the end of the Soviet era, nature was “conquered” to the detriment of the environment, often resulting in irreversible degradation. Just think about the pollution of the previously pristine Lake Baikal in East Siberia or the drying out of the previously thriving Aral Sea in Central Asia!

Meanwhile in the United States, despite the lack of geographic education in grade school, geography has been developing as a diverse discipline, embracing the multitude of ideological and philosophical concepts, ideas, and theories and penetrating various fields of geography in complicated and, sometimes, confusing ways. While geographical ignorance may cause major damage to the environment and to international relations, the free exchange of ideas, not impeded by the ideological dogmas, can fulfill the responsibilities of geography delineated by Richard Morrill four decades prior. Building bridges between the two geographic traditions, I can assert that geography in the United States is well and alive, and I am happy to represent the discipline that helps protect future generations from environmental destruction and political indoctrination.

As an APCG President, I bear my personal responsibilities to the organization that helped me find my geography. With the declining APCG membership since the early 2000s and the general post-pandemic decrease in the number of college applications, the APCG came back as a somewhat smaller but coherent and determined organization having missed only one annual meeting due to COVID-19. The 2024 Arcata APCG meeting was successful thanks to the impeccable organization, beautiful nature, and all the APCG members who attended and supported the meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to outline the avenues that the APCG Executive Council is bound to explore to ensure the growth and enhancement of the APCG as a professional organization. We are brainstorming the new ways of attracting students and professionals from the variety of earth science and environmental science fields, expanding the community college outreach, increasing the participation of undergraduate students in the APCG student competition, and attracting young professionals and graduate students-APCG members to leadership positions. We strive to maintain the financial health of the APCG and explore the new fundraising opportunities in order to provide the APCG student members with grants and scholarships.

I look forward to working together with all of you to make the APCG stronger and even more vibrant and functional. Please reach out to me at elena.givental@csueastbay.edu if you are interested in contributing your ideas and/or joining the APCG Committees. I hope to see you next October at the 87th Annual Meeting in Santa Clarita, California.

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TREASURER REPORT

From the desk of Robert Richardson, CSU Sacramento

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

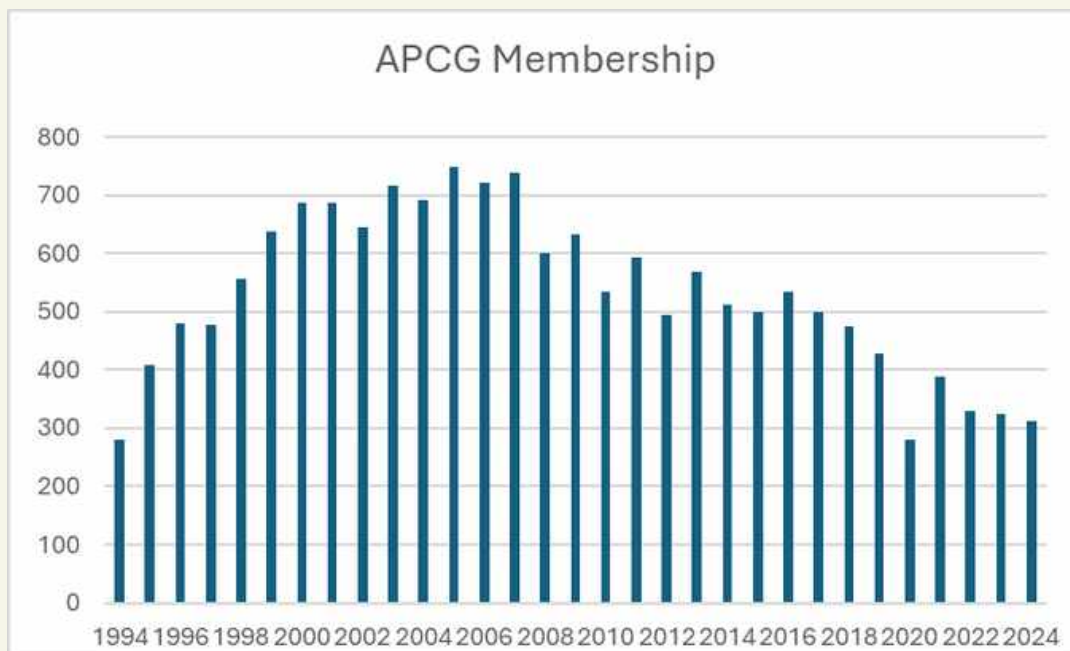
Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
Business Meeting—Arcata, October 5, 2024

Robert T. Richardson (CSU Sacramento), Treasurer

Banks: after more than twenty-six years, we closed our accounts with River City Bank in May; new ones had been opened with Beneficial State Bank in August last year. We also moved \$200,000 into CD's in August 2023, half from Regular funds, half from Special funds. For now, this means roughly \$8,000 more revenue annually—inflation has its advantages. We switched from using PayPal for payments made through Wild Apricot (dues, donations, registration) to AffiniPay, mainly because Wild Apricot adds 20% to their annual fee for using PayPal, or roughly \$500. It seems to be working well for members, but it's more work for me.

The Budget Numbers (*next page*) show good news: receipts \$22,688 more than disbursements! Contributing to this were royalties for two Yearbook volumes from UHP but billing for only one. Also, the Ventura meeting wound up \$5,665 in the black (mainly from registration fees; all events lost money)—a big surprise! AAG contributed too, with \$2500 for Wild Apricot and \$1000 for Ventura technical support, plus our usual \$1500 regional allocation and \$1000 toward GeoBowl (and no GeoBowl student grants were made this fiscal year—the checks were sent in July). A quick note: the opening balance figures for the Regular Accounts do not match Elena's closing balances from 6/30/2023 (which were the June bank statement figures) because my figures include three items booked in June that didn't show up until the July statement: \$3110.40 paid to Wild Apricot, \$920 paid to Rick Cooper (Yearbook copy editor), and \$52.89 dues received (net after Wild A's fee).

Special Funds (*next page*): overall paid out \$4,320 more than they took in. Only the FAFARS fund increased in value. At the Ventura meeting we gave out roughly \$19,000 from Special and Regular Funds combined.



TREASURER REPORT

From the desk of Robert Richardson, CSU Sacramento

APCG Treasurer's Report (summarized from the Arcata meeting report, 10/5/2024)

Robert T. Richardson

REGULAR FUNDS, forward at close of books, 7/1/23 **\$179,188.25**

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$7,759.00
AAG Regional Allocation	\$1,500.00
YEARBOOK (UHP year ending 6/30/22)	\$11,191.92
YEARBOOK (UHP year ending 6/30/23)	9,922.47
Interest on Regular Accounts	\$1,425.99
Income from Ventura Meeting	\$29,602.00
General contributions	\$920.00
AAG contribution for GeoBowl (plus we added \$500)	\$1,000.01

TOTAL INCOME **\$63,321.39**

DISBURSEMENTS

APCG 2023 Student Travel Awards (inc. GeoBowl)	\$7,300.00
APCG 2023 President's Awards (inc. Early Career Award)	\$1,700.00
EC member registration fees	\$840.00
Corporate Filing Fee	\$20.00
Bank and PayPal charges (not including with registration)	\$338.39
WildApricot annual fees (net, after \$2500 AAG reimb.)	\$92.00
YEARBOOK v.85	\$5,384.78
YEARBOOK v.86	\$970.00
Ventura meeting costs	\$23,988.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$40,633.55**

REGULAR FUNDS, balance on books, 6/30/24 **\$201,8766.09**

SPECIAL FUNDS, forward at close of books, 7/1/23 **\$125,318.44**

Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$1,021.82**
(\$200 award and \$8.32 interest) **-\$191.68**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$830.13**

McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$9,841.99**
(\$400 in awards and \$93.59 interest) **-\$306.41**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$9,535.58**

Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$42,872.46**
(\$2000 grants, \$406.71 interest, and \$245.00 contributions) **-\$1,348.29**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$41,524.17**

Women's Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$3,835.43**
(\$1,510 grants, \$370 contributions, and \$26.46 interest) **-\$1,113.54**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$2,721.89**

Ford-Arreola Fieldwork-Archival Research Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$35,174.33**
(\$1,500 grant, \$1,520.00 contributions, and \$346.36 interest) **\$366.36**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$35,540.68**

Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$9,134.68**
(\$1,175 in grants, \$410 contributions, and \$82.50 interest) **-\$682.50**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$8,452.18**

Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$3,691.56**
(\$537.50 in grants, \$335 in contributions and \$34.64 interest) **-\$167.86**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$3,523.70**

African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$2,451.11**
(\$325 in grants, \$260 in contributions and \$23.61 interest) **-\$41.39**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$2,409.72**

Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (forward 7/1/23) **\$513.62**
(\$1,000 awarded, \$2,500 in contributions, and \$5.40 interest) **\$1,505.40**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$2,019.02**

Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship (forwarded 7/1/23) **\$16,781.46**
(\$1,332.50 in awards, \$20 in contributions, and \$154.02 interest) **-\$1,158.48**
Balance 6/30/24 **\$15,622.97**

SPECIAL FUNDS, balance on books, 6/30/24 **\$122,180.04**

(note: rounding of prorated interest creates several \$0.01 discrepancies)

Total SF Contributions: \$5,660.00. Total SF Grants & Awards: \$9,980.00

New APCG Members

We welcome our new members over the past two years (*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined). Most joined to attend an annual meeting (2024 in Arcata, 2023 in Ventura).

2023

Stuart Aitken*
Kathryn Akatiff
Sophia Arabadjis
Carrie Armstrong-Ruport
Asikunnaby Asikunnaby
Nicholas Avanzino
Svetlana Babaeva
Caroline Baumann
Samantha Becaria
Michael Beland*
Caitlin Berry
Heather Bloom
Madeline Sue Brown*
Haylie Burkey
Iliana Campa
Esaú Casimiro Vieyra
Yuyan Che
Robin Cirrincione
David Clark*
Achituv Cohen
Melinda Collins
Kitty Connolly
Luis Cortes
Aleksandra Craine
Carl de Joya
Tory DeBiaso
Andrew Delman
Brian DiBartolo*
Julia Domenech
Natalie Doroteo
Xi Gong*
Gabriel Granco
Gwenyth Greco*
Tiffany Green
Chris Guo
Seth Gustafson
Bruce Hall
David Hartman
Madison Heffentrager
Nancee Hunter*
Jeffrey Jenkins*
Pascale Joassart-Marcelli
Terence Johnson
Danielle Juarez
Aila Bandagi Kandlakunta
Do Khym*
Dr. Paul A. Knapp
Ryan Kovarik
Shawn Kunipo
Yan Lin*
Jessica Lindsay*
Caitlyn J Linehan
Benjamin Marcovitz

Ava Marks
Mirian Martinez
Kaytlin Matyuch
Cameron Mayer
Wayne McLaughlin
Luis Mendiola Luna
Hanson Mike
Greg Morris
Lindsey Most
Cindy Nance
Petra Nichols*
Marilyn Obrien
Linda O'Hirok
Rob O'Keefe
Amalie Orme*
sarah page
Billi Parsons
jeremy patrich
Marlene Pearson*
Roger Pearson*
Monica Pech-Cardenas
Kylie Yuet Ning Poon
Nikita Prajapati
Kate Prell
Rhea Presiado*
Trevor Ramsey
Jessica Raty
Christine Rodrigue*
Matt Rosenberg
Eugenie Rovai*
Dennis Ruport
Alan Salcedo
Cory Sanchez*
Brendan Schultheis
Leah Shamlan
German Silva*
Dylan Skrah
Dustin Smith
Mitchell Snyder
Holly Snyder
Jim Sommer
Karen Sonksen*
Emily Sorensen
Peter Soule*
Jamie Spinney
Selima Sultana*
Stuart Sweeney
Stacie Townsend
Aimee Tran
MY-THU TRAN
Anna Neubauer Vickers
Alexis Wood
Joanne Scott Wuerker*
Mengya Xu

2024

Sanchayeeta Adhikari*
Hector Agredano
Diego Aldana
Austin Allen
Jessica Barlow
Catriona Barr
Ian Bent
Carin Billings
Paul Blank
Susan Brackett*
Judith Bross
Austin Brotherton
Robert Bumpass
Jack Bustabade
Holly Caggiano
Matthew Camacho
Raul Cano
Ben Catura
Charles Cerutti
Myles Chrispeels
Erin Clear
Fiona Connors
Cj Copper
Frank Cortes
Mary Beth Cunha*
Rachel Cunningham*
Aharon deGrassi*
William Denevan*
Maggie Devins
Adonis Diaz Torres
Miah Domel
Collins Eke*
Kaylyn Ells-Ho'okano*
Madison Elowitt
Jessica Embury*
Marisela Estrella
Sebastian Evans
Jason Finley
Austin Flood
Jennifer Frisk
August Frisk
Tawanda Gara
Garrett Gazzo
Jose Gonzalez*
Jim Graham
Laura Grenot Jones
Amanda Hackney
Maddox Haley
Garrett Hall
Marcus Harner
Peggy Hauselt*
Levi Humphrey
Christopher Ihinegbu
Nathan Jensen
Rohit Joshi
Drew Kapp*
Samuel King
Emma Knepp
Jennifer Kusler*
Gary Langham*
Shuo Liang
Madeleine Lopez
J.J. Manson
Angie Martinez
Astra Mattingly
Taylor McGuirk
Richard Melgoza
Armando Mendoza*
Samir Meziab
Katie Michel
Gulnara Nabiyeva
Oren Nardi
Yareli Navarro Chavez
Tony Nichols
Andre Oliva
Angelica Orellana-Nava
Matt Paris
Daphna Patel
Nicholas Perdue
Travis Peterson
Elise Piazza
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Nel Rodriguez
Sepulveda
Amanda Rose
Sangeeta Sarkar
Ethan Scheiblaue
Yashvi Shah
Byron Smith
Sara Snyder
Katherine Sweeney
Joshua Sweet
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Cooper Szto
No'el Tagab-Cruz
Kiyomi Tateno
Kenneth W. Taylor*
Matthew Twyman
Sylvia van Royen
Mathew Villalba
James Wanket*
Ava Warner
Valerie Washburn
Linda Weathers
Abbygail Whiting
Jason Woo

TREASURER REPORT

From the desk of Robert Richardson, CSU Sacramento

Making it Possible: At the Arcata meeting this past October the APCG gave out a total of \$13,360 in support of students, including \$6,610 from Special Funds, the rest from General Funds. How can we do this? The Yearbook has been a source of revenue since we put it in Project MUSE, and the Ventura meeting in 2023 turned a tidy profit. Of particular help is the generosity of members, as described below.

Special Funds Contributions: The last listing of Contributions (which never appeared in Pacifica) cut off April 25, 2023. Since then (to January 23, 2025) a total of \$9,885 has been contributed, as follows: \$2,900 to the General Fund (not a Special Fund), \$720 to the Women's Network Travel Grant fund, \$2,600 to the Ford-Arreola Fieldwork-Archival Scholarship fund, \$435 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship fund, \$360 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship fund, \$300 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund, \$250 for the Margaret Trussell Scholarship fund, and \$20 to the Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship fund. Thanks to the following for their support:

Jeffrey Baldwin	Christy Jocoy
Monika Puscher Calef	Terence Johnson
Robert W. Christopherson	Diana Liverman
Jim Craine	Kenneth Madsen
Stephen Cunha	Bev Passerello
Janet Dove	Michael Pretes
Jan Ford	Robert T. Richardson
Barbara Fredrich	Robert Sauder
Elena Givental	Jeffrey P. Schaffer
John Harrington Jr	Jerrie Sinclair
Lily A. House-Peters, PhD	Paul F. Starrs
Stephen C. Jett	Nancy Summers

Contributing Members: The following Contributing members from 2024, most of whom have renewed for 2025 by now, increased our coffers by \$1,565, compared to what Regular membership would have cost (and many of them could be Student or Retired members), helping to pay for the President's Awards and regular travel grants for student presenters.

Clark Akatiff	James S. Kus
Daniel D. Arreola	Peter F. Mason
M. Dolores Bayle	Alexander B. Murphy
Gregory S. Bohr	David Plane
Ronaldo I. Caluza	Lorne Platt
Robert W. Christopherson	Michael Pretes
Richard Cocke	Craig S. Revels
William K. Crowley	Robert T. Richardson
Robin Datel	William Selby
Vincent Del Casino, Jr.	Rosemary Sherriff
Tracey Ferguson	Maureen Smith
Richard Francaviglia	Betty Elaine Smith
Kathryn (Katie) Gerber	Julie Stoughton
Leslie Hassett	Nancy Summers
Jennifer J. Helzer, Ph.D.	Carlos Tovares
Gary Hytrek	Donald E. Vermeer
John Paul Jones, III	James (Jim) Wickes
Rajrani Kalra	Siri Nimal Wickramaratne
James R. Keese	Terence Young
Thomas Krabacher	

SPECIAL THANKS: Bill and Kathy Bowen continue to pick up the cost of banquet tickets for student first-author presenters, totaling \$400 for the Arcata meeting. Robert and Bobbé Christopherson continue to fund two GeoSystems awards of \$500 each at our annual meetings. **9**

AAG REGIONAL COUNCILOR REPORT

From the desk of Dr. Dydia DeLyser, CSU Fullerton

Report distributed during the APCG Business Meeting

AAG Regional Councilor is Dydia Delyser. Please feel free to follow up with the Councilor at dydia@fullerton.edu.

1. Below are important items and developments at the AAG:

a. AAG 2024 meeting in Hawai'i:

- i. Lave (President) and Langham (ED) worked extensively and intensively with local Hawai'iian leaders and community members to ensure we were welcome, and that our meeting was community- and place-engaged. Questions and concerns raised by AAG members around the world were thoughtfully engaged and acted upon. We welcomed Indigenous leaders into our conference, including in a greeting/blessing, and a farewell ceremony. Our approach has since become a model for other professional associations holding their conferences in Hawai'i.
- ii. The meeting was smaller, but we netted just over \$100k AND held a hybrid meeting.
 1. Where other associations are abandoning the hybrid model (as too expensive) we have made it work, even when the time zone made it more challenging.
 2. This shows our commitment to our values, including reducing our carbon footprint.

b. AAG 2025 meeting in Detroit

- i. This form of local engagement will be our model for future meetings; look forward to seeing this in Detroit.
 1. Early registration is ahead of pace, and many are very excited about this meeting and its location.
 2. Please consider booking the conference hotels as these as the AAG must guarantee a minimum number of rooms.

c. Future meetings: fully virtual annual meetings are not financially feasible:

- i. Attendance is much, much smaller, so revenue is much, much lower
- ii. Sponsors and exhibitors won't join virtual meetings, leading to additional revenue loss.
- iii. Tech support is also very expensive.

1. In Honolulu, the virtual component of the meeting was made financially feasible by the DIY approach where session participants managed their own Zoom sessions.
2. This may be disappointing but other associations don't even try. We are continuing hybrid meetings as a core part of our values.

d. A Taskforce about Nurturing Undergraduate Geography (the Gen A Project) has been established by Vice President Bill Mosely to focus on undergraduate geography and geographers, and building our strengths (where we have been losing students nationwide). Look for sessions at regional meetings and at the annual meeting as well as updates.

e. AAG finances are challenging but well under control by leadership, and the Council now has additional financially focused meeting sessions as well as a full financial orientation for new Councilors.

- i. The challenge is due to canceled annual meetings during the pandemic, pandemic-relief expenses, and the fact that the Denver meeting was much smaller (by 50%!) than pre-pandemic meetings, and the Hawai'i meeting was (as predicted) small as well. Additionally, inflation and the commitment to hybrid modalities increased costs. In response:

1. AAG staff have been reorganized and unfortunately several have had to be let go. They are now as lean as they can be without cutting services.
2. Langham and Orgodol (Finance Director) are working to shift the AAG's income structure to one that is less dependent on the annual meeting.
3. Staff have already applied for and secured significant grant funding and are expanding these efforts with multiple proposals currently in play and one staff member dedicated to these efforts.
4. Membership dues increased this year (for the first time in a very long time!).

ii. Those members who believe the AAG is rich are mistaken.

iii. Langham terminated spending projects, and the Council voted to limit spending on new initiatives and minimize spending in general until operating reserves have been restored.

iv. It could take as many as ten years to restore AAG's operating reserves and funds, even with member support and well-attended annual meetings.

f. Climate initiatives:

- i. AAG has fully divested from fossil fuels and is now in a LEED Gold Certified building. Virtual meetings in the pandemic, and the hybrid meetings in Denver and Hawai'i have reduced the meeting's carbon footprint.
- ii. Climate Action Committee offered suggestions for alternative-format meetings for 2028 however, when staff assessed each option (hubs creating 2-3 meetings, smaller central meeting supported by multiple nodes, all virtual, regions connect with regional meeting as annual meeting), none was found to be financially feasible; all were found to create a further significant loss of revenue/reserves.
- iii. AAG Staff recommends, and Council voted to support the continuation of hybrid meetings and nodes, seek climate friendly locations and hotel contracts that prioritize energy efficiency, reduction of food waste, and fair labor practices.

g. JEDI: (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion) Principles and practices are implemented formatively across the AAG Strategic Plan and in all areas of operation and practice.

h. Truth and Transformation (not Truth and Reconciliation because we will never fully reconcile the past) process has been initiated and will be followed in a multi-year, careful and deliberate manner with a Blue-Ribbon Committee initiating the efforts in a process that will see to fully examine AAG's past in order to shape a more affirming future. Here we can, again, be leaders among disciplines. The first part of the transformation will be revealing and hearing the Truth. Then we'll begin the Transformation. All will be embedded in AAG's upcoming 5- and 10-year strategic plans. Look for events (along with support for those going through the process) at annual meetings for the next few years as a timeline is not set.

i. Public and Engaged Scholarship Taskforce has assembled a promotion-and-tenure-oriented rubric for recognition of this form of scholarship, along with examples of PES-affirming statements at departments, colleges, and universities around the country. Council voted to adopt a statement supporting PES as follows:

- i. The American Association of Geographers recognizes Public and Engaged Scholarship (PES) as an important form of geographic scholarship. PES is important because it links teaching and research directly to the public good, and aligns colleges and universities with broader public communities and their interests. Public and engaged scholarship (PES) encompasses the processes, products, and outcomes of knowledge production in collaboration with a variety of actors, including diverse communities, policymakers, and non-profit organizations. We encourage academic departments, public agencies, NGOs and other organizations that employ geographers to put in place policies and processes to protect and value PES.
- ii. The statement, rubric, and other resources will be made available on the AAG website.

2024 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

From the desk of Dr. Terry Young, Cal Poly Pomona

APCG Business Meeting – Minutes

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 PM (PDT)

Location: LIB 308, Cal Poly Humboldt Library, Arcata, CA

Chair: Fernando Bosco calls the meeting to order at 4:30. Approximately 20 people are present.

Approval of 2023 Business Meeting minutes: Terry Young reporting. Minutes distributed and approved.

Election Results: Fernando Bosco presents the results for 2024-25:

- Elena Givental – President-Elect
- Lily House-Peters – Vice President-Elect
- Terry Young – Secretary-Elect (and continuing)

Continuing:

- Fernando Bosco – Past President
- Dydia Delyser – AAG Councilor (through June 2025)
- Bob Richardson - Treasurer

Reports

1. Budget Committee Report (Robin Datel and Monika Calef reporting) – No errors found. The committee approves the Treasurer's Report.
2. Treasurer Report by Bob Richardson – available under separate heading.
3. AAG Regional Councilor Report by Dydia Delyser – available under separate heading.
4. APCG Women's Network Report (Alana Rader reporting):
 - a. The WN now has co-chairs in order to have continuing knowledge of operations, etc. Alana is about to cycle off while An-Min Wu will be continuing co-chair. She will be joined by new co-chair Monika Calef. Plus, they now have student co-chairs as well. The WN will hold an event at the Detroit AAG meeting. They had a negative budget last year, which they are trying to rectify this year.
5. President's Report (Fernando Bosco reporting unless noted otherwise):
 - a. Upcoming AAG annual meetings will be in Detroit (2025), San Francisco (2026), New York City (2027), TBD (2028), and Denver (2029).
 - b. APCG 2025 meeting will be held at the College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, CA from October 9 to 11.
 - c. Formation of Annual Meeting Committee – We voted last year to create committee but didn't do so. Mike Pretes agrees to chair this committee. Terry Young volunteers to join the committee too. One more individual is needed and we have identified some people to approach. A short discussion follows concerning where to look for the sites for 2026 and beyond. Mike and Terry will meet to discuss the next steps.
 - d. Future of Pacifica: Editor and honorarium – we need a new editor for Pacifica. The most recent issue was generously created by Fernando, but it was basic and not where we want to be. Ex. Council agreed at yesterday's meeting to offer a small honorarium of \$400 per year to entice and support an editor. Some discussion follows, but no one disagrees with the idea of an honorarium. It is noted that the newsletter should include reports by Margaret Trussell Award and F.A.F.A.R.S. winners, contributions from APCG region students and faculty, and from anyone who presents or creates a poster at the annual meeting.
 - e. Yearbook Editor's report (Craig Revels reporting): This year's volume of the Yearbook will be coming out soon, which is a bit late. At the Honolulu AAG he met with the U. of Hawaii Press folks. He is seeking submissions from Jan Monk Award winners and the PhD students who received awards. He plans to stay on as editor for at least one additional year. It is noted that downloading articles through Project Muse earns income for APCG so please use and have your students use the service. Alec Murphy recommends a theme for a future Yearbook issue – histories of the region's geography departments. Alec says there was such an issue done in the past and it was both interesting and valuable. Others agree with the idea. Dan Arreola suggests some use of the APCG archives to develop recurring historical coverage of the meetings, which could be in either the Yearbook or Pacifica.
 - f. Executive Council: discussions to share
 - i. Membership & Social Media Outreach Committee – Ex Council thinks we need to revive this committee to increase membership and interest in the APCG. Robin Datel volunteers to be a part of the committee. Fernando emphasizes the need to reach students. Rhea Presiado volunteers to help "push out" content on social media. Unfortunately, APCG has no social media presence. Discussion follows. Elena notes the committee needs a third person and someone must be the chair.
 - ii. Applied and Independent Geographers Committee – This committee has no members. After little discussion, attendees voted to dissolve the committee. The by-laws will need to be revised.
 - g. Student member on APCG Ex. Council – Fernando relates that AAG and other geography organizations have student representatives on their councils. Our Ex. Council thinks we should also have one. Asks for general agreement from attendees that the next election will include an item asking for permission to modify the by-laws to include a student member. If supported, the following election would include a candidate for student member. Discussion follows: Questions – would this be a voting position? It is on the AAG council. How is that person selected? Who/how do they represent other students? On the AAG council the student comes from the AAG Student Affinity Group. Would it be a graduate student? Or could it also be an undergraduate? Attendees favor graduate students. It is noted that the California Geographical Society's board of directors appoints its student representative who was most recently a PhD student. Fernando relates that the Ex. Council thought it would solicit nominations and include personal statements like faculty candidates when running. It is noted that the position might encourage a student at an R1 institution to become involved. While no vote was taken, attendees generally seemed to support the proposal.

Open floor for discussion

1. How can we increase participation by R1 departments? Discussion follows. Dydia Delyser notes that the problem is not unique to APCG, but widespread throughout the nation. None of the regions has been able to successfully reverse the situation. Only SEDAAG seems relatively immune and that is because of its history and culture.
2. Brief report from California Geographical Society members in attendance – The next meeting will be in Turlock, CA on April 25-27, 2025. Details are being developed. All are invited to attend.

Executive Council Meeting: The Executive Council met in LIB 310, Cal Poly Humboldt Library, Arcata, CA on October 4, 2024, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

The Executive Council expresses its deepest appreciation to the 2024 conference organizers. Many additional kudos from attendees.

Business Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM

Respectfully submitted by Terence Young, APCG Secretary

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By way of introduction, each new member of the APCG Membership Committee has written a paragraph titled "*Why I am a member of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers.*" Please read these expressions of enthusiasm and share them with your colleagues and students as you encourage them to join. We have a lot of ground to make up—twenty years ago we had nearly 750 members; now we are just over 300. Yet the world needs more geography, not less. Share your ideas for membership growth with any committee member. And expect to hear from us!

Whether a student, faculty or an independent geographer, there isn't anything else quite like the joy of connecting with your peers. I joined the APCG in 2016 as an undergraduate and have since had the privilege and support to explore our region by attending the annual meeting - an approachable and meaningful conference for students and faculty alike. Participating in the APCG, as opposed to just independent literature review, is an involved opportunity to keep up to date with what the world is demanding of our research. A way to know each other and collaborate in this ever expanding world. I greatly look forward to seeking out and supporting new members. Cheers to a future of collaborating and advocating for the future of Geography.

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My first experience with the APCG was when I was a U.C. Davis graduate student receiving the Margaret Trussell graduate student scholarship in 2003. Back then I was hooked by the legacy of Margaret Trussell and of all the other women supporting women in the APCG. I felt welcomed into the laid back nature of APCG geographers wearing the uniform of Birkenstocks, jeans and t-shirts with a “down to earth” vibe. Twenty two years later, I now bring my own Pasadena City College students to the APCG to give them the same support, positivity and geography pride. The APCG has a great thing going, and I’m honored to be a part of bringing in new members, especially from the community colleges.

Rhea Presiado, Ph.D., Professor
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Hello. I'm Henryk Szadziewski, a member of APCG's Membership and Outreach Committee. I'm a political geographer whose work examines the grounded impacts of transnational economic policies. In 2023, I completed my doctorate on China's Belt and Road Initiative in Fiji at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I'm currently based in the Seattle area and an affiliate at the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai'i Mānoa. I'm a new member of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, having joined in December 2024 after a conversation with APCG President Elena Givental. I'm a big supporter of regional academic organizations. I like the opportunities available to serve the academic community in my area, as well as the possibility to share and hear about new work in a familiar and positive setting through the annual conference. As a researcher working remotely, it's vital for me to build professional relationships at in person gatherings. The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a storied history, and over time, it has established trusted publications and a cohort of dedicated scholars.



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Now an emeritus professor, I happily remain an APCG member, having joined a half-century ago (!) when I started graduate school. I have a lot of fond memories of past APCG meetings: sparkling talks, student successes, enriching field experiences, unexpected opportunities (e.g., giving my past president's address in a casino). I continue to enjoy the collegiality of APCG attendees, older and younger. Papers and posters help me stay in touch with currents in Pacific Coast geography. My varied service to the organization was helpful to my career, channeling my commitment to academic geography, including during the twenty years between my PhD and my being hired into a tenure-track job. I love our discipline, and contributing to the maintenance of its infrastructure is important to me. I value the APCG as a regional organization. Its smallish meetings, welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, and affordability are key features. If you are not already a member, please join! If you are a member, please invite others!

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HONORING THE LIFE & CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAN MONK TO FEMINIST GEOGRAPHY, GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION & MENTORING

By Dr. Lily House-Peters, CSU Long Beach



Dr. Janice Jones Monk (1937-2024)

Dr. Jan Monk, trailblazing scholar, feminist geographer extraordinaire, and beloved mentor and teacher, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona at age 87. For decades, Jan was a key figure in the Pacific Coast regional geography community, having joined the University of Arizona (UA) in 1980, where she directed the Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW) for over two decades. Jan has been recognized globally as a pioneering scholar of gender issues. Her pathbreaking research paved the foundation for the development of feminist geography, gendered geographies of work, livelihoods and everyday life, the history of women in geography, and geographic education and mentorship. Jan was a beloved colleague and a friend to geographers worldwide. She served as the President of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) from 2001 to 2002 and was deeply committed to her work with the International Geographic Union (IGU).

Jan was passionate about creating a community of support for early career researchers and devoted herself to supporting and mentoring women geographers and scholars from historically marginalized communities. As memorialized by the International Geographic Union (IGU), "Jan was a force to reckon with, shaping the field and creating space for gender and feminist geography within the discipline. We are saddened by this loss but strengthened by the strong legacy she leaves behind". Jan received Lifetime Achievement Honors from the AAG in 2000, an honorary doctorate from the University of Barcelona in 2013, and the Lauréat d'Honneur from the IGU in 2012. Jan's seminal contributions to the field of geography are also recognized by the Janice Monk Lecture in Feminist Geography held annually in the School of Geography, Development and Environment (SGDE) at the UA and at the AAG annual meeting.

Born in Sydney, Australia, Jan came to the United States in 1961, choosing the University of Illinois because of her close relationship with her cousin, Nancy Duffin, who lived in Chicago. Jan earned her Doctorate at the University of Illinois in the field of Geography. She served as an Assistant Professor at University of Illinois until 1980, when she moved to a research position at the University of Arizona, joining the Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW). She served as SIROW's Executive Director from 1983 to 2004 and was also Research Professor of Geography and Development at University of Arizona.

Jan's early work during her PhD focused on daily living in the Aboriginal communities in New South Wales, at a time before Aboriginal people were even counted in the Australian population census. She made immense contributions to geographies of gender and feminist geographies. She was among the first geographers to raise questions about the invisibility of women in the discipline of Geography in seminal paper with Susan Hanson 'On not excluding half of the human in human geography' (Monk and Hanson 1982). Throughout her prolific and impactful career, Jan worked to highlight women's experiences and to foreground the lens of gender within geographical research and knowledge production. Her cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural book *The Desert is No Lady: Southwestern Landscapes in Women's Writing and Art* (1987), co-edited with Vera Norwood, made an important contribution to cultural geography through an examination of women's creative responses to their environments in the deserts of the American Southwest and US-Mexico borderlands from 1880-1980.

Jan's research was interdisciplinary and international occupying a critical intersection between feminist/gender studies and geographic education. She was passionate about bringing together women's studies and international studies. Her scholarship examined the ways in which gender has shaped the development of geographic institutions and women's experiences within them, making visible the lives, contributions, and challenges faced by women geographers working within the discipline across diverse institutions, including post-secondary education, libraries and government agencies.

Jan worked tirelessly with Janet Momsen and other women geographers to initiate the International Geographical Union (IGU)'s pathbreaking Commission on Gender and Geography. The Commission started as a task force and was granted full commission status in 1992. Working with the IGU's Gender and Geography Commission allowed Jan to pursue her research interests while establishing collaborations and friendships throughout the world. The volume *Bridging Worlds- Building Feminist Geographies: Essays in Honor of Janice Monk* honors Jan's contributions to establishing the field of feminist geography and marks the 30th anniversary of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography.

Jan remained active in the AAG throughout her life and career. Much of her work in geographic education was concerned with university teaching and graduate education and mentoring. Jan made important contributions to the Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA), which mentors early career faculty. Jan served as co-principal investigator for the AAG's EDGE (Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education in Geography) Project focused on career and professional development for MA and PhD students. As an AAG Fellow, Jan coordinated a program to engage retired geographers in support of the profession.

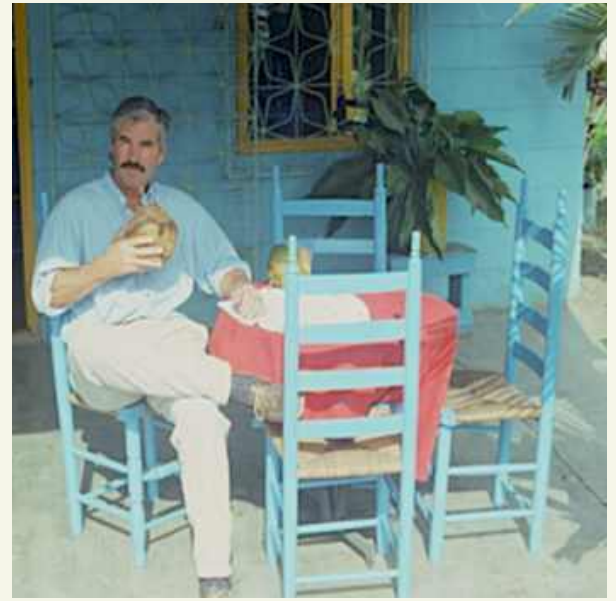
Jan is fondly remembered as an impactful mentor and role model to geographers around the world. Jan was committed to supporting women geographers, introducing them to relevant networks, promoting their research, and advocating for their inclusion and recognition within international groups, universities, and other academic bodies. Jan was an active supporter of the APCG's Women's Network and in her honor, the APCG has established the Jan Monk Early Career Faculty Research Award, which is awarded annually at the fall APCG Meeting.

Learn more about Jan's life and work here:
<https://geography.arizona.edu/person/janice-monk>

James Curtis (1947-2024)

By Dr. Dan Arreola

In the closing scenes of *Devil in a Blue Dress*, the film adaptation of Walter Mosley's first Easy Rawlins mystery, Easy and his friend Odell are sitting on the porch of Rawlin's South Central Los Angeles home, sipping beers, and passing the day away. Easy asks Odell about friendship and how that bond can survive over years of attachment, an intentional but unspoken reference to Easy's relationship to his boyhood companion, Mouse, a known killer yet lifetime sidekick despite their distance apart—Mouse in Houston and Easy in Los Angeles. In the story, Mouse visits Easy to assist with a predicament and in the end, Mouse is forced to take the life of another of Rawlin's friends who became mixed up in a kidnapping. Easy asks Odell if keeping a friend even when you know the bad things about him is right or wrong. Odell, reading a newspaper, pauses, then says to Easy, "All you got are your friends."



Jim Curtis was a geographer but inside that professional persona was a man in love with writing. He once told me about a meeting he had with Walter Mosley when the celebrated author was invited to CSU Long Beach where Jim was on the faculty for the last part of his career. Jim was asked to show Mosley around town and was thereby able to have open conversations with the author. Jim shared that he thought Mosley was a bit full-of-himself, yet he still appreciated the power of Mosley's prose and his dedication to chronicling a set of stories about a black man in post-WWII Los Angeles. Jim, then, was already a published novelist (*Shangó*, 1996) and engaged on and off writing several fiction accounts about Cuba, and the Mexican border. He relished writers who could tell stories about life, and often shared his special affinity for John Updike's "Rabbit" series.

I first met Jim in 1975, when we were both beginning Ph. D students in Geography at UCLA. Both Jim and I studied with a young up-and-coming talented voice in cultural landscape geography, Christopher Lord "Kit" Salter. Jim and I found ourselves office mates in the basement of the Palm Court of Bunche Hall where the Geography Department was housed. Something clicked, and almost at once, Jim and I bonded, perhaps, in part, because we were natives of the Southland—San Diego and Santa Monica, respectively—but also very likely because we came from similar working-class backgrounds, Jim's ancestry from backwoods Tennessee and mine from hardscrabble Jalisco.

Jim completed the Ph. D in 1978, his dissertation was a cultural geography of the Mexican American barrio of Alviso, California. His first tenure-track appointment was a post in Geography at University of Miami. He blossomed there, launching a prolific writing career as a cultural landscape scholar publishing a book (with Tom Boswell) about Cuban Americans, and a handful of brilliant essays about Miami and Florida. When Florida tarnished following an unfortunate incident, Jim left Miami returning to his beloved San Diego where he worked several part-time jobs, never seeing the San Diego State University dream appointment come to fruition. I was then a Geography faculty at Texas A&M University, and I had recently been asked to contribute a chapter about the Mexican border cities for a proposed cultural atlas. In 1986, I invited Jim to come along with me to explore these border places. Jim accepted my proposal, and, quite naturally, we both fell into a topic we found exciting and yet largely undiscovered. The idea of a book about the cities emerged from those first encounters and over the next several years, after Jim took a position in Geography at Oklahoma State University, we returned repeatedly to the border, finally giving birth to *The Mexican Border Cities: Landscape Anatomy and Place Personality* in 1993.

Jim relocated to Huntington Beach, CA after securing a position with the Department of Geography at California State University, Long Beach, and I departed Texas to accept a post in Geography at Arizona State University. Into the next decades, we would see each other when Jim came to Arizona where he had family, and I returned to SoCal to visit my family. Through the riptides of life that washed over each of us, we remained as ever, close at heart if distant across the miles.

For almost a half-century, Jim Curtis was my best friend. As a friend, he knew my secrets as I knew his. That bond was tested many times across the years when we travelled together for research and pleasure. Our mutual fascination with place and people held us together as geographers, and our cosmic complementarity within the houses of Taurus-Gemini enabled an appreciation of one another. It is said that a friend is a person whom one knows, likes, and trusts. In the end, as Odell told Easy, "All you got are your friends."

Dan Arreola
Placitas, NM

IN MEMORIAM



Richard Morrill (1935-2024)

- Professor Emeritus, U of Washington
- APCG member from 2010 to 2016
- A founder of the Institute of Environmental Studies at UW and the first director of the Ph.D. program in Urban Design and Planning
- Served as AAG President in 1983
- His books include *The Geography of Poverty in the United States* (1971), *The Spatial Organization of Society* (1972), and *Political Redistricting and Geographic Theory* (1981)

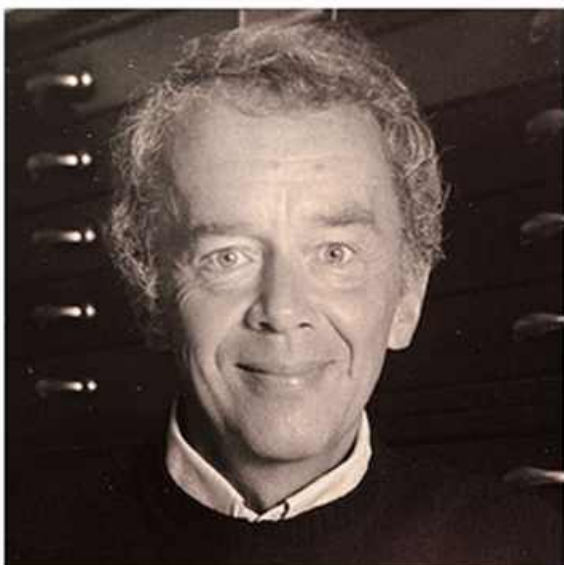
Ken Hammond (1934-2024)

- Professor Emeritus at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA
- An APCG member for 25 years
- Co-edited a book on environmental literature titled “*The Sourcebook on the Environment*,” funded by the AAG in 1978
- An early proponent for new water resource policies promoting environmental sustainability



Robert Moline (1933-2024)

- Born in Gary, Indiana, he frequented road trips to the American West
- An APCG member for almost 20 years despite teaching at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota
- Taught courses on Meteorology, Water Resources, Environmental Attitudes and Landscape Change, and *The American West*



IN MEMORIAM



Margaret Fitzsimmons (1947-2023)

- Professor Emeritus at UC Santa Cruz, in the fields of urban planning and environmental studies
- Descending from the family of esteemed geographers
- Her book, *Thirst for Growth: Water Agencies as Hidden Government in California*, co-written with Robert Gottlieb, remains a seminal work in the field

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Congratulations to our 2024 Student Award Winners!

Award Winner Spotlight

Hanson Mike, Northern Arizona University
Masters Student, Environmental Science & Policy

2023 Recipient of the
Ford-Arreola Fieldwork-Archival Research Scholarship



My research interests focus on the interconnectivity of environmental science, environmental justice, and policy development. My thesis analyzes the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 to look for evidence of Indigenous Involvement in federal conservation policies. My goal with this thesis is to highlight how Indigenous peoples are perceived in managing federal lands and waters and to help communities seeking to re-Indigenize water governance.

I thank Dr. Denielle Perry for advising me through my master's degree journey. Also, to the APCG community for being so welcoming.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Steve Graves, past president of the APCG, recently completed service on a team of researchers analyzing data for the City of Los Angeles as it considers reparations for African Americans harmed by the actions and inactions of city leaders over the past one hundred years or so. The harms enumerated by the research were wide-ranging, but some of the most damaging consequences associated with city policy were ultimately spatial injustices. Dr. Graves led the effort to map historical patterns of residential segregation (see story map) to analyze the costs of racially restrictive property covenants on housing equity growth for Black families in Los Angeles. Graves also mapped the patterns of exposure to toxic pollutants, hazardous waste, freeway construction, water quality, and a host of environmental disamenities that help create significant disparities in health outcomes for persons living near them. The team estimated the monetary cost to Black Angelenos to be in the billions of dollars. Reparations are very controversial, and the issue requires a sober, data-driven approach that geographers, with our unique perspective and toolkit, are well-suited to help address.

News feature by **Dr. Daniel Arreola** in
New Mexico Magazine, December 2024 issue

ONE OF OUR 50 IS MISSING

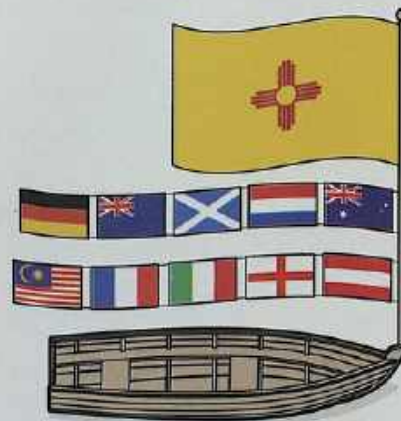
Yes, it's a state. No passport required.

Oh, Canada

In July, **DANIEL ARREOLA** of Placitas took a Canadian vacation in Newfoundland and Labrador. In Twillingate, a small fishing village in Notre Dame Bay, he visited the Isles Wooden Boat Museum. Inside, the museum displayed a list of foreign countries from which their visitors had come, including Germany, New Zealand, Scotland, the Netherlands, Australia, Malaysia, and ... New Mexico! When Arreola advised the staff that it was a U.S. state, not a foreign country, a staff member solved the problem by "promptly drawing a line through New Mexico."

South by Southwest

One Christmas, **LAWRENCE LEAKE** flew from New Mexico to visit family in Virginia. Finding that he had too many gifts to bring back on his return flight, he mailed a box to Las Cruces. After a



few weeks, Leake asked the post office to track the package. Eventually, it was located and forwarded. When it arrived, it became clear why it was delayed. "Cleared for Customs" was stamped on the box. "We learned never to write out our state name, just 'NM,'" Leake says.

Drawing a Blank

When **GARY THORNHILL**'s Ohio-based doctor told him he would need some specialized blood work, he didn't think getting it done in his part-time home of Las Cruces would be an issue. But then a nurse informed him that "no labs near there perform blood tests we can use." Thornhill was shocked since there are at least three regional hospitals. The nurse then clarified that blood work from foreign countries is not acceptable. "I explained that New Mexico is actually one of the 50 states," Thornhill says. "If that is the case," she replied after a beat, "then you can go to any doctor or lab in Las Cruces."

HAVE A "MISSING" MOMENT?

Send it to FIFTY@NMMAGAZINE.COM, or Fifty, *New Mexico Magazine*, 495 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Include your name, hometown, and state. ¡Gracias!

CHRIS PHILPOT

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Dr. Maya Weeks is an applied critical geographer, writer, and artist from the rural Central Coast of California whose work focuses on wellbeing across species through lands and waters.

Here is a set of 3 poems Dr. Weeks published in 2024 at Space on Space in May 2024: <https://www.spaceonspace.com/current-issue/three-poems-by-maya-weeks>



The project these poems are from are part of a poetry project Dr. Weeks is writing on everyday rural life and labor and love of place with a commitment to avant-garde, status quo-busting forms.

Additionally, Dr. Weeks was in conversation with another writer, Andrew Chater, for an afterword (in place of an introduction) to Victor Hugo's [The Toilers of the Sea](#), out now on Smith & Taylor Classics (an imprint of Unnamed Press). Andrew and Dr. Weeks' conversation is published at the end of the novel as context and point of departure for discussion and reflection for contemporary readers. In this afterword, Dr. Weeks discuss, among other things, [Karin Amimoto Ingersoll's](#) seascape epistemology in terms of wind.



Nancy Summers shares an unsigned painting of the "Lone Cypress", and view of the actual site!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

From the desk of Drew Kapp, Hawai'i Community College

My name is Drew Kapp and I teach Geography at Hawai'i Community College on the Island of Hawai'i, and have been a member of the APCG, and participated in an APCG conference in Flagstaff several years ago with one of my Hawai'i CC colleagues and students as part of an Indigenous Geographies panel on the ongoing reclamation of Hawaiian place names and community reconnections with generational/traditional Hawaiian land divisions. With that same former student, Kaylyn Ells-Ho'okano, who just earned her MA in GIS last month, we are wrapping up a second bilingual (Hawaiian/English) map of one of the six moku or districts of Hawai'i Island, Hilo - and should release it this month to serve as an open community resource. For our APCG presentation several years ago, we featured a map we made of Puna.

*I co-host a podcast called **Ka Leo o ka Uluau**, which has been going on for the past few years, originally rooted in the sharing of mo'olelo or stories of the different moku (districts) of the Island of Hawai'i, and also addressed Hawaiian sustainable cultural-environmental practices, our relationship with native birds, and now in 2024-25 focuses on celebrated mauna or mountains, and bodies of fresh and salt water of Hawai'i Island. The podcast is on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms, and is also accessible on a blog*

- *Ka Leo o ka Uluau: [about the podcast](#)*
- *Ka Leo o ka Uluau: [nā ho'okipa - our hosts](#)*



In my position as Assistant Professor of Geography at Hawai'i CC, I also involve my students in some pretty transformational excursions - called huaka'i - with land/water/forest Indigenous stewardship components as a major focus of the class.

*When the AAG took place in Honolulu in 2024, a couple of my community college colleagues and I took a contingent of our students there to do a presentation about sustainability through a Hawaiian lens - which was really well-received and so grounded and real; they not only talked about their lived experiences, but also shared an **oli** (chant) and did a **hei** (string imagery accompanied by a chant). We also hosted some geographers who came to our island and took them to an ancient fishpond in our Hilo community and to the caldera of Kilauea volcano and shared with them Hawaiian protocols appropriate for both circumstances and settings.*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

From the desk of Drew Kapp, Hawai'i Community College



*At my College, I also help to plan - and participate in - what we call **Pāmaomao**, or Indigenous cultural exchanges with other communities of Moku Honu (North America) and Moananuiākea (the Pacific), and in the past couple of years we have taken University of Hawai'i delegations to visit and engage in exchanges and share Hawaiian protocols with members of the Wabanaki Alliance in Maine, Wampanoag communities in Massachusetts, citizens of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations of Oklahoma, and members of the Tongva community in the Los Angeles area. A big focus, especially for me, is to learn more about the ways in which people live and express environmental kinship.*

For our humble little community college, and in our geography classes and 'āina- or land-based programming, we do so much amazing stuff together, and I have had the opportunity to see our students flourish in the most amazing ways, most especially through their profound always-strengthening connections with place.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Phoebe Mennis and Sebastian Alvarez calibrating the RedEdeg-P sensor on the Wingtra UAS at the Oceano Dunes, CA.



Zach Hilgendorf collecting a ground control point on a target at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve, CA.



Madison Heffentrager and Andrea Pickart collecting images of a dune restoration site in Humboldt, CA using an Autel UAS. Lizzy Schattle can be seen carrying Trimble GNSS gear to the base station location within the dunes.

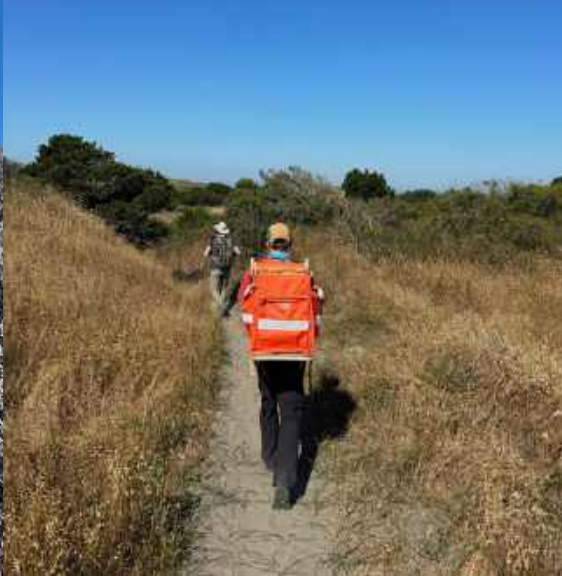
The SAND Lab

(PI Dr. Ian Walker, UCSB) does work in beach and dune systems across nearly the entire state of California! They use close range remote sensing to map changes in these systems over time.

Maya Bernstein surveying treated iceplant at a dune restoration site.



Ian Walker and Tim Baxter hiking surveying gear out to the coastline in northern California.



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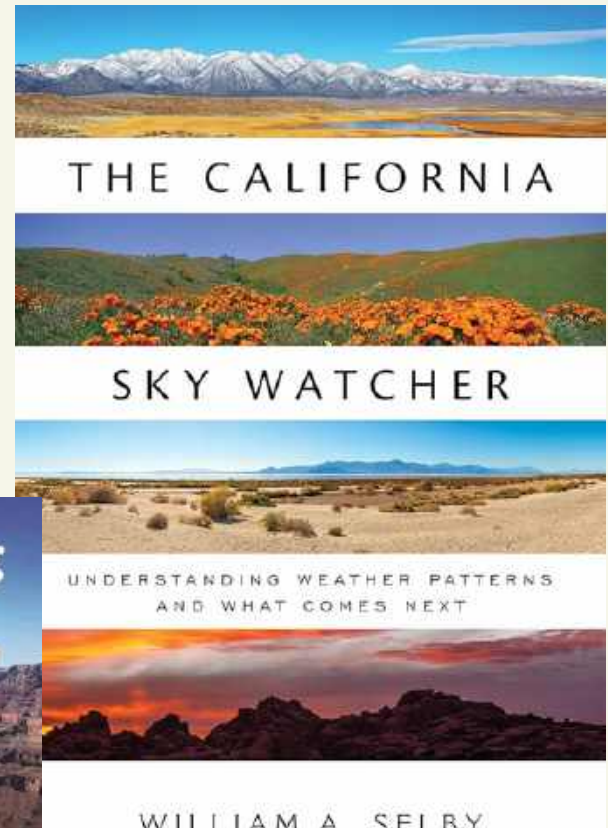
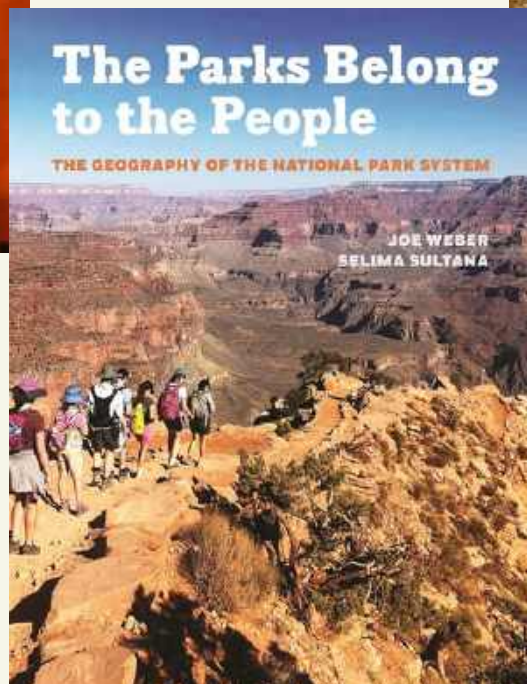
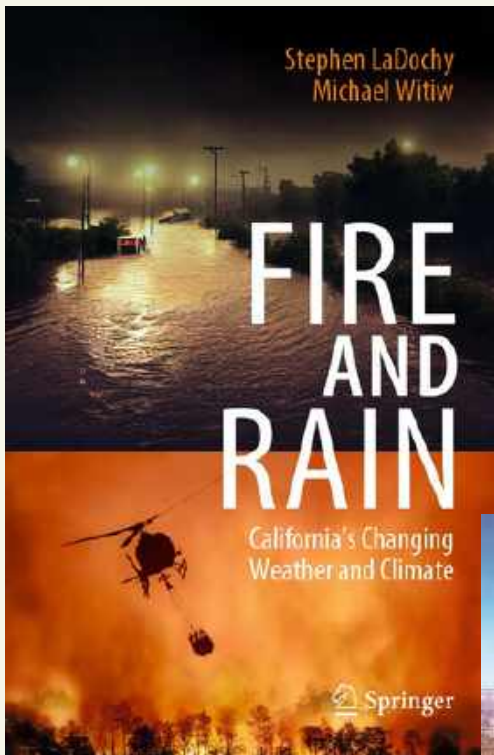
Check out these new books!

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Stephen LaDochy and Michael Witiw (Springer Nature)

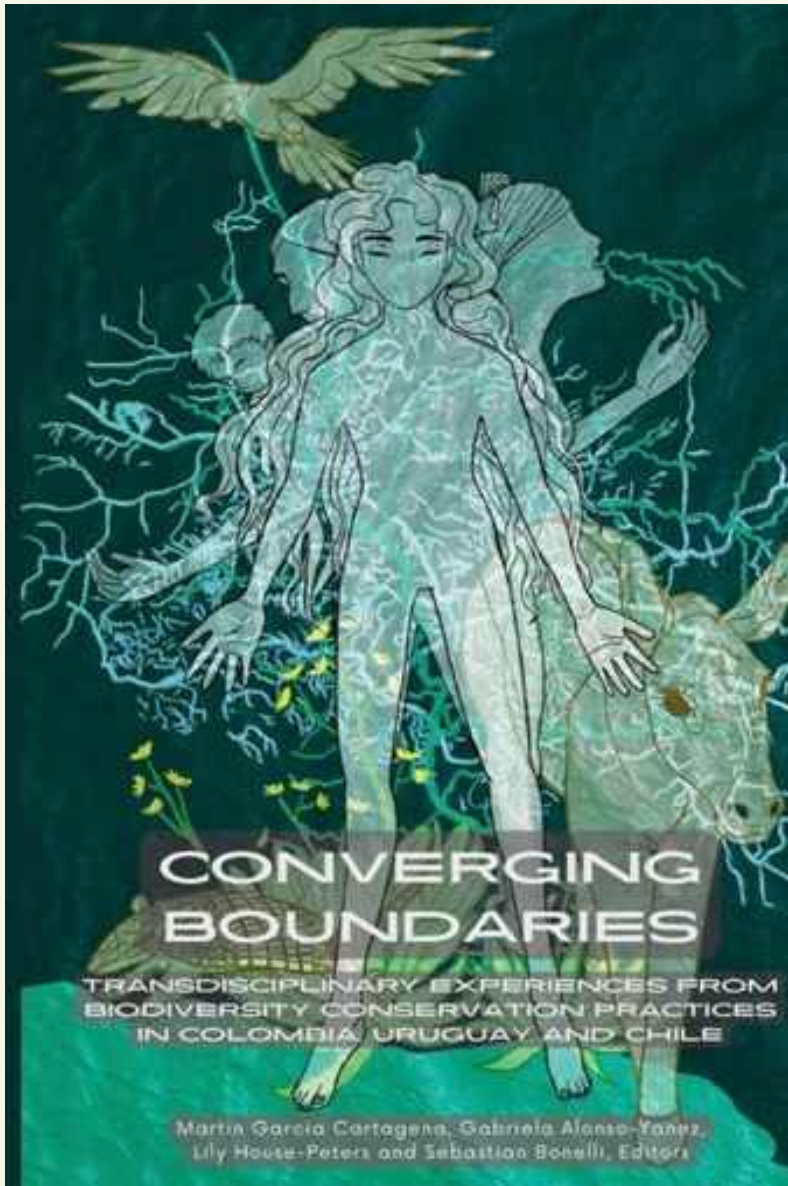
The California Sky Watcher: Understanding Weather Patterns and What Comes Next (2024)
William A. Selby (Heyday)

The Parks Belong to the People: The Geography of the National Park System (2024)
Joe Weber and Selima Sultana (University of Georgia Press)

The Changing Geography of National Parks and Protected Areas (2024)
Joe Weber and Selima Sultana, Eds. (Springer)



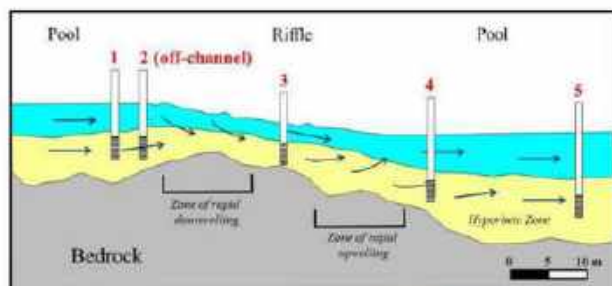
ANNOUNCEMENTS



The recently published edited volume **Converging Boundaries: Transdisciplinary Experiences from Biodiversity Conservation Practices in Colombia, Uruguay and Chile** (DIO Press) is co-edited by APCG member and current Vice President, Dr. Lily House-Peters, who is faculty in the Geography department at CSU Long Beach.

The book spotlights diverse narratives from often marginalized and under-recognized voices in environmental conservation movements to illustrate how power, conflict, and plurality come together in the practice of biodiversity conservation at the local-scale in sites across Latin America. Framed within contemporary critical environmental scholarship from the global South, the volume includes multi-lingual narratives (Spanish and English language) to conceptualize biodiversity conservation efforts as co-constructed, relational, and multiple, acknowledging the deep evolutionary kinship between people and nature.

STUDENT RESOURCES



CAL STATE LA - USDA REEU SITE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND RESEARCH IN URBAN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND URBAN AGRICULTURE

REEU Site Objectives:

Our USDA REEU SITE at Cal State LA aims to attract motivated, diverse students to investigate urban natural resources and urban agriculture issues and problems through a nested series of events during a 9-week summer REEU experience. Component activities include research activities, training activities, mentoring activities, social activities, and post-REEU activities. A four-day field activity in California river basins is included for all REEU students.

Web Site for more details and application procedure:

<https://www.calstatela.edu/centers/usda-reeu>

REEU THEME AREAS

- (1) Natural and amended soil microsystem development in urban agriculture
- (2) Competitive water availability for urban agriculture and urban greenspace
- (3) Biochemical and genetic events in the aging of leaf tissue
- (4) Heat island effect related to urban green-space and urban agriculture
- (5) Hydrochemical imprint of microplastics on urban water
- (6) Plant physiology and adaptation to environmental stresses
- (7) Environmental justice and tree canopy cover in the inner city

STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH:

- \$610 PER WEEK FOR 9 WEEKS
- FUNDING FOR RESEARCH SUPPLIES & MATERIALS
- POST-REEU CONFERENCE SUPPORT

APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 15, 2024
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
MARCH 8, 2025

STUDENT RESOURCES



The **Cultural and Environmental Resource Management** (CERM) graduate program at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, is a highly interdisciplinary program with a focus on environmental, cultural, and economic resource management. Students can now choose from two degree options: the 60-credit Master of Science (MS) degree, which requires the completion of a thesis, or the 45-credit Master of Applied Science (MAS), which is project-based. The MAS degree is the first of its kind in the western US and allows students to earn a master's degree in as little as three academic quarters. We encourage students to take upper-level elective courses pertinent to their interests for their thesis/research projects or future careers. Courses to round out the graduate program can be from a diverse array of departments. Successful completion of the CERM program further qualifies students for management positions in environmental, cultural, and economic resource fields who are able to promote wiser and more effective management of current and future resources. CERM graduates find competitive career tracks in federal, state, Tribal, regional, and private resource management fields.

Applications for Fall 2025 are due February 1st for priority consideration but are accepted through May 15th or until the program is full. Students applying from the 16 states and territories within the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) are eligible for in-state tuition. GRE scores are not required for our program. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please see the CWU Graduate Studies page.

CERM faculty conduct ongoing research in biological and cultural anthropology, archaeology, biogeography, cultural resource management, environmental justice, environmental economics, paleoecology, geoarchaeology, city and regional planning, zooarchaeology, water and land conservation, environmental law and policy, museum studies, transportation and human geography, paleopathology, GIScience, critical cartography, and numerous other fields of study. Faculty work with and mentor students to complete a project-based culminating experience with a strong emphasis on fieldwork and/or collaboration with cultural and natural resource agencies or Tribal organizations.

Research specializations and faculty:

- Dr. Hope Amason – Tourism studies, cultural and museum anthropology, sociocultural anthropology
- Dr. Clay Arango – Stream ecology, forest-stream connectivity, human role in stream nutrient cycling
- Dr. Kevin Archer – Environmental policy, city and regional development and planning, economic geography
- Dr. John Bowen – Transportation systems, economic development, human geography
- Dr. Steve Hackenberger – Archaeology, cultural resource management, cultural ecology, GPR
- Dr. Nicole Jastremski – Biological and forensic anthropology, bioarchaeology, mortuary analysis, paleopathology
- Dr. Carla Jellum – Recreation and tourism, public land management, sustainability and climate change
- Dr. Jennifer Lipton – Conservation, PPGIS/human ecology mapping, remote sensing, public land use/management
- Dr. Patrick Lubinski – Archaeology, cultural resource management, zooarchaeology
- Dr. Pamela McMullin-Messier – Demography, collective action, environmental justice, hazards, gender
- Dr. Michael Pease – Environmental law, water allocation and policy in the American West
- Dr. Lene Pedersen – Cultural anthropology, ecological, political, visual anthropology
- Dr. Sterling Quinn – Crowd-sourced mapping and GIS, critical cartography, Latin America
- Dr. Toni Sipic – Economics, environmental economics, political economy, industrial organization
- Dr. Megan Walsh – Paleoecology, biogeography, wildfire, climate change, Indigenous land management
- Dr. Claudia Wright – Gender, migration, Latin America, qualitative research

For more information about the CERM program, please contact the program director:
Dr. Megan Walsh (Geography): megan.walsh@cwu.edu

STUDENT RESOURCES



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH MASTERS PROGRAMS @ the BEACH

The Department of Geography offers two Masters' Degree programs:
Master of Arts in Geography and a *Master of Science in Geographic Information Science*

Our *Master of Arts (MA)* program is a two-year, 30-unit program that supports a breadth of research interests, including environmental and physical geography, geospatial science, human geography, social justice, urban planning, and urban studies that culminates in a Masters' thesis based on student research. Explore faculty research interests here: <http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/geography/>. We can offer competitive funding opportunities, including research and teaching assistantships and lab technician positions.

For more information and to apply:

Review of applications for fall admission begins April 1st for priority consideration and will continue until the University's June 1st deadline. *The International student applicant deadline is March 15th*. Applications for spring admission are available for the MA program only and are accepted until November 1st. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in Geography or a related discipline is recommended. Please visit our [website @ https://cla.csulb.edu/departments/geography/](https://cla.csulb.edu/departments/geography/) or contact the MA Graduate Advisor, Dr. Gary Hytrek at CLA-Geo-Grad-Advisor@csulb.edu or Gary.Hytrek@csulb.edu

Our *Master of Science in Geographic Information Science (MSGISci)* is a one-year, 30-unit program that provides students with advanced analytic and technical training in geospatial technologies and incorporates professional skill building to prepare graduates for the geospatial workforce. Classes are scheduled on weeknights and weekends to accommodate working professionals. The program culminates in team-based applied research projects informed by industry professionals.

Highlights of the MSGISci:

- Earn an MS in one year
- Build your geospatial professional network
- Courses taught by academic and industry experts
- Cohort-based program
- Tuition @ \$21,000
- No GRE required

For more information and to apply:

Review of applications for fall admission begins April 1st for priority consideration and will continue until the University's June 1st deadline. *The International student applicant deadline is March 15th*. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is recommended. Please visit www.beachgis.com to learn more about the program and to register for an Information Session. Contact The MSGISci Program Director Dr. Suzanne Perlitch Wechsler at Suzanne.Wechsler@csulb.edu.

[CSULB Graduate Admissions Information](#) • [CSULB Geography website](#)

STUDENT RESOURCES



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is accepting applications for our **Master of Science in Geographic Information Science (MSGISci)**. Priority review of applications begins each year on April 1st.

Our 1-year, 30-unit program provides students with advanced analytic and technical training in geospatial technologies and incorporates professional skill building to prepare graduates for the geospatial workforce.

Special Features

- Program tuition \$21,000 (\$700 per unit @ 30 units)
- Earn a Master of Science (MS) Degree.
- Class meetings designed meet the needs of working professionals.
- Cohort based program of 25 students per year
- Fast-paced 1-year program
- Students focus on industry-informed applied projects.
- No GRE
- Over 250 graduates

Program Requirements

Complete 30 units of coursework:

- GIS Professionalism (1 to 4 units, 4 required)
- Applied GIS (2-4 units, 4 required)
- Applied Remote Sensing (2-4 units, 4 required)
- GIS Programming (2-4 units, 4 required)
- Enterprise GIS (2-4 units, 4 required) Applied
- Cartographic Visualization (2-4 units, 4 required)
- Project Orientation and Support (2 units)
- Applied Project (4 units)

Application Process

Applications accepted via **Cal State Apply** by June 1st with priority review beginning April 1st. *International Student Deadline is March 15th*. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 recommended. In addition to the minimum **CSULB graduate admission requirements**, applicants must also fulfill the following prerequisites:

- Bachelor's degree in Geography with a minimum of one upper division course in geospatial techniques (geographic information science, cartography and/or remote sensing), **or**
- Bachelor's degree in a related discipline with a minimum of one upper division course in geospatial techniques, **or**
- Bachelor's degree in a related discipline with at least 1- year of work experience in a field with direct application of geospatial technologies.

For more information, visit www.beachgis.com

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Please visit www.BeachGIS.com to learn more about the program and to register for an Information Session

STUDENT RESOURCES



Northern Arizona University

Application deadline: 2/15/2025

4-5 MS Graduate (Teaching) Assistantships in Geography at NAU available each year covering tuition and health insurance. Additional tuition waivers and grader positions may also be available. Apply by Feb 15 for priority consideration. Learn about NAU Graduate School and apply at: <https://nau.edu/graduate-college/>
Geography Tidbit: Flagstaff is situated at about 7000' near the southwestern edge of the Colorado Plateau, within the world's largest contiguous expanse of ponderosa pine forest. Nearby points of interest include historic downtown Flagstaff, Lowell Observatory, Museum of Northern Arizona, San Francisco Volcanic Field, Grand Canyon National Park, several National Monuments, and much more...

For more information, visit:

<https://nau.edu/gpr/home/degrees-programs/graduate-degrees-certificates/>

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