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WELCOME TO PACIFICA!

While COVID-19 has put a stop to so much in the world, it cannot prevent the publication of *Pacifica*! It can certainly delay it though... sorry about that.

You'll likely note some changes in this issue from the past ones. My goal with *Pacifica* is to not just continue its role as a great source of information on our goings on at annual meetings, but also as an open and informal place for discussion about our discipline from which everyone, from new undergraduates to tenured faculty, can benefit. To start things off, I was lucky to get Deondre Smiles, who has just joined our region at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, to share some exciting work in Indigenous geographies to get us thinking differently about space and place.

Note the call for content on page 14. I hope you will see what Deondre and I did and submit your own annotated bibliographies of work by geographers and geography-adjacent scholars who you feel deserve a place in our canon. This need not mean geographers of color, queer geographies, and/or feminist geographies, but also methods you think we should adopt or even return to. I am open to other pieces as well—poetry, photo essays, other art—to get us talking about both new and old ideas in place, space, society, and nature. And students, know that you have a place in *Pacifica*. Let us all know what you are up to with your research. Let's use our terrible pandemic conditions to start some productive discussions amongst APCG members.

Finally, many thanks to the inimitable Paul Starrs in getting me situated as *Pacifica*'s new editor as well as a lot of help from Michael Pretes, Bob Richardson, and David Deis. Everything you like about this issue is due to them and the other authors; feel free to send blame for any errors or problems my way.

Best,
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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 individuals from government and industry, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge.

Members gather at the annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual *Yearbook*, first published in 1935, that includes abstracts of papers from the meetings and a number of full length peer-reviewed articles. Members also receive the biannual newsletter *Pacifica*, first published in Fall 1994. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), serving AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: APCG CONFERENCES WORTHY OF OUR VALUES

STEVE GRAVES



Spider diagram of attendance at the 2015 APCG Palm Springs Meeting. Map by S. Graves.

It's hard to be a geographer. The recent "Climate Forward" joint conference that many of us attended in San Diego highlighted the difficulty many of us face when we are confronted simultaneously with choosing between two things we value dearly: travel and the health of the planet. Most geographers are afflicted with chronic wanderlust, but we, far more than most, understand the consequences of our travel habits (as well as just about everything we do) upon the planet that we so desperately wish to explore.

I was drawn into geography because of the topics available and the way geographers went about their business. I recall the impact reading Larry Ford's *Geography of Rock 'n' Roll* article had on me. Combined with weekly photographic slideshows Dr. Wilhelm (Ohio University) presented of his travels – barns, old gas stations, shotgun houses sold me. That was field work!? I realized that Geog-

raphy wasn't simply a subject or a discipline, it's was also very much a lifestyle...one that I wanted for myself.

"The best feeling that I ever get, is being on a road I ain't been on yet".

–the only song lyric ever written by Steve Graves

My wanderlust can be overpowering sometimes, but in recent years, as my understanding of climate change has increased, satiating that lust comes with an unpleasant aftertaste. I understand my role in climate change. My family and I do things we think are climate positive; we have solar panels on the house, I drive an electric car, we recycle, etc. These efforts feel like shouting into a hurricane. The structures of our economy challenge our good intentions every day. Many mundane tasks, like shopping for groceries often overwhelm and depress me. How do I feed my family without buying tons of plastic? It can be done, but

not without significant effort. Then there's travel. I sincerely believe my mental health requires regular travel, and now that I'm in my fifties and increasingly conscious of my mortality, I've been racking up frequently flyer miles like I'm James Bond or something. It's all too easy to dismiss your climate footprint when your bucket list grows long, and your years grow short.

I thought about all these problems as I rode the train to the APCG conference from the Chatsworth Station in the San Fernando Valley. I love train rides nearly as much as road trips, so I can't say I was making a big sacrifice for the planet, but the bonus was that the train ride gave me only the slightest tinge of guilt since the carbon impact of train travel is reasonably modest. According to Amtrak, "traveling by train is 46% more energy efficient than traveling by car, and 34% more efficient than air travel". My electric car's range is about 20 miles short of what the



trip entailed, so the train was an excellent compromise.

Compromise seems the only option for geographers, and other socially conscious humans. A friend in grad school, who was as committed as anyone I've met on climate action, had a bumper sticker on his bike that he rode everywhere that urged us to "Save the Planet, Kill Yourself". Although, there's a certain, very dark truth to the sentiment expressed, executing the directive, like trying to buy a jar of mustard or a loaf of bread without buying plastic, required a burdensome sacrifice that I found too difficult to accept. So, compromise it is.

Some compromises aren't great. The Great Compromise of 1787, has grown quite unpopular in California in recent years. The Missouri Compromise of 1850 – also not great. Others are better, like a large double-cheese and mushroom pizza shared between carnivore and vegetarian friends. That's what I hope our Climate Forward conferences will come to be represent both functionally and symbolically in the coming years.

While I love nothing better than to have all our members meeting together in some exotic location shaking hands, offering hearty congratulatory slaps on the backs

and clinking toasts across a real table with friends, it's hard to share the joy of good fellowship while the ominous clouds of climate change swirl overhead.

So, we will continue to offer virtual attendance options in the foreseeable future. We believe that the occasional technological glitches will subside to very manageable levels, and in time perhaps additional technologies (virtual reality, e.g.) will permit holistic, rewarding means to attend digitally. Perhaps even some field trips could be offered in real-time or on a delay. Smell-O-Vision anyone? Surely, we're in the Model-T era of virtual and/or hybrid conference technologies. It will get better, even if we never all meet together in 3D again.

It's worth focusing on another hard truth to find a different flavor of solace. There has never been a time when all could attend. Beyond the climate implications of conference-going, there are several other barriers to good-conscious attendance. Numerous barriers exclude worthy geographers from attending conferences. Costs are one that we've recognized and tried to address with the numerous travel grants and awards. My students from CSUN were able to cobble together funding from our college,

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SUPPORT THE APCG ARCHIVE!

Please help us preserve our work and keep this group's history available for many years to come.

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has an archive, housed at Western Washington University. The APCG Executive Council have voted Michael Pretes as the Archivist for a three year term.

We are looking for materials from the last 20 years to update the archives. If you have any APCG conference photos (printed or digital files), old conference programs, copies of *Pacifica*, or anything else APCG related that you would like to donate, please contact Michael Pretes at mjpretres@una.edu.

Thank you in advance for your support of the APCG archive.



SPEAKING INDIGENOUS GEOGRAPHIES

Deondre Smiles and Michael W. Pesses

*A wealth of spatial knowledge exists and
geographers ought to listen.*

We have put together this annotated bibliography to begin to expose geographers to thoughts that transcend their specialized groupings. In other words, one does not need to be an Indigenous scholar to benefit from the concepts and examples in these books. The following works all approach space and place from the perspective of those Indigenous to the region, while simultaneously utilizing imposed settler practices to produce a distinct form of knowledge. As Mishuana Goeman asks below, “What happens when the poet takes over the cartographer’s tools?” Getting to a more equitable, sustainable, and just future will require demolishing rigid disciplinary borders and turf and instead embracing heretofore unknown epistemologies and ontologies. Unknown at least, within much of academia.

Our hope with what follows is to give voice to a rather underrepresented population within our discipline as well as to reveal the incredible wealth of knowledge, beauty, and justice that has been overlooked with such underrepresentation. Those working in any facet of geography will benefit from how these books can challenge that which we take for granted about the world around us.

Blu Barnd, Natchee, *Native Space: Geographic Strategies To Unsettle Settler Colonialism*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2017.

Natchee Blu Barnd presents several case studies of Indigenous peoples using and remaking the mundane geographies in which they inhabit, asserting their historic and sometimes newly re-established presence in their historic territories in spite of the eliminatory nature of settler colonialism. For example, Blu Barnd speaks of the ways that the presence of original Indigenous languages on street signs along with their English names remind the viewer that they stand within Indigenous space, in

the face of settler frameworks that also use Indigenous names in a co-optation of Indigenous identity.

Blu Barnd turns his focus to the differing ways that a Kansas town, Satanta, and the Kiowa people, approach the legacy of a historical Kiowa leader, Set-tainte, the namesake of Satanta. Pow-wows carried out by the Kiowa in remembrance of Set-tainte take place alongside the crowning of a Chief and Princess of Satanta, which more often than not are white Satanta residents wearing historical approximations of ‘Kiowa’ regalia. Through this analysis, Blu Barnd continues his argument that settler colonialism seeks to cover their historic dispossession of Indigenous peoples by ‘adopting’ certain aspects of Indigenous culture and identity. However, despite this, the Kiowa have learned to maintain their cultural and political sovereignty within their Oklahoma home, or as Blu Barnd puts it, “site-in-exile,” (92) have held onto and maintained the true story behind Set-tainte, and in recent years, have established a presence in Satanta’s celebration through the involvement of tribal members performing Kiowa.

Blu Barnd also speaks the ability of art to mark “Native space”, giving accounts of the ways that Indigenous artists, in particular, Kanza people, have depicted the historic dispossession of their homelands in Kansas. “Historic” maps depicting the opening of Kansas to settlement are marked over by visual representations of Indigenous people, showing that this settlement and claiming of settler colonial space occurs through the displacement of its original inhabitants (Blu Barnd). Other artists utilize maps in a similar manner, erasing or obscuring the names of American states in favor of the names of tribes who inhabit these places. These art installations, among others, serve to unmistakably declare their spaces as Native, regardless of how settler colonialism has sought to “remake” them as settler space.



Coté, Charlotte, *Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors: Revitalizing Makah and Nuuchahnulth Traditions*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2010.

Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors is a call to understanding the cultural and social elements of foodways and to acknowledge the biases settler cultures impose on Indigenous ones. Charlotte Coté, who is Nuuchahnulth, opens her book with a description of a controversial 1999 whale hunt by the Makah off the northern Pacific Coast. The killing of whales has been seen as barbaric by Euro-Americans, at least in recent decades, but still maintains an important place within the related Makah and Nuuchahnulth cultures. While this is not the only study of these Indigenous groups or even this specific hunt, Coté, as an insider, is able to discuss whaling, food, and indigeneity with a language unavailable to settlers. Right from the beginning, Coté’s verb choice and sentence construction reveals a distinct relationship between humans and nature: “A thirty-foot maa’ak (gray whale) gave its life to feed the Makah people” (3). Whaling is more than

“What happens when the poet takes over the cartographer’s tools?”

—Mishuana Goeman

a means to material sustenance; it is one of several traditions that Coté argues has been crucial for maintaining a semblance of culture despite centuries of imperial attack. Whaling is part of “a line that threads from our precontact cultures to the present day. That line has been stretched, it has been tattered, it has been weakened—but it has not been destroyed” (7).

The idea of hunting whales is problematic for many non-Indigenous North Americans due to the intelligence of the creatures as well as their relatively small populations. Coté acknowledges the place of whales in the world: “Whales are special. And they are wonderful and beautiful. My people do not deny this. And they have remained in our lives and cultures as sacred and respected animals, but they were also once and important food source” (206). The leap for non-Indigenous readers is to connect the respect the Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth have for the animals to the practice of hunting. Coté explains the Nuu-chah-nulth concept of *hishuk'ish tsawalk* which translates to “everything is one,” an ecological worldview often attributed to John Muir but was clearly already in practice in North America for millennia. Coté argues that the imposed philosophical and economic systems by colonial forces were the “diametric opposite” of *hishuk'ish tsawalk* and led to the end of Indigenous whaling practices (42). Using a mix of sources, including oral traditions, Coté tells a story of nineteenth century efforts in disciplinary power to strip native children of their culture in the spirit of assimilation, the outlawing of cultural practices, and present-day efforts to reclaim cultural practices like the potlatch, canoeing, and of course, whaling. Despite Western ideas about ecological balance, Coté is arguing for a cultural connection to food that came well before the commercial hunting of whales by Euro-Americans that led to their rapid population decline. She discusses the past traditions of whaling and the potlatch, while also talking to modern day Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth people about the importance of maintaining a connection to the past.

What is interesting, and a repeated trope in treaty rights battles in the United States, is the demand for stasis of Indigenous culture. Coté points out that much of the criticisms of the 1999 Makah hunt and efforts to continue the practice were tied to the perceived inauthenticity of the Indians. The agreement with the federal government was to use a high-powered rifle to quickly kill the whale in a manner much less painful than a harpoon death, but opponents of the hunt argued that the hunt should replicate one from the nineteenth century to justify its cultural significance. Effectively, the Makah could only really be Makah if they maintained precontact practices. *Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors* reveals the inherently social concept of nature and conservation as well as their connection to culinary imperialism, in which the settler nations maintain “the power to determine what we eat” (205-6). While a reader still might not relish the thought of hunting whales off the Pacific Coast by the end of the book, they will hopefully interrogate the importance of their own foodways and work to give the same respect to Indigenous groups.

Goeman, Mishuana, *Mark My Words: Native Women Mapping Our Nations*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2013.

“What happens when the poet takes over the cartographer’s tools?” asks Mishuana Goeman (119). Goeman outlines a history of Indigenous women using technique such as art, stories, and poetry as means through which they map the spaces in which they inhabit, in the face of the more colonial-esque usage of maps by settler coloni-

al states to dispossesses Indigenous peoples of their territories. The role of Indigenous women is especially important, Goeman argues, as it provides a counterpoint to the gendered violences and power structures that often accompanies settler colonialism. She approaches the work of a 19th century Mohawk fiction author as work that interrogates the roles of gender, and individual freedom in Canada, especially in regard to the *Indian Act* of 1876 and policies of assimilation. Poetry, as Goeman shows, was used to represent the division between reservation and off-reservation, rural and urban, the implications this had for the individual identity of a Native American in the United States during the Federal policies of relocation and termination, and the continued assertions of Indigenous identity in spite of these disruptive policies. Other poetry focuses on Indigenous spatial thought and placing Indigenous bodies within an increasingly neoliberal, multicultural world. Stories told and written by Indigenous women reshape and disrupt borders and settler colonial understandings about territory and space, replacing them with a spatial knowledge and understanding based upon Indigenous histories and world views. These acts are all geographical, of course, but they are accomplished through acts that the Western academy may not always recognize as geographical—or that are recognized as Western forms of geography, remade into an Indigenous geography.

Poblete, JoAnna, *Balancing the Tides: Marine Practices in American Sāmoa*. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i, 2020.

Okay, full disclosure, Pesses made the maps in this book, but they are definitely the least impressive aspect of this much needed work of labor history and environmental management. Poblete’s Filipina heritage has led her to explore indigeneity in unincorporated territories, studying the liminal spaces of being subjects while never fully belonging to the American empire. Of all of the unincorporated territories, American Sāmoa is interesting, she argues, because “instead of native customs being erased by missionaries, as in Hawai‘i, and intense Americanization such as those in the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam, American Sāmoa differed from other colonized regions because the US government has historically accommodated Indigenous practices in this area” (2). While the United States controlled global policies like trade and military decisions, everyday life in American Sāmoa stayed under *fa’amātai*, the inherited role of chieftains in leadership and social decisions. Despite a continuation of Indigenous practices, American control has meant that capitalism has influenced life in American Sāmoa, either by shifting subsistence fishing practices to commercial ones or by making Sāmoans wage laborers. A big theme within *Balancing the Tides* is that under American control, despite the maintenance of Indigenous practices and beliefs, the ocean has become a source of revenue rather than a space of reciprocity.

The balance of colonial oversight with local decision making is a fascinating case study of the maintenance of imperial control. Local policy incorporates *vā* and *vā fealoa’i*. The first, *vā*, Poblete describes as “social space relations” (15). *Vā* is the space between people, non-human beings, and the land, not simply an empty void between two bodies, but a produced space of love, service, and respect. *Vā fealoa’i* is specifically the social respect within American Sāmoan society. By incorporating *vā fealoa’i* into marine sanctuary and fishery management practices, as well as capitalist industry, Indigenous Sāmoans were much more accepting of imposed scientific management despite having different goals or desires. Both *vā* and *vā fealoa’i* are valuable concepts worthy of adoption into the rest of American life and policy, but as Poblete shows, they are not immune from the forces of global capitalism. Chapter 2 specifically explores the tuna industry in American Sāmoa. The book is a good reminder of the flexibilities of global capitalism, including that up until 2009, the “Made in the USA” labeled canned tuna we bought in most American stores was produced by Indigenous workers who are not

protected by US labor laws (57). While corporations utilized *vā fealoa'i* through things like funeral benefits to keep workers happy, they balked at the push to raise the minimum wage in American Sāmoa. Poblete shows a dependency upon wage labor that grew after World War II leading many Indigenous Sāmoans to resist increased wages to keep the industry alive and criticizing American congressional efforts for not understanding American Sāmoa. Paying a living wage led to the closure of one canning factory and its relocation to Georgia.

The book also covers the creation of a National Marine Sanctuary and its violation of *vā* in the decision making process as well as conservation practices in the territory. A lack of *vā* led to a lack of trust and cooperation with environmental management. Ultimately, *Balancing the Tides* is an excellent reminder to not take concepts like citizenship, nationality, indigeneity, and the environment for granted, nor as static, as well as an example of how material economic relations are so often at the heart of both colonial and Indigenous relations. Further, Poblete encourages us to think about *vā*: “How does one’s outlook on life change when a balance in all relationships is the highest priority?” (138). The book is open access and can be found here: <https://library.oapen.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.12657/23603/9780824883393.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

Simpson, Leanne Betasamosake, *As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2017.

Nishnaabeg scholar and author Leanne Betasamosake Simpson presents the idea of land—*aki*—as being of vital importance to the cultural survival and resilience of her fellow Nishnaabeg. Simpson forcefully rejects

the idea that Indigenous peoples are best served by allowing themselves to be enrolled in the systems of power wielded by modern, neoliberal, multicultural settler colonial states. Doing so only legitimizes the continued separation of Indigenous people from their land, the erosion of their cultures, and the continued slow ‘elimination’ of them as a people. Instead, Simpson argues, Indigenous people should look to their traditional cultural practices and their connection to their land and environment as ways to ensure their survival. Using Nishnaabeg everyday cultural practices and ways of thinking about their relationship to their land and their histories as an example, Simpson makes the effective assertion that Indigenous peoples simply only need to do the same things that their ancestors have done for centuries in order to resist assimilation and elimination at the hands of the settler colonial state, and the environmental destruction that often accompanies such elimination.

“This is what my Ancestors wanted for me, for us. They wanted for our generation to practice Nishnaabeg governance over our homeland,” states Simpson (9). “My nationhood doesn’t just radiate outwards, it also radiates inwards. It is my physical body, my mind, and my spirit... This is the intense love of land, of family, and of our nations that has always been the spine of Indigenous resistance” (9). Simpson is making the strong argument that to be proudly Nishnaabeg is to be in support of our traditional ways of living and governing ourselves; resistance is an integral part of our positionality whether we recognize it or not.

FALL 2022 APCG MEETING @ WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The next APCG Meeting will be held in beautiful Bellingham, Washington at Western Washington University, with exact dates yet to be determined. This will be a hybrid conference, allowing you to attend in person or via Zoom. This hybrid option is not just for pandemics, but a new modality to allow for an eco-, schedule-, and budget-friendly alternative that still allows you to partake in the event. Hope to see you there!



TREASURER'S REPORT

ELENA GIVENTAL

The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the Business Meeting on October 15, 2021. The first page of the report showed the summary of the APCG receipts and disbursements over two fiscal years, from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. In the absence of the annual meeting in 2020 and with rolling over the existing memberships from 2020 to 2021, the fiscal activity over this time period was relatively low. The 2019-2020 FY showed a net revenue of \$5000 (mostly due to the net profit from the Flagstaff meeting and the *Yearbook* royalties) while the 2020-2021 FY added \$11,747 to the overall balance.

The major source of income in 2020-2021 fiscal year was the royalty from the multiple volumes of the APCG *Yearbook* received from the Project Muse site through the University of Hawai'i Press (\$10,803). This year, we are about to receive even a larger royalty check. Most of the expenses this fiscal year were centered around the fees paid to the WildApricot Data Management site and the *Yearbook* Volumes 82 and 83 production fees. The second-third pages of the Report illustrated the activity (donations and disbursements) in the Special Funds since July 1, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, the total amount in the Special Funds was \$127,171. The last page of the Report showed the historical data on the APCG membership since 1994, maintained by Bob Richardson. The membership has been declining over the last years (from 567 members in 2013 to 484 in 2018), and, unfortunately, the trend persists, with the current "active" membership of 390. This preliminary number needs to be verified after we reconcile the WildApricot data with the AAG records based on the latest registration and membership payments made through the AAG platform.

The Treasurer's Report did not reflect the latest revenue and expenses related to the 83rd APCG Annual Meeting in San Diego, October 13-16, 2021. The total of 151 registrants participated in both in-person and virtual sessions (which is slightly down from the Flagstaff meeting with 161 participants). 83 participants (or 55%) attended the meeting in-person. 49 papers and 8 posters were presented. The Student Paper/Poster Competition Committee disbursed 25 travel grants in the amount of \$3,400 and 10 awards at the Baccalaureate, Master's and PhD levels, in the amount of \$2,200. Several Special Funds awarded \$3,160 in travel grants and scholarships to 12 students. For the first time, based on the EC decision made at the Flagstaff meeting, the Executive Council members, as well as the *Yearbook* and the *Pacifica* editors and the meeting organizers, had their meeting registration fee reimbursed. The decision was made to encourage the future active participation of incoming faculty in the APCG leadership.

Special Funds Contributions

Since the Spring-Summer 2019-20 listing, which cut off on April 6, and despite our COVID-19 cancelled annual meeting, \$4,607.06 in new contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$445 to the Women's Network Travel Grant fund, \$1,415 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography fund, \$250 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship fund, \$155 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship fund, \$370 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship fund, \$355 for the Margaret Trussell Scholarship fund, \$850 for the Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship fund, and \$727.06 in General contributions, and \$40 for the McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund. All donations made since July, 2016, whether by check or PayPal, are now logged into our apcg.wildapricot.org site, in case you want to check your contributions.

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DISPATCH FROM SAN DIEGO

We encourage you to send in photographs or other images from our meetings to capture the moment and if nothing else remind us all of the fellowship within the APCG. Images need not be from the most recent meetings either.



Left to right, Nancy and Jim Allen, Bill Wyckoff, and Susan and Dick Nostrand enjoyed seeing many long-time friends. They especially appreciated Dan Arreola's session honoring Donald Meinig and his book Southwest: Three Peoples in Geographical Change, as Jim, Bill, and Dick all studied under Meinig at Syracuse University.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (CONT. FROM P.5)

the university, and a student organization on campus, before getting supplemented by the APCG. They could afford to overnight (not in a tent) in San Diego and enjoy more than a brown-bag of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. For students less fortunate than mine at CSUN, virtual attendance might prove a game changer.

Other barriers prevent students and faculty from attending as well. Mobility issues have impaired a few students from attending (wholly or in part) conferences. Wheelchair-bound students sometimes have myriad travel issues. Students with other physical and mental health issues have declined invitations to attend conferences because of the risks associated with travel. One of the most brilliant geographers I've ever met fell into this category.

Perfectly healthy students with children, parents, grandparents or siblings under their care are also commonly prevented from travel. Students without flexible work schedules are also typically left behind by the traditional conference model. Though I haven't kept records, I believe these reasons for not attending conferences have grown in number and severity among my students in the last decade. Is virtual conference attendance as rewarding as in person? No, but it's a worthy compromise.

For those of us damning torpedoes and damning our own climate follies, perhaps additional compromises are possible – in the form of carbon offsets and other eco-friendly mitigation efforts. We can be more insistent on green catering, recyclable (truly) and/or compostable banquets, snack breaks and luncheons. We can try to vet the hospitality arrangements to send a signal to conference hotels that their aggressive environmental protocols are worthy of our attention and our dollars.

Finally, I will propose to the APCG membership that we experiment with purchasing carbon offset credits to mitigate some of the damage our travel does to the atmosphere and alleviate some of the guilt it distills from the joy of meeting in person.

I recently calculated the carbon footprint generated by the travel to the recent Palm Springs meeting (I had that data). I estimate that we probably added somewhere in the vicinity of 24 tons of CO₂ just getting to and from Palm Springs from the approximately 200 addresses listed in the registration database, and that was a conservative estimate. Using the same travel database, one online carbon calculator estimated that we generated more than 54 US tons of CO₂. Either amount is too much for an organization of smart, socially and environmentally conscious people to ignore. We can do better, but it will take a bit of compromising – and purchasing carbon offsets for those who choose to attend in person seems a reasonable compromise – and certainly better than doing nothing at all.

YOLONDA YOUNGS

REGIONAL COUNCILOR REPORT

Submitted July 2021

I hope this issue of *Pacifica* finds you well. This report covers a lot of news and updates for 2020 and 2021. Items discussed are the AAG National Council 2020 Summer virtual meeting, the COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Force, updates to the AAG leadership, 2020 AAG regional meetings overview, 2020 AAG National Council Fall virtual meeting and updates concerning the AAG Regional Task Force, AAG Climate Task Force proposals concerning upcoming AAG annual meetings, Annual Survey of department health and program vulnerability, AAG responses to national social justice and civil rights issues, and the Fall 2021 APCG Conference in San Diego (Hybrid).

As the AAG Regional Councilor, I serve on the APCG Executive Committee, represent APCG on the AAG National Council and several subcommittees, and help facilitate communication, initiatives, and planning between AAG, APCG, and the other regional divisions. I am currently serving on several AAG National Council subcommittees including International Councilor, Regional Taskforce, Fellows and Honors guidelines, Program Excellence Guidelines, and Regional Department Survey subcommittees.

This year is an especially active time to serve as the AAG Regional Councilor as new AAG initiatives unfold, activities expand, and we move through an unprecedented era of COVID-19 challenges.

Special Summer 2020 AAG National Council Meeting

The National Council met three times in 2020, including regularly scheduled spring (see *Pacifica* 2020 report) and fall sessions, plus an additional summer meeting in June to address the urgencies related to COVID-19 and its impact. This summer the AAG launched a COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Force. This team developed proposals to help geographers

and geography programs through the pandemic crisis. A Blue Ribbon panel of former AAG presidents, AAG fellows, students, and other covering a wide-range of expertise and perspectives recommended the most feasible and impactful projects to the AAG Council. The AAG National Council chose 9 of the 34 proposals submitted for nearly \$1 million in funding. At the same time, AAG Finance Committee and staff worked on a business risk analysis to ensure AAG saves enough reserves to get the Association through the next five years. The Council met to consider emergency spending from reserves and decide Task Force funding of proposals. Additional details about the taskforce and specific projects that are funded and in motion can be found on [AAG's website](#).

AAG Leadership

As of July 2020, newly elected members of the Executive Committee began their terms including AAG President Amy Lobben (University of Oregon), Vice President Emily T. Yeh (University of Colorado at Boulder), and Past President David H. Kaplan (Kent State University). Per the AAG Constitution, AAG National Council elected from its own members LaToya Eaves (University of Tennessee) to serve as Treasurer and Karen D. Johnson-Webb (Bowling Green State University) as Secretary.

The change in leadership at AAG with the new Executive Director Gary Langham is significant. He started the position in August 2019, with only a few months in the post before the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States. In my humble opinion, he is doing an exceptional job tackling the various challenges thrown at AAG during the pandemic while also sustaining AAG through this tumultuous time. APCG members may be interested in Gary's background in the Pacific West. In a nutshell, he grew up in Sacramento, California, traveled extensively in South America leading bird tours, earned a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Cornell while studying birds in South America, completed a postdoc through UC Berkeley, and—

later—worked as the Executive Director of Audubon for 12 years before coming to AAG in August 2019. In August 2020, AAG President Amy Lobben interviewed Gary about his background and experiences. ([see AAG's website for the full interview](#)).

AAG Regional Division Fall Meetings

The APCG Executive Council cancelled the 2020 APCG Annual Meeting due to COVID-19 travel and health concerns. The meeting was postponed to October 2021 at San Diego, California. Of the nine regional divisions of the AAG, two cancelled their fall meetings due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns (APCG and Great Plains/Rocky Mountain) while the other 7 regions held virtual conferences. To support this relatively new territory for the regions, the AAG provided assistance including conference website and registration hosting and virtual keynote addresses rotating between AAG President Amy Lobben, Executive Director Gary Langham, Past President David Kaplan, and AAG Vice-President Emily Yeh. Moving forward, AAG is encouraging all regions to maintain at least some aspect of the regional meetings in a virtual and/or online format as a way to provide increased access to the meetings for attendees who may be limited in their travel resources and decrease the climate impact of travel to conferences and meetings. Specific plans and AAG resources to support this virtual meeting effort will be discussed at the Spring 2021 National Council meeting.

Fall 2020 AAG National Council meeting

Due to travel restrictions and safety guidelines, the meeting time was condensed and move online for a virtual event over the weekend of November 7 to 8, 2020. AAG President Amy Lobben and Executive Director Gary Langham lead the meeting. Over the course of two days, we discussed a variety of topics including reports from each of the nine regions of the AAG, AAG

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Volume 83 of the Yearbook of the AP CG is out and available!

Members will receive a hard copy in the mail, but digital versions of this and past issues are available through [Project Muse](#).

It's also never too early to think about publishing a research article or essay in the next issue. Contact editor [Craig Revels](#) for more information.

Call for Content!

Pacifica needs your submissions! This is a great showcase for research notes, essays and interventions in geography, and photos of our conferences, you doing geography stuff, or anything else you feel like sharing with the community.

This is also a wonderful venue for students to get early stages of their work out to the discipline.

Send inquiries and material to [Mike Pesses](#).

REGIONAL COUNCILOR REPORT (CONT. FROM 12)

finances, specialty and affinity groups, task force updates, publications and editorial boards, communication and member services, AAG honors and awards, the 2021 AAG annual meeting planned for Seattle. Executive Director Langham also updated the National Council about a prospective lawsuit from between AAG and an insurance company due to contract disagreements over the cancellation of the 2020 Spring AAG meeting originally planned for Denver, CO. AAG had purchased a cancellation insurance coverage for Denver when the insurer retroactively decided to no longer cover COVID-19. Langham feels confident that the situation will be resolved soon. He also confirmed that AAG is taking measures now to protect the organization financially for 2021 and future cancellations of meetings due to public health concerns.

Highlights of the meeting for AP CG members:

- AAG 2021 Seattle meeting, April 7 - 11: The Council voted to cancel the in-person Seattle 2021 meeting and move it to a virtual-only platform, due to health and travel concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting will include virtual paper presentations, posters, workshops, virtual field trips, keynote talks, a variety of networking events, and a new "curated sessions series" from Specialty and Affinity Groups. As of the submission of this report in January 2021, the AAG is reporting 2,699 paper presentations in 767 sessions for the meeting. Virtual registration fees are reduced from in-person fees, with AAG members paying \$150, students \$55, and K-12 Educator \$55. For more information visit the [AAG website](#).
- New AAG Website Coming Soon: Despite the challenges that COVID-19 poses AAG is moving forward with redesigning and launching a new AAG flagship website and news ways that the AAG can better serve its members.
- AAG Regional Task Force: The Council meeting included continued and extensive discussions about the health of AAG regional divisions. AAG is very interested in ways that the organization can support regional divisions and regional meetings. David Kaplan led the Regional Taskforce discussion, reminding Regional Councilors that AAG can provide a variety of support services including conference insurance, website hosting, and financial advice. The taskforce and AAG Council are working to expand knowledge about those services to members and make them more accessible. AP CG Executive Council took AAG up on these offers this year by way of conference insurance for our regional meetings and investment discussions with AAG's financial advisors.

2021 Fall AP CG Conference & Potential Changes to AAG annual meetings

Changes may be ahead for the AAG annual meetings.

For Fall 2021, Executive Director Langham explored several ideas proposed by the AAG Climate Action Task Force including a potential shift of the annual meeting to a series of smaller, node meetings and to host a larger AAG meeting (including AAG National Council, papers, session, etc.) in conjunction with a Fall Regional Division meeting (rotating between regions each year). The advantages of this proposal are low carbon meeting options for shorter distance and travel times for local and regional attendees, potential increased promotion and activity at regional meetings for geographers in local community and government organizations, decreased meeting costs for local and regional attendees, and increased collaboration between AAG and Regional divisions. At the Spring 2021 virtual AAG National Council meeting, Langham presented some of these ideas. For Fall 2021, AP CG will be held in San Diego as a hybrid meeting, offering both in person sessions and virtual/online options as well. For more details about the meeting dates, location, and schedule, please visit the AP CG website.

The Fall 2020 AAG Council meeting minutes are available on the AAG website [here](#)

2021 Annual Survey of Geography Departments and Program Health:

In the previous edition of *Pacifica*, I reported that I would be sending out an Annual Survey of Geography Departments and Program Health soon to department chairs. However, I am pushing back the timing of that survey for this academic year. I am working with a Regional Department Survey subcommittee of AAG Councilmembers and staff to create a standardized survey instrument. The goal is to create a shorter survey, gather information from established departments in universities and community colleges as well as stand-alone geographers, and use online platforms that are easily accessed, streamline the collection of both numerical data and longer written comments. AAG and AP CG will coordinate the timing of the survey in late spring or early summer so that Department Chairs and program advisors only receive one survey—sent by the AP CG Regional Councilor—representing both AAG and AP CG questions. This effort is also a part of AAG's Healthy Department initiatives. AAG is eager to hear about the health of geography departments in terms of majors, programs, student funding, as well as faculty and student recruitment and retention. There may be additional resources that AAG can bring to the table to help strengthen programs and departments. If you have any questions about AAG Council, concerns, or would like more detailed information about topics mentioned in this report, please email me at yyoung@csusb.edu.

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IN MEMORIAM

Marshall E. Bowen, a longtime APCG member and professor emeritus in University of Mary Washington's Department of Geography passed away at the age of 82 on August 19, 2020. Professor Bowen's work revolved around the American West, including his book *Utah People in the Nevada Desert* (Utah State University Press, 1994). He also played basketball and was the first men's basketball coach at the University of Mary Washington.

More information can be found on the AAG website [here](#).

Eugene "Gene" Arthur Hoerauf died in Bellingham, WA on January 4, 2021. Gene was the staff cartographer at Western Washington University and known as a "camera guy." A full obituary can be found [here](#).

Donations in Gene's memory may be made to Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship Fund for cartography and GIS students. Checks can be made out to APCG with Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship Fund in the memo line, and mailed to: Elena Givental, 1411 Spruce St., Apt. 1, Berkeley CA 94709. Donations can also be made [online](#).

Nancy B. Hultquist was born in 1943 and grew up in Atlanta, GA on Piedmont Road near a 32-lane bowling alley. There she worked and became good at the sport. [Nancy holds the record of High Series (679) for Women in Moscow, ID.] She completed college in 1965. Graduate school called and she left for the University of Cincinnati. With two years there, she returned to Georgia State University and the geography department, her undergraduate academic home. After marrying John in 1969 they were at the University of Iowa. From the farming country of Iowa came the first bird dog, a Brittany. Then the University of Idaho beckoned (1974), and the three headed toward the Pacific Northwest (PNW).

Oddly, the Moscow university provided a split position, so there was extra time to expand the dog population to two, then three, and then many, and next a horse. Nancy enjoyed the Brittany's and the comradery and competition of shows and field trials. Her kennel name – Cedaridge Brittany's – was known throughout the Nation – before cell phones and the internet. Along the way she was gaining knowledge and teaching about using computers to make detailed maps. The field is now called Geographic Information Systems, GIS. She was most happy working with students and watching their careers develop.

The PNW is home to great fiddlers, and after a move to Central Washington University (1988) for a full-time position, the bowling and bird dogging ceased. The Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association provided expert string instrument instructors in summer camp, in the school at Kittitas. She first played at age 4. The county also had a group called the Kittitas Valley Fiddlers and Friends. Nancy found a new outlet for her non-academic energies.

Then, heart issues from a childhood case of Rheumatic fever ended her academic career, but only interrupted her fiddle playing. Endocarditis, artery blockage, and an open-heart valve replacement came in 2009. Her surgeon told her she was spared because there was more for her to do on Earth.

As she recovered and gained stamina, Nancy began to take a larger role in the music of the Kittitas Valley Fiddlers and Friends. They played at the elder care facilities in Ellensburg and other venues in the area, especially at the Adult Activity Center. She considered the entertainment provided to the residents of the valley in these facilities one of her best experiences.

Nancy and John (with many animal friends) found a home on the Naneum Fan, 8 miles north of Ellensburg.

-John Hultquist

Robert Thomas Kuhlken, retired professor of geography and former geography department chair at Central Washington University, died on January 1, 2021. He was 67.

Kuhlken was a lifelong scholar, educator, and tireless observer of the natural world. He was more comfortable outdoors than in, and always eager to explore new terrain. He studied at the University of Virginia at Wise and Oregon State University and was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to study agricultural terracing in the Fiji Islands while earning his doctoral degree in geography from Louisiana State University.

Kuhlken taught college geography for more than three decades, spending most of his career at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington, where he retired in 2015 as professor emeritus in geography. He taught thousands of students at CWU. Countless first-year students with little knowledge of the rest of the world were captivated by Kuhlken's enthusiastic spirit of adventure, his colorful stories, and deep insights into human and physical landscapes across the globe.

As a scholar, Kuhlken's work emphasized cultural ecology, historical geography, and environmental literature. He co-authored *A Rediscovered Frontier: Land Use and Resource Issues in the New West* which Rowman & Littlefield published in 2006. He also published on topics as varied as Pacific archaeology, zydeco music, and arson. In more recent years, his passion for fishing led to new scholarship on the geography of recreational fishing and the sport of angling.

More than anything, Kuhlken loved to be outdoors with friends and family—hiking, fishing, sailing, biking, gardening or just feeding the birds in the backyard. In remembrance, please donate to the National Park of your choice.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia McGill Kuhlken; his stepson, Jeff Acker; and his brothers William Kuhlken, Kevin Kuhlken, and Karl Kuhlken.

-AAG Staff

Sadly, a number of those connected to the APCG have left us over the past two years.

Hans-Joachim Meihoefer, Professor Emeritus of Geography, passed away on Aug. 24, 2021. Hans was born in East Prussia on Aug. 9, 1939. With other members of his family, he walked from his home there across Germany to the Allied Zone during World War II, and then came to Detroit. He studied at Wayne State and completed a Ph. D. at the University of Washington, where his dissertation dealt with cartographic perception and design.

He joined the San Francisco State faculty in 1968. He was chair of the Department for nearly a decade. During a series of sabbaticals, Hans pursued international and domestic research in agriculture and food supply. He promoted the development of an environmental studies focus, now the BS in Environmental Science. Hans emphasized the importance of field work and made sure that the department curriculum included field experience; he even bought the department a new van — the “Hansmobile” -- when he retired in 2006. He loved teaching Physical Geography, Cartography, and Environmental Problems & Solutions, even Geography of Garbage, but his favorite class was Agriculture & Food Supply, which he continued to teach well after retirement just for fun. Students were particularly engaged by their field trips to farms that Hans had long studied and whose farmers he knew well. Students remember Hans as an inspirational professor whose charisma and passion for teaching and students, for map design and environmental protection, made his classes a transformative experience. For many, he was “that one teacher I’ll never forget.”

Hans left many legacies, but central to his values was experiential learning from well-organized field trips. [The Hans Meihoefer Fund](#) is being established to commemorate his impact on students’ lives and to continue to advance his legacy of memorable field trips so that future students can be assured of these transformative experiences in the years ahead. The Fund will ensure access and support for field-based experiences for students in Geography and Environmental Science courses by providing stipends to individual students to cover field trip costs, by helping fund field trip expenses to reduce costs for all students, and by funding graduate student assistants for undergraduate field trips. We welcome contributions of any amount from all of you, especially those who benefited from Hans’ memorable field trips!

The obituary for **John Passerello**, [which I urge you to read](#), mentions that he contributed to many charitable organizations, including the APCG, but does not elaborate. He and wife Bev (they were joint members) established the Mexican American Undergraduate Student Grant Fund (now called Latina/o American Student Travel Scholarships) in 2005 with a gift of \$500, hoping to bring non-traditional students to our annual meetings. In 2009 he and Bev along with Kate Berry established the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund, and less than a month later he and Bev established the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund, again hoping to bring non-traditional students to our annual meetings. Since their inception these funds have provided \$8,214 to help 32 students attend our annual meetings. The three funds combined currently have \$16,835, all from member donations. Before he retired from the Office of Emergency Services John regularly attended our annual meetings and chaired a session on Applied Geography, always presenting as well. He and Terry Simmons co-founded the APCG’s Applied Geography Specialty

Group, now mostly a memory. When CSUS hosted in 1996 John led a tour of the OES facilities here in Sacramento as one of the field trips. He left quite a mark on the APCG!

—Bob Richardson

Terry A. Simmons, a regular fixture at APCG meetings for almost 50 years, died on November 14, 2020, in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He was 74. His death was attributed to kidney failure and was not COVID-related.

Terry was born on April 12, 1946, in Butte (now Butte City in Glenn County), California, and grew up in nearby Yuba City. He completed his undergraduate work in anthropology at the newly-established University of California—Santa Cruz before moving to British Columbia in Canada to enter the graduate program in Geography at Simon Fraser University. Both of these universities were (and still are) known for their strong radical and environmental perspectives. While at Simon Fraser, Terry helped found the Sierra Club of British Columbia and served as its first chair; he was inspired by his impressions of the Sierra Club in San Francisco, where he had worked as a research assistant. Terry believed that a similar organization was needed in western Canada. His participation in this environmental organization led to his involvement in the Don’t Make a Wave movement, an anti-nuclear organization. Terry was part of the group that sailed in 1970 from Vancouver to the Aleutian Islands on board the fishing-boat *Phyllis Cormack*, later renamed the *Greenpeace*. The group was protesting nuclear testing and the voyage is considered to be the founding moment of the international environmental and anti-nuclear organization Greenpeace. Terry later left Vancouver to complete a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota under the supervision of Yi-Fu Tuan. He later completed a law degree at the University of California—Berkeley. He presented his first APCG paper in 1970, when he was still a student at Simon Fraser University.

Terry’s radical views took a conservative and even reactionary turn in his later years, during which he presented at APCG on such topics as his annoyance with the University of California—Berkeley’s decision to remove the names of racist individuals such as John Boalt and others from its buildings. Yet Terry’s radicalism was always marked by a hostile stance towards “hippies” and similar back-to-the-land movements: he believed that environmentalism and anti-nuclear protests should have a solid scientific foundation and not be stigmatized by counter-cultural flamboyance.

Through most of his life, Terry lectured from time to time at various universities and community colleges, but mainly worked as a lawyer in California and Nevada, even serving as a Nevada Settlement Court judge. He is still remembered in Canada as a founder of Greenpeace, and his obituary from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation can be found [here](#).

—Michael Pretes

DONATE TODAY!



Use the above QR Code to easily access our donations page.

While our dues help keep this organization going, your donations to either our general fund or one of specific scholarships or grants help tremendously. To make this a relatively painless process, you can either click on this [link](#) to visit our webpage or point your phone's camera at the above QR code to get to the same place.

And as if helping students wasn't enough of an incentive, the APCG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit so your donation is eligible as a charitable deduction. You can't afford not to donate!

In addition to the general fund, we would greatly appreciate donations to the following scholarships and/or grants:

- Women's Network Travel Grants
- Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography
- Latina/o American Student Travel Scholarships
- Indigenous Student Travel Scholarships
- African Descent Student Travel Scholarships
- Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund
- Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship

NEW APCG MEMBERS

With no annual meeting in 2020 we have very few members who have joined since the last spring issue, but there are a few.

Welcome to these 21 new members who have joined since the list from the last spring issue (*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined).

Matthew Balentine

Shanna Bressie

Neil Conner*

Daniel Helton

Gary Hennigh*

Billy Henshaw

Eddie Hunsinger

Keir Keightley*

Steve LaDochy*

Gary Langham

Key MacFarlane

Chelsie McWhorter

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MEMBERSHIP

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers is an independent organization as well as a regional division of the American Association of Geographers.

APCG member dues are: Regular \$25; Student or Retired \$15 Contributing \$30 or more (any contribution over \$25 is tax deductible). A second (Joint) member may be added to any of these categories for another \$3. Second (Joint) members receive a ballot but not another copy of the *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. Questions about membership may be directed to Elena Givental, elena.givental@csueastbay.edu.

2021 APCG STUDENT PAPER & POSTER AWARDEES IN SAN DIEGO, CA

GRADUATE

APCG President's PhD Paper Award (\$200)

Sanan Moradi, University of Oregon
Resistance Territory: Indigenous Discourses and Symbolism in Street Demonstrations in Iranian Kurdistan

APCG President's Master's Paper Award (\$200)

Gabriela Morales, San Diego State University
A Mixed-Methods Assessment of the Quantification Settlement Agreement in Imperial Valley, California

AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper at a Regional Meeting (\$1000 to attend the AAG 2022 meeting in New York)

Zihui Lei, CSU Northridge
Afro-Latinx Communities in Southern California: Using Cartographies to Understand Social and Environmental Justice

Geosystems Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper Award (\$500)

Jessica Embury, San Diego State University
Tackling Food Insecurity in the San Diego Promise Zone: A Spatial-Demographic Approach

Tom McKnight & Joan Clemons Award for an Outstanding Paper (\$200)

Cindy Chen, Cal State Los Angeles
Growing an Equitable Future for Los Angeles Using GIS

Harry & Shirley Bailey Award for an Outstanding Physical Geography Paper (\$200)

Danielle Gerger, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Forest Plantation Transitions in the Peruvian Andes

APCG President's Poster Award (\$200)

Melanie Mejia, CSU Northridge
Menstrual Health Red Zones: A Report on Period Poverty in the San Fernando Valley

UNDERGRADUATE

APCG President's Poster Award (\$200)

Antonio Santana, Cal State Los Angeles
The Changing Climate of Los Angeles: Highlights from the last Three Decades

AAG Council Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper at a Regional Meeting (\$1000 to attend the AAG 2022 meeting in New York)

Cameron Calverley, University of San Diego
Drought Impacts and Water Management in Semi-Arid Regions: Analyzing Cape Town, South Africa's "Day Zero"

Geosystems Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper Award (\$500)

Alex (Adriana) Perez, CSU Dominguez Hills
Energy Burden in Disadvantaged Communities in Los Angeles County

TRAVEL GRANTS

- Asha Paudel, Florida Atlantic University
- Alex (Adriana) Perez, CSU Dominguez Hills
- Tiana Fain, CSU Long Beach
- Cindy Chen, Cal State Los Angeles
- Albert Roßmeier, University of Tuebingen, Germany
- Jessica Embury, San Diego State University
- Alejandro Beltran Cortez, CSU Long Beach
- Paul Lewis, CSU Fullerton
- Charlie Burling, CSU Fullerton
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- Warren Bristol, University of Arizona

APCG Distinguished Service Award (Faculty)

Congratulations to **Chris Lukinbeal**, University of Arizona, who was honored with the APCG Distinguished Service Award in 2021! The award recognizes substantial and sustained service to the APCG.

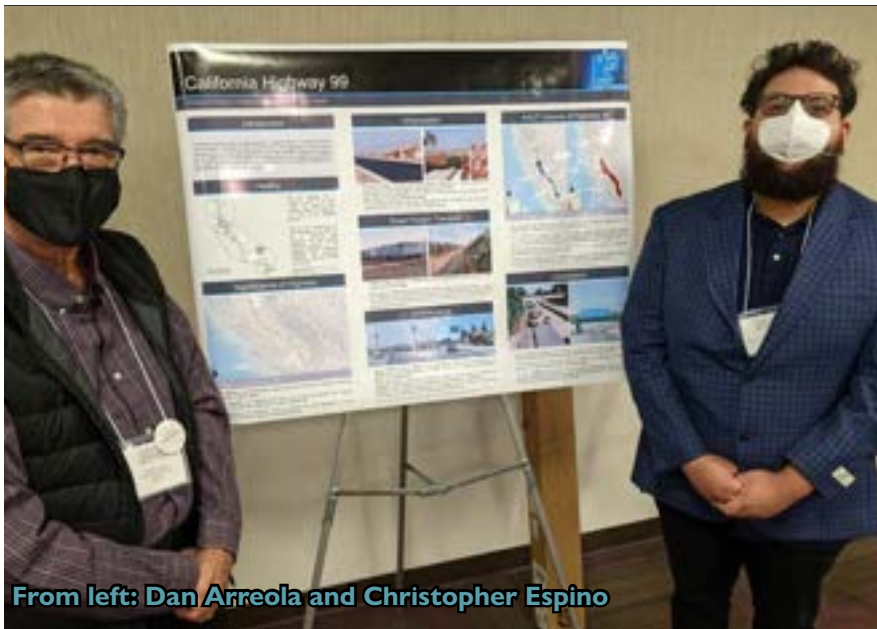


PAUL STARRS NAMED AAG FELLOW



Congratulations to **Paul Starrs**, University of Nevada Reno, for being named a Fellow of the American Association of Geographers in the Class of 2021! Paul joins the list of illustrious APCG regulars including Janice Monk, Stuart Aitken, and John Harrington in this AAG honor and recognition.

DISPATCH FROM SAN DIEGO (CONT. FROM P.11)



From left: Dan Arreola and Christopher Espino



Wauren Richardson



From left: Bill Wyckoff, Mike DeVivo, Steve Graves, and Craig Revels



From left: Lindsey Legaspi, Liz Ridder, Jenn Palmer, Elena Givental



Meeting Reception



Michael Pretes



Melanie Mejia



From left: Chris Lukinbeal, Chris Lukinbeal, Jr., and Dydia Delyser



From left: Bill Wyckoff and Dick Nostrand

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