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About APCG

Founded in 1935 by a gathering of geographers including graduate students and faculty from universities, normal schools and junior colleges, and a few from government and industry, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge. Members gather at the annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual Yearbook, first published in 1935, that includes abstracts of papers from the meetings and a number of full length peer-reviewed articles. Members also receive the biannual newsletter Pacifica, first published in Fall 1994. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the Association of American Geographers, serving AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT.

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*Photos from the Tohono O’odham Nation field trip and captions: Lily House-Peters, University of Arizona

Traditional Infrastructure, Modern Flows: Cultural Politics of Development in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

Olivia Conniff Molden
MA Student
University of Oregon, Department of Geography
Recipient of the APCG Margaret Trussell Scholarship, Larry Ford Scholarship, & Area Studies Award

Like many rapidly developing urban areas, the Kathmandu Valley faces growing water insecurities. Kathmandu’s public water company barely supplies 50% of annual demands; even during the monsoon, many families receive only half an hour of water from the grid a week. Most households collect water from a variety of sources, which may include: tankers, household wells, rainwater collection systems, public wells, and rivers. For around 10% of the Valley population, the traditional stone spout system provides free, or inexpensive, water from public taps. Stone spouts are especially crucial for vulnerable groups, like poor or landless migrant families. Spouts also hold cultural and communal significance to the Newars, an ethnic group indigenous to the Valley, who originally built much of the system and continue to use, maintain, and manage spouts.

Stone spouts, known as hitis in Newari, or dhunge dhara in Nepali, are stone carved water conduits, which supply water continuously for drinking, bathing, worship, and a variety of other functions that depend on location and design. Hitis are also important spaces for Hindus and Buddhists by providing pure water for daily rituals and festivals. Generally, a hiti filters and supplies water from interflow and baseflow processes, or pipelines and canals that connect with upstream hitis, ponds, aquifers, and forest springs. To present knowledge, the system functioned continuously for 1,500 years until recent modernization.

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President’s Column: The Center of the World

Chris Lukinbeal
The University of Arizona

Ten miles west of Yuma, on the edge of the Algodones Dunes, lay a collection of buildings, a stairway to nowhere, a bronzed Michelangelo’s Arm of God sundial pointing to a church on a hill, a small pyramid, and the sprawling Museum of History in Granite. Together, these objects comprise the community of Felicity and the only location in the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers’ region that has been designated the “Center of the World” by an international geographical society (Institut Geographique National of France in 1989). For years I have made the familiar trip from Arizona to Southern California and for years I had driven by Felicity and wondered: What kind of commune is that out in the middle of nowhere? When I finally made the stop and toured the roadside attraction I was reinvigorated by the concept of topophilia, reinvigorated by the fact that we shape the world around us through our passion, our vision, and our love for place and one another.

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Report on the Seventy-Seven Annual Meeting
Tucson, Arizona
September 24th to 27th, 2014

The 77th annual meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers was held on the campus of the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, from September 24th to 27th, 2014. Paper sessions were held in the Tucson Marriott University Park Hotel only a block away from the University of Arizona’s main gate and just north of the new streetcar line that leads to downtown Tucson. Other events took place in the Arizona Historical Society’s Museum, and the University of Arizona’s Student Memorial Center and the Hall of Champions. Though the Autumnal Equinox occurred a day before the conference, visitors were bathed in 98° heat on their arrival.

One hundred and ninety-five people registered for the meeting. Attendees came from most of the states in the APCG region and included substantial contingents from the University of Arizona; Arizona State University; Portland State University; the University of Nevada, Reno; San Diego State University; the Idaho State University; and several of the institutions in the California State system. Geographers from outside the region attended as well, coming from as far away as Korea and Germany. The Association of American Geographers’ President Mona Domosh (Dartmouth College) was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with a reception held at the University of Arizona’s Hall of Champions, an Athletics museum, attached to McKale Center, which highlights heritage and traditions. Attendees were welcomed by APCG Vice President Chris Lukinbeal as well as by University of Arizona administrators Vincent Del Casino (Professor of Geography and Vice Provost for Digital Learning & Student Engagement and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management), John Paul Jones III (Professor of Geography and Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences), and Connie Woodhouse (Vice Provost for Digital Learning & Student Engagement and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management). Attendees had full access to the museum. Steve Yool, Professor of Geography, entertained the crowd with “The Wide World of Music Challenge.” Dr. Yool would play a song on the accordion and the audience would guess the country of origin for the song.

Thursday featured 8 field trips including: Biosphere 2, Sky Islands, Water Tales, Architectural Tour of Tucson, Tucson’s El Presidio Historic District, Chicano Murals, Tohono O’odham Nation, UofA’s Tree Ring and Mirror labs. “A Night at the Museum” and Mexican Fiesta was held at the Arizona Historical Society’s museum Thursday night. Attendees had full access to the museum. Steve Yool, Professor of Geography, entertained the crowd with “The Wide World of Music Challenge.” Dr. Yool would play a song on the accordion and the audience would guess the country of origin for the song.

Friday and Saturday featured 19 paper sessions, 2 panel sessions, and one poster session that was held in conjunction with the President’s reception. A total of 89 papers, 2 panel presentations, and 11 posters were presented during these sessions. APCG President Sriram Khe's plenary session on “Quo Vadis” took place Friday afternoon and focused on envisioning the future of the APCG. Following the plenary attendees were invited to the Arizona Historical Society’s Museum for the catered President’s Reception and President’s poster session. Over 150 people came to the event. Meeting participants were then encouraged to enjoy the evening in Tucson.

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As sessions began at 9:30am Saturday, attendees were well slept and relaxed for an exciting day. Along with regular paper sessions, two panels were presented. The first was, “Screaming Queens: LGBT Studies and The Future of Feminist Geography: A Conversation with Susan Stryker.” The second was, “Author Meets Critics, Debt to Society: Accounting for Life in Capitalism, by Miranda Joseph.” Saturday was capped by the annual banquet. The event was held in the University of Arizona’s Student Memorial Center with 110 people present. The APCG Vice President Chris Lukinbeal (University of Arizona) emceed and hosted the event. Following dinner the host began the evening by honoring those that have passed, including Holly Youngbear-Tibbetts, Helen Proctor, Forest (Woody) Pitts, Gene Martin, Phil Wagner, Steven R. Kale, Thomas White Harvey, Earl Kersten, Vince Shaudys, Everett G. Smith, and Donald Lynch. The awards ceremony followed, as Fernando Bosco (San Diego State University) presented the Latino/a Student Travel Scholarship awards, Renee Pualani Louis (University of Kansas) and Ken Madsen (The Ohio State University) presented the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship awards, Paul Stairs (University of Nevada, Reno) presented the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography awards, Stephen Cunha (Humboldt State University) presented the Margaret Trussell Scholarship awards, Vicki Drake (Santa Monica College) presented the Women’s Network Travel Scholarship awards, Greg Bohr (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo) presented the APCG travel grants and paper and poster awards, and James Allen (California State University Northridge) presented the APCG Distinguished Service Award. James Keese (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo) and Michael Schmandt (Sacramento State University) were both awarded the APCG Distinguished Service Award. Special thanks were given to Bill and Marilyn Bowen who, while unable to attend, graciously sponsored student presenters to attend the annual banquet. A special thanks was also given to those that helped to organize the 77th annual APCG conference including: Chris Lukinbeal, Christina Kennedy, David Plane, Greg Baron-Gafford, Laura Sharp, Mark Kear, Tawny Lochner, Fatimah Dili, Carly Nichols, Shelby Smith, Emma Lawlor, Michele Coe, Georgia Davis, Bob Richardson, Jan Monk, Jordan Wildin, Kali Kennedy, Ben Olimpio, Domenic Martinelli, Alegria Gray, Beza Gebru, Michael Jardini, Jessica Montanaro, Janine Clark, Galen Gukendauf, as well as field trip leaders and van drivers. The awards part of the banquet ended with the Resolutions Committee Annual Report read by Bill Crowley (Sonoma State University) with support from Nancy Wilkinson (San Francisco State University), and Paul Stairs (University of Nevada, Reno). The APCG Presidential Address concluded the awards banquet with Sriram Khe (Western Oregon University) presenting on “Geography and Public Scholarship.”

The faculty and students in the University of Arizona's School of Geography and Development would like to thank everyone who attended the 77th annual meeting in Tucson. We were delighted to have the opportunity to continue the tradition of supporting intellectually engaging, socially enjoyable APCG meetings. Photos from the conference can be found on the school’s Facebook page and a video of the Resolutions Committee’s report can be found on the school’s Google+ page.

We look forward to the 2015 meeting in Palm Springs.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Lukinbeal
Traditional Infrastructure, Modern Flows: Cultural Politics of Development in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

NGO Forum for Urban Water and Sanitation estimates that of the 389 identified hitis in the Valley, 233 function today. However, the quality and quantity of hiti water varies due to monsoon irregularity, ground-water depletion, surface water diversion, pollution, and damage from construction. Although hitis are formally recognized as communal water sources, ideologies and legal framings within government departments and international organizations lead to conflicts over the role and preservation of these systems.

The hiti system sparked my curiosity in 2013 when I visited my family who live and work in Kathmandu. Having also lived there as a child, I remembered seeing struggles over water, however the long queues of people waiting in front hitis are more prevalent today (Figure 1). Dr. Aditi Mukherji from the intergovernmental organization, the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), led an extensive survey of water use in the Lalitpur District of the Valley in 2013. From preliminary survey findings, she drew my attention to the underestimated significance of hitis.

Using the hiti system as a case study, my research seeks to understand the contemporary role of traditional infrastructure. I specifically investigate: 1) How and why households access hitis, and 2) The role of these traditional systems in modernization and development efforts. For the second question, I explore the ways different institutions (communities, non-governmental organizations, government offices, and international organizations) interact with hitis, and the effects of those interactions since the installation of public pipelines in 1950. Overall, I am interested in the relationship between water infrastructure, security, and governance.

After analyzing ICIMOD survey data, my fieldwork from June to September 2014 drew on interviews, observations, and archival and policy documents relevant to urban and peri-urban areas in Lalitpur, also known as the Patan Kingdom. For much of my qualitative research, I collaborated with Nicholas Griffin, a law student from Wake Forest University, and an ICIMOD intern, Abby Snyder. We conducted over 20 interviews with hiti users and community leaders in 9 different hiti neighborhoods, and another 20 with relevant academics, government officials, and non-governmental actors.

Our preliminary findings indicate the importance and limitations of community managed water sources. Many neighborhoods provide members with reliable and inexpensive water from hitis through local organizing, rehabilita-...continued on next page
tation, and/or modifications (Figure 2). Issues ranging from local social inequalities to large-scale worries over groundwater depletion, unregulated construction, or land grabbing limit the effectiveness of these systems (Figure 3). Yet, government action to address hitis, and other urban infrastructure, is lacking or conflicting. Generally, officials over rely on community leaders to manage, and provide, what they see as temporary water services and/or cultural heritage protection, without considering the entire system. Nevertheless, hitis are slowly gaining recognition across institutions as a legitimate mode of water infrastructure. I look forward to finalizing my analysis and working on publications that can contribute to literature on resource governance and urban development.

Figure 3: Since the 1990s Sun Dhara Hiti only flows during the monsoon because wells in an industrial estate upstream lower the water table. This has led to protests and unresolved conflicts with the municipal government.

I am grateful to the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers and the Margaret Trussell and Larry Ford Scholarships for supporting my research interests and financially assisting this fieldwork. Additionally, I am appreciative of the help from my advisor Dr. Katie Meehan and the financial and academic support from the University of Oregon Department of Geography. Finally, I would like to recognize my family, ICIMOD staff, Dr. Mukherji, Nicholas Griffin, Abby Snyder, and all the participants who graciously made this research possible.

The Center of the World

In the 1980s, Jacques-Andre Istel, a Korean War veteran sometimes called the father of American skydiving, fell in love with the landscape in the Algodones region and began purchasing land. On May 11, 1986, the city of Felicity was founded, named after Istel’s wife Felicia. Istel describes the beginning of this endeavor thusly: “I told my wife, ‘I don't know what I'm going to do with this bare land, but it has to be entertaining’” (Official Center of the World, para. 4). With this vision in mind, it is unsurprising that, when we take a few steps back to Felicity’s origin, we find that the journey really begins with a dragon named Coe, star of the children’s story Coe, the Good Dragon at the Center of the World, written by Istel. This makes sense because really, what could be more authoritative when constructing your empire than a children’s story? According to the story, Coe, the friendly dragon who loves children, discovers the exact center of the world in a small desert town. While there, Coe meets JAI (Jacques-Andre Istel), the ambassador to humanity. A year after self-publishing the book, Istel marched into the Imperial County Board of Supervisors in, “a white tie and tails, preceded by three high-school trumpeters,” introduced himself as the “ambassador of all good dragons,” and promptly requested Felicity be official recognized as the center of the world, which they did (Mooallem 2014).

This year, as Istel turns 85 years old, Felicity is an unincorporated community in Imperial County, California, replete with its own post office. Istel has been unanimously reelected mayor by himself and Felicia, the only two Felicity residents. Though Jacques-
Andre and Felicia no longer live in Felicity year-round, the 2,600-acre site remains awe inspiring, weird, passing, strange, and wonderful – a geographic imagination inscribed into the landscape. Now ensconced within a pyramid, the center of the world is safeguarded from the surrounding deserts, dunes, and dragons. The Museum of History in Granite is comprised of 461 panels set on triangular granite features roughly 100 feet long and 2 foot high. These features look like polished roadside barriers and are arranged in the pattern of a compass rose, centered on a Rosetta stone. These panels document the history of humanity, linking it spatially to the center of the world and protecting the memories of bygone loved ones much as the pyramid does for the center of the world itself. As Istel explains, “If you love people … you want to remember them” (Mooallem 2014).

Felicity, a tour-of-Babel-in-the-desert-roadside-style-attraction, is a celebration of imagination and love that resonates across the landscape. But like many landscapes, obelisks, or temporal tales, this one rings through the mediated webs of Istel’s story. All locations and people have a story. When you encounter the displaced stairs of the Eiffel Tower, an arm of god from the Sistine Chapel, a beautiful church atop a hill, and a warm heart that wants to share a geographic imagination built on love and the need to preserve knowledge in stone, you know that the story of Felicity is calling, bringing forth the cultural geographies of the road.

Following Istel’s desire to remember the things we love, as president of the APCG, I am asking members to vote on whether they would like the association to issue a proclamation recognizing Felicity, California as the center of the world. To vote, go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FFRDLRW. If a majority of members agree, I will ask the resolutions committee to draft a document, which will be presented to Felicia and Jaques at the 78th Annual Meeting in Palm Springs. In so doing I seek to honor the topophilia I felt upon meeting Felicia in Felicity. What is the APCG to you? To me it is about love of place.

References


The meeting in the Ventana Room, Marriott Hotel, was opened by Sriram Khé at 5:05pm with 23 people present.

Minutes from the Fall 2013 APCG Business Meeting in Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe, California were approved.

ELECTION RESULTS: 153 ballots were returned according to Bob Richardson. Chris Lukinbeal – President; Steve Cunha – Vice President; Bob Richardson, Treasurer

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: The Fiscal Committee examined Bob Richardson’s books and book-keeping using his Excel spreadsheets. They found the APCG’s Treasurer’s Report to be an excellent work and Bob has performed his job as Treasurer perfectly and the APCG finances are in good order.

TREASURERS REPORT: see separate document from Bob Richardson. Bob Richardson’s Treasurer Report was distributed. The first page is a narrative of the budget, the special funds, APCG Yearbook and membership numbers.

We are in very good shape, with income approximately $14,500 greater than expenditures, partly due to a large royalty payment from Hawaii Press ($9,159) and a profit from the 2013 Tahoe meeting ($3,829, which included an advance of $2,500 which was returned).

Special Funds are in a single account, earning very little interest (0.15% AY) at this point. Over the past 23 years, the Special Funds have increased by $100,000. The Trussell, Bailey, and McKnight/Clemons funds continue to draw down on principal. Women’s Network broke even between disbursements (Travel Grants, Memberships, an honorarium) and contributions. Larry Ford fund grew by $460 after making three $500 awards. LATS grew by $216, after making two $250 awards in Tahoe. ISTS made no awards and grew by $374, but will make two awards in Tucson. ADSTS made two awards in 2013. Christopherson Geosystems Award made two awards of $500 each at Tahoe and Robert and Bobbé have generously funded this year with another contribution of $1000. All the special funds are in need of continued support and, all told, approximately $6,705 in contributions made this FY.

Membership numbers are up to 506 as of September 20, 2014 (which includes regular members, student members, retired members, etc), although overall, membership has been declining. Membership may top out at 560, which is greater than 2012 and 2010, but less than 2011.

YEARBOOK REPORT: We are making money on the Yearbook – v74 showed a large net profit. All old volumes will soon be on Project Muse. Additionally, JSTOR will also have the Yearbooks, but with a three year lag time behind Project Muse. Volume 76 is running late and won’t ship until after the meeting.

Jim Craine has produced 8 volumes and has two more volumes on his 10 year commitment. Vienne will check with Zia Salim to see if he might be interested in taking over as Yearbook editor when Jim steps down.

It was noted that some of the scholarships given by APCG have a requirement that the recipient publish their paper in either the Yearbook or the Pacifica. It appears that many students are not fulfilling this obligation. The students, their sponsors, and the grant committees will be reminded of this requirement before the Fall Pacifica is ready for publication.

2014 CONFERENCE REPORT: There were 194 registered when the conference started. There might be a few in-person registrations, but not many. Two field trips were cancelled due to low enrollment (Military Landscapes and Sonoran Desert). There were 50 people in attendance at the opening session, 90 people for the Mexican Night and 120 at the banquet, with the Bowens again paying for students who wanted to attend the dinner, providing they had presented. McMillian Publishers was the paid vendor for the Mexican Night ($2,200). The Institute for the Environment provided $500 for grad students, with $1000 in support from the University of Arizona.

There were challenges in managing registrations through Wild-Apricot; discussion ensued regarding alternatives such as using AAG registration system or possibly adapting online registration system used by California Geographical Society for APCG. The most successful was the online Abstract registration, it required no monitoring. Submissions were limited to 250 words or less and reports were easily generated.

Most likely, this conference will break even with no big profit, but no major losses either. The biggest challenge to profits was that there were no cash bars — everything had to be covered by the APCG. There will also be bills coming in for using the Student Union, the Memorial buildings, etc.

Suggestion: check with the AAG online registration system and determine if we can use this system for future APCG meetings. Additionally, there might be technical support with this system. AAG Insurance was used for the field trips and the venues (who required proof of insurance as part of the contractual agreement).

2015 CONFERENCE REPORT: CSUN will host with Jim Craine acting as lead. Venues in and around CSUN were explored and rejected. Ultimately, Jim settled on Palm Springs as the...continued on next page
venue, using the Hyatt, on Palm Desert Boulevard as the venue/conference center. All meetings will be at the Hyatt, as well as the Saturday night banquet. The Hyatt has a large atrium that will be a good place for the Plenary Sessions, Poster Sessions, and possibly the Saturday night banquet. Jim is negotiating a ‘summer rate’ for the hotel rooms: $129/night. All rooms are suites with two queen-size beds, plus two queen sleeper couches. Concern was expressed that the rates were for double-occupancy, and rates would increase with more people. Jim will discuss this with the hotel along with arranging to have the ‘resort fee’ waived. Hotel has accessible field trips, and will cover transportation, insurance, and so forth.

2016 CONFERENCE REPORT: Eugenie Rovai, Chico State, is exploring the possibility of having the 2016 Conference at Chico State. They have recently hosted several other conferences and seem to have gained good experience in putting on conferences.

PACIFICA: Vienne Vu will continue on as the editor for the online Pacifica for three more years. Need to have all input for Fall Pacifica for publication by the first week of November. Publication date is set for Thanksgiving. The deadline for the spring Pacifica is early March, with a publication date of early April.

Vienne will attempt to contact all new faculty at universities and invite them to send a ‘bio’ for publication in Pacifica. Additionally, a “Department News” column will provide departments an opportunity to promote events and other activities in the Pacifica. These new ideas are designed to stimulate interest in the APCG and increase our membership by engaging new faculty.

AWARDS: Greg Bohr will be giving out many awards at the Saturday night banquet. All papers were entered for competition, but none of the posters presented were in the competition. Approximately 24 travel grants will be issued at the banquet, in addition to awarding of checks for papers.

FROM THE FLOOR: Renee Pualani Louis, with the AAG Indigenous People Specialty Group thanked APCG and Chris for the opportunity to join our conference. She stated that more participation in the future is likely due to the success of this year’s conference. Two of the students presenting papers will be receiving awards from the ISTS at the Saturday night banquet. Jay Johnson stated that the pre-conference meeting at the reservation was successful and rewarding.

NEW BUSINESS: The International Children’s Geography Conference will be in San Diego, January 12-15, 2015. This is the first time this conference has been in the USA. Deadline is October 15 for submission of abstracts.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Drake, Secretary

A Hard Day’s Night—the Larry Ford Challenge

October 3, 2014
In case you were wondering, here are the results of the contest I launched back on August 7 through the listserv: the winner with the highest score—a perfect 40—was Eric Magrane, a grad student at Arizona. He attended the Annual Meeting so his prize was $300. The winner of the random drawing prize (Stuart Aitkin pulled the winning ticket from a hat at the banquet) was David Banis, a grad student at Portland State. He was unable to attend so his prize was $150. That should have been it, but there were three scores of 39, each being dinged a point for not identifying Ringo’s SLR camera as an Asahi Pentax. I decided to treat them as if they’d shared first place, so they received $75 if they attended (Jesse Minor, Arizona, and Stephen Przybylinski, Portland State), and $37.50 if they didn’t (David Banis again). One other person got all 35 frame grab questions right, plus one more for Pentax, plus she had sent in a just-for-fun entry right away from memory and scored 23 without even watching the film (Jen Fuller, Arizona State U.). I gave her a year’s membership. I hope this caused you all to think about Larry and to enjoy the Beatles.

–Bob Richardson

“Oh, him—he’s been lurking. He looks a right lurker, doesn’t he?”
2014 APCG Student Paper Awards

Eight awards were given for outstanding student presentations at the Tucson meeting:

**Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for the Outstanding Student Paper, $500**
Name: Sara Lopus
Affiliation: University of California, Berkeley
Title of Paper: You eat what you grow? Crop and dietary diversity on Ibo Island, Mozambique
Advisor: Ron Lee

**President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by an M.A. or M.S. Student, $200**
Name: Hailey Lang
Affiliation: San Jose State University
Title of Paper: Analyzing the Foreclosure and Crime Burden of Stockton, California
Advisor: Matthew Derrick

**President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, $200**
Name: Lucas Ysidro Reyes
Affiliation: Humboldt State University
Title of Paper: The Dawn of the Greenhouse on Rural Tibetan Landscapes
Advisor: Anthony Rossi

**President’s Award for Outstanding Student Poster Presentation, $200**
Name: Not Awarded in 2014

**Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for the Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, $200**
Name: Curt Blondell
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Evaluation of NCEP-NCAR Reanalysis Variables in Statistical Downscaling of Daily Precipitation in Southern California
Advisor: Katie Meehan

**Committee Award for Excellence in Area Studies, $200**
Name: Olivia Conniff Molden
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Traditional Infrastructure, Modern Flows: Cultural Politics of Development in Kathmandu, Nepal
Advisor: Katie Meehan

**President’s Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, $200**
Name: Thomas Ptak
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Dams and Development: Understanding Hydro-power in Far Western Yunnan Province, China
Advisors: Xiaobo Su, Alec Murphy

**Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems (Graduate), $500**
Name: David R. Perkins
Affiliation: University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Title of Paper: Geographies of nature and society: Assessing human behavioral response to ambient environmental conditions at the Phoenix Zoo
Advisor: Keith G. Debbage

**Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems (Undergraduate), $500**
Name: Gregory Weisberg
Affiliation: California State University, Fullerton
Title of Paper: Defining Seasons: Identifying Synoptic Weather Types and Interpreting their Temporal Variability
Advisor: James Miller

**2014 Student Paper Awards Committee**
Greg Bohr, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Stephen Cunha, Humboldt State University
Elena Givental, California State University, East Bay
Jim Keese, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
John Menary, California State University, Dominguez Hills
Meg Streiff, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Ray Summer, Long Beach City College

Malcolm Comeaux (Arizona State University) and Anton Escher (University of Mainz, Germany) survey the lush, post-monsoon desert vegetation growing near a rainwater harvesting pond on the Tohono O’odham Community Action Farm.*
2014 Student Awards

Margaret Trussell Scholarship, $1000 each
Olivia Molden, MA student, University of Oregon
Elyse Gordon, PhD student, University of Washington

Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, $500
Olivia Molden, University of Oregon

Women's Network Travel Grant, $300 each
Michelle K Alger, University of Oregon
Hailey Lang, Humboldt State University

Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, $300
Lucas Reyes, Humboldt State University

Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, $300 each
Conor C. Handley, Humboldt State University
Nicole Nebitsi, Arizona State University

2014 Travel Grants

The student membership of the APCG was very well-represented in Tucson, with numerous excellent presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 23 travel grants (summing to $4,150) for student presenters from fifteen different campuses.

Michelle K. Alger, University of Oregon
Ian Berdanier, Idaho State University
Curt Blondell, CSU Fullerton
Mario Bruzzone, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Chelsea Canon, University of Nevada, Reno
Joshua Eppley, Idaho State University
Greg Farley, Idaho State University
Alison Hotten, University of Nevada, Reno
Hailey Lane, Humboldt State University
Jesse M. Lane, University of Northern Alabama
Sara Lopus, UC Berkeley
Casey Lynch, University of Arizona
Olivia Molden, University of Oregon
Chelsea Munoz-Patchen, Arizona State University
David R. Perkins, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Brian Pompeii, Arizona State University
Stephen Przybylinski, Portland State University
Thomas Ptak, University of Oregon
Lucas Reyes, Humboldt State University
Zachery Thill, University of Oregon
Stacie A. Townsend, UC Davis
Gregory Weisberg, CSU, Fullerton
Jared Whear, University of Missouri

Dorothy Freidel (Sonoma State University) walks through the overgrown desert brush on Tohono O’odham Community Action Farm to examine the farm’s water-sensitive permaculture design, which depends entirely on harvested rainwater to irrigate crops.*
Treasurer’s Report

September 27, 2013, Tucson Marriott University Park
Robert T. Richardson, Sacramento State Univ.
Transactions for July 1, 2013--June 30, 2014

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Balance on books, 6/30/13 $115,402.72

SPECIAL FUNDS

| Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $2,390.12 |
| (200 award and $3.36 interest*)          | -$196.64  |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$2,193.49** |
| McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $12,962.86 |
| ($500 + $200 in awards and $18.68 interest) | -$681.32 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$12,281.54** |
| Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $51,828.18 |
| (2 Trussell awards, $75.57 interest, and $75 in contribution from Fredrich) | -$1,849.43 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$49,978.75** |
| Women’s Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $6,132.28 |
| ($2,416 grants, $2,362 contributions, and $8.14 interest) | -$45.86 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$6,086.42** |
| Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/13) | $24,112.57 |
| (3 $500 grants, $1,928 contributions, and $35.61 interest) | $463.61 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$24,576.18** |
| Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $7,490.87 |
| ($500 in grants, $705 contributions, and $10.86 interest*) | $215.86 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$7,706.74** |
| Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/13) | $2,636.62 |
| ($370 in contributions and $4.28 interest*) | $374.28 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$3,010.89** |
| African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/13) | $1,921.94 |
| ($600 in grants, $580 in contributions and $2.57 interest) | -$17.43 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$1,904.51** |
| Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (forward 7/1/13) | $1,001.11 |
| ($1,000 in awards, $1,000 in contributions, and $0.75 interest) | $0.75 |
| **Balance 6/30/14**                     | **$1,001.86** |

(*note: interest pro-rated among funds, causing some rounding errors; spreadsheet totals are correct)
Members

New Members

Welcome to these 110 new members who have joined since the list in the Spring 2014 issue (*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined). Most of them joined in conjunction with attending the annual meeting in Tucson.

Michelle K. Alger
Matthew Anderson
Greg Barron-Gafford
Carl Bauer
Ingrid Behrsin
Ian Berdanier
Curt Blondell
Sophia Borgias
Geoffrey Boyce*
Jonathan Bratt
Rebecca Brice
Mario Bruzzone
Stephanie Buechler
Lan Hung (Nora) Chiang
Steven Chong
Janine Clark
Michelle Coe
Arica Crootof
Georgia Davis
Dydia DeLyser
Mona Domosh
Kevin Donohue
Rob Edsall*
Joshua Eppley
Anton Jakob Escher
Hannah Evans
Greg Farley
Rachel Feuerbach
Doug Foster
Andrew Fowler
Jennifer Fuller
Bezakulu Gebru
Brendan Gordon
Elyse Gordon
Alegria Gray
Galen Gudenkauf
Conor Handley
Donald Holtgrieve*
Alison Hotten*
Aleksandra Ilicheva*
Elspeth Iralu Wright
Joel Irish
Michael Jardini
Jay Johnson
Richard Johnson
Miranda Joseph
Alex Karaman
Sarah Kelly-Richards
Jason Kennedy
Kali Kennedy
Dirk Kinsey*
Marcia Klotz
Marynia Kolak
Sarah Launius*
Emma Lawler
Tawney Lochner
Sara Lopus
Casey Lynch
Eric Magrane
Gwyneth Manser
Domenico Martinelli
Heidi McCann
Biniam Mengisteab
George Miguel
Jacob Miller*
Maegan Miller
Megan Mills-Novoa
Jesse Minor*
Yoshitaka Miyake
Jessica Montanaro
Madison Most
Maritza Munoz
Chelsea Munoz-Patchen
Nicole Nebitsi
Matthew Nordstrom
Ben Olimpio
Amalie Jo Orme*
Johanna Ostling
Leland R. Pederson*
Claude Pelouquin
David Perkins
David Perry
Ian Philabaum
Michael Snyder

Tepary beans, a traditional crop that is drought-tolerant and highly adapted to the Sonoran desert region, are regaining popularity. The Tohono O’odham Community Action Farm is spearheading the effort to reintroduce tepary beans into local markets.*
Members

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Special Fund Contributions

Since the Spring 2014 listing more contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: $870 to the Women’s Network Travel Grant Fund, $325 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, $510 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, $10 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, $25 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, $105 in general contributions, and $75 to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds:

Fernando Bosco                              Larry Knopp
James Chin                                 William A. Koelsch
Jim Craine                                  Jennifer Elizabeth Kusler
Ann Ebner                                   Renee Louis
Barbara E. Fredrich                        Andrew Marcus
Stephanie Freund                           Janice Monk
Martha Henderson                           Rosemary Sherriff
Alexandra Iliecheva                        Emma Slager
Christy Jocoy                               Norman R. Stewart
LaDona Knigge

SPECIAL THANKS to Bill and Marilyn Bowen for their contribution of $1000 to pay for banquet dinners (37 of them) for students who presented papers or posters. Thanks also to John and Bev Passerello who continue to provide support to minority faculty with their gifts of membership and this year provided direct financial support to several Indigenous faculty and students to help them attend our annual meeting. Thanks to Robert and Bobbé Christopherson for their annual contribution of $1000 to cover two GeoSystems scholarships. Finally, very special thanks to Chris Lukinbeal and his support crew in Tucson (including Past Presidents Tina Kennedy and Dave Plane) for making our excellent Annual Meeting possible and somehow managing to hand over to APCG a very healthy net profit of $3,122.15. Bravo Chris!

In the next issue

- Information about the upcoming meeting in Palm Springs, California
- Spotlight on new faculty

Call for submissions
If you would like to submit an article or have any news, announcements, or other information you would like to include in the Spring 2015 issue of Pacifica, please submit them to vvu@occ.cccd.edu no later than April 1, 2015.
A late season monsoon storm brews over Baboquivari Peak, a giant granite monolith that is revered as a sacred site by the Tohono O’odham people.*
Clink on the links below to visit the APCG!