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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.

Photo (Banner): Debra Sharkey & Michael Schmandt (San Juan Islands, 2005)

Pacifica's Transformation & Future

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As the *Pacifica* continues its transition from paper to e-mail, we have an opportunity to redefine its look and content, and because it's online, we can create a connection to social media. Last Fall, you saw a very different *Pacifica*. It was different in how it looked and how it was delivered, but in many ways, it was the same newsletter. It included the content that you have come to expect from it. Most of the content is relevant and, in some cases, determined by the organization's bylaws. As we transition, however, let us think about new possibilities.

How it's delivered. You receive an e-mail each time a new issue is published (two times a year), and it includes a link to our website where the newsletter resides. The e-mail will be text-only, and since it does not actually contain the newsletter, it will not clog up your inbox.

How it looks. The response to the redesign of the Fall 2011 issue was overwhelmingly positive. One member wrote, "WOW! What a stunning design of *Pacifica*! I love it." Those who took the online poll or e-mailed, hailed its new look, use of color, and photographs. Still, a few mem-

bers mourned the passing of the old format on one or more grounds: One member loved the simplicity of the former newsletter's colors. Another member disliked the amount of ink it took to print the document. One member commented about the file's large size. We hear you, and we are working to alleviate some of these concerns. The file size of this issue (5.2 rather than 8.2MB) is smaller than the last, despite an increase in photographs and pages in the current issue. In addition, each issue is "proofed" in PC, Mac, color, and b&w formats, so it can be read by its membership.

What it includes. It still includes the feature articles, meeting announcements, President's messages, candidate statements, scholarship and award announcements, business meeting minutes, and treasurer reports, but think beyond these. What type of content would you like to see in the *Pacifica*? Breaking our link with the printed page, allows us to expand our content and take advantage of multimedia, including audio, video, and Google Earth fly-throughs. One idea—a field trip—makes its appearance in this issue. Read through Robin Dattel's walking tour of Central Oak Park and see how this Sacramento neighborhood comes to life. Also, for

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President's Message

The Importance & Benefits of a Regional Division & Meeting

James R. Keese
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I have attended every APCG meeting since Flagstaff, AZ, in 1998 (15 consecutively), while only going to four national meetings during that pe-

riod. What is it about the APCG that keeps me coming back? Why are a strong regional division and meeting so important to the professional development of geographers in the Pacific Coast region? This topic was discussed during the Regional Division Chairs meeting at this year's AAG conference in New York. The ideas below include input from Audrey Kobayashi (AAG Presi

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Geographers at Santa Barbara APCG, 2001.

This year's national conference had more than 7,000 participants. A meeting of that size can feel intimidating, overwhelming, and isolating. The smaller APCG meeting feels more intimate and manageable, and with fewer concurrent sessions, you can see most of the papers that interest you. It is also a safe, comfortable, and less threatening place to present research, test out ideas, build skills, and gain experience. An APCG meeting is an especially strong venue for professional development for students and newer faculty. However, a smaller meeting does not mean diminished rigor. The APCG draws leading scholars and researchers, and includes papers, panels, and keynotes that address current research and topics in geography. Thus, the APCG meeting serves as an important nexus for the exchange of ideas between the region and the larger national and global contexts within the discipline.

The collegial environment of an APCG meeting is really good for building relationships and networking. Attendance averages 150-300 people. It is possible to meet and converse with everyone. APCG meetings always have a diverse mix of geographers from a broad range of institutions, including community colleges, undergraduate, masters, and PhD-granting institutions, and other geography professionals. The AAG President and Executive Director also regularly attend the APCG annual meeting, and this year in Olympia, WA, the AAG Executive Council will be meeting concurrently with the APCG. The regional meeting, while smaller, still provides access to some of the most influential people within the discipline, but in an environment where they seem more accessible and approachable.

Regional meetings are typically shorter, closer to home, and cost a lot less to attend than national meetings. I spent more than \$2000 to travel to the AAG conference in New York. Students and junior faculty looking to save money can attend an APCG meeting for a quarter that amount, or less, and yet still obtain the benefits of participation in a serious academic conference. To encourage participation and reduce costs, each year the APCG funds over forty student scholarships and travel grants ranging from \$50 to \$1000 each.

The APCG provides a forum for regionally-based interests and research. The APCG has its own bylaws and executive committee and is run by geographers from the Pacific Coast region. This offers leadership opportunities that may not be available in the larger AAG, especially for geographers who work at undergraduate and less nationally visible institutions. Many regional-specific papers and posters are presented at the annual meeting, and the peer-reviewed journal *Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers* offers an outlet for the members to publish their research. In addition, the APCG meeting includes interesting field trips that showcase regional places and issues.



Geographers at Ocean Cove (Sonoma County), CA, 1936.

Given these significant benefits, a vibrant regional division and meeting are more important than ever to the discipline and the professional development of geographers. So, why don't more people take advantage of this venue? Please encourage your students and colleagues to attend the 2012 APCG annual meeting in Olympia, Washington, October 3-6.



2012 Election

Members whose dues are paid will soon be sent ballots, due back in early June. Contact Bob Richardson, Treasurer, if you have any questions.

For President: Michael Schmandt (unopposed)
For Vice President: Edward Jackiewicz and Sriram Khé (biographies below)

Edward L. Jackiewicz, Candidate for Vice President

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I joined the Department of Geography at CSU Northridge in the Fall 2001 semester after doing two Visiting Professor stints, one at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and the other at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. I earned my Ph.D. in Geography from Indiana University in 1998. Upon arriving in Northridge, I quickly joined the APCG and have attended many of the meetings during my time here. I find our meetings to be one of the most enjoyable and I continuously encourage students to attend these meetings. Over the years, I have attended several regional meetings around the country, and the APCG clearly is among the most vibrant and often held in some of the country's most scenic locales.

Since joining the organization, I have served on the Student Awards Committee and continue to serve on the Editorial Board for the *Yearbook*. It would be an honor for me to serve on this committee and work closely with the Board to best serve the membership. While I feel we get a respectable number of students to participate in our meetings, I would like to work with colleagues across the region to increase these numbers as I feel it is a great opportunity for professional growth and one of the best ways for them to see the world of geography beyond the walls of their own institution. Increased funding, more competitions, and greater marketing would be some of the first steps in encouraging greater participation.

Working at CSU Northridge has strengthened my commitment to undergraduate education and I would like to reach out to more undergraduates, as well as graduate students, to get them involved with our organization and by consequence with our discipline at large so that they can see the value and potential of their degree. An increased membership, by both students and faculty, will also bring more revenue into the organization so that we can do more to serve students. One immediate proposal I would like to make is to have a student representative, one graduate and one undergraduate, so that we can better understand and address their concerns.

As many of you are aware, the faculty at CSU Northridge has been very involved with this organization for many years. We have housed the editors of the *Yearbook* for many years starting with Darrick Danta (10 years) and then the transition to Jim Craine (5 years and counting). In recent years, faculty and staff here have also edited the *Pacifica* and compile the program for our Annual Meeting. This has provided me an intimate view into the time commitment and dedication that it takes to make this organization operate successfully.

With budget cuts an ever-growing problem at many of our universities, we all face many challenges such as reduced travel spending, limited research dollars, less money for adjunct faculty and no pay raises on the horizon. These challenges can create opportunities through cross-campus collaboration, including political actions that may make our institutions and discipline stronger. As an organization, we can incorporate more workshops into our meetings on such topics as the role of the California Faculty Association for those in the CSU system; how to recruit majors (a challenge that many departments face); and many others that we feel will improve our work environments.

My hope in this short introduction is to clearly and succinctly illustrate my appreciation for the APCG and a few small ideas that I have about strengthening our community.

Sriram Khé, Candidate for Vice President

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Norman Carls was one of the forty-four signatories when the APCG was chartered on October 15, 1935, and was a member of the faculty at the "Normal School" in Monmouth, Oregon. After a few name changes, that Normal School is now Western Oregon University (WOU,) which is where, since 2002, I have had the privilege of serving as an Associate Professor of Geography.

Unlike most candidates for the APCG's vice-presidency who might have had nearly linear paths with respect to their education and careers, perhaps I might be the first ever candidate in recent years whose doctoral degree is not in geography. After completing studies in electrical engineering at the University of Madras, in India, I earned my master's (1990) and PhD (1993), in urban and regional planning, from the University of Southern California (USC.)

After earning the doctorate, I worked as a transportation planner for about six years. While it gave me insights into understanding, and participating in, policy-making and planning in the complex "real world" of southern California, I realized all the more that my heart was in teaching and reading and writing.

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When I did return to academe, it was to a teaching position at California State University-Bakersfield (CSUB.) It amuses students when they come to know that prior to joining WOU, I taught, not in a geography department, but in the economics department, at CSUB, even though I do not have a formal degree in economics either. After a little bit of interaction, students easily begin to understand that I am an economic geographer—and, hence, the urban and regional interests—even while I constantly try to stretch my interests into other areas of human geography and geographic education.

At CSUB, I had an additional responsibility as the Director of the Environmental Resource Management program, which fit my multi-disciplinary interests all too well. At WOU, too, I found an outlet for varied intellectual interests in the university's Honors Program, which I directed for three years. I hope that APCG members will see all these as valuable coordinating experiences that I bring to serving the association.

I was the APCG's editor for *Pacifica* for a little more than five years, from mid-2005 till the end of 2010. During that long tenure as the editor, I was able to make a few changes that I had in mind when I was only a *Pacifica* reader. I stepped aside in order to encourage fresh perspectives on that publication, and to also devote more time to a few other tasks and interests that I had sidelined. After a relatively short break, which was personally and professionally productive, I am back to wanting to serve the APCG in a formal capacity, for which I seek your support and encouragement.

Meanwhile, I have been as active as I could be with the AAG also. Since 2007, I have been a member of the AAG's Committee on College Geography and Careers, and this is my second, and final, year of chairing that committee. In 2010, I was one of the two finalists to be the Book Review Editor for the Professional Geographer.

I love sharing my scholarship with the public-at-large, along various routes—from traditional newspaper op-eds (which is

nearing number 150) to tapping into the new technology, including blogging and tweeting. As your Vice President, I will continue to explore how the association and its members can effectively make use of the easily accessible options, in order to not only disseminate our collective expertise, but to also convey to the public the phenomenal advantage that Geography has when it comes to addressing various challenges that local and global societies face.

As I noted in my op-ed essay in the AAG's Newsletter (July/August 2007) my rich academic and professional experience has been possible only because of the welcoming attitude towards this immigrant—an immigrant not only to the US, but more importantly to Geography. Serving the APCG as its Vice President will be yet another way in which I can return the favor to fellow geographers.

The email from the Chair of the Nominating Committee was quite a pleasant surprise and, if elected, I shall try my best to live up to the confidence that the Committee has expressed. As the Vice President, I will seek your input on how to continue to improve the interactions within the association, and with other people and organizations outside, and, thereby, carry forward the torch that Norman Carls and forty-three others lit back in 1935.

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Special thanks to Aaron Owens (Assistant Editor) and Sandra Hanes for their help with this issue.

Thanks to Nancy Wilkinson & her SFSU Crew !

On the March Equinox, I received a check from Wells Fargo for \$8,655.91 which was the profit turned from the Annual Meeting last fall. WOW!!! Actually, this was the second time I had received the check, except that the first time, in early January, it was stolen from my mail slot when our Department office was burglarized (along with all the other offices in the building). Nancy stopped payment, then we decided to delay having it reissued to avoid Wells Fargo's fee of \$130. This huge sum does not include the money the Bowens gave for student presenter banquet tickets (\$1,575, acknowledged in the Fall issue of *Pacifica*) nor the \$250 paid by Women's Network for luncheons for their travel grant recipients. Incredibly, it may not be a record. Dan Arreola turned over \$8,873 after the Phoenix meeting in 2006, but it's a whopping big sum and hugely appreciated by the APCG. You and your colleagues (including Jerry and Adam and Drew) did a fabulous job—we owe you big time.

--Bob Richardson

Central Oak Park Walking Tour

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A Short History Of Oak Park

In 1887, Edwin Alsip subdivided the 230-acre William Doyle ranch into 56 whole or partial blocks and gave his subdivision the name "Oak Park." Lots were sold to individual buyers, who arranged for the construction of their own homes, although this process was slowed by the purchase of many lots by speculators. Several electric streetcar lines connected Oak Park to downtown Sacramento by the mid-1890s, facilitating development. The first three decades of the 20th century witnessed Oak Park's peak growth, and by the middle of this period, its thriving businesses were converting fire-prone wood-frame buildings to solid brick.

In 1911, Oak Park, along with neighborhoods to the west and north, was annexed to the City of Sacramento, bringing residents and merchants a sewer system and other city services. Jobs for the largely blue collar occupants of Oak Park were provided by the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific rail-

roads, canneries (including nearby Libby, McNeil & Libby on Alhambra Blvd.), the California State Fair (then on Stockton Blvd.), the California State Highway Commission's equipment yard (at 34th and R), and businesses serving travelers on old Highway 99 (Stockton Blvd.). Before World War II, most people in Oak Park were of European ethnicity, although there were scattered African Americans and Mexican Americans.

After the war, the neighborhood added many more African Americans. This reflected their increased number in Sacramento generally (many worked at the city's military bases), but also Oak Park's availability to them when many other neighborhoods were off-limits due to restrictive racial covenants. As whites moved from Oak Park to more modern and spacious

homes in the suburbs, often blacks replaced them. And renters often replaced homeowners. This process was intensified by the displacement of many African Americans from the old West End of the downtown by urban renewal. The incomes of the new arrivals were low. The old blue-collar jobs that sustained neighborhood residents began to disappear. Problems that accompany poverty, including crimes such as prostitution, drug dealing, and theft, began to increase in Oak Park. Racial tensions, including issues of police-community relations, ran high at times. Many businesses in Oak Park closed or relocated. In the 1960s, black businesses opened, black religious, social, and activist organizations multiplied, and black leaders emerged in Oak Park.

In 1973, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency established the Oak Park Redevelopment Area and began buying up property in the neighborhood. Much of Oak Park's business district on 35th Street was torn down and replaced with affordable housing. Neighborhood public services, such as the library and fire station, were relocated. National and local ideas about redevelopment evolved, and more recent projects by the SHRA emphasize historic preservation and infill development. Demographic changes, including new patterns of immigration, brought more Latinos and Asians to Oak Park. Rising house prices in Sacramento generally and the growth of white-collar jobs near Oak Park, especially at the U.C. Davis Medical Center, increased middle-income interest in Oak Park in the first decade of the 21st Century. Today Oak Park has a socially and ethnically diverse population.



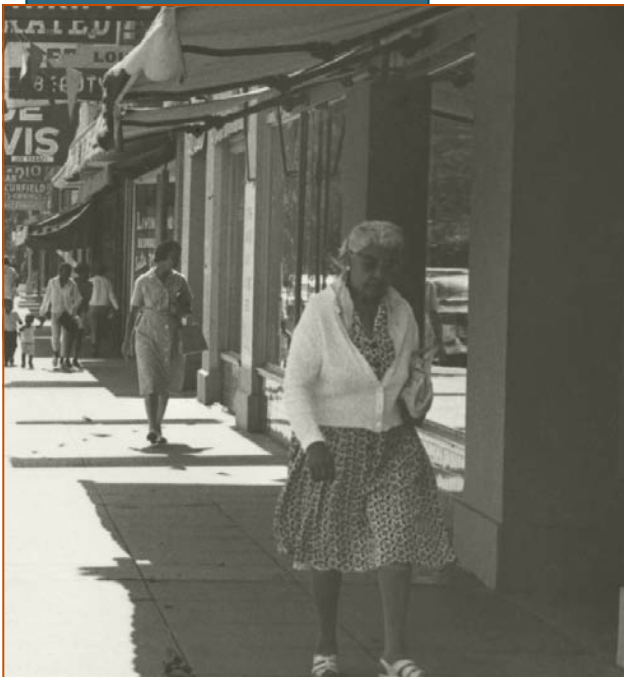
The Tour

In some cases you will see only the sites of buildings long gone. These are just a selection of what once existed, especially along 35th Street. See map on page 15.

1. Lewis Building/40 Acres. Corner of Broadway, 3rd Avenue, and 35th street.

In 1915, businessman Joseph L. Lewis built this structure with space for shops and offices

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Central Oak Park
35th Street, between 4th and 5th
Ave, c.1964.

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downstairs and apartments upstairs. Prominently located, the building has housed various neighborhood serving businesses through the years. Among these was Azevedo's Women's Apparel, whose proprietor, Clarence Azevedo, was mayor of Sacramento from 1956 to 1959 (later his shop was called California Apparel and was located further south on 35th Street). For many years, the upstairs residential space was operated as the Hotel Woodruff. In the past as in the present, Oak Park residents could buy a cup of coffee and get a haircut in this building. There was an intervening period of decline and vacancy. In 2003, St. HOPE Development Corporation, with financial assistance from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, completed rehabilitation of the building. Underground Books (2814 35th Street) and the 40 Acres Art Gallery (3428 3rd Avenue) serve local residents and students as well as patrons from beyond the neighborhood.

2. Victor Theatre/Guild Theater. 2828 35th Street.

Also built for Joseph Lewis in 1915, the theater, according to The Sacramento Bee of the day, was "fitted with all the latest appliances for vaudeville and motion pictures." The Victor Theatre became the Oak Park Theatre and then the Guild Theatre (later Theater). Some neighborhood elders remember the Oak Park Theatre when it charged a dime and showed mostly cowboy movies. By the late 1950s, the Guild Theatre specialized in foreign and art house films. The building has also seen use by church groups. The St. HOPE Development Corporation restored the theater, and it reopened in 2003 for films and live performances. The building's roundarched windows are neo-Romanesque, while the geometric patterning of its façade is neo-Moorish.

3. Commerical Building. 2845-2847-2849 35th Street.

This modest 1-story brick commercial structure, opened in 1922, initially housed a Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store and Park Meat Market. Piggly Wiggly, "America's first true self-service grocery store," had only been founded a few years before (1916) in Memphis. Through the years, a variety of shops occupied these premises, many of them food businesses. In the 1970s and 1980s, the local African-American economy was re-

flected in business names such as the Afro Travel Agency and the Joy of Gospel Record Center.

4. Citizens Bank of Oak Park. 2863 35th Street.

This bank was established by Harry C. Muddox in 1909; the building dates from 1917. Muddox and his bank were important Oak Park investors and boosters in its early decades. Muddox's sewer pipe company provided the pipe for Oak Park's new post-annexation sewer system. A bank, under various names, remained at this location until 1973. Many low-income neighborhoods suffer from loss of banking services, although there has always been at least one bank operating in Oak Park. The building looks like a bank in small-town America, with its boxy shape, high windows, neoclassical detailing, and prominent corner location. Subsequent occupants have included the Sacramento Urban League—a nonprofit African-American advocacy and educational organization—and churches.



Black Panthers, Oak Park, May, 1969.



5. Lyon Darwin Hardware Store (site). 2901 35th Street.

In 2008, new loft-style housing was completed at this location, which had been a vacant lot for decades. In 1908, it had on it the new two-story Mission Revival-style W. T. Foster Building, providing space for shops

No.5 - Intersection of 35th Street and 4th Avenue, Lyon Darwin Hardware on the left; August 1953

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Above: The 1949 4th of July Parade passes the California Theatre; the theater site is now occupied by the Oak Park Post Office.

Below: A Black Panther's meeting in Sacramento, November 4, 1973



and offices, with living quarters upstairs. Current Oak Park elders can remember when the ground floor of this building was occupied by the Lyon Darwin Hardware Store. They recall the cheery greeting upon entering the store, as well as the extension of credit to neighbors in need. Their memories also extend to the fire that destroyed the store.

6. Oak Park Post Office. 2929 35th Street.

While many civic and commercial functions have been removed from Oak Park's old downtown (police, fire, library, and many private enterprises), the U. S. Post Office remains. The current building dates from 1968, occupying the site of the burned California Theatre. The local post office occupied several earlier locations, all within a couple of blocks of this one. A post office can be an important symbol of community and can help create community by generating the foot traffic and chance encounters that nurture neighborliness. This new post office on 35th Street was supported by the street's merchants who hoped it would help revive adjacent businesses

7. Ben Franklin Store (site). 2958 35th Street.

Among the many vanished businesses on the west side of 35th Street was the Ben Franklin variety store, opened in the 1950s by Al Swanson. Shoplifting, vandalism, and strained police/neighborhood relations in Oak Park, combined with the opening up of new shopping centers, such as Southgate and Florin, in Sacramento's growing suburbs, ultimately led to the departure of the Ben Franklin. Several businesses, including Mr. Swanson's, moved to the Fruitridge Manor Shopping Center. Also indicative of the suburbanizing trend of the times was Oak Park's loss of Sacramento's main Fourth of July parade to Carmichael. All this did not mean that the merchants gave up easily—they formed the Oak Park Merchants Association, organized the first neighborhood clean-up in 1963, lobbied for the post office as noted above, and started a tree-planting project for 35th Street.

8. Black Panther Party, Sacramento Chapter (site). 2941 35th Street.

The BPP, a militant Oakland based civil rights organization, had their Sacramento office here from 1968 to 1971. They ran their free breakfast program for school children at the nearby United Church of Christ (3308 4th Avenue). A confrontation between police and citizens, including Panthers, occurred on Father's Day (June 16), 1969. There were injuries, property damage, and arrests in the neighborhood. Shortly after this incident, half a dozen businesses on 35th Street announced they were closing. The following year brought the killing of a white policeman in Oak Park, for which four BPP members or supporters were charged. Eight months later, they were set free, the key witness's credibility totally destroyed. Suburban-style housing, described at the time of its 1982 dedication as "what public housing can and should be," now occupies the site.

Follow this field trip on Google Earth. Click here: http://www.wou.edu/~khes/pacifica/attachments/walking_tour.kmz. You must have Google Earth loaded. Once opened, under Places, double-click on Oak Park Walking Tour to reveal the stops.

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9. Belmonte Gallery (site). 2975 35th Street.

This art gallery/coffee house was opened by Salvatore Yniguez in 1962. Among those showing work in the gallery were a number of UC Davis ceramicists with bright futures. Sal supported the civil rights movement and liberal political causes and encouraged the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to meet here. He rented space to the Eugene McCarthy for President campaign. This was a typical locational choice for an avant-garde enterprise—a low-rent district of mixed ethnicity, not too far from the area's colleges or other scenes dedicated to the arts, such as the Artists Contemporary Gallery and the Guild Theatre just up the street.

10. Seabron Realty (site). 2979 35th Street.

Only in the 1940s did real estate sales jobs open up to African Americans in Sacramento. By the 1960s George Seabron was selling property from this location, as well as participating in groups working for fair housing, including the NAACP and the Urban League. He was active in Democratic politics, running the Gov. Pat Brown gubernatorial and the Humphrey-Muskie presidential campaigns in Oak Park. In 1969, Seabron, together with several others, bought the grocery store at 2949 35th Street, with the hope of providing not only foodstuffs, but also training and jobs for local people. Another investor in the market was Robert Tyler, who headed CORE in Sacramento

in the 1960s and served as Executive Director of the Sacramento City and County Human Rights Commission. He was a founder of the National Association of Black Social Workers.



No. 12 - Swimming at McClatchy Park Pool, 1972.

11. Sacramento Police Athletic League--PAL (site). 3520 5th Avenue.

A large brick structure was built circa 1930 to house a Capital Ice storage plant. Subsequently an American Legion Post and city offices, this building became a Sacramento City parks and PAL facility in the 1970s. Police sponsored youth sports—the PAL is best known for boxing and basketball—are designed to keep kids away from drugs and gangs and to enhance police-community relations. The building was demolished in 2009.

12. McClatchy Park. 5th Avenue and 35th Street.

Four streetcar lines linked Oak Park to downtown Sacramento by 1894. In order to attract riders, who were also potential real estate buyers, streetcar line operators opened the eight-acre Oak Park pleasure ground. Over the years, various attractions were added, and by 1913 the property was a full-fledged amusement park called Joyland and an important recreation destination for the region. Joyland never fully recovered from a 1920 fire, and by the end of the decade the property had been purchased and donated to the city in honor of James McClatchy, the founding editor of The Sacramento Bee. In its role as a neighborhood facility, McClatchy Park came to provide recreational and employment opportunities for youth and adults. The ball diamonds are named for two local African American softball and baseball leaders. The park has seen its share of conflict, including some of the events of Father's Day 1969 (see above), during which activists tried to defend a sign displaying a new name for the park—"Brotherhood." Many years of Jazz in the Park concerts exemplified more peaceful gatherings in this important public space.

13. Muddox Building. 2980 35th Street.

George L. Muddox and H. C. Muddox, president of the Oak Park Citizens Bank, had this two-story brick commercial building erected in 1915. The Sacramento Bee noted that the building was fire-proof (a noteworthy fact, given the two serious fires that the growing business district had suffered in 1911 and 1912) and had three shops on the

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ground floor and three lodge halls, along with an assembly room, upstairs. The most infamous event to take place here was the Ku Klux Klan's first public initiation in Sacramento. Grand Kleagle Edgar I. Fuller recorded 144 paid members following the April 25, 1922 event. City employees whose names appeared on the list of Klan members published by The Sacramento Bee were in trouble with anti-Klan city manager Clyde L. Seavey who earlier had vowed to keep the Klan from taking root locally.

14. Muddox Annex. 3451 5th Avenue.

The exact date of the construction of this structure is unknown. It was connected by interior doorways to the Muddox Building, and the two were utilized together. Ralph Scurfield, one of the partners in Janek and Scurfield, a canvas goods company that occupied the building for many years, recalled that the Masonic dance hall occupied the annex into the 1940s. A few longtime residents of Oak Park can still remember this facility, including its springy floor.

15. McGeorge School of Law. 5th Avenue and 33rd Street.

This institution of higher education was founded in 1924 and remained in downtown Sacramento until it moved to a vacant city health clinic in Oak Park in 1956. Low property values in Oak Park during the era of mass suburbanization helped the law school, which became part of University of the Pacific in 1966, acquire and build what the school's web site says is the world's largest law school campus. It is also Oak Park's largest property owner.

16. 3030 Club (site). 3030 33rd Street.

At least one neighborhood elder remembers that when she was a teenager in Oak Park in the 1940s, "everybody looked out for everybody's kids." She was, of course, not allowed into bars; the one time she and her sister and her cousin peeked into the 3030, they were sighted and promptly reported to their grandma!

17. Former Oak Park Branch Library. 3301 5th Avenue.

This lovely little neoclassical brick library dates from 1930. By the late 1960s, patronage was down and the Oak Park Library Advisory Group was looking for ways to attract young people. They tried "a rap room, live and taped radio programs, and films," according to a history of the library. Circulation had declined markedly by 1972, and by the next decade the decision was made to close the branch and build a new larger one at Stockton Blvd. and 21st Avenue in Colonial Heights. This building was sold to McGeorge School of Law, which continues its use as a library.

18. Former Oak Park Fire Station. 3414 4th Avenue.

This is one of two Oak Park structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. At the time it was built in 1915, Sacramento Engine Company No. 6 was the largest fire station in Sacramento and the second largest on the West Coast. It was designed by city engineer Albert Givens in the Prairie Style, perhaps chosen as more appropriate for a suburb than the rather grandiose Beaux Arts style common to many civic buildings of the period, including Sacramento City Hall. Whether Givens was aware of it or not, the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Illinois, was home to many Prairie style buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The two-story concrete building with a four-story hose and bell tower remained a fire house for sixty years. The tale that many longtime Oak Parkers remember about the station is that its tower was identified as the place from which a sniper killed police officer Bernard Bennett in 1970. A new Oak Park Fire Station was built in the 1970s on Martin Luther King Blvd. as

No. 14 - A Sacramento City Lines streetcar passes Janek and Scurfield (building to left of streetcar), a canvas products store, a Muddox Annex tenant, c.1944.



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part of the community center complex. Today, the old firehouse is owned and occupied by Wellspring Women's Center, a drop-in center for low-income women and their children.

19. Former home of Judge Jimmy Long. 3439 4th Avenue.

This house combines Colonial Revival and Craftsman bungalow elements, typical of Oak Park housing of its time (c. 1913). In the 1920s, T. L. Fassett, who owned Fassett's Emporium on 35th Street, lived here. It was not unusual for a businessman to both live and work in Oak Park during that era. This pattern was replicated by a later resident of the house, James L. "Jimmy" Long, who graduated from Christian Brothers High School, San Jose State University, and Howard University Law School. He lived in this house and had his law office just around the corner at 2954 35th Street in the 1970s. Mr. Long was appointed a Superior Court judge in 1982.

20. Former Steen House. 3445 4th Avenue.

This cottage, built c. 1905, belonged to Fred Steen, who operated Steen's Corner saloon next door at 4th Avenue and 35th Street. Steen's Corner, established in 1892 by Fred's father John, was the first business located in Oak Park. And no wonder, given that Oak Park—the pleasure ground/amusement park—was "dry." Eventually, third- and fourth-generation Steens operated the business, which closed in June 1969.

21. Former Sacramento Observer building. 3540 4th Avenue.

This building was the Oak Park Post Office from 1940 until 1968. It is more well known today as a former home of The Sacramento Observer. Founded in 1962, the region's weekly African American newspaper later moved into this building and then out into larger purpose-built premises on Alhambra Blvd. Dr. William H. Lee was a successful real estate agent before he helped found the Observer. Dr. Lee has recalled that he became familiar with Oak Park by working in the 1950s with W. F. Gulley, owner of a real estate agency that handled property in the

neighborhood. In reflecting on the Black Panthers in Oak Park, Dr. Lee has described how they challenged his paper's lack of militancy. He agreed to hire one of their own, Mel Assagi, who became one of the Observer's best writers and the first African American writer for The Sacramento Bee. He also described how the Panthers protested against White Front, a large discount store, about their treatment of black patrons. Shortly afterward, White Front became one of the Observer's major advertisers and started "giving back to the black community."

22. United Methodist Church. 3600 Broadway.

This church was organized in 1895, making it one of the first in Oak Park. The building, dedicated in 1927, replaced one at 34th Street and 3rd Avenue. The congregation has served a variety of ethnic groups through the years, reflecting the changing demographics of the area. Currently, a Tongan service is offered.



No. 20 - Fred Steen's Corner saloon, corner of 4th Avenue and 35th Street, next door to his cottage at 3445 4th Avenue in December 1939.



No. 22 - Oak Park Methodist Church, 1954.

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No. 24 - Sacramento Bicycle Kitchen, 2007



Nearby at 3598 4th Avenue was the Episcopal Church, sold to Kyle's Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church circa 1918 (and later moved to 2940 42nd Street). The founding minister of Kyle's Temple, the Rev. Thomas Allen Harvey, was an organizer and the first president of the Sacramento Branch of the NAACP (founded in 1918, just nine years after

the organization's start on the east coast). Rev. Harvey won a lawsuit (awarding him \$50) in 1918 against the restaurant of W. L. Bigelons (on 35th Street), who had refused to serve him and had ordered him to leave due to his race.

23. Former Oak Park School of Afro-American Thought (site). 3639 4th Avenue.

Black Student Unions emerged on many American college campuses in the 1960s. Sacramento City College was no exception. Its BSU successfully proposed an outreach education center in Oak Park. The center was eventually opened at this address, following an initial effort to have it placed on 35th Street, a counterproposal by the administration to place it at American Legion Adult High School, and a protest that briefly shut down the SCC administration building. The center lasted only a couple of years. Just prior to this, the building was occupied by Bennie's Beauty Bar, owned by Mrs. Bennie Johnson, whose business had been displaced twice from the West End by urban renewal. This tale of double displacement was shared by other African American businesses.

No. 23 - Oak Park School of Afro-American Thought, September 1971



24. Former Sacramento Bicycle Kitchen. 2837 36th Street (facing Broadway).

In a small building on the Brickhouse Art Gallery property the Sacramento Bicycle Kitchen was founded in 2006. This community-based bike shop's goals are "providing low-cost transportation, self-sufficiency through bicycle maintenance, and safety through education." Now located elsewhere, the Bicycle Kitchen is a recent example of grassroots activism working to serve Oak Park and other neighborhoods needing affordable services.

25. Brickhouse Art Studios. 2837 36th Street. In the 1930s, Charles D. Soracco acquired property at the corner of 36th Street, 4th Avenue, and Broadway. It had a number of existing commercial structures on it, which were incorporated into Soracco Sheet Metal. There, Mr. Soracco fabricated gutters, downspouts, sinks, and HVAC ductwork. He built the brick house and shop building, and lived with his family adjacent to his work. His family continued the business until 2002. Today, Brickhouse Art Studios provides gallery and work space to artists, as well as opportunities for neighborhood youth to become involved in the arts.

26. Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC). 3555 3rd Avenue.

The roots of this organization are in a variety of black women's groups that were organized across the U.S. in the 1890s to address inequalities and improve living conditions. In Sacramento, several such groups merged in 1936 to become the Negro Women's Civic and Improvement Club (which became the WCIC in 1948). By 1942 the women raised enough money to buy a home, despite their extremely limited incomes. That property (1830 T Street) was used as a boarding house for young single black women who had great difficulty finding decent places to live. Just six years later, the club bought a bigger and more beautiful house at 1219 X Street, which hosted countless social and political functions. It was torn down in 1958 for the Capital City Freeway, after which the club built this

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No. 27 - Reverend Daniel Thompson walking down Broadway on February 22, 1984; Stilson Brothers Cleaners is seen in the background

facility. Here, the WCIC has run a variety of health, social, and educational programs, including Head Start and senior citizen programs. An 18-by-6-foot mural of local African American women's history and a collection of works by local African American authors are other endeavors sponsored by WCIC.

27. Stilson Brothers Cleaners. 3519 Broadway.

Stilson Brothers Cleaners moved from 2710 U Street to this location in 1923. This two story vernacular brick building, with its stepped gable, was constructed for the company in 1927, and has changed little since that time. Even more notable has been the firm's longevity and rootedness, contrasting with the fates of most businesses in the neighborhood and in the American economy generally.

28. Former Gas Station. 3503 Broadway.

A Shell Oil Company service station was built here in 1922 and revamped in 1939. Its small rectangular building with horizontal canopy and large automobile service door can still be seen. The appearance in Oak Park of gas stations in the early 1920s already presaged a trend toward automobility that would not be particularly kind to the neighborhood in the long run. Among the features of new suburban houses that made them more attractive to many buyers than older homes in Oak Park were their attached garages.

29. Former Gostick House. 3519 3rd Avenue.

This Craftsman bungalow with its distinctive cupola was built for the George A. Gostick family in 1912. The house to the east (3535—now gone) belonged to his brother Jesse D. Gostick. Their meat market was right next door (see below). The Gostick family lived in this house into the 1950s.

30. Former Gostick Brothers/Wulff and Sons Meat Market. 3501 Broadway.

This building was built in 1912 for the Gostick Brothers, who had opened their store in Oak Park seven years earlier. A meat market under various names operated at this location until 1951, and often hired local residents. Limited commercial demand for this building after that is suggested by its subsequent tenants: thrift stores, the non-profit Northern California Law Center, and the Sacramento Urban League (now in Del Paso Heights), as well as long stretches of vacancy. Renovation is planned.

31. Oak Park Pre-School. 3500 2nd Avenue.

This large Craftsman bungalow was built in 1901 for prominent Oak Park physician Dr. John T. Culver, who lived here for 52 years. In 1953, the house became a privately run child-care facility, Oak Park Day Nursery. This was an early child-care endeavor in the region. The house had a brief run (1973-75) as a private school emphasizing African American culture and history. After that, the Eta Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, an African-American sorority, purchased the building and reopened the child-care center. The sorority continues to operate the center and also holds meetings in the house, as does the Sacramento chapter of the NAACP.

32. Former Arata Brothers Grocery/Swiss Club Tavern. 3402-3406 Broadway.

The ground floor of this two-story Mission Revival style commercial building was occupied by Arata Brothers Grocery from 1910 until 1927. This Italian grocery store reflected one of the major European ethnic groups in

No. 31 - Bay area members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (the sorority's Eta Gamma Omega Chapter operates the Oak Park Pre-School), 1930.



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No. 34 - Made-Rite Sausage Company employee Ken Bakkie demonstrates the Frank-O-Matic for visitors during an open house at the meat processor in 1985.



Oak Park at that time. The Swiss Club was the longest-lasting tenant in the building, occupying it for approximately 60 years (c. 1955-2005). Other goods and services sold from the building have included groceries, shoe repair, and auto parts.

33. Former Thom's Cyclery. 3401 2nd Avenue.

This woodframe building dates from 1896. It has been modified in various ways, but comparisons between current and old photographs of the location show that it is the same structure. Grocery, furniture, and other stores occupied the ground floor at 3401 until Thom's Cyclery's moved in from next door in 1938 and stayed until 2007. Some neighborhood old-timers remember getting bikes from Thom's, while others recall that new Schwinn's were beyond their families' financial means.

34. Made Rite Sausage Company (site). 3353 2nd Avenue.

Many Oak Parkers remember this factory, which processed and packaged sausages and smoked meats. One longtime resident has recalled that it "gave off meat odors you could smell for blocks and employed a lot of people in the area." It closed in 1986. While the Sara Lee bakery on 6th Avenue still provides food processing jobs, many others in the Oak Park vicinity—and Sacramento generally—have vanished.

35. Arata Brothers Grocery/Sacramento Food Bank. 3333 3rd Avenue.

This large brick building was built for Arata Brothers Grocery retail and warehouse functions in 1926, when they outgrew their location on Broadway. They continued to operate their business here, providing Oak Park with groceries, including Italian specialty and other

ethnic foods, until about 1971. One neighborhood elder has identified the store as the source of the garlic and horehound that her grandmother used in medicinal packs to drive out chest colds. In 1976, Father Daniel Madigan founded the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services in the basement of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (2549 32nd Street). Later, the diocese purchased the former Arata Brothers property and moved the Food Bank there. Included is a room for community meetings.

36. Former Oak Park Bakery/Esther's Pastry Shoppe. 3412 3rd Avenue.

3408 and 3412 are commercial ground-floor spaces in a two-story brick structure, with residential units above. The structure was built in 1915 to house the Oak Park Bakery, and a bakery occupied 3412 for most of the next sixty years. In the same period, a restaurant most often filled 3408. One resident who was a child in Oak Park in the 1930s remembers stopping off at the bakery on her way home and buying chocolate éclairs and crème puffs for 5¢ apiece, after picking up groceries at Arata Bros. for her mother. Fading hand-painted signs for the Oak Park Bakery and Esther's Pastry Shoppe can be seen on the west- and east-facing walls of the building. St. HOPE Development Corporation owns this and most of the other parcels on both sides of 3rd Avenue between 34th and 35th, including their offices at 3400 3rd Avenue.

37. Former Furtado and Sacramento Philharmonic Home. 3418 3rd Avenue.

This house was formerly located to the east of the Lewis house and next to the Lewis Building (now 40 Acres). Little is known about its early history; its construction date is estimated to be 1910. Its Victorian style is known as Stick-Eastlake, few examples of which exist in Sacramento. The house was acquired by Joseph L. Lewis who used it as a rental; later, from the 1920s to the 1980s, it belonged to the Ignacia and Antonio Furtado family. After renovation, the home briefly served as the offices of the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra.

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38. Former Lewis Home. 3424 3rd Avenue.

Although the round towers with conical roofs mark this house as Queen Anne, it also has many Classical Revival details, in keeping with the eclecticism of Victorian domestic design. The house was built in 1912, and Joseph Lewis lived in it until his death in a car accident in 1920. The Furtado family owned it for nearly 50 years. Daniel Thompson, one of the first African-American city councilmen in Sacramento (1978-80), was a later owner. The house suffered a major fire in 2004, but has been restored.



39. US Bank. 3418 Broadway.

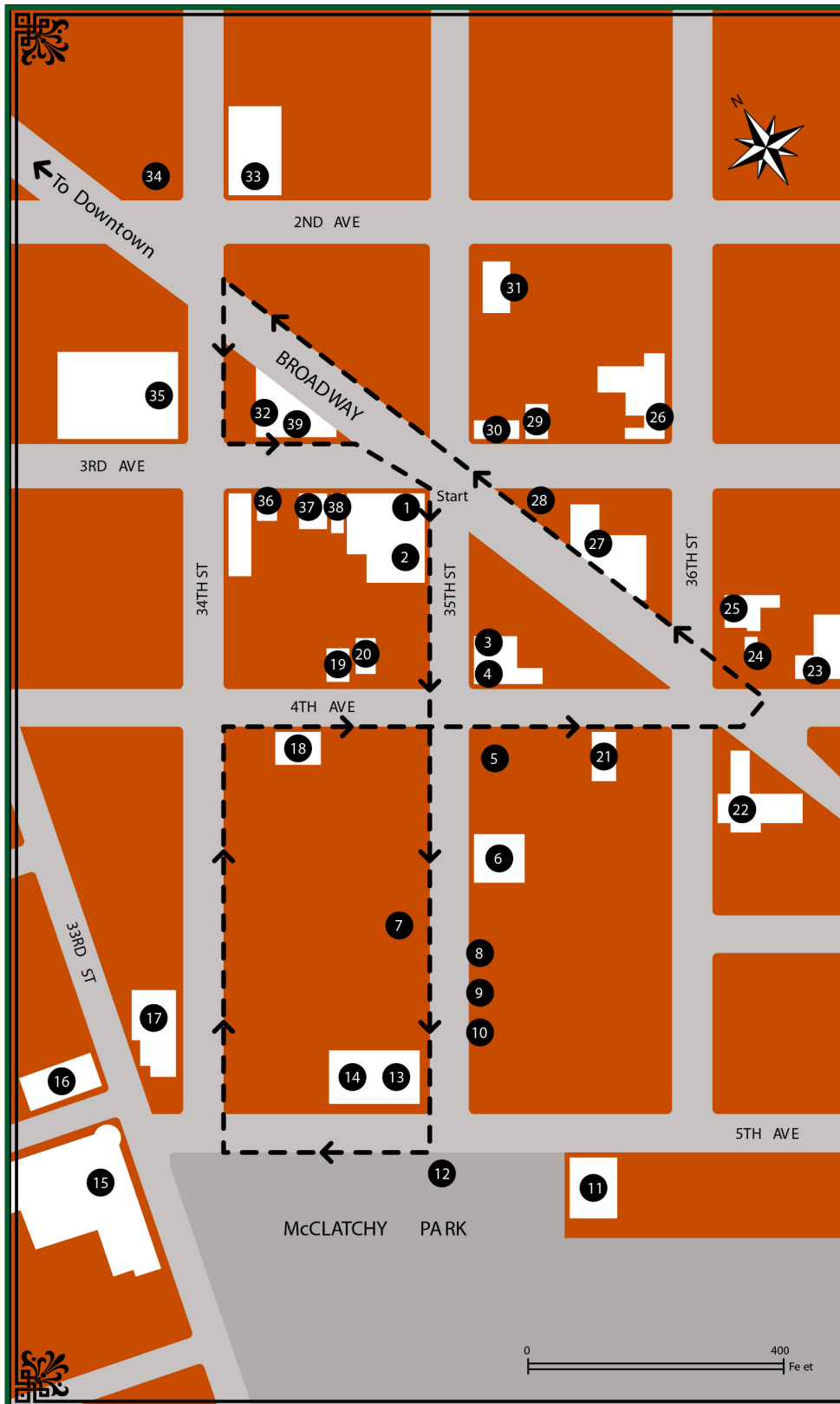
This triangular building was built in 1914-15 in grand neoclassical style with large Corinthian columns and a copper dome to house the Oak Park branch of the Sacramento Bank. When it opened, an ad in the local newspaper, The Oak Park Ledger, announced that “all money deposited in our Oak Park branch will be loaned only to the people of Oak Park for the improvement of this vicinity.” Bank names came and went over the next 15 years; then the Bank of America arrived in 1930 and stayed 30 years (until it moved to a new building further east on Broadway). In 1947 the building was remodeled and the copper dome removed. In the 1970s, the building housed an Afro-American history museum, and in the 1980s, a church. In the 1990s, the St. HOPE Development Corporation rehabilitated the building, which once again houses a bank. Somewhat like the first occupant of the building, US Bank in 1995 pledged to invest money (\$1 million) locally, in this case in the form of loans to first-time home buyers in Oak Park. This building is one of two in Oak Park listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Some lucky locals remember watching the Fourth of July parade from the second-story windows of the building.

Thanks to the Center for Sacramento History, which first published this tour in 2011. The project was made possible by financial support from the Sacramento History Foundation; the Sacramento County Historical Society; and California State University Sacramento. Please see <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/cc/history/exhibits/walkingTours.asp> for more content including many more photographs of Central Oak Park.

Thanks to Assistant Editor Aaron Owens who edited and laid out the walking tour in this issue. The Google Earth KMZ file that accompanies this article was also created by him. Sources for the photographs included in both the KMZ file and this issue are listed on the following page under the map. The KMZ file also includes Google Street View scenes.

Follow this field trip on Google Earth. Click here: http://www.wou.edu/~khes/pacific/attachments/walking_tour.kmz. You must have Google Earth loaded. Once opened, under Places, double-click on Oak Park Walking Tour to reveal the stops.

No. 39 - The Native Sons of the Golden West Drum Corps pass by the Bank of America, formerly the Oak Park branch of Sacramento Bank, during the 4th of July parade, 1940.



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1. Lewis Building/40 Acres
2. Victor Theater/Guild Theatre
3. Commerical Building
4. Citizens Bank of Oak Park
5. Lyon Darwin Hardware Store (site)
6. Oak Park Post Office
7. Ben Franklin Store (site)
8. Black Panther Party, Sacramento Chapter (site)
9. Belmonte Gallery (site)
10. Seabron Realty (site)
11. Sacramento Police Athletic League – PAL (site)
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Announcing the 75th Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers in Olympia, WA, October 3-6, 2012.

The 75th APCG Annual Meeting will be held in Olympia, Washington, October 3-6th. The Graduate Program on the Environment and the geographers at The Evergreen State College are excited to host the event. Program planning includes emphasis on South Puget Sound resilience with a focus on tribal governance and the environment, community-based food systems, Olympic Peninsula post timber economies, and Evergreen's unique curriculum.

The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Inn in the Olympia port area on Budd Bay Inlet. Paper sessions and all events are within four blocks of the Inn. Field trips on Thursday, Oct. 4th, include an all day trip to visit the Nisqually Tribal watershed management areas and enjoy a fabulous seafood buffet at the tribe's casino; an all day trip to the Olympia Peninsula including an informative stop at the beautiful Squaxin Island tribal museum and a hike into the Olympia National Park; and an all day trip to Aberdeen on Gray's Harbor to experience the resilience of a timber town into a global port and enjoy world-class bird-watching on the Washington Coast. Shorter morning with lunch field trips include a walking tour of historic Olympia, and a visit to The Evergreen State College and its organic farm followed by lunch at a local organic farming operation. On Thursday afternoon, the tall ship *Adventuress* will depart the Olympia dock at 2pm for a three hour cruise and RETURN (no shipwreck involved) at 5pm. The ship will sail rain or shine and will be a real adventure in seeing the southern bays of Puget Sound. If you are interested in this trip, your registration and fees need to be received by the organizer, Martha Henderson, by June 15th.

Other events include the opening plenary session Wednesday night, the President's Session on Friday afternoon, a poster session and geo-bowl, and the Awards Banquet and President's Address on Saturday night. Other meetings include the AAG's Council Meeting, and the APCG Executive Meeting and general Business Meeting. The annual Women's Network luncheon and Chair's luncheon are also scheduled. Paper sessions are scheduled for both Friday and Saturday. Please submit your session or paper title by email. Please see the meeting blog for additional information.

In honor of the 75th anniversary, we are looking for photos and stories from the past. If you have any photos or tales to tell, please send them to Martha Henderson or bring them to the meeting. We will have a display board as well as a poster by Bob Richardson about the organization at the meeting.

All of the geographers at Evergreen, Ted Whitesell, Zoltan Grossman, John Baldrige, Jennifer Gerend and myself, Martha Henderson, look forward to your attendance at the meeting.

The meeting website is <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/apcg2012/>. Here you will find all the information about the events, field trips, hotel reservations, travel, and paper and poster submissions along with additional contact information. If you have any questions about the meeting, please feel free to contact me at mhend-ers@evergreen.edu

Looking forward to seeing you in Olympia!



Opportunities for Students

Numerous Awards, Grants & Scholarships

Over the past few years, opportunities for Geography students at universities throughout the West have grown, thanks to the generous financial support and vision of geographers like you.

If you are an undergraduate, Master's, or PhD student of Geography and have the ambition to attend this fall's APCG meeting at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, please check out the APCG Grants webpage (<http://www.csus.edu/apcg/grants.htm>). There you will see travel grants for all levels of students of any background, as well as a few special travel grants for students who are underrepresented in Geography. The special grants include those for students of Latino American background, Indigenous students, and those of African descent. There are also travel grants for women geography students. You will also notice that there are several scholarships that are designed to assist students with their research projects. Specifically, there is the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, which is named in honor of the San Diego State urban geographer who walked and "lurked" around city centers and neighborhoods to study their commonality and their unique cultural essences. There is also the Margaret Trussell Scholarship for women graduate students, named after the dedicated mentor of women geographers, founder of the APCG Women's Network, and first woman President of APCG. The large bequest Dr. Trussell left to APCG has supported many excellent research projects by women Geographers since 2000.

Don't be shy. Apply for one or more of these scholarships. If you are a faculty member, please encourage your students to apply. Below you will find a brief description of the opportunities that exist, but please check out the above website for any alterations, additional announcements, requirements, and deadlines. The meeting this fall is not one to miss.

Student Award Competition

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

- 1) Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Student Paper, **\$500**
- 2) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, \$200
- 3) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Master's Student, \$200
- 4) President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200

- 5) Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, \$200
- 6) Committee Award for Excellence in Area Studies, \$200
- 7) President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200

This year, due to the generous support of Robert and Bobbé Christopherson we add two more awards to our annual lineup:

- 8) Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Undergraduate Student Paper, \$500
- 9) Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Graduate Student Paper, \$500

The awards are open to undergraduate and graduate students who are APCG members. Papers and posters may be co-authored if all authors are students, and the paper or poster must be presented at the annual meeting. Evaluation is made by the APCG Awards Committee based on the extended abstract and the presentation. Applicants need to: 1) Submit the regular short abstract to the conference coordinator in Olympia, Washington as outlined in the Call for Papers/Abstracts, and 2) Submit an extended abstract (1,250 word max) AND a student paper and poster competition application form to Greg Bohr at gbohr@calpoly.edu by **September 14, 2012**. Extended abstracts and application forms are required for both paper and poster entries.

Travel Awards for Student Presenters

To encourage student participation in the annual meeting, the APCG will commit \$4,000 to travel grants of \$200 each (**except for students from the Olympia, Washington region who will receive registration fee grants of \$50**). If grant applications exceed the \$4,000 total, recipients will be selected by a random lottery. To be eligible for a travel grant, a student must be an APCG member and must present a paper or poster at the annual meeting. However, you do not need to be entered into the paper/poster competition to be eligible for a travel grant. Travel grant applications can be emailed, mailed, or faxed to Greg Bohr, gbohr@calpoly.edu, and must be received by **September 14, 2012**. Recipients will be notified by **September 18, 2012**, and will be awarded grant checks at the banquet in Olympia, WA (or by mail afterward).

African Descent Student Travel Scholarships

The APCG offers travel grants to attend the APCG Annual Meeting in Olympia, WA (October 3-6, 2012): \$200 for current Geography students who attend the meeting; \$300 for current Geography students who present papers or posters. Application deadline is Friday, August 31, 2012.

The APCG African Descent Scholarship Program was created in 2009 to provide travel grants for Geography students of Afri-

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can descent to assist them with financial support to attend APCG annual meetings.

A travel grant requires two steps: 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography, commitment to attend the Olympia, Washington meeting, statement about the student's ethnic background, and, if presenting a paper or poster, a description of the research topic, and 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

Please e-mail the student statement and the faculty support letter (or any additional questions) to James W. Harrington (jwh@u.washington.edu), Aribilola S. Omolayo (samuelo@csufresno.edu), and John and Bev Passerello (johnbev81@yahoo.com). Please place ADSTS in the e-mail's subject line.

Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship

Travel Grants to Attend the 2012 APCG Annual Meeting in Olympia, Washington. Application Deadline: Sept. 1, 2012

The purpose of the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship is, through student support, to cultivate indigenous geography scholarship in our discipline and bring the Native voice forward. The unique form of geographical knowledge, perspective and expression of Native students enriches the organization and enlivens the conversations geographers have. Native American, American Indian, Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native graduate or undergraduate students within the APCG region are eligible. Awards are to be applied to travel, accommodation, and/or registration expenses at the APCG meeting.

The application requires two steps: 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography and the student's Indigenous/Native background, and 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

Student awardees must attend the Olympia, Washington conference. Awards will be \$200 for students who attend the conference and \$300 for students who present (a paper or poster) at the conference. Fees to attend the awards banquet will be waived for the awardee(s) as well.

Send student statements and faculty letters as electronic attachments (preferably as a Word or pdf file) to: Kate Berry, Chair, Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship at kberry@unr.edu. Please place ISTS in the e-mail's subject line.

Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarships in Cultural Geography

The APCG continues an annual tradition—a competition for a \$500 award for the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography. The award is for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in cultural geography in an APCG region geog-

raphy department (applications from outside the region will not be considered). Applicants must also be APCG members.

There is an early deadline for the Cultural Geography Fieldwork Scholarship—June 15, 2012. The goal of the awards committee and the donor is simple: students who receive this award will have the \$500 available for summer use (applicants will be notified in late June). Recipients can use the funds right away, and must present at least preliminary results at the APCG meeting this year in Olympia, WA.

Scholarship applications require two parts: 1) A proposal (not to exceed 1000 words), which must include project title, topic to be investigated, the context of research, methods, and a brief budget that explains how the award will contribute to field research for a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. Submit the proposal (as a PDF file). 2) Two letters of support, including one from the applicant's major advisor that explains how the award will be applied toward field research in cultural geography. Request that letters of recommendation go directly to Paul F. Starrs, Chair of the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship committee of APCG at Department of Geography, University of Nevada Reno, NV 89557 or at starrs@unr.edu. Additional questions about the scholarship can also be e-mailed to Paul Starrs. Please place "LFFCGFS" in the e-mail's subject line.

The scholarship recipient is required to present a paper or poster about the field research supported by the award at the APCG meeting at the meeting immediately following the award. In addition, the award recipient must write a brief summary of the field research findings, which might be included in a future *Pacifica* issue. The Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography from the APCG should be acknowledged in any publication based on the supported field research. Publication in the *APCG Yearbook* is encouraged.

Latina/o American Travel Scholarship (LATS)

Travel Grants to Attend the 2012 APCG Annual Meeting in Olympia, Washington. \$200 for Non-Presenting Students; \$300 for Presenting Students. Application Deadline September 7, 2012

LATS was created to help make it possible for Latino/Latina ancestry students—both undergraduate and graduate—from Geography programs in the APCG region to attend annual meetings.

The scholarship is particularly appropriate for the APCG because students of Latino ethnicity constitute the largest population in our region that is underrepresented in Geography. Awards are to be applied to travel, accommodation, and registration expenses at APCG meetings.

Application requires two steps: 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography and the student's Latino family

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background, and 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

For 2012, the committee will determine the number of awards based on the applicant pool. A non-presenting student must register for and attend the Olympia, WA meeting, attend paper sessions, and attend the annual banquet to receive an award. A presenting student must register and attend the meeting, and present a paper or poster to the conference, and must attend the annual banquet to receive an award. At the banquet, award recipients will be asked to say a few words about their geography interests and their Latino heritage.

Send applications as electronic attachments (Word or .pdf) and have faculty send letters as same to Daniel Arreola, Chair of Latino American Travel Scholarship at daniel.arreola@asu.edu. Please place LATS in the subject line.

Margaret Trussell Scholarships for Women Graduate Students

The APCG in conjunction with the APCG's Women's Network, is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Margaret Trussell Scholarship. Normally, two scholarships are made annually, one to a woman doctoral geography student and one to a woman master's geography student. All fields of geographical study are welcome. Women students who are members of APCG are encouraged to apply.

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

Each application must include the following items: 1) Statement of Project and a general overview with bibliography, 2) Timeline for completion, 3) Budget and identified use of award (\$1000), 4) Graduate Transcripts, 5) Two letters of recommendation from faculty members, and 6) Contact Information.

Faculty members are asked to encourage stu-

dents to apply and support applicants with letters of recommendation. Applications are accepted in late spring and early summer but no later than August 1st. Applications may be made by email with a follow-up hard copy of the application if possible. Applicants are asked to attend the Olympia, Washington meeting and make a presentation. Winners are further asked to send a short article about their work to the *Pacifica* editor for possible inclusion in a future *Pacifica* issue. Only those applicants out of the country at the time of the meeting are excused from attendance.

Please send email and hard copy applications to: Peggy Hauselt at PHauselt@csustan.edu and CSU Stanislaus, Department of Anthropology & Geography, One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382. Please place MTS in the subject line.

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even more realism, take its Google Earth fly-through. If you enjoy (or do not) the content, let us hear from you. On our future *Pacifica* website, we will have a "Submit an Idea" button, but for now, please e-mail me your ideas.

Connections to Social Media. Although some argue that the future of newsletters is that they don't have one, we see social media sites like Facebook, Google+, and Twitter not as a competing force but as complementary. Social media provides an instantaneous connection to your friends, family, and colleagues through a streaming interface where new posts replace old ones. E-mail newsletters provide enhanced content in the form of longer discussions (feature articles, President's messages, etc.) and are focused on a single subject (our APCG).

In a way, sites like Facebook are best for timely headlines and short snippets. Often times, people check these systems on their cell phones and tablet devices, which makes longer content less attractive. An e-mail newsletter contains content and details (meeting registration, deadlines, etc.) on a variety of related topics. Tying the newsletter's content to social media sites is important because it gives our members another means of checking out what's going on.

As *Pacifica* editor, I welcome your feedback via e-mail (schmandt@csus.edu) and by taking our online poll (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L3FLTD6>). Thank you for supporting *Pacifica*.

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Contributing Members

Many thanks to the following Contributing Members from 2011 and 2012 (all but a few have renewed by now). Of the 387 members who have already renewed or joined for 2012 as of 4/8/12, 18% are Contributing Members and dues receipts from them are 32% of the total received. So far in 2012, Contributing Members have paid \$1,547 more than if they were Regular Members (and some of them could be Student or Retired members). These extra funds help cover the cost of the President's awards and travel grants for student presenters (\$4,850 at San Francisco last year).

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This list was to have appeared in the Spring 2011 issue of *Pacifica* but fell through the cracks. The APCG received almost \$4,000 in contributions to our Special Funds since the Fall 2010 issue's listing through April of 2011: \$3,018 with membership renewals, \$850 as direct contributions. Funds and totals received are: Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$1,898; Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$964; Mexican American Travel Scholarship, \$427; Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$272; African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$302. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds.

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Since the list in the Fall 2011 issue of *Pacifica* we have received \$2,994 in contributions to Special Funds with dues renewals, plus another \$1,120 in direct contributions. Funds and their totals are as follows: Women's Network, \$1,790; Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$1,599; Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, \$235; Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$230; African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$260. Thanks for the following people for contributing to one or more of these funds:

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Welcome to these new members who have joined since the list from the Fall 2011 issue. (*Asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined.)

Augustine Avwunudiogba
Falk Schuetzenmeister
Denise Goerisch*
Heather McAfee

In Memoriam: James W. Scott, 1925-2011

In December I learned from Todd Welch at Northern Arizona U. that Jim had died in July. He had been a student of Jim's at WWU and a friend and colleague. I believe he will submit an article to the *Yearbook* about Jim for next year's issue. Jim was a great supporter of APCG; he was Vice President 1990-91 and President the following year, and did excellent service as Editor of the *Yearbook* from 1980-87. He received our Distinguished Service Award at the Reno (Sparks) meeting in 1999, much to his surprise and delight—it was a memorable moment. I urge you to look at this excellent summary of Jim's life, emphasizing the academic side of it, from WWU: <http://onlinefast.org/wwwtoday/news/memoriam-james-w-scott-1925-2011>

Todd is planning a gathering of his former students, colleagues, and friends this coming summer at Larrabee State Park just south of Bellingham. If you would like to attend contact Todd at Todd.Welch@nau.edu for details.

--Bob Richardson

In Memoriam: Edward T. Price, Jr., 1915-2012

Word went out to University of Oregon geographers that Ed Price died in February, where he had taught beginning in the early 1960's until his retirement, which in some regards never really happened—he kept involved in the Department. He was 96 and intellectually sharp to the end, and still able to get around until only days before he died. He served as Vice President of the APCG in 1960-61 and then was President two years later; in 1989 he received the APCG's Distinguished Service Award. His first decade was spent in Tennessee after which his family moved to southern California, initially living just east of Glendora. His undergraduate degree was in Physics, from Cal Tech, where he also played baseball and edited the school yearbook and paper. He wound up doing a PhD in Geography at UC Berkeley, where his dissertation was in cultural geography: "Mixed-Blood Populations of Eastern United States as to Origins, Localizations, and Persistence." A very special Tribute to Ed was held in Eugene on March 24, from which I trust an article for the *Yearbook* will appear next year. Meanwhile I urge you to see this short but interesting summary of his life, including some fine old photos: <http://www.webb.org/news/detail/index.aspx?linkid=1003&moduleid=26>

--Bob Richardson

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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*.

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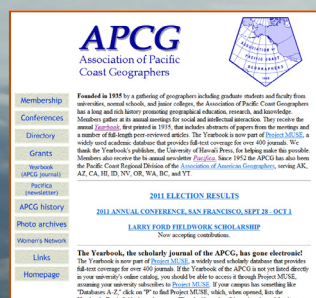
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The screenshot shows the Pacifica Archive website. At the top, it says "Pacifica" and "Newsletter of the APCG". Below this is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Archives, TAG, and Contact Us. The main content area features a map of the Pacific Coast and several news items, including "Pacifica Update" (dated Monday, 16 May 2011), "Upcoming" (The PACG annual meeting in New York), and "The APCG Conference in San Francisco". At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright APCG. All Rights Reserved."