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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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AAG Council Meeting Report

Scott Mensing, AAG Regional Councillor
University of Nevada, Reno

Results of the recent AAG election are: President, Mona Domosh, Dartmouth College; Vice President Sarah Bednarz, Texas A&M University; National Councillors, Florence M. Margai, SUNY Binghamton and Stuart Aitken, San Diego State University. Julie Winkler, Michigan State University, is the current President. The AAG recently approved the addition of a student Councillor and the new representative is Marina Islas, University of Texas PhD student.

In the non-binding name change poll, 79% (1704 of 2343) voted in favor of the name change to the American Association of Geographers. The next step is to hold a formal election on the name change before official action is taken.

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President's Column

Sriram Khe
Western Oregon University

The APCG's president is required to author a column in *Pacifica*, one each in the fall and spring issues. I proposed to the Executive Council a format that would be vastly different from writing once in six months --a lot more frequent and regular blog posts, which would be emailed to the membership the same way that *Pacifica*, in its electronic PDF avatar, is distributed. The Council agreed.

Welcome to the president's "column," which can be accessed at: <http://apcgpres.blogspot.com/>

Special Thanks from the Treasurer

Bob Richardson
Sacramento State University

It took a long time to nail the final numbers down, but Michael Schmandt and Debra Sharkey managed to turn a net profit from the Tahoe meeting of \$3,829.45. This despite Michael's planning goal of no profit, but no loss either, and despite his having included some great extras, such as free lift tickets for the banquet and the fabulous Mark Twain impressionist, McAvoy Layne, who performed at the banquet. Michael says what put us over the top was the enthusiasm with which attendees bought beer and wine at the barbecue and at the banquet. Thanks Michael and Debra—attendees too!

Four the fourth year in a row I recently received a check for \$1,000 from Robert and Bobbé Christopherson, to fund two more GeoSystems awards at our next meeting. Thanks Robert and Bobbé—very much appreciated, particularly by the two student winners!

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2014 APCG Meeting: Come Visit Us In Tucson

The annual APCG meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to visit long term friends, make new ones, stay current with new research directions, and explore places. What more could a geographer ask? So, start making your plans to attend the 77th APCG Annual Meeting in Tucson September 24-28 that is being hosted by the University of Arizona's School of Geography and Development and Institute of the Environment.

The conference hotel is the Tucson Marriott University Park only a block away from the west side of the University of Arizona and the new streetcar line that leads to downtown Tucson. No urban desert, the area around the Hotel is lively with coffee shops, boutiques, and restaurants geared toward student and faculty needs.

David Yetman, an Emmy award-winning media presenter on the world's deserts, will be our keynote Speaker for the Wednesday night opening session. His presentation is titled *Bumming about in the Horse Latitudes*.

Eleven or twelve field trips are currently being lined up for Thursday. Some are all day and some, part day. The trips include:

The Biosphere and Oracle State Park, Mount Lemmon, an IPSP field trip to the Tohono O'odham Nation, Immigration and Transboundary Water Issues, the Sonoran Desert Museum, Tucson Transect, Military Landscapes, Local Chicano Murals, a historical walking tour of downtown Tucson, a 'green' walking tour of downtown, Tucson Water Paradox, and tours of the Tree Ring Lab and Mirror Lab.

Our after field trip get together will likely be a Mexican Fiesta (including margaritas) and 'Night at the Museum' at the Arizona State Historical Society, which is across the street from the conference hotel. Saturday night's Banquet will be on campus and an easy walk from the hotel.

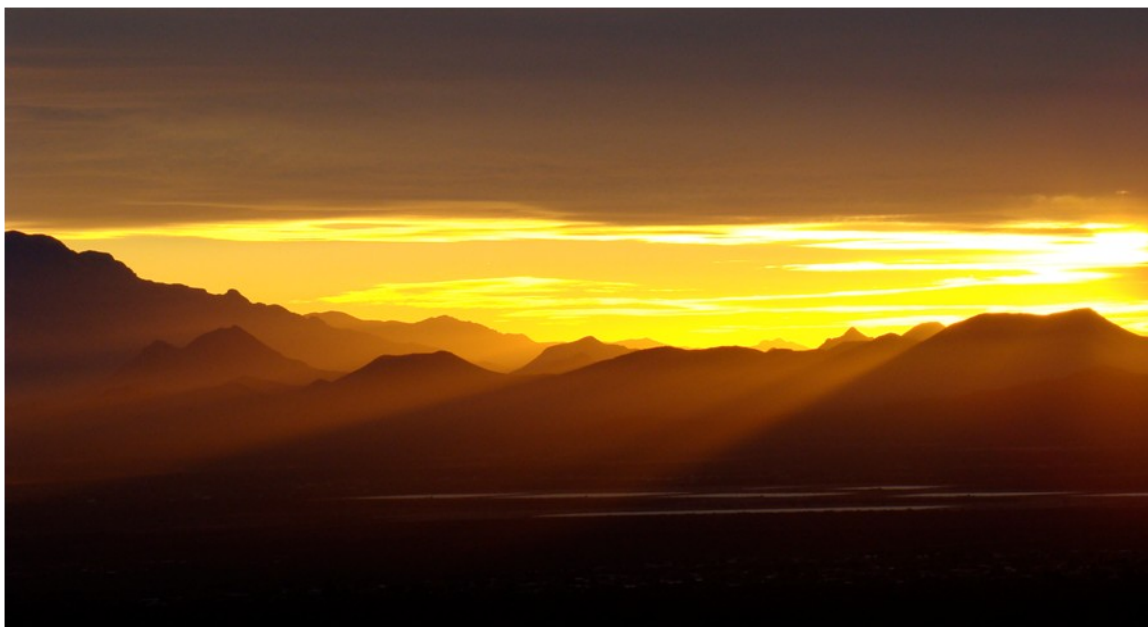
Paper sessions will be on Friday and Saturday at the Marriott. We look forward to your participation. Remember that this is an excellent, friendly venue in which superior undergraduates and graduates can present their research. Please encourage your students to participate.

Our goal is to have our meeting website up and operational by the middle of April. You will be able to submit your abstracts, register, and pay online. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at tinakennedy@cs.arizona.edu or Chris Lukinbeal at clukinbe@email.arizona.edu.

Come to the meeting early and stay after to explore some of the great places in and around Baja Arizona. For further ideas check out 'Things to do in and around Tucson'

<https://www.cs.arizona.edu/~kobourov/tucson.html>.

See you in September.



Avra Valley from Gate's Pass

Tina Kennedy

2014 Election

Members whose dues are paid receive their ballots in the mail, due back in mid June. Contact Bob Richardson, Treasurer, if you have any questions.

For President: Christopher Lukinbeal (unopposed)
For Vice President: Stephen Cunha and Gundars Rudzitis

For Treasurer: Bob Richardson (unopposed)
(biographies below)

Christopher Lukinbeal, Candidate for President

Associate Professor, School of Geography and Development, the University of Arizona

I am interested in becoming the President of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers to further give back what I have received over my career from this association: kindness, encouragement, support, and continued professional development. We need to sustain a strong regional association that makes a difference in individual's lives. The APCG provides a nurturing place to continually become a professional geographer, however, it must be cherished, fostered, and preserved. We must continue to encourage students to join our fold, but I would argue that we must equally target junior faculty and encourage them to become active members. This includes developing new ways to support junior faculty (travel grants, awards) as well new ways to help promote their career (publications, service recognition, and networking). Once a junior faculty comes and experiences what the APCG has worked so hard to become, I believe they will come back and bring their students. Through junior faculty we embrace and develop new leadership within the APCG. This is not to say we ignore student recruitment. I came to my first APCG conference without faculty supervision and understand the need to foster student APCG networks. I believe this is done best through the student-host-student networks at the annual conference which conference organizers need to actively pursue.

I appreciate the opportunity to run for President of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. If elected my experience and ideas will promote and foster continued success with the most important regional geographic association in the United States. I look forward to seeing you all in Tucson, Arizona as I host the 77th Annual Meeting of the APCG.

Stephen Cunha, Candidate for Vice President

Professor and Chair, Department of Geography
Humboldt State University
PhD, Geography, 1994, UC Davis

I became a geographer as a young child in the Yosemite high country. The crashing water, scent of lodgepole, granite underfoot, sun-warmed skin, and the spectacle of green meadows and high peaks under a cobalt sky just took me away. It still does. We could all be doing something else, but like so many of you, I love being a geographer and sharing our unique perspective with students and the public.

My research and teaching interests include environmental and mountain geography, parks and protected areas, biodiversity analysis and geography education. Regional specialties include Central Asia, Alaska, and the Sierra Nevada. One of my favorite tasks at Humboldt State—and before that as a community college faculty—is introducing GE students to the full brunt of what our Past-President Robin Dattel calls “the lure of geography.” Get to them early and often, especially the growing cohort of under-represented students, so they can progress up the ladder of undergraduate achievement that culminates with a professional presentation at an APCG, CGS, NACIS, or CaGIS meeting.

As an APCG officer, I would work to keep our focus narrow and defined. This includes staging a first class Annual Conference, a respected *Yearbook*, a useful and succinct *Pacifica*, and the grant/scholarship/award programs that recognize and support students. Fiscal solvency is key. I know the territory well after serving as VP and President of the California Geographical Society, and as Director of the California Geographic Alliance. I have coordinated three annual meetings for the CGS, one apiece for the APCG and NCGE, along with the 5th International High Mountain Cartography Symposium.

Lessons learned while consulting with USAID, IUCN, World Bank, UK Ethnic Law & Minority Centre Tajik Asylum Project, the Tajik Socio-Ecological Union, and the Malaysian-

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American Pacific Rim Education Task Force, would influence my leadership in the APCG. Teaching abroad in Southeast Asia, Arabia, and Ecuador further shape my views of geography and cooperative societies.

To date I count 70 publications including book chapters, journals, children's books, atlases, K-12 textbooks, NPS Technical Reports, encyclopedias, and proceedings. I've authored 2.9 million dollars in successful grants from the National Park Service, Broad Foundation, Packard Foundation, Goldman Fund, Bechtel Foundation, National Geographic Society, UN Environment Program, UC Office of the President, and the CA and US Departments of Education.

I was not thinking of this post when the APCG contacted me. I am motivated to run by the list of past officers, and what they mean to our organization, to geography, and often to me personally. It would be a high honor and a pleasure to continue their tradition of service.

Honors: Semi-Finalist, Robert Cherry Award for Great Teaching, Baylor University (2011); Humboldt State University Scholar of the Year (2009); California State University System Outstanding Professor (Wang Award; 2007); California Council for Social Studies Hilda Taba Award for Outstanding & Enduring Contributions to Social Science Education (2002); NCGE Distinguished Teaching Award (2001); California Geographical Society Educator of the Year (1993); Cosumnes River College Outstanding Faculty Award (1991).

Gundars Rudzitis, Candidate for Vice President

I am, since 2013, a Professor Emeritus of the Department of Geography, University of Idaho where I was also an Adjunct Professor in the Environmental Science Program as well as in the Philosophy Department. I have also taught at Boston University, the University of Texas (Austin) and the University of Latvia where I was a Fulbright scholar. Additionally, I have been a Visiting Research Professor at Clark University, Harvard University, University of New Mexico and Waikato University in New Zealand.

I came to Geography after working in the government sector in New York City and Washington, D.C. in various positions, from operations research analyst, head of systems analysis to program manager, as well as in the private sector where I co-founded two urban research consulting companies in Chicago and Dallas. I went to the University of Chicago with the intension of getting a Masters in Social Sciences, which I did, and then a PhD in Economics. However, I found myself lured and entranced by the

Geography Department graduate students and faculty, and got my PhD in Geography at Chicago. After graduation I began my teaching career, something I had not intended to do when I started graduate studies but so happy I did.

I have been extremely fortunate to live in all major regions of the United States, and many of our major cities. However, when I moved west from Austin to Moscow, Idaho I fell in love with the American West. I transmuted from a city bred New Yorker to an avid backpacker roaming the large wilderness and other public lands of the West. Fortunately, I was able to learn, teach and write about the American West, something I enjoy doing immensely, now from Port Townsend, Washington.

I have been a member of various regional geography groups and the APCG has been the most fun one. I always look forward to the meetings, especially given the small size, camaraderie, and the focus on graduate students and people early in their careers. I have served on various APCG committees, most notably Nominations and Awards. I very much enjoyed being an organizer for the 2010 APCG Meetings in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, especially finding funding for two free drinks a night, and the twilight catered boat ride around the lake.

I do not now see myself as "retired" in the conventional sense, rather just in a different phase of my geographical life. I am working on book projects for the University of Chicago and Oxford University presses on the American West, and development issues worldwide. I am involved with a progressive international institute, serve on several editorial and institutional boards, and continue to serve as a referee for various journals, book publishers and funding institutions.

I have been fortunate in "retirement" to be invited to give talks or seminars in various Geography, International Studies, and Economics departments. I will continue to do so in the US and abroad, and as part of book tours. If elected as Vice President, this position would provide me the opportunity to extol the virtues of the APCG, recruit more members, and to promote greater interaction with academics and others as part of some programs I would like to initiate.

I would like to encourage and provide more interactions between geographers and non-geographers (activists, actors, artists, journalists, novelists, etc) in a variety of traditional and non-traditional formats at our annual meetings as a means of increasing the visibility of Geography and the APCG. I feel this is especially important for our younger members to present them with opportunities to meet a diverse group of people in order to work together committed in these trying times to joint actions towards alleviating suffering and improving life on our planet.

I would strive to increase our efforts for more diversity in the APCG membership and its relations with non-geographers. For me, the most satisfying addition I made at the 2010 Coeur d'Alene APCG meetings was integrating local tribal drummers

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into the banquet as performer-instructors with whom we also shared our meal and conversation with. I believe we need as APCG geographers to continue and increase our efforts of reaching out into the community, particularly to minority groups.

Finally, I owe a lot to Geography, especially as it “saved” me from becoming a PhD economist! I have the time and excitement, if chosen as VP, to do some payback by spreading the word of the wonders of Geography and the APCG as an organization as well as experimenting with some suggestions such as those I briefly outlined.

Bob Richardson, Candidate for Treasurer

Professor Emeritus, CSU Sacramento

PhD (Geography), 1973, University of Oregon
MA (Geography), 1966, Louisiana State University
BS (Geography), 1964, University of Wisconsin

I began teaching in 1969 at San Fernando Valley State College (soon named CSU Northridge), then came to CSU Sacramento in 1977. I was Secretary/Treasurer from 1997 to 2009, when the position was split in two; since then I've been Treasurer. I feel strongly connected to the APCG (my dad was a Charter Member in 1935), but was sweet-talked into serving as interim Secretary/Treasurer in 1997 by Betsy Burns, who had been President two years earlier. I never would have volunteered for the job—I shrink from responsibility, as a rule. I figured to end my run after 2003-04, but Gary Hausladen lubricated me at a watering hole one evening at the San Luis Obispo meeting (2004) to the point that I expansively agreed to carry on, much to Jim Allen's relief (he was incoming President). So here I am ten years later still unable to shake free, although with Microsoft dropping Windows XP as of today (April 8) my ability to continue functioning properly as Treasurer may be in doubt. It's been a lot of work over the years, but a great pleasure too.

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New Resolutions:

A new award has been created to highlight excellence in Geography programs that offer Bachelors or terminal Master's degrees. The first round for nominations for this award will be in Spring, 2015. Details of the award will become available from the AAG in the coming months, but those of you who are aware of particularly deserving programs should begin considering preparing a nomination from the APCG. This award will carry a prize of \$2,000.

The amount of funding available for AAG dissertation research awards has been increased from \$500 to not more than \$1000. This change will go into effect for the next round of applications. Multiple awards are usually given, depending upon available funds and number of applications. APCG student members are strongly encouraged to apply for these funds.

Items of note:

The AAG will begin publication of a new journal in 2015 entitled *GeoHumanities* to be published twice annually. All members will be sent free copies of this journal, in addition to the *Annals* and *PG*. The Association is looking for an editorial team to edit the journal. Teams will consist of an individual from Geography and one from the Humanities. An application process for editorial team submissions will be forthcoming soon.

A particularly interesting presentation was made by Yonette F. Thomas, now with the AAG. Thomas served on National Research Council panel that recently reviewed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process. The panel published their recommendations in January 2014, including a number of significant changes that would help expedite the IRB process, by creating categories for excused research and expedited review. Thompson urged those who regularly require IRB approval to read the report and bring it to the attention of VPRs at their institution to begin the process of institutional change. For more information and copies of the report, *Proposed Revisions to the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects*

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Pacifica is a publication of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, a regional division of the Association of American Geographers. The newsletter appears two times a year in fall and spring. The deadline for submission of announcements and reports for the Spring issue is April 1, and for the Fall issue is a fortnight after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

For further information about *Pacifica* contact Vienne Vu at vvu@sdccd.edu.



Opportunities for Students

Numerous Awards, Grants & Scholarships

If you are an undergraduate, Master's, or PhD student of Geography and have the ambition to attend this fall's APCG meeting in Tucson, AZ, please check out the APCG Grants webpage (<http://apcgweb.org/grants-scholarships>). 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 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. The two most recent presentation awards are due to the generous support of Robert and Bobbé Christopherson who are offering awards at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Apply for one or more of these scholarships, and enter the paper/poster competition! 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 nine 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) Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for Excellence in Area Studies, \$200
- 7) President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200
- 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 Tucson, AZ, as outlined in the Call for Papers/ Abstracts, and 2) Submit an extended abstract (1,250 word max) along with a student paper and poster competition application form to Greg Bohr at gbohr@calpoly.edu by September 5, 2014. 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 local area, who are eligible to receive travel 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 5, 2014. Recipients will be notified by September 9, 2014, and will be awarded grant checks at the annual awards banquet in Tucson, AZ (or by mail afterward).

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African Descent Student Travel Scholarships

The APCG offers travel grants to attend the APCG Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ (September 24-27, 2014): \$200 for current Geography students who attend the meeting; \$300 for current Geography students who present papers or posters. **Application deadline is Thursday, August 28, 2014.**

The APCG African Descent Scholarship Program was created in 2009 to provide travel grants for Geography students of African descent to assist them with financial support to attend APCG annual meetings.

A travel grant requires two steps: 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography, commitment to attend the Lake Tahoe 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@uw.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 2014

Travel Grants to Attend the 2014 APCG Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona

Application Deadline: **Tuesday September 2, 2014** (early decisions will be made upon request)

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 are eligible. Awards are to be applied to travel, accommodation, and/or registration expenses at this year's APCG meeting.

The application requires two steps: 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography, commitment to attend the Tucson APCG conference, statement about the student's Indigenous/Native 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.

Travel awards will be \$200 for current students who attend the conference and \$300 for current students who present (a paper or poster) at the conference. Fees to attend the awards banquet will be waived for the awardees as well.

John and Bev Passerello, Renee Louis, Kenneth Madsen, HoMana Pawiki, and Kate Berry constitute the committee to evaluate applications and make awards.

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.

Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarships in Cultural Geography

The APCG continues an annual tradition—a competition for a \$500 award (on occasion, two may be awarded) for the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography. These go to students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in cultural geography in an APCG region geography department (applications from outside the region cannot be considered, under terms that created the award). Applicants must also be APCG members, though presumably at the discounted student rate.

There is an early deadline for the Cultural Geography Fieldwork Scholarship—June 16, 2014. 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 Tucson, Arizona, 24–27 September.

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 by e-mail directly to Paul F. Starrs, Chair of the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship committee of APCG at starrs@unr.edu. Additional

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questions about the scholarship can also be e-mailed to Paul. 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 and participate in the 2014 APCG Annual Meeting in Tucson include \$200 for Non-Presenting Students and \$300 for Presenting Students. Application Deadline September 3, 2014.

LATS was created to help make it possible for Latina/Latino ancestry students—both undergraduate and graduate—from Geography programs in the APCG region to attend annual meetings. 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 background, and 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

For 2014, the committee will determine the number of awards based on the applicant pool. A non-presenting student must register for and attend the Tucson 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 Latina/o heritage.

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

Margaret Trussell Scholarships For 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/or writing. A well-stated research description, 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 including a general overview with references parenthetically cited and a reference section
2. Timeline for completion
3. Budget and identified use of award (\$1000)
4. Graduate Transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members

Contact Information

Faculty members are asked to encourage students to apply and support applicants with letters of recommendation. **Applications are accepted in late spring and early summer but no later than August 1st.** E-mailed applications are preferred. If necessary, paper applications may be submitted.

Applicants must be a member of the APCG during the year the award is given. Applicants are asked to attend the Tucson meeting, including the Saturday banquet (unless out of the country). Winners must present a paper concerning the research supported by the award at the APCG meeting this year or next. Winners are further asked to send a short article about their work to the *Pacifica* editor for possible inclusion in a future *Pacifica* issue. Recipients must acknowledge receiving an APCG Margaret Trussell Scholarship in any publication based on the supported research.

Please send email applications to Peggy Hauselt at PHauselt@csustan.edu.

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Opportunities for Students, cont.

APCG Women's Network

Travel Grants of \$200 to attend 2014 APCG Annual Meeting in Tucson.
Nomination Deadline: July 8, 2014

The Women's Network invites all faculty members of the APCG to nominate an outstanding female undergraduate or graduate student for a Women's Network Travel Grant to support their attendance at the APCG meeting in Tucson, Arizona September 24-27th, 2014. The 2014 Travel Grant awards will be **\$200** per award. Grant recipients will be recognized at the Women's Network Luncheon and will be asked to speak briefly at the luncheon about their interests and goals, as well as how the Network might assist them in reaching those goals.

The travel grant is designed to defray the cost of registration fees and/or travel to attend the 2014 meeting. It is not necessary that the student give a paper, rather the monetary award provides an opportunity for a student to gain experience from attending an important regional meeting. In addition to the cash grant, the Women's Network will also pay for a one-year student APCG membership, and the cost of the 2014 luncheon, for each awardee. This initiative is funded through contributions to the Women's Network of the APCG. We expect to fund seven or eight students, depending on available funding.

Nominations must be received by July 8, 2014. Nominations should consist of a *brief* paragraph outlining the student's interests and abilities in geography, and include the email address of the nominated student. Nominations can be emailed to Deborah Thien, deborah.thien@csulb.edu OR Katie Meehan, meehan@uoregon.edu.

Please ask your student nominee to provide the Women's Network with a one-page statement detailing why they want to attend the meeting as well as their current interests and goals in the field of geography. This statement, as well as contact phone number, email and mailing addresses, should be converted to a pdf file and submitted via email to Deborah Thien, deborah.thien@csulb.edu OR Katie Meehan, meehan@uoregon.edu no later than July 15, 2014. We will notify the recipients in mid-August.

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

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in the *Behavioral and Social Sciences*, please visit <http://www.nap.edu>.

The AAG Annual Guide to Geography Programs is moving towards an online only publication. The targeted publication date for the 2013-14 guide is June 15, 2014. There is a flat fee of \$175 per program, with a discounted fee of \$75 for small programs that offer only a minor, or stand along geographers at universities.

A workshop for chairs and presidents of regional divisions was held at the AAG meeting in Tampa in an effort to facilitate communication between the different regions and begin development of a 'Best Practices' manual for divisions. It was apparent from the conversation that in many respects, APCG is in the forefront of good practices, although the conversation should provide results beneficial for all divisions.

The Healthy Departments Committee sends a reminder to all departments that they have programs to assist departments facing challenges or threats, or undergoing program reviews, and encourage departments to contact the chair, Alex Murphy, University of Oregon, sooner rather than later.

The AAG has hired a new Director of Administration, Edward Ferguson, who will transition into taking over day-to-day operations at the AAG. Ferguson comes from having been the Deputy Executive Director of the National Association of Counties for 27 years. The AAG staff totals 26 people.

The AAG is developing a new long-range plan. A draft of that plan will become available from the Long-Range Planning Committee at some point this year.

AAG membership has declined somewhat in recent years from a high of 10,823 in 2011 to 10,064. We were told that other professional groups have seen an even more dramatic decline in membership in recent years.

Members

New Members

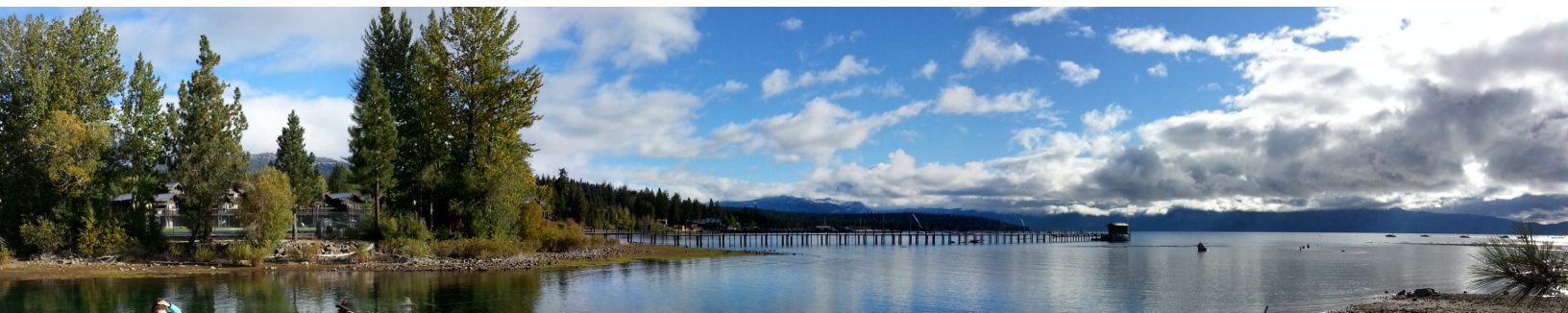
Welcome to these 11 new members who have joined since the list in the Fall 2013 issue. (*Asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined.)

Sean Michael Crotty*	Kathrine M. Nunn
Nicole Hoke	Ryan Pemberton
Donald Holtgrieve*	Wesley Teraoka
Richard Martinez	Holly Youngbear-Tibbetts
Olivia Molden	Sahar Zavareh
Pamela Moss	

Contributing Members

Many thanks to the following Contributing Members for 2014 (54 in all—a few more have yet to renew from 2013). Of the 344 members who have already renewed or joined for 2014 as of 4/9/13, almost 16% are Contributing Members. The extra they pay for their membership (\$1,767 more than if Regular Members, and some of them could be Student or Retired members) helps a lot to pay for the President's Awards and regular travel grants for student presenters, which totaled \$4,942 for the Tahoe meeting last year.

Clark Akatiff	Richard A. Eigenheer	Les Rowntree
James P. Allen	Tracey Ferguson	Gundars Rudzitis
Daniel D. Arreola	Gail Ferrell	Randall Rush
Martin Balikov	Dorothy E. Freidel	William Russell
Steve Bass	James W. Harrington	Michael Schmandt
Warren R. Bland	John Heppen	William Selby
Mary Elizabeth Braun	Christy Jocoy	Dr. Nancy J. Selover
Robert W. Christopherson	Samanthe Kadar	Debra Sharkey
Bobbé Z. Christopherson	Tina Kennedy	Larry Simón
Richard Cocke	Sriram Khé	Paul F. Starrs
Sean Michael Crotty	William A. Koelsch	Nancy Summers
William K. Crowley	James S. Kus	Michael Tripp
Stephen Cunha	Larry L. Loeher	Donald E. Vermeer
Robin Datel	Matthew Lofton	James W. Wickes
Mary Imandt de Jesus	Robert L. Monahan	Siri Nimal Wickramaratne
Cary de Wit	David A. Plane	Nancy Lee Wilkinson
Dennis J. Dingemans	Philip R. Pryde	Martha Works
Theodore Dingemans	Robert T. Richardson	Terence Young



Members

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Special Fund Contributions

Since the Fall 2013 listing more contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$690 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$1,523 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$205 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, \$155 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$555 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$10 in general contributions, and \$20 for the student travel fund. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds.

Mel Aamodt
Clark Akatiff
James P. Allen
Daniel D. Arreola
Marvin W. Baker
Melissah Ball
Prof. Emeritus Charles F. Bennett
Kate A. Berry
Jacquelyn Chase
Sean Michael Crotty
William K. Crowley
Stephen Cunha
Robin Datel
Cary de Wit
Dennis J. Dingemans
Janet Dove
Sarah Elwood
Tracey Ferguson
Gail Ferrell
Jan Ford
Roxane Fridirici
Kathryn (Katie) Gerber
Barbara Gleghorn
Sheila Golden
Susan Hardwick
Peggy Hauselt
Jennifer J. Helzer, Ph.D.
Martha Henderson

Barbara Holzman
Nancy Hultquist
Christy Jocoy
David J. Larson
Vicky Lawson
Kenneth Madsen
Sallie Marston
Janice Monk
Conrad Moore
Brian Murton
Kerri Jean Ormerod
L. HoMana Pawiki
Roger Pearson
Denielle Perry
John P. Preston
Roger Reid
Robert T. Richardson
Gundars Rudzitis
William Selby
Larry Simón
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Vienne Vu
Dan Walsh
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Joanne Scott Wuerker
Hongyan Yang
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Membership

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Visit the APCG web site at www.apcgweb.org for information about the organization and for a new member application form.

APCG member dues, raised starting 2009, are:

Regular \$25,

Student or Retired \$15,

Contributing \$30 or more (any contribution over \$25 is tax deductible).

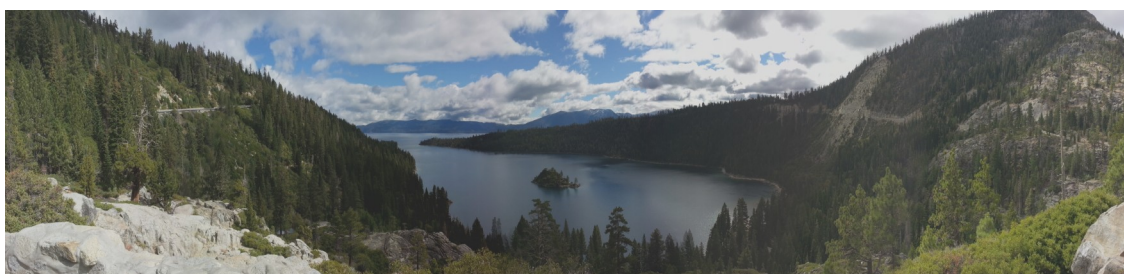
A Second (Joint) member may be added to any of these categories for another \$3.

Second (Joint) members receive a ballot but not another copy of the *Yearbook*.

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Unless indicated otherwise, checks dated before November 1 will be credited to the current year, while those dated after November 1 will be credited to the next year.

Only current year members receive the *Yearbook*.

Current members will be sent a membership renewal notice near the end of the calendar year.



In Memoriam

Steven R. Kale
Salem, OR
1948 – 2013

Earl Kersten, Jr.
Sparks, NV
1923 – 2013

Donald Lynch
Fairbanks, AK
1931 – 2014

Gene Martin
Medford, OR
1927 – 2014

Forrest R. Pitts
Santa Rosa, CA
1924 – 2014

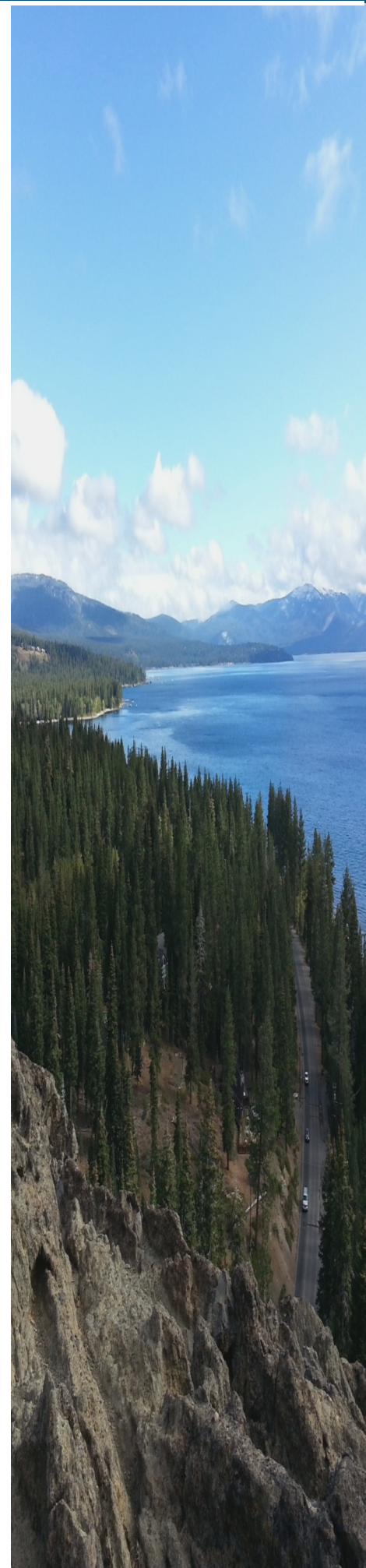
Vincent K. Shaudys
South Bend, WA
1927 – 2013

Everett Gorsuch Smith, Jr.
Eugene, OR
1931 – 2014

Philip L. Wagner
Vancouver, BC
1921 – 2014

Each of these prominent geographers was a long time member of the APCG, and several were APCG officers: Steven Kale was Secretary/Treasurer 1988-1990; Ev Smith was Vice President 1970-1971 (a Fulbright kept him from being President the next year); Philip Wagner was Vice President 1972-1973 and President the following year; Earl Kersten was Vice President in 1982-1983 and President the following year.. They are greatly missed.

Please click on each individual's name for more information about their life.



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