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AAG Council Meeting Report

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Across the Pacific Coast Region there have been a number of new programs created within the past year. A sampling of these includes at the Univ. of Southern California an M.S. in Spatial Informatics and Ph.D. in Population, Health and Place; at San Diego State three new research centers with foci in social media data analytics, water resources and climate, and security; at Cal State, Northridge a new curriculum on

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President's Column

Stephen Cunha, Humboldt State University



Early morning on Blackcomb Mountain, British Columbia

Skiing is nothing if not improvising inside the vanishing moment (Hemon 2015).

During the 2014-15 winter, when resorts in APCG territory suffered the lowest snowpack on record, skiers and snowboarders logged 53.6 million days in American ski areas (NSAA 2015). For perspective, this equaled three times the number of tickets sold that year by the entire National Football League. They also spent a combined 7.3 billion dollars, proving that sliding down our mountain snowpack before it melts into fields and faucets is big business.

Naturalist John Muir once observed “snow melting into music.” During the last decade, the ski industry tilt towards corporate ownership, vertical integration, and energy intensive snowmaking operations amount to

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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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2016 APCG Meeting

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Conference Website: www.pdx.edu/geography/apcg-2016

Field Trips: Oregon farmscapes, Willamette Wine & Terroir, Portlandness

Scholarships: Paper, Poster, and Plenary Sessions

Student Awards: Travel Grants, Scholarships, Paper and Poster Competition

Accommodations: University Place (www.uplacehotel.com) (866-845-4647)



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a business phase change. This essay documents the transition. Although the focus here is on the 13 political units that comprise our APCG region, these principles apply to ski country throughout North America.

The alpine ski industry in APCG territory began in 1927 with a modest rope tow up a 164-foot hill at Granlibakken, near the north shore of Lake Tahoe. A year later Oregon's Mt. Hood Skibowl opened. The popularity of these resorts prompted early entrepreneurs in 1935 to open hills at Soda Springs and Badger Pass in California, and Idaho's Lookout Pass (since expanded into Montana). All five of these pioneering resorts remain in operation. In 1936, the first of what eventually morphed into a megaresort opened at Sun Valley, Idaho—which now bills itself as “the birthplace of destination skiing.”

While Sun Valley's well-heeled guests included movie stars and industry titans, new resorts soon followed throughout the mountain west. In 1937, lifts opened at Timberline (OR), Snoqualmie and Stevens Pass (WA), Snow Valley and Mountain High (CA). Today, 125 resorts blanket APCG territory, led by British Columbia (with 31 resorts), California (29), Idaho and Washington (16 each), followed by Oregon (13), Alaska (10), Nevada (5), and Arizona (4). At their founding and for many decades, sole proprietors or local partnerships owned and operated most western resorts. This brings us to the three major changes in the American ski industry during the last 20 years.

The consolidation of resorts under corporate ownership by well-financed and even publicly traded companies is the first change. Family owned and operated hills are now the minority. Western resorts under corporate ownership include Vail, Intrawest, Mammoth Mountain LLC, Aspen Skiing Company, KSL Capital Partners, Powdr Corp., and Sinclair Oil Corporation. Each conglomerate owns multiple resorts. For resort patrons the most obvious output of this transition is an annual ski pass that now applies to numerous destinations, providing more variety in terrain and location. The frequent skier/rider (15 days or more) or the prudent planner of one annual trip may now apply a single pass to manifold resorts across several states. However, this requires consumers to declare their loyalty and commit funds months before the first snowfall—a meteorological gamble that may not pay off in dry years.

Although most passes amortize around the fifth use, the price point for a day ticket now varies between \$60 at a small resort, to over \$120 at mega-resorts. According to the *Aspen Daily News*, single-day tickets at resorts owned by Aspen Skiing Company have increased 65 percent since 2005; while season passes have dropped almost 50 percent (Sackariason 2014, NSAA 2015). To compete with the larger players, individual resorts bundle into collectives, offering multiple destinations on a single pass even though they do not share parent ownership. The Mountain Collective (accepted at 18 resorts on three continents) and Max Pass (25 resorts) embody this second strategy.

The vertical integration of resort management is a second force changing the ski industry. For most of the 88 years since Granlibakken and Mt. Hood began operations, lift tickets have been the main source of resort revenue. The move towards corporate ownership during the last 20 years brought an oligopolistic strategy. As Vail CEO Robert Katz explains, “Our company is less about skiing and more about vacations” (Machan 2014). Lift tickets are no longer the primary revenue stream. Instead the new corporate approach owns airport shuttles, private clubs, mountain base restaurants and equipment rentals, spas and health clubs, paid parking, property sales and management, and often much more. The new corporate calculus builds a loyal client base by selling inexpensive annual passes, then collects the main revenue through other lucrative vacation components. The strategy works. The National Ski Areas Association (2015) data notes that inflation adjusted per customer spending is increasing, while both skier days per 1000 people and the number of resorts in the U.S. declines. Thus corporate entities now earn record profits while comparatively undercapitalized independent operators melt away.

The third change is the ongoing industry response to climate change. The winter ski and snowboard season grows shorter each decade (Berwyn 2014, Rich 2014). Mote et al. (2005) found widespread decline in springtime snow water equivalent at 594



Figure 1 Snowmaking equipment and a manufactured ski run at Northstar, CA, January 2015

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locations in the western U.S. and Canada. The Aspen ski season is now one month shorter than when they opened 50 years ago (Tolmé 2015). Since the late 1970s, snowfall as a percent of annual precipitation at UC Berkeley's Central Sierra Snow Lab near Donner Summit, has fallen from 82 percent to 67 percent (Branch 2014).

However, comparing historical opening and closing dates is misleading because ski areas spend \$500,000 to over \$3.5 million per season to make snow (Flynn 2013). With the right combination of investment capital, cold air temperatures (below 28°F with wet bulb low to mid-20°F), and sufficient reservoir or aquifer resources, opening day no longer depends on natural snowfall. Spence (2015) elaborates on one system in California:

Vail Resorts, a \$3.1 billion Denver-based resort company has equipped Heavenly Valley with some of the most sophisticated and expensive snowmaking equipment in the U.S. The snowmaking staff manages more than 200 air water guns, boom guns, and Super PoleCat fan guns that blow piles of crystals—sometimes a thousand hours a season—for a grooming team of 20 to transform into skiable trails. With 30,000 feet of pipes and hoses, the system can cover 73 percent of the resort's 4,800 acres. In ideal conditions, snowmakers can fabricate winter at the rate of a foot of snow over 43 acres in just 12 hours.



Figure 2 January 2015 drought conditions at Donner Ski Ranch

By late fall, resort advertising boldly claims “Winter starts when we say so!”—with the goal to open terrain by Thanksgiving. In 2015 California's Northstar relied entirely on snowmaking to maintain 10 runs, while nearby Donner Ski Ranch lay idle (Figures 1 and 2). The lack of prior investment in snowmaking ultimately forced the sale of this last family owned resort in the Tahoe region.

Resorts now invest heavily in summer activities that do not depend on the fading snowpack. This includes mountain biking and hiking trails, adventure parks with rope courses and zip lines, climbing walls, and dry coasters that mimic winter bobsled runs. As with snowmaking, resorts in the corporate fold lead the pack. In 2012 Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows announced a \$70 million plan that includes a yoga studio, adventure center, surfing simulator, and ropes course (Sigg 2012). In British Columbia,

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2016 Election

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

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For Vice President: Paul F. Starrs and Deborah Thien
For AAG Regional Councillor: Fernando J. Bosco and Sriram Khé
For Treasurer: Bob Richardson (unopposed)

Dennis Dingemans, Candidate for President Emeritus Professor, Geography University of California, Davis

I retired in 2005 after 33 years as a full-time UCD faculty member in Geography. My post-teaching decade finds me tanned, rested, and ready to be APCG's Vice-President. Involvement since 1970 in APCG meetings and leadership means that I think I know what I am getting into. However, I also will carefully re-read the bylaws and do everything required of the office so I can leave the APCG, that has been so good to me for 45 years, in better shape than when I was elected.

I've attended a score of meetings, served appointed functions, presented a dozen papers, and lead field trips. I co-edited with my wife, Robin Datel, five volumes of the Yearbook from 1988 to 1992. I co-chaired with Stephen Jett the 1987 Davis meetings. I've chaired sessions, chaired awards committees, chaired budget/audit committees, written for Pacifica, and been a regular at business meetings. I've written resolutions and at Berkeley in 1996 used my Bill Crowley imitation in reading them. Nominated for vice president in 1994, I lost by one vote.

At UC-SC, my first APCG meeting, I caught the soon-to-be-legendary Larry Ford doing his "Full Monte" with 140 slides of skyscrapers in 17 minutes illustrating the Midwest's urban edifice complex. Many entertaining and inspirational paper presentations have followed by the APCG's stable of public-speaking talents. Most recently Steven Cunha at Lake Tahoe blew us out of the water explaining how the Sierra Nevada epitomized what Jim Parsons called "the uniqueness of California." I'm most proud of my own talk on Iberia and California compared in 2001 and my discussion of changing landscapes of Romania in 2013. My talks on enterprises lining a dozen main streets in the Mother Lode, on billboard messages observed along 7,000 Interstate Highway miles, and on the enterprises comprising seven Chinatowns and Little Saigons were among my most successful reports on systematic and comparative data from exploratory fieldwork.

My pathway to geography began in rural Minnesota where Mrs. Peterson exposed the one-room school's 6 grades to environmental and spatial explanations in geography, to concepts of chemistry and nuclear physics, to her softball pitching, and to her piano playing. In 8th grade Mr. Denzene did his year of world regional geography lectures with a cold warrior's zeal. I tried to be equally lively right up to my last world regional course -- taught to a class of 400. At the University of Chicago I majored in European history and learned too late about the geography courses I could have taken. For graduate degrees in geography at UC Berkeley in 1971 and 1975 I fell into the webs of the charismatic Jay Vance and Jim Parsons. My dissertation with Vance on the densification of suburban housing is summarized in my best publication, a 1975 Landscape article, "The Urbanization of Suburbia: A Renaissance for the Row House."

At Davis I did a lot more committee work than I should have, rising to the level of grand pooh bah of the Academic Senate when elected chair of the Committee on Committees. I chaired six completed Geography PhDs. After the Geography Department was dissolved in 1997, despite our vigorous acts of antidisestablishmentarianism, my teaching shifted to service courses for International Relations.

In retirement I've returned to my historical geography interests. I direct my city's museum and write articles and do field trips for the Yolo County Historical Society. I've co-authored two Arcadia Publications books on local places. Post-retirement research produced a chapter with Robin Datel on the rise of Sacramento's "Little Saigon" for a Brookings Institution book on immigration gateways edited by my first PhD student, Susan Hardwick.

If elected I would work with the APCG's committee to strengthen membership, visiting some low-participation departments. I would seek ways to perpetuate the Association's tradition of landscape studies and fieldwork reporting in our meeting trips, presentations, and publications. To reduce the effort required to stage our meetings we should re-visit possible joint meetings with AAG regions or specialty groups. Odd-year APCG meetings might keep our traditions alive with half the workload and I will facilitate discussion of that nuclear option.

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Paul F. Starrs, Candidate for Vice President

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Thanks to those of you who suggested I consider running for the role of APCG Vice-President: if it happens, I'll be glad, if no it's still a great privilege. While I'll confess to running hot and cold on going to AAG meetings, where 9,000 people disperse among multiple venues and dozens of simultaneous sessions, APCG gatherings invariably feel like home and the talks are usually way more gripping, as prospective scholars rehearse their skills and old-timers (me, now) reprise evolving projects, showing how work-in-progress becomes professional papers and journal manuscripts and ably illustrated articles — a sequence I've tried to teach at every level throughout my career, from student to reviewer to mentor of junior colleagues to journal editor to academic veteran.

Those of us who are teachers might agree that our job is less passing along “facts” than the revelation of insider skills, though from my students I invariably learn a lot of “how to” and technological wizardry in matters of presentation quality. With dozens of APCG talks completed by graduate students I've worked with across the years, it's a delight to see how fellowship, peer-mentoring, technical advice, and suggestions in apps-used and theories-brought-to-bear come together in our meetings. Yet the APCG is far more than regular gatherings and funding for deserving students, it provides program reviewers, regional expertise, newsletters and journals, travel companions and fieldwork support, and a sounding board for triumphs and occasional torments. Most of all, we are about ideas and inspiration. While none of that comes from me alone, I've taken on all of these roles, and recognition of that would be welcome.

And I will admit, too, nostalgia matters. My earliest official organizational membership was in the APCG, and at the 1985 Los Angeles meeting I gave my first professional talk. I remember Susan Hardwick offering congratulations with the warm words so characteristic of her, and close by loomed Kit Salter — then at UCLA — in full swing. With a minimum of shame, a pod of us grad students escaped from quite the peculiar banquet scene into a UCLA sculpture garden, toting a bottle of wine conveniently rescued from one of the non-consuming tables. For those who rely on numbers, I've given talks at fourteen of our meetings since then, and attended a number more: being there is always a pleasure, as regional meetings should be.

But professional organizations are about way more than annual meetings. For me, the APCG is the venue where students can be invited to join and watch and learn and step out on their own, and get advice for refinement and improvement — or showcase a virtuoso set of skills. Young colleagues can present preliminary data or hard-won conclusions; that happens and is great. The prospect of a meeting, with the run-up and rehearsals and the participation (and the availability of the Yearbook and *Pacifica* as pub-

lication venues) moves everyone onto a serious footing: from undergrads (even high-school students) to golden oldies, there's much to be said and shown and shared.

In the larger world of academia, running for office typically fits into the category of “service,” but the service involved goes well beyond the usual committees and meetings and obligations. In a recent on-line survey I filled out as a lark, I was rated as preternaturally high on “friendliness,” but ironically if maybe predictably, weak in dutifulness, since I'd recently stepped down from an intense three-year term as department chair. There are stories that make this contrast totally believable, but if elected, I promise to attend to all duties with earnest fortitude and graceful humor.

For the APCG and AAG, for our profession, and for cultural-historical-regional geography, which I regard as my main interest, I've tried to be present and useful. I've done multiple stints as an outside program reviewer (you know where and who you are); edited the *Geographical Review* for six years (the first editor ever outside of Manhattan); I am a founding, and still a consulting, editor for the AAG Review of Books, with responsibility for identifying volumes by nongeographers, finding inspiring and review-worthy books in foreign languages, and assembling review-essays of multiple books in one review — a particular pleasure. Let me know what you'd like to review. I've helped edit into shape doctoral dissertations by five of my own advisees, and done the same for theses by twenty-five masters students (with thesis topics ranging from artisanal organic ice cream to gravel pits to Moab outdoor recreation to Mexican arrastras). To date, I've evaluated fifty-one book manuscripts for university presses (and another handful for trade books), most of which went from manuscript into print. Of my own writing, there are five books, more in the works, and over a hundred chapters, articles, and reviews on substantially varied themes (you can look them up). Some of you have written nice reviews of the books, including *A Field Guide to California Agriculture*, which earned the J.B. Jackson Prize of the AAG as the best book by a geographer in 2009. I am on multiple nonprofit Boards, including the Black Rock Institute, a 501(c)(3) that I co-created which publishes books, sponsors lectures, and currently holds all the rights to *Landscape*, the justly-famed magazine published by J.B. Jackson and, later, Blair Boyd, which we hope to fully-digitize into PDF form, with a best-of anthology in the works. A proud possession, needing only some extra time and funding to become a reality.

For the APCG, I've been part of a small cadre of members pressing for greater diversity, creating opportunity, and bringing in potential new members who might not before have known about geography as a field. I owe so much in that regard to Dan Arreola, Kate Berry, Larry Ford, Dennis Dingemans, Susan Hardwick, and others, including many of my teachers in Berkeley and, earlier, LaJolla (well, UCSD). I came to academic geography lamentably late; in my high school, which was a good one, the only geography course was taught by the basketball coach (Coach

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Glenn) because, so convention had it, that was the sole course he was capable of teaching — by which I mean to say nothing bad about coaches, or basketball, or high school, but that does suggest where high school geography in the 1970s stood in terms of prestiges.

Geography has come a long way and thank goodness for all that, and as a field of study, it can improve and broaden its reach still more.

So, enough “I.” Few of us were around when Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young released “Teach Your Children,” and in the APCG now hardly any of us qualify as “children.” But teaching well is important, and unlike the AAG and many other organizations that are about providing a front-and-center venue for professional grandstanding, the APCG really is, to my mind, about teaching and providing opportunities and inviting new faces into a limited yet devoted crowd. Making sure that we are as varied as possible is crucial: as Patricia Limerick notes in the *Legacy of Conquest*, the West beyond the Rocky Mountains is hugely varied. Geographers should be better prepared than almost any group to showcase that. I’ve given talks far and wide, and tried to leave behind an enduring interest and enthusiasm for what geographers do: our emphasis is on the applied and practical and field-oriented.

Working, as I write this, in a garret office just outside the ancient blond-stone walls of a Roman-Moorish town in western Spain, whence came many of the conquistadors, and speaking Spanish for 6–8 hours a day, I live and salute diversity. I cannot promise huge changes to the APCG, and I’m not sure I’d want them. If you move me along as a VP, I won’t bore you, and I will try to make us more welcoming and better-still. Beyond the APCG being the most active of AAG regional groups, our newsletters and ideas and meetings and interactions are invariably interesting and frequently fun. Thanks for thinking of me, and let me know what I can do for you.

Deborah Thien, Candidate for Vice-President

Professor of Geography
California State University, Long Beach

Dear Colleagues, My research interests include geographies of gender, emotion, health and well-being; feminist theories and practices; feminist and psychoanalytic theorizations of emotion; and qualitative methodologies.

Originally from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, I did MA research while residing in the South Island of New Zealand (“Across the Street: An Intimate Feminist Geography in Aotearoa/New Zealand”) and I completed my PhD dissertation in another island locale, the Shetland Isles, (“Intimate Distances: Geography and Gender in Shetland”, 2005) while at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Since my arrival at CSULB in 2006, I have continued to be fascinated by the deeply felt relationships between people and their envi-

ronments, and especially by the intersections of gender, place and emotion. These interests have manifested in studies of Post-traumatic stress disorder, indigenous sacred space, civic engagement, and diversity matters in higher education landscapes. I am newly involved in a research consortium developing a program of Catalina Island-related research.

I am an editor for *Emotion, Space & Society* and recently stepped down after 6 years of editing the ‘cultural geographies of practice’ section of *cultural geographies*. I currently serve as the interim director of CSULB’s Honors Program.

I have been a member of APCG since my arrival in the region in 2006 – in fact, as a very new Assistant Professor, I served as co-chair of the APCG annual conference in Long Beach in 2007. I have served as the APCG Women’s Network Co-Chair for the past 5 years. I would love to maintain my APCG involvement via this new role.

Fernando J. Bosco, Candidate for AAG Regional Councillor

Professor of Geography
San Diego State University

I have been a member of the APCG since taking my position at San Diego State University in 2002. I earned my Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from The Ohio State University, and my B.A. degree from Wittenberg University—also in Ohio. After spending my geography formative years in the mid-west, moving to California was not really difficult. In the west coast, I found sunnier skies but, more importantly, I met wonderful colleagues and students up and down the coast (which I soon learned also included Arizona and Nevada!). Much of this was the result of joining the APCG and attending the annual meetings. This is why is I welcome the opportunity to run for the position of Regional Councillor and continue serving our Association.

I am a professor of geography at San Diego State University, where I work in the areas of urban, political and social geography, with an overarching interest in issues of social change and social justice in the United States and Latin America. My research interests include analyses of the geographic dimensions of social movements and collective action, the social and political geographies of children, families and their communities, and geographies of food in urban contexts. I also have a strong interest in the history of geographic thought and on qualitative methods in geography. I have published articles and book chapters on human rights movements in Argentina, on the struggles of immigrant women and their children in Southern California, on alternative food movements and practices in San Diego, and on young people’s activism—to name a few. I regularly teach undergraduate and graduate courses and seminars on these topics and I emphasize the importance of community-based geographic research and of critically engaged scholarship.

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Besides my research and teaching, I have always valued service to our discipline. I am a fervent advocate for geography because I believe the future of our discipline depends on our actions today. Much of this means being involved and active, educating the next generations of geographers and serving the organizations that are the public face of our discipline. My first service for the APCG included being a member of the Student Awards Committee for a couple of years soon after I joined. After that, I became a member of the Editorial Board of the APCG Yearbook in 2007 and a member of the LATS (Latino/a American Travel Scholarship) Committee in 2010, positions that I still occupy today. In addition, I co-organized and co-chaired the APCG annual meeting in San Diego in 2009, a highly rewarding (if exhausting!) experience. Finally, I ran for vice-president of our association in 2011. At the national level, I have been involved with the AAG in different ways, including as board member and chair of the Qualitative Research Specialty Group from 2004 to 2007, organizer of the graduate student research grant competition for the Qualitative Research Specialty Group in 2004 and 2005, and board member of the Economic Geography Specialty Group from 2005 to 2007. More recently, I have been involved in service to our discipline outside our formal geography associations. From 2011 to 2014, I served as senior panelist for the Geography and Spatial Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC. Since last year, I have been a member of the Development Committee for the Human Geography AP (Advanced Placement) Program that is administered by The College Board.

If elected Regional Councillor, I plan on continuing serving the APCG and the departments in our region with the same level of commitment and energy. Thanks to the work of everyone involved with the APCG over so many years and up to today, our association is one of the strongest in the country and our national geography association is well aware of that. My goal is to continue to advocate, at the national level, for the issues that our important to us in the Pacific coast. To that end, I plan on soliciting and listening to questions and concerns from our members and make sure we are well represented at council meetings, with the goal of supporting and promote our regional division in front of our national representatives. On the other hand, I commit to communicate to all of you any developments at the AAG that may impact the APCG and the departments in our region, in either positive or negative ways, and to work cooperatively with many of you to remedy any issues. Again, thank you for the opportunity to run for the position of Regional Councillor for the APCG.

Sriram Khé, Candidate for AAG Regional Councillor Associate Professor of Geography Western Oregon University

I am delighted with this opportunity in which, if elected, I will be able to simultaneously serve the APCG and the AAG.

Over the years, I have served the APCG in a number of capacities. In 2013-2014, I was the APCG's president, after having been elected the vice-president for the year prior to that. I was the APCG's editor for *Pacifica* for a little more than five years, from mid-2005 till the end of 2010. This year, I am serving on the APCG's Membership Committee; I volunteered to do this because, like many APCG members, I enjoy the professional and intellectual camaraderie the APCG makes possible and would like to see an increase in sustained membership. In all, for more than eleven years, I have been actively involved with the organization at various levels and have enjoyed every moment of this commitment.

I have been active with the AAG as well. I am currently wrapping up my three-year term on the AAG's Publications Committee, in which I have been able to contribute my proverbial two-cents on various items of value to members—from the hiring of editors to the launch of the latest journal, *GeoHumanities*. Between 2007 and 2013, I served two three-year terms on the AAG's Committee on College Geography and Careers. When I chaired that Committee, we co-sponsored a panel discussion at the annual meeting in Seattle (2011) on "Geography and Liberal Education: Intersecting Points on a Map?"—a topic that continues to deeply interest me.

All through these active involvements with the APCG and the AAG, I have had close interactions with our Regional Councillors as well, especially with Scott Mensing—the current Councillor whose term ends in June 2016. I am very familiar with the APCG region, across its multiple levels of higher education, and I am confident that I will serve our collective interests well. As your AAG Regional Councillor, I will seek your input on how to continue to improve the interactions with members and non-members alike, in order to promote both the APCG and the AAG.

If you think I can provide you with additional information regarding my candidacy, please contact me at khes@wou.edu, which is my email address at Western Oregon University (WOU), where I have been a tenured member of the Geography Department since 2004. Prior to joining WOU, and after earning my PhD from the University of Southern California, I taught at California State University-Bakersfield for two years and worked as a transportation planner for six years with the Kern Council of Governments.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for including my name as a candidate for the AAG Regional Councillor position.

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Robert T. (Bob) Richardson, Candidate for Treasurer

Professor Emeritus
CSU Sacramento

I began teaching in 1969 at San Fernando Valley State College (soon renamed 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 twelve years later still unable to shake free. Despite Microsoft's dropping Windows XP two years ago today (April 8) I have continued to function properly as Treasurer. The member database is in FoxPro 2.6a, if you can believe it, and it won't run in OS's more recent than XP. At the Business Meeting in Palm Springs Dennis Dingemans urged me to go for 20 years as Treasurer, so what the hey, I'll do it!

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Water Resources with 7 new courses; at Cal State Chico a new B.S degree; at Pierce College an AA-T in Geography (Associate in Arts degree in Geography for Transfer) and an AA degree in GIS; at Portland State a new minor in Water Resources; at San Francisco State a new B.S. in Environmental Science; and at Univ. of Washington a new online Masters in and Sustainability Management.

On the whole there has been more growth in new faculty than loss of positions, a welcome new trend following the severe budget cuts of a few years ago. At least seven departments indicate new hires (Univ. of Washington, Chico State, UCLA, UC Davis, Univ. of Nevada, Reno, Univ. of Oregon, and Oregon State) which appear in most cases to be new additions to the faculty.

Scott Mensing, Regional Councillor, sent out a short survey to all chairs in the region asking the following four questions:

1. *Have you added any new programs/degrees/faculty or contrary, lost ground?*
2. *Do you see growth/decline/no change in your undergraduate major numbers?*
3. *Do you see growth/decline/no change in your graduate major numbers?*
4. *Are there any issues/concerns you would like AAG leadership to be aware of?*

Of the 43 departments contacted, I received responses from 20 department chairs. University of Southern California; San Diego State University; California State University, Northridge; California State University, Chico; University of California, Santa Barbara; California State University, Stanislaus; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Davis; Pierce College; American River College; California State University, Sacramento; University of Nevada, Reno; Portland State University; University of Alaska Fairbanks; Oregon State University; San Francisco State University; Trinity Western University, British Columbia; University of Washington; University of Idaho. Below is a summary of the responses:

Have you added any new programs/degrees/faculty or contrary, lost ground?

Across the region, among department responding there is greater growth of faculty than attrition as well as a number of new programs being started. At least seven de-

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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@occ.cccd.edu.

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departments indicate new hires (Univ. of Washington, Chico State, UCLA, UC Davis, Univ. of Nevada, Reno, Univ. of Oregon, and Oregon State) which appear in most cases to be new additions to the faculty.

At least nine departments have initiated new programs or degrees including at USC an M.S. in Spatial Informatics and Ph.D. in Population, Health and Place; at San Diego State three new research centers with foci in social media data analytics, water resources and climate, and security; at Cal State, Northridge a new curriculum on Water resources with 7 new courses; at Cal State Chico a new B.S degree; at Pierce College an AA-T in Geography (Associate in Arts degree in Geography for Transfer); Certificate of Achievement – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the final stages of approval for an AA degree in GIS; at Portland State a new minor in Water Resources; at San Francisco State a new B.S. in Environmental Science; at Univ. of Washington a new online Masters in and Sustainability Management; at Univ. of Idaho the Climate Change minor was converted to a certificate. At Trinity Western in British Columbia the Geography and Environmental Studies programs have merged into the Department of Geography and Environment to launch fall 2016.

Do you see growth/decline/no change in your undergraduate major numbers?

While many departments report development of new programs, only a handful report increasing undergraduate majors (USC, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento, and potential at SF State with the new B. S. in Environmental Science). Among other department responses there was an equal split between those with no growth and those that are declining. Indeed the number of new programs being developed may be in response to the effort to attract undergraduate majors. For those departments with growth, while it may simply be institutional demographics, if there are any specific efforts being made that appear to be successful, it would be valuable to share these ideas with other institutions in the region struggling to increase majors.

Do you see growth/decline/no change in your graduate major numbers?

Almost universally across the region graduate programs are stable with no growth, but no loss. A few departments (USC, Oregon State, Univ. of Idaho) report growth in numbers and quality of graduates or applicants. But, on the whole, programs seem to have shown no growth over the recent period.

Are there any issues/concerns you would like AAG leadership to be aware of?

A variety of issues were raised by department chairs, some of which may be worth pursuing by the AAG or through the Health Departments Committee. I present them here in no particular rank or order:

- Help develop linkages between community colleges and four year institutions to promote geography transfer students. This could help with growth of undergraduate majors.
- There appears to be a nationwide trend for an increase in GIScience but not always with the link to geography. There is a concern that without training in geography GIS degrees may proliferate, but geography could be eliminated or diminished.
- Within the Cal State system (a very large system with many Geography departments) salaries within Geography are lower than in disciplines such as biology and agriculture for comparable positions. Has a salary equity study been done that might help departments negotiate higher salaries?
- A number of departments have merged or changed names in recent years. Have there been any studies/data on whether these have proved successful?
- Would it be possible to create an AAG Fellows program comparable to other disciplines (e.g. Geology)?
- The APCG mailing address resides at Cal State Sacramento but the university administration is demanding it be removed from the department. Is there some solution to this problem? Departments might need the backing of the AAG to allow departments to keep these functions. [Now resolved, thanks to Michael Schmandt's hard work.]
- There is concern that the People, Place and Regions section of the Annals does not accept scientific research on humans that involves quantitative data.



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 Portland, 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 under-represented in Geography. The special grants include those for students of Latin 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. Consider applying for the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, named in honor of the legendary San Diego State geographer who walked and "lurked" around city centers and neighborhoods to study their commonalities 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 offer awards at the undergraduate and graduate level for students doing research in physical geography.

Apply for one or more of these scholarships, and enter the paper or poster competitions! If you are a faculty member, please encourage your students to apply. Below you will find a brief description of the opportunities to compete for award money and recognition, but please double check the Grants and Scholarships website for any last minute alterations, announcements, requirements, and/or deadline changes.

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. Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Undergraduate Student Paper, \$500
3. Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Graduate Student Paper, \$500
4. President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, \$200
5. President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a Master's Student, \$200
6. President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200
7. Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, \$200
8. Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for Excellence in Area Studies, \$200
9. President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200

In order to be eligible, students must be members of the APCG, register for the conference, and submit the regular short abstract to the conference organizer. In addition, **students must submit an extended abstract (1,250 words max) and awards competition application form to the Awards Committee Chair, and present the paper or poster at the conference.** Extended abstracts are required for both paper and poster entries; formatting guidelines are available on the APCG web site. Unless specified, awards are open to undergraduate and graduate students. Papers may be co-authored **only if all authors are students**. Evaluation is made by the APCG Awards Committee based on the extended abstract and the presentation. For guidelines and application forms, see the *Grants & Scholarships* page on the APCG website, or contact:

Dr. Brian Pompeii, APCG Awards Committee, Social Sciences Department, Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, (805) 756-1150, bpompeii@calpoly.edu

For information about the conference, registration, and the call for papers/abstracts, visit <http://apcgweb.org/conferences>

Deadline for extended abstract and competition application forms to Brian Pompeii is Friday, September 2, 2016

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 will be 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 pa-

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per/poster competition to be eligible for a travel grant. Travel grant applications can be emailed to Brian Pompeii, bpompeii@calpoly.edu, and must be received by Wednesday, September 2, 2016. Recipients will be notified by September 9, 2016, and will be awarded grant checks at the annual awards banquet in Portland (or by mail afterward).

African Descent Student Travel Scholarships

The APCG offers travel grants to attend the APCG Annual Meeting in Portland, OR (October 5-8, 2016): \$200 for current Geography students who attend the meeting; \$300 for current Geography students who present papers or posters. Application deadline is Wednesday, August 31.

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 Portland 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 2016

Travel Grants to Attend the 2016 APCG Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon Application Deadline: **Friday September 16, 2016** (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 conference, statement about the student's Indigenous/Native background, and, if presenting a paper or poster, a description of the research topic (if presenting); 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—27 June (last Monday of the month). The goal of the awards committee and the now-numerous donors is simple: students who receive this award will have the \$500 available for supplemental summer use (applicants will be notified in mid-July). Recipients can use the funds right away, and must present at least preliminary results at the APCG meeting this year in Portland, Oregon, 05-08 October, 2016.

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

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

Additional questions about the scholarship can also be e-mailed to Paul, although for 2016 please understand that he is doing field research in western Spain until mid-June, so any reply may be delayed somewhat as a result. 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 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 2016 APCG Annual Meeting in Portland include \$200 for Non-Presenting Students and \$300 for Presenting Students. Application Deadline: **September 5, 2016**.

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 2016, the committee will determine the number of awards based on the applicant pool. A non-presenting student must register for and attend the Portland 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
6. Applicant 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 Portland 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:

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APCG Women's Network Travel Grants

For attendance to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the APCG, October 5-8, Portland, OR **Nomination materials due: August 1, 2016**

The Women's Network invites all faculty members of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG) to nominate an outstanding female undergraduate or graduate student for a Women's Network Travel Grant. The Travel Grant, at \$200 per award, is designed to support female student attendance and participation in the APCG Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, October 5-8, 2016.

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 annual 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 grant, the Women's Network will also pay for a one-year student APCG membership, and the cost of the 2016 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 by faculty must be received by August 1, 2016. Faculty may nominate more than one student. 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.

Please ask your student nominees to write a one-page statement detailing: 1) their current interests and goals in the field of geography; and 2) why they want to attend the APCG meeting. Please also include a phone number, email, and mailing address.

All nomination materials should be emailed to the Women's Network co-coordinators, Katie Meehan (meehan@uoregon.edu) and Jessie Clark (jessieclark@unr.edu) by August 1. We will notify recipients by mid August.

WANT TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN GEOGRAPHY?

The Travel Grant is entirely funded through voluntary contributions. Several years ago, to assure a more secure funding for the Travel Grants, the APCG Women's Network 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'.

Checks should be made out to APCG, with "Women's Network" written in the memo line. Please mail checks to:

APCG/Dept. of Geography
CSU, Sacramento
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Sacramento, CA 95819-6003

Alternatively, donations can be made through the APCG Paypal website. Simply navigate to the main APCG website (<http://www.apcgweb.org/>), scroll to the bottom and click "Donate", and contribute a monetary amount in the "APCG Women's Network Travel Grants" box. Thank you for your support of young women scholars in Geography!

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Whistler-Blackcomb's planned \$354 million multiyear renaissance will "insulate the resort from variable weather by strengthening its non-skiing activities" (Global News 2016).



Figure 3 Machine groomed run above Lake Tahoe

The changes outlined above are an industry response to shifting investment and market conditions, new technology, and a warming climate that delivers more rain than snow across the American west. In addition, machine groomed slopes to help beginners learn the sport and extend the career of older skiers, is now standard operating practice (Figure 3). Resorts are also expanding "terrain park" upgrades that feature jumps, railings, and other obstacles favored by snowboarders and a growing skier clientele. The most recent change is to facilitate the explosion of side country (terrain adjacent to resorts) and uphill travel made possible by vastly improved skis, boots, climbing skins, and avalanche gear.

The first resorts in APCG territory began towing skiers uphill in the late 1920s. Although more changes loom ahead, the lifts will spin so long as winter snow blankets the mountains and patrons seek the thrill of sliding downhill.

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A Call to Contribute to the World War I Centennial Project

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World War One (1914-1918), a thoroughly unhappy event, is nevertheless having its 100th birthday. Your APCG vice president is using some of his retirement time to participate in a nationwide research and commemoration effort under the auspices of the World War One Centennial Commission. Authorized and (partially) funded by Congress in 2013, its leadership includes Jimmy Carter and the other living ex-presidents. The Commission seeks to gain the participation of representatives of each of the country's more than 3300 Counties (or their equivalent regional units) and my home Yolo County now has a designated World War One committee. "The Great War" deserves attention and interpretation for its status as, arguably, the most important event in the history of the Euro-centric modern world (with the French Revolution and WW Two as strong rival). It was a war with global components in the sources of its soldiers, sites of military operation, and consequences of its outcomes.

The Carter vision as outlined in the Yolo County appointment letter and other on-line summaries is to focus on the local scale. Our committee aims to learn more about the war's consequences for our portion of the four-county metropolitan area, our southern end of the 13 county Sacramento Valley, our populous state, and comparative regional patterns at the national scale. A product will be a travelling exhibit to be posted in the County's small town libraries. The five-person committee is headed by the President and Vice President of the Yolo County Historical Society, the now-retired former Director of the county's Archives, a leader of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, and an well-known participant in many community organizations.

Efforts are just getting started and this brief note aims to inspire more geographers to realize how satisfying it would be to participate in or even to organize your region's centennial exploration of "The War to End All Wars."

The War was notable for its application of modern industrial and scientific technologies to the horrible tasks of war. Machine guns, very large canon, tanks, poison gas, submarines, torpedoes and fighter and bombing aircraft were newly significant in the killing fields and shipping lanes. The Sacramento metro area was home to aircraft production on a significant scale. Five miles north of downtown Sacramento, the pilot-trainer-biplanes known the "Jenny" (a Curtiss JN-4) came out of a rapidly re-purposed minor industrial district. A dozen miles away, what was later known as Mather Air Force Base became a major runway and flight facility for pilot training. California's benevolent winter weather and aggressive advocacy for military base expenditures brought these federal war dollars to Sacramento.

The War's Sacramento area manifestations were most significantly the contribution of volunteers and draftees. Yolo had an unusually high share of the former and its fair share of the latter. Extensive training was mostly either in Washington State's Camp Lewis or in San Diego County's Camp Kearny (now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar). Yolo, having had one of the State's few Armories and an active National Guard unit in Woodland, participated in the 1916 cross-border campaign to punish Poncho Villa. That activity gave our county's soldiers valuable training and familiarity with its leader, Pershing, who subsequently directed the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. General John "Black Jack" Pershing and the national leadership carried out a decision to not organize the fighting forces on a statewide basis, so our county's identity as a successful unit was merged with trainees from many Western states.

The war was not widely popular. National leadership engaged in what they openly labeled "propaganda" to change attitudes. Participation by draftees was depicted as essential, heroic, and a patriotic duty. The other side was vociferously demeaned as "the Hun" and characterized as a negative force running counter to democratic and progressive trends in European culture. In the Sacramento Area,



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German-heritage residents were numerous and well known for their political, economic, and cultural achievements. In the Davis area of the county in 1917 some poignant reports in the local paper, *The Enterprise*, revealed ethnic tensions. The Scottish-heritage editor described triumphantly how for several weeks a committee “went out to the German Districts outside of town” to solicit Liberty Loan contributions and to ascertain the degree of loyalty manifested there. Sometimes a bit of “persuasion” was said to have been required before belated contributions followed. But most of the Germans paid up and assured the committee of their loyalty to the home team.



The War was more popular after it was over and won. A concerted effort tried to make it seem worthwhile. Yolo County has scores of WW One cemetery markers and notable “Veterans Memorial” buildings. More Yolo County soldiers (31) died in this war than in the Korean war (24) but less than in WW 2 (281) or in the Viet Nam War (43). Sacramento’s Memorial Auditorium was a major undertaking that has since 1927 hosted scores and scores of the metro area’s biggest events, from high school graduations to the “sneak preview” concert by John Fogerty in 2012. Now on the national register, it is one of the most recognizable and even beloved structures in the region.

The Sacramento area has gotten a head start on the Centennial commemoration. Two Sacramento Public Library librarians published in March of 2016 a 160-page monograph, “World War I and the Sacramento Valley.” It contains substantial research on the contributions solicited from and given by the women of the region. Sacramento was identified as vital to the supply of food that was needed to rescue Europe from shortages and hunger. Women were to become even more important in the agricultural labor force. Women were to take industrial and commercial jobs in greater numbers. Women were to manage the domestic front through campaigns such as “meatless Mondays,” “sugarless Wednesdays,” and “wheatless Fridays.”

There are two areas of research and writing for which I have been made responsible. First is the geography of German settlement and an inventory of incidents of discrimination and of cooperation. An irony of this work will be the contrast with a well-known event of WW II wherein many hundreds of German prisoners of war were un-controversially housed for 18 months on three farms in Yolo County. These were selected because of their need to have agricultural labor but also because so many of the farming families here could speak German. My second research topic concerns the geography of volunteers, draftees, and deaths during the war. Themes in my writing will include the pattern of urban versus rural rates of enthusiasm (volunteering), cooperation (compliance with the draft), and luck (return without injury).



The tuba player (left) is Davis resident Jack Grieve on the USS Oregon in 1917. It was the largest ship built in Northern California.

Members

New Members

Welcome to these 18 new members who have joined since the list in the Fall 2015 issue. (*Asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined.)

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Kirsten Dutcher
Amanda Fencl
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Amy Rock
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Contributing Members

Many thanks to the following Contributing members for 2016 (50 in all—eight from last year have yet to renew but six new Contributing Members have shown up). Of the 330 members who have already renewed or joined for 2015 as of 4/9/15 (exact same number as last year at this time!), 15% are Contributing Members, down very slightly from last year. The extra they have paid for their membership (\$1,575 more than if Regular members—and some of them could be Student or Retired members) helps to pay for the President's Awards and regular travel grants for student presenters.

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Special Fund Contributions

Since the Fall 2015 listing more contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$1,100 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$1,557 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$383 to the Latina/o Travel Scholarship Fund, \$351 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$320 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$9 in general contributions, and \$1 to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds. Most contributions were made in conjunction with membership renewal.

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Special Thanks!

We would like to extend a special thanks to **Bill Bowen** for his very generous gift of \$1,100 to cover banquet dinners for student presenters last October in Palm Springs. At the Awards ceremony he spoke movingly of how his wonderful wife, Marilyn, had come up with the idea some years earlier to do this to assure that students would actually attend the banquet, including those receiving awards. The San Diego meeting in 2009 was the first with Bowens-subsidized banquet tickets for students—and they'd already been doing the same for California Geographical Society for several years!

Special thanks also to these folks, who answered my call in late February for contributions to help cover the cost of a special reception in remembrance of Susan Hardwick at the AAG annual meeting in San Francisco. The event was held in AAG President Sarah Bednarz' swanky suite in the Hilton. All told we received \$1,275, to which APCG funds will be added and AAG will match them. The names: Jim Allen, Sarah Bednarz, Steve and Mary Beth Cunha, Robin Datel & Dennis Dingemans, Maria Fadiman, Barbara Fredrich, Jennifer Helzer, Gretchen Hill, Jan Monk, John & Bev Passerello, Denielle Perry, Bob Richardson, Les Rowntree, and Gina Thornburg.

In Memoriam

[Gary S. Dunbar](#)
1931 – 2015

Word of Gary's death came to me late, when his wife, Elizabeth, returned his 2016 renewal form with the sad news. "He was a proud member of the APCG," she wrote. He was Vice President, 1980-81, and President the following year. In addition to his Presidential Address, "'Geography Rides, Geology Walks.' The Barrett-Huntington Expedition to Central Asia in 1905" and "The Rival Geographical Societies of Fin-de-Siecle San Francisco," Gary assembled "The Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet: Messages from Charter Members of the Association of Pacific coast Geographers", which appeared in volume 48 of our *Yearbook*, to compliment the 1985 meeting hosted by UCLA. It is a treasure, twenty pages long, with "messages" from Alvena Suhl Storm, John Leighly, Hallock F. Raup, Walter W. Ristow, Arthur Carthew, Gordon Oakeshott, Theodore Treutlein, Willis H. Miller, Glenn Cunningham, Winnefred Varney Fischer, and Robert Richardson (my father!). Click on his name above to link to the AAG obituary for Gary.

–Bob Richardson



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