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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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## Feature Article

### Geographies of Food and Identity: Ethnic Foodways of Central Valley Sikhs

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“Fusion cooking,” the combination of elements from two or more culinary traditions, can be used to measure assimilation into, and acceptance of, a dominant culture, and can additionally reveal an emerging ethnic identity or foodway. Mannur (2005) argues that “the rhetorical strategies used to describe fusion as a form of culinary multiculturalism can be better understood by placing it in the context of the racial and ethnic de-

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### President's Column - Part 1: Yet another ecological gem in Chico—Valley Oak Tool Company

*Dennis Dingemans*  
 University of California, Davis

American small towns once were “great” (as Trump would say) incubators for innovations that remained locally produced and helped to forge regional identity. The Wright brothers and Dayton, Ohio, come to mind for bicycles and aviation. My home town of Albert Lea, Minnesota, was known for its Queen Stove Works which employed my dad in a cluster of heating appliance makers. Nearby was the Edwards Manufacturing

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### President's Column - Part 2: Remembering the California Water Atlas

*Dennis Dingemans*  
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The dramatic events of the water year that we are still living in brings to my mind some admirable aspects of *The California Water Atlas (1978, 1979: State of California)*. Acclaimed by reviewers as one of the greatest atlas project/products to come from APCG’s territory, it summoned what could be regarded to be lifetime-best scholarship from the geography contributors among the interdisciplinary team. As our record

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## 2017 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: Paul Starrs (unopposed). Biography can be viewed in the [Spring 2016](#) issue of *Pacifica*.

For Vice President: Brian Pompeii (unopposed). Biography below.

For Secretary: Yolonda Youngs (unopposed). Biography can be viewed in the [Spring 2015](#) issue of *Pacifica*.

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I am honored to be considered for the position of Vice President of the APCG. I received my PhD from Arizona State University in 2014 and have been an active member of the APCG since 2007. I am currently a lecturer at Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo. I am a human-environmental geographer with research interests in water access, social vulnerability, hazards, and sustainability. My current research agenda focuses on social vulnerability and drought in the San Joaquin Valley of California, advancing sustainability curriculum in higher education, and improving water access in rural southern Malawi. In Tulare County, CA my primary research project investigates how the Great California Drought was disproportionately burdened by the most disadvantaged communities. As a member of the sustainability committee of the Academic Senate and a facilitator of the Advancing Sustainability Curriculum Learning Community at Cal Poly I am leading an interdisciplinary group of faculty to collect qualitative data from students and faculty to identify and address barriers in sustainability education across the curriculum. As faculty advisor for Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Cal Poly, I am currently using mental maps collected from the field and GIS data in collaboration with a group of student engineers on the placement of new boreholes in rural southern Malawi to increase local water security. Due in part to these research and service activities, I was elected co-director of the Hazards, Risks, and Disasters Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers at the 2017 meeting in Boston. I would be honored to extend my service in the field of geography to the APCG.

As an early-career geographer I have dedicated two years of service to the APCG: one year as a judge in the student awards competition, and last year in Portland I served as the awards committee chair. My plan as Vice President is to continue building on the agendas of prior leadership platforms, including revamping the structure of the student awards committee, creating targeted recruitment strategies for universities in our region who do not regularly participate in the conference, and developing strategies to increase the diversity of APCG membership. I, however, view each of these agenda items as issues that can be addressed in concert. In discussions with past APCG Presidents I am aware that targeted email campaigns have been conducted in the past, but that such an endeavor is overdue. Using the *Pacifica*'s Fall 2016 President's column as a roadmap, I would work to target departments in our region that are underrepresented. Personalized emails would highlight our available student travel funding awards, women's network grants, and our already available scholarships for Latino/a, Indigenous, and African descent students. A possible cascading impact of this campaign is that an increase in membership could help support more aforementioned awards and student travel funding. This membership encouragement campaign would also focus on early-career faculty members who may be new to the region and who also may be working to encourage research projects of their new student mentees. As an early-career geographer myself, I think I would be an excellent fit to conduct such a campaign from Arizona to Hawaii to Alaska and everywhere in-between. As a happy resident of San Luis Obispo, CA I would also be willing to serve as organizer for another meeting to be held on the beautiful campus of Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo. As a ten year participant and advocate for the APCG I believe I would be an energetic addition to the leadership community.

# President's Column - Part 1

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Company which made a cleverly accurate tapering rain gage that I can still buy from my local Davis Ace Hardware. At the start of the previous century, Davis, California, built, refined, and shipped the Sure Pop Almond Huller worldwide (even “to the holy land”). The California University Farm settled in Davis, in part, due to the town’s cluster of agricultural tool manufacturers, irrigation infrastructure innovations, and agricultural marketing co-ops.

A good example worth seeking out in environmentally-aware Chico is the Valley Oak Tool Company. On-line sites report that it has been conceptualizing, manufacturing, and marketing “ecological garden tools” since 1990. Valley Oak Tool still claims to have just one full-time, year-round worker, the owner David Grau. Now grown to sales of a hundred thousand \$ a year, the enterprise makes and sells from an ordinary suburban house and yard at 773 Sierra View Way in central Chico. The company’s business plan is to facilitate organic gardening by diffusing hand tools that are sturdy and efficient. They make “the right (muscle powered) tool for the job.” Best sellers are the \$285 “Wheel Hoe” (with a choice of attachments that include a hiller). Replacing a gas driven roto tiller, the “Broad Fork” comes as the 4-tine, 5-tine, or 7-tine (\$465) model. Their catalog touts more than a dozen gardening hand tools such as the unique “Window Hoe Garden Weeder” (\$28) or their version of the “Ika Hoe” or the “Mont Blanc Pull Weeder” (\$19).



Grau was born in San Francisco in 1950. He lived youthful years as part of a biologically-aware UC poultry science faculty home in Berkeley and then in Davis. His mother’s famously green thumb (floral) surely influenced her offspring into gardening. David Grau found himself in Chico for some college years and for work as a therapist. A charming low key intellectual, his gentle interaction style has nurtured a persona to the status of a rock star in Chico’s Ecotopian community. Lots of locals know about him even if they haven’t met him. He was one of the founders of the Chico Certified Farmers Market, following by not many years the 1974 establishment (by geographers) of the path breaking Davis Farmers Market. He maintains a gardening tips e-newsletter and teaches gardening classes. Grau’s shift from organic market gardener to producer of gardening hardware, according to a four-year old Chico News and Review article, came about when his newly-purchased wheel hoe from Switzerland failed after just a year of hard use. He obsessed about the lack of competently designed tools and then did something about it. Hand-crafting rugged steel tools was his contribution to the goal of “Make America Great Again.”

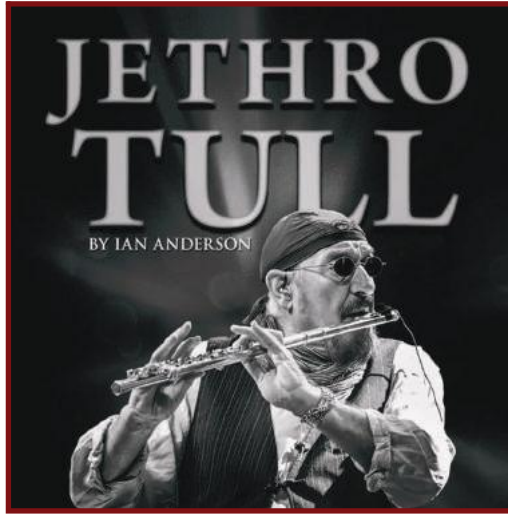
Surprisingly, over the course of community dinners I share with him at his mother’s senior housing co-op, David admitted that he knew of little of the two Jethro Tull figures that provide comparative perspective to Grau’s career. The proselytizing British agriculturalist Jethro Tull (1674 to 1741) helped to revolutionize European agriculture with his advocacy of new methods and his invention of tools. The tools and the tracts rationalized planting, improved the efficiency of cultivating, weeding, and aeration while lowering manure fertilizer usage. “Dry Farming” as an improved agricultural system owes much to Tull’s theories of the role of roots and soil aeration in plant nutrition and to his influential 1731 book “Horse-Hoeing Husbandry.”

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The other Jethro Tull was a rising British rock star, born in 1947, who adopted Tull's name when his innovative band migrated in 1967 from rusticity to Greater London and then to international touring. Rapid popularity brought his flute (played while swaying on just one leg) to stage center at San Francisco's Fillmore Ballroom where I saw him play shortly after the Northern California Summer of Love. The rock star's choice of name helped launch the reprinting of the (previously obscure) book about horse hoe husbandry.



## Geographies of Food and Identity: Ethnic Foodways of Central Valley Sikhs

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bates about diversity, difference, and assimilation in the United States without necessarily creating a homology between race on the one hand and culinary practices on the other” (74). Fusion cooking is popular in California, a state that has long served as a melting pot and home to people from all corners of the globe. Here, a culinary tourist can enjoy a fusion culture which takes inspiration from Italy, France, Mexico, and eastern Asia, and creates dishes from these cultures with non-traditional ingredients, such as Mexican pizza or the Korean taco. The Korean taco, a Korean-Mexican fusion dish, originated in California and quickly gained popularity in cities throughout North America (Amster-Burton 2009). The tacos use *bulgogi*, with all of its Asian seasonings, and the Mexican corn tortilla, fusing them together into one dish (Farivar 2009). This research provides another example of a multicultural culinary fusion within the state of California: Sikh foods in the Central Valley.

The purpose of this research is to explore the Americanization process among Sikh transnationals based on “cuisine evolution” and changes to food consumptive patterns since their arrival in California's Central Valley. Here, “cuisine evolution” refers to changes of ingredients and food preparation techniques in traditional Punjabi-Sikh dishes due to deliberate alteration of recipes to accommodate new consumer preferences and/or lack of availability of traditional foods and spices. Lack of availability can occur because the items are not sold or are difficult to grow in the United States, or because of the distance (drive time) required to obtain them from a market. This concept applies to immigrants who have lost interest in their traditional dishes or who have integrated new local foods and flavors into their cuisine—Americanizing or “watering down” their native dishes (Vu 2008, 6-7).

This research asserts that geographic location and age affect the process of acculturation among Central Valley Sikhs because Sikh migrants experience foodway assimilation differently based on their age at arrival in the Central Valley, their current age, and where they live in relation to ethnic food suppliers. The reason this research is

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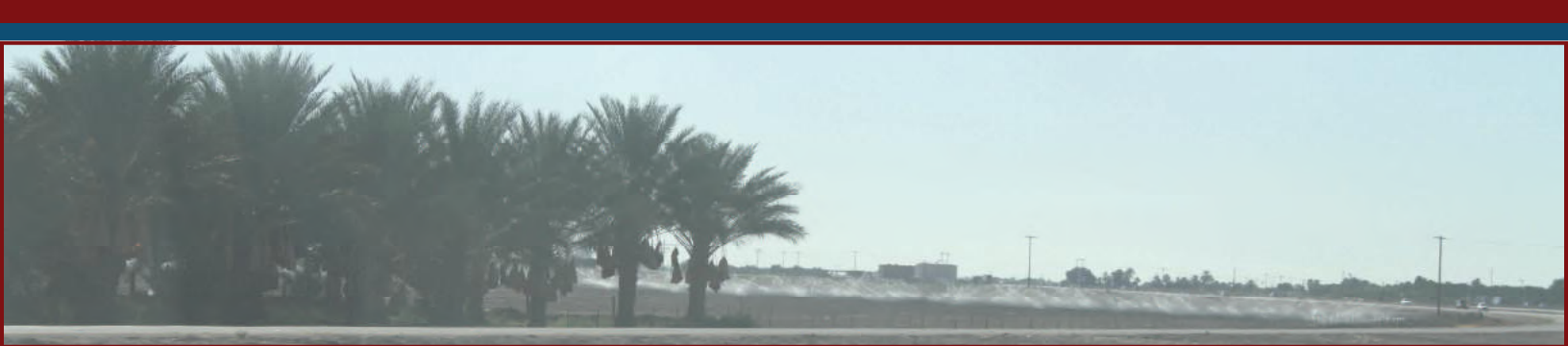
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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Department of Geography and Planning at California State University, Chico! We will be hosting the **Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 80<sup>th</sup> Annual conference** at our beautiful campus and city **October 25-28, 2017**. We are honored and excited to host again since our last time in 1989. Our department and its various faculty have been deeply involved in the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers since its founding in the 1930s. For 53 years, CSU Chico has been providing geographers and planners to federal agencies, California State, county and city agencies, and multiple private businesses to help manage and plan a sustainable and resilient future for our diverse, geographically unique human communities and environmental resources. Within the California State University system, we at CSU, Chico have prided ourselves as a leading campus in sustainable thinking and resiliency actions. Therefore, the theme of the 80<sup>th</sup> APCG meeting will be:

*Sustainable Communities*

Please visit both the APCG website and department website for further conference information and registration details:

APCG Registration Page: <https://apcg.wildapricot.org/>

CSU, Chico Information Page: <http://www.csuchico.edu/geop/apcg/index.shtml>

**Registration for the conference will open on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will end October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Our conference Co-leaders are Dr. Mark Stemen and Dr. Scott Brady, as well as myself as department chair. If there are any questions and concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to make this a memorable meeting for everyone in the APCG community and beyond.

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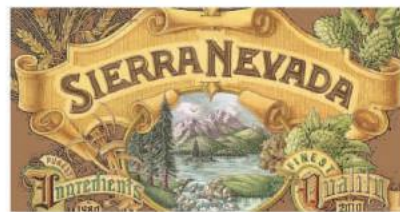
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## POTENTIAL CONFERENCE TOPICS\*



Community Planning  
Applied Geography  
Water Resources Management  
GIS and Critical Geography  
Cultural and Food Landscapes  
Conservation and Land Stewardship  
Fire Management  
Urban Geography  
\*Subject to change.

## THE CITY OF CHICO



Chico, home to the internationally-renowned Sierra Nevada Brewery, sits in the picturesque Sacramento Valley bordered by the Cascade and Mendocino Mountains. Surrounding the historic city is a mosaic of original Konkow homelands, Mexican ranchos, gold rush towns, agricultural landscapes, and the Sacramento River, a major water supplier to the Golden State.

## POTENTIAL FIELD TRIPS\*



Agricultural Landscapes  
Historic Chico and Bidwell Mansion  
Sierra Nevada Brewery  
Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve  
Lassen National Park  
Sutter Buttes  
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge  
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# Geographies of Food and Identity: Ethnic Foodways of Central Valley Sikhs

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focused on the Central Valley Sikh transnational experience is due to the lack of academic literature written about them. While a great deal of literature looks at Sikhs in North America, the United Kingdom, and other parts of the world, very little focuses on Sikhs in the Central Valley despite their large presence within the region. This research adds to the body of literature on Sikh transnationals, specifically California's Central Valley population, through the lens of food geography.

Research activities were modeled after Vu and Voeks' (2013) analysis of changing foodways of Vietnamese in Orange County, California. The current study employs a similar multi-method ethnographic approach, utilizing open-ended survey questionnaires, participant observation, and in-depth personal interviews. At least one *gurdwara* (Sikh temple) in each of the study sites was visited (Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Sacramento, and Sutter) to distribute questionnaires, perform interviews, and conduct cultural landscape analysis that included identifying Sikh symbols, Punjabi language, gathering spaces, and cultural festivals within the study area. Distance was calculated based on the drive time required to get from place of origin (home) to destination (ethnic food supplier). Participants included Sikh immigrants residing in the study area, men and women, who either have migrated from the Punjab or are the American-born offspring of Sikh immigrants.

The narratives provided in this research show the nuances that exist between the participants' age and their rate and degree of Americanization. As in Vu and Voeks (2013) re-



A procession of Sikhs following a parade float during the Hola Mohalla festival in Livingston, California.

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

## Special Thanks

Sharp-eyed readers may have wondered why the Spring 2016 issue of *Pacifica* didn't include bottom-line information from the Palm Springs meeting. The reason: principal organizer Jim Craine was still trying to pry loose promised funds from the CSUN administration. By this past fall, with new administrators and a new fiscal year, it was obvious that he'd never receive the cash infusion. So instead of winding up breaking even, as he had anticipated would be the case, the net bottom line for Palm Springs was a loss of \$1,500. Fortunately, since the big loss of 2001 (that annual meeting started on September 12), our annual meetings have averaged a goodly profit, most of it going to student travel grants. I'd like to thank Jim for all the hard work he did making that excellent meeting happen. Jim has a nice summary of the meeting in the *Yearbook*, volume 78.

The Portland meeting last fall has rung up a major profit, which right now seems finalized at \$8,158.49 after one last adjustment today (April 13). Bravo PSU People, especially Hunter Shobe and Dave Banis! With it we are in great shape leading up to Chico, where we'll give out around \$5000 in APCG student awards and travel grants, plus a bit more than that in special-fund awards to students.

--Bob Richardson, Treasurer

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## Geographies of Food and Identity: Ethnic Foodways of Central Valley Sikhs

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search on Vietnamese diaspora in Orange County, results in this study indicate that members of the first generation of the Central Valley Sikh population retain food culture more strongly than those of subsequent generations. The older generation of Central Valley Sikhs, those who arrived the earliest, are least Americanized and tend to preserve a traditional Indian-Punjabi diet; whereas the younger immigrant generation and native-born Central Valley Sikhs are most Americanized and tend to incorporate more of the local, American cuisine into their diets. This aspect of the research reveals that youths who arrived in more recent decades and those who are American-born straddle between being Punjabi and being American, a dynamic that is reflected in their foodways. When cooking non-Punjabi food, they would add Indian flavors such as curry, turmeric, and masala to

dishes that would not normally contain those ingredients. Contact with American cultures has resulted in exposure to new types of foods and as a result we are witnessing an emerging Sikh foodway culture and ethnogenesis in the Central Valley.

A culturally diverse region with an agrarian base, the Central Valley hosts a number of ethnic grocers that supply traditional ingredients and basic components necessary to a Sikh vegetarian diet (for example, fresh vegetables and grains). However, ingredients and food items that figure into traditional Sikh cuisine are also amply available at American grocers. Furthermore, the Central Valley is within a reasonable distance (45-60 minutes by car) to revered ethnic markets in the Bay Area, which aids in providing access to customary ingredients. Field research

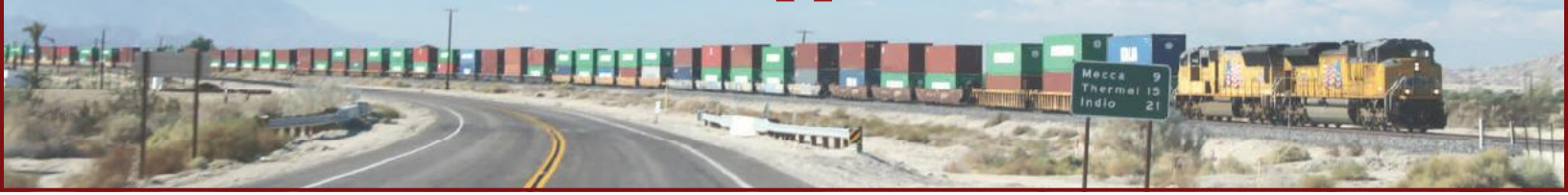


Chickpea burgers being served at the Hola Mohalla festival, an example of a food fusion.

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# 2017 Opportunities for Students



If you are an undergraduate, Master's, or PhD student of Geography and have the ambition to attend this fall's APCG meeting in Chico, 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 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

Here is an excellent opportunity for students who would like the experience of presenting their research at a professional, yet safe and friendly, meeting. Students benefit from the challenge of presenting to a diverse audience and receiving expert feedback. Papers by students are a significant portion of the presentations at our annual meeting. To encourage participation and to recognize and reward meritorious student scholarship, the APCG will offer 9 awards at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Chico, CA. The awards to the student presenters are as follows:

### Doctoral Level

- 1) President's Award for an Outstanding Paper, \$200
- 2) Tom McKnight & Joan Clemons Award for an Outstanding Paper, \$200
- 3) Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Student Paper, \$500

### Master's Level

- 4) President's Award for an Outstanding Paper, \$200
- 5) Tom McKnight & Joan Clemons Award for an Outstanding Paper, \$200
- 6) Harry & Shirley Bailey Award for an Outstanding Physical Geography Paper, \$200

### Baccalaureate Level

- 7) President's Award for an Outstanding Paper, \$200
- 8) Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Student Paper, \$500

### Open Level

- 9) President's Award for Outstanding Poster, \$200

### Notes:

- Judges will evaluate all papers within their degree level.
- Judges may withhold awards or transfer them between levels.
- Faculty may co-author, but only students may present.

The Awards are open to undergraduate and graduate students who are APCG members. 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. Student presenters may also apply for a travel grant of \$200.

To enter the student paper or poster competition, students must complete the following steps:

- 1) Submit the regular short abstract to the 2017 conference coordinator for Chico, CA, as outlined in the Call for Papers/ Abstracts for the 2017 annual meeting. For details, check the [Conferences](#) page.
- 2) Submit an [extended abstract](#) (1,200 words max) to Stephen Cunha, APCG Awards Committee Chair, by September 1, 2017. Send extended abstracts (attached as a Word file) to [sc10@humboldt.edu](mailto:sc10@humboldt.edu).
- 3) Complete a [Student Paper and Poster Competition Application Form](#) and send it to Stephen Cunha along with the extended abstract.
- 4) Be a member of the APCG and register for the conference.

**Deadline for submission of the extended abstracts and awards competition application forms is September 1, 2017.**

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# 2017 Opportunities for Students

## Travel Awards for Student Presenters

To encourage student participation, 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 paper/poster competition to be eligible for a travel grant. [Travel grant applications](#) can be emailed to [Stephen Cunha](#) and must be received by September 1, 2017. Recipients will be notified by September 8, 2017, and will be awarded grant checks at the banquet in Portland (or by mail afterward).

## African Descent Student Travel Scholarships

The APCG offers travel grants to attend the APCG Annual Meeting in Chico CA, 25-28 October: \$200 for current Geography students who attend the meeting; \$300 for current Geography students who present papers or posters. Application deadline is Tuesday 5 September 2017.

Application requires two steps:

- 1) A statement about the student's interests in geography, commitment to attend the Chico meeting, and, if presenting a paper or poster, the topic, and the student's ethnic background, and
- 2) A supporting letter of reference from a faculty member.

Please email the student statement and the faculty support letter to: James W. Harrington, University of Washington, Tacoma [jwh@u.washington.edu](mailto:jwh@u.washington.edu)

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.

*This is also an appeal to those of you who would like to donate funds to provide an opportunity for Geography students of African descent to attend APCG annual meetings. Funds may be sent to: Robert Richardson, APCG/Geography, CSU Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6003. Please indicate ADSTS on the memo of the check.*

## Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship 2017

Travel Grants to Attend the 2017 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG) Annual Meeting in Chico, California. Application Deadline: **Friday September 29, 2017** (early deci-

sions 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](mailto: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—16 June 2017. 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 by early July). Recipients can use the funds right away, and must present at least preliminary results at the APCG meeting this year in Chico, California, 25–28 October,

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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](mailto:starrs@unr.edu). Profs. Michael Schmandt (CSU Sacramento), and Dydia DeLyser (CSU Fullerton) are the other committee members. Additional questions about the scholarship can be e-mailed to Paul; please place "LFFSCG" in any e-mail's subject line, including the e-mail conveying your submission.

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 2017 APCG Annual Meeting in Chico, CA, October 25-28, include \$200 for Non-Presenting Students and \$300 for Presenting Students. In addition, the meal cost for the awards banquet will be paid by LATS. **Application Deadline September 18, 2017.**

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 2017, the committee will determine the number of awards based on the applicant pool. A non-presenting student must register for and attend the Chico 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.

Applications and letters must be received by 5 pm PST on the deadline for full consideration. Please place LATS 2017 in the subject line. 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](mailto:daniel.arreola@asu.edu).

## 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 Chico 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

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## APCG Women's Network Travel Grants

For attendance to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the APCG, October 25-28, Chico, CA. **Nomination materials due September 1, 2017.**

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. At \$200 per award, the Travel Grant is designed to support female student attendance and participation in the APCG Annual Meeting in Chico, California, October 25-28, 2017.

Grant recipients will be recognized at the Women's Network Luncheon and will be asked to speak briefly at the luncheon about their interests, scholarship, and 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 award provides an opportunity for a student to network and 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 membership to the APCG, and the cost of the 2017 luncheon for each awardee. The initiative is funded through contributions to the Women's Network. We expect to support approximately five students, depending on available funds.

Nominations by faculty must be received by September 1, 2017. 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 APCG Women's Network at: [apcgwomensnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:apcgwomensnetwork@gmail.com). The network co-coordinators, Jessie Clark and Katie Meehan, will notify recipients by mid September.

**Would you like to support the next generation of women in Geography?** The Women's Network Travel Grant is entirely funded through voluntary contributions. We invite members to support this important campaign by making a donation—in your name, or in honor of other individuals and mentors, past and present. Donations can be made **from** [apcg.wildapricot.org](http://apcg.wildapricot.org); or send a check to the APCG with "Women's Network" in the memo line. Thanks!



Women's Network grant winners and co-coordinators at the 2016 luncheon in Portland.

## Remembering the California Water Atlas

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setting year of abundance (2016/2017) puts eyes and minds on the system of storage, distribution, and safe operations, so too did the years of epic drought forty years ago focus attention then on the dry half-decade before the Atlas's publication in 1978. Another commonality in extremes is found in the Governor of California then and now, Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Then "Governor Moonbeam" but now a wise elder statesman, he took personal interest in the water atlas project.

The physical product is large (as are many high budget atlas products), 18 x 15.5 inches, with some 18 x 32 maps among the colorful and dramatic graphics. Its 11 chapters and 118 pages present the cultural, economic, and historical details as authoritatively as they explicate the physical endowments and its transformations. The title page lists nine principals including present and past APCG members William Bowen (Cartography Team Director), Marlyn Shelton (Research Team Director), & David Fuller (Principal Cartographer).

My skimming vision dwells on the illustrations of precipitation variability so great that it gave California's wet north a low of 7 inches for the mid-1970s period and 35 inches of precipitation this wet year of 2017. The Central Valley Project and the State Water Project rightly are given the big ink. The atlas's historical tidbits of great interest but lesser importance include page 27's photo of Sweetwater Dam which shows amply how it was one of the largest in the West. It served San Diego from its private construction in 1883 but it collapsed in 1916.

Collapse or near-destruction are a billion-dollar highlight of 2017's consequences of this year's extreme precipitation. Page 18's "Sacramento Flood Control System" notes Oroville's great capacity of 3,500,000 acre feet and key role in the Water

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# Geographies of Food and Identity: Ethnic Foodways of Central Valley Sikhs

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shows that while Sikh food practices have changed significantly with regards to breakfast and dining at restaurants, foods prepared and consumed in the homes of Sikhs have largely remained traditional Indian-Punjabi fare. Additionally, due to geography, history, and nodes of ethnic/cultural activities, Sikhs in the central and southern parts of the Valley differ from those in the northern region; those closer to Southern California exhibit Mexican influences in their foodway patterns, whereas those in the north exhibit a more traditional Indian-Punjabi diet.

Additional findings revealed that Sikhs employ place-making strategies utilizing permanent and transitory spaces to bring people together to celebrate cultural and religious traditions. This place-making strategy, which often involves food, helps reinforce the sense of “we-ness” and “Punjabi-ness” within the new landscape and culture of the Central Valley. In this approach, Central Valley Sikhs (both the foreign-born and native-born) invoke and transform traditionally ordinary spaces into social and communal spaces that they temporarily call their own. The unique combination of these methods and interdisciplinary approach have provided a fresh perspective on ethnic foodways and transnational identities that isn’t currently available in the literature, and it has added to our understanding of ethno-religious groups in the Central Valley. This study has further added to our understanding of the process of acculturation among young and old Sikh transnationals and has helped uncover the role that spatial relationships and processes play in maintaining traditional foodways.

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## Remembering the California Water Atlas

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Project. I searched for predictions of the recent bad news but it can’t be said that “the Atlas warned us” beyond a gentle hint. On page 58 the authors wryly observe that earth fill dams such as Oroville’s are “inexpensive (but) must be protected from erosion and damaging percolation.” During our current wet year, Oroville’s design flaws and decades of substandard maintenance almost completely destroyed the dam and are requiring an immediate third of a billion dollars for repairs.

The drought years clustered around California’s driest year on record, 1976-1977, are discussed with an ironic placement of a map showing “hours before downstream inundation” following a hypothetical Auburn Dam collapse. The unbuilt dam is hypothetical – but the real quake fault susceptibility at the Auburn site after much consideration (wisely) cancelled the construction plans.

The concluding chapter efficiently presents six hardy perennials as “Unresolved Questions for the Future.” Mostly the six topics raise public policy options still unanswered by legislative and managerial actions adequate to the challenge. The 40 years since this chapter was written have not found any easy ways of reducing demand, imposing muscular groundwater management, making safe the Delta, adding ever-costly supply, improving inter-regional management, forcing sharing, and realistically assessing the chimera of new technologies.

Your best bet for buying a copy of the California Water Atlas comes from ABE on-line books where tonight I see 15 water atlases offered for a low of \$100 and a high of \$500.

# Members

## New Members

Welcome to these 24 new members who have joined or rejoined since the list in the Fall 2016 issue (\*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined).

Hector Agredano  
Scott Bassett  
Scott Brady\*  
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Jackie Silber  
Betty Elaine Smith  
Curtis Smith  
Mark Stemen\*  
Andrew Tanner

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## Contributing Members

Many thanks to the following Contributing members for 2017 (55 in all—fourteen from last year have yet to renew but four new Contributing Members have shown up). Of the 331 members who have already renewed or joined for 2017 as of 4/15/17, 17% are Contributing Members, up very slightly from last year. The extra they have paid for their membership (\$1,502 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.

Clark Akatiff  
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Siri Nimal Wickramaratne  
Nancy Lee Wilkinson  
Terence Young

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## Special Funds Contributions

Since the Fall 2016 listing \$3,636 in new contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$1,059 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$1,378 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$693 to the Latina/o Travel Scholarship Fund, \$218 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship, \$203 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship, \$10 to the Margaret Trussell Scholarship Fund, and \$75 in general contributions. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds:

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## In Memoriam

[Robert E. Frenkel](#)

1927-2017

Bob was a long-time APCG member who, after receiving his PhD from Berkeley, began a long career teaching at Oregon State University in 1965. Among his many publications were three in our *Yearbook*, in the 1972, 1980, and 1984 editions. His achievements include raising a geographer son, Stephen Frenkel, and acquiring a geographer daughter-in-law, Judy Walton, both Syracuse PhDs and well-known in APCG circles.

Please click on the highlighted name for a link to the individual's obituary.

## Membership

Questions about membership should be directed to Bob Richardson at:

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Visit the APCG web site at <http://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.

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