

DEPARTMENT of GEOGRAPHY UNIVERSITY of OREGON 2000 Newsletter

Notes from the Department Head

For the last ten years, I have been able to devote the lion's share of my energy to research and teaching. Now, as Department Head, I face an array of new and totally different challenges, as I learn the complexities of running the Department. Alec Murphy left big shoes (literally) for me to fill when he left for Paris to begin a richly deserved sabbatical, and it will be fun over the next three years to try to build on his momentum as Department Head.

This coming year will be a time of both change and new opportunities for the Department. We are very excited to add two new faculty members to our ranks. Susan Hardwick joins us from Southwest Texas State University as an Associate Professor. Her expertise in geographic education and cultural-historical geography adds an exciting dimension to our program. She has published three scholarly books on ethnic patterns and processes in the American West, most recently "Mythic Galveston: Reinventing the Third Coast" (John Hopkins Press). In addition, the development of geographic education as a core theme in our program is fitting recognition of Joe Searl and his years of service in that field. Joe plans on retiring after next summer, so we are glad that he and Susan can overlap.

We also welcome Lise Nelson, as a new Assistant Professor from the University of Washington. Lise has worked on international rural development, the environment, and gender studies in Latin America. Her dissertation is based on months of fieldwork in the Mexican state of Michoacán, where she studied political authority, local development projects, and civil rights. Both Susan and Lise are no strangers to UO Geography.

Susan taught summer school here in 1989, and Lise received her BA in International Studies at UO in 1990. What a



delight to have two such interesting and energetic colleagues! We are also advertising for a physical geographer to replace Grant Meyer (who took a position at the University of New Mexico). With that hire our faculty will have equal balance in human and physical geography, as well as a strong program in geographic techniques and geographic education.

Our physical space also will experience significant transformations this year. With the help of generous donations from friends and alumni, we have created two new laboratories. Condon 160 (the old seminar room) has been converted into the Herb Kariel Computer Lab. It will be used primarily by graduate students, providing them with a far better facility than was heretofore available for their research. Upstairs, the old cartography lab (Condon 206) has been divided into the Bill Loy Undergraduate Teaching Lab and a new Samuel Dicken Conference Room. The Loy lab will be used for our introductory courses, as well as some of the techniques and physical geography classes, and it provides network

access, bright lighting, and space to spread out maps and conduct hands-on activities. We have long needed such a classroom to accommodate the rising interest of undergraduates in Geography.

We were pleased and surprised to learn that the renovation of Condon Hall is not yet finished. The UO Library staff decided that the Map Library was overcrowded in Condon Hall, with no room for expansion. In August, the collection was moved to the documents section of the Knight Library. On the positive side, the departure of the Map Library has given Geography an additional and unexpected 2900 sq. ft. that can be used to ease our crowding. This corner of Condon Hall was originally designed to be the department's cartography lab, so it is appropriate that some of the space be used to expand the InfoGraphics Lab, which is busier than ever with new contracts. We will also be creating a visiting professor office, a small conference room, and a large office for graduate students. By the end of the year, Geography facilities will be contained in three buildings--Condon, Pacific and Columbia halls. We are still not satisfied with this arrangement, and our goal is to consolidate our activities under one roof. Toward that end, we are working with the University to develop plans and raise funds for a new three-story wing on Condon Hall.

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This wing would amply house the return of the Map Library (a promise from the University), and bring the human and physical geography facilities together at long last.

We have an extraordinary geography program at Oregon. We attract large numbers of undergraduate majors, and our classes are filled to capacity nearly every quarter. Our faculty and graduate students have received national and international recognition for their research activities, and grants from the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and major doctoral dissertation fellowships. Our faculty includes university teaching award winners, and foreign area and environmental specialists who are regularly called upon to comment on developments of local, national, and global significance. The University and the community hold the Department in high regard, and we are viewed as a unit that is truly going places, and going there fast.

One of our greatest assets continues to be the supporters of UO Geography. You inspire us with your success and touch us with your abiding loyalty. Our goal is to maintain excellence in our undergraduate and graduate programs and to provide training that reflects the state-of-the-art in the field of geography. We seek to continue to attract quality faculty and students and to outfit our facilities in a way that will advance our teaching and research mission. Your generous financial support has helped us in the past to pursue much-needed initiatives towards these goals.

This year, we need support to outfit the new Loy lab and Map Library space. We also seek additional funding to send our graduate students to professional meetings to present their research, to offer more field opportunities for undergraduates, and to help our junior faculty launch their careers. Your contribution, no matter how small, is a great help to us, and I thank you warmly on behalf of the entire program. If you are in the Eugene area, please drop by and see us—we enjoy catching up with old friends and showing you around the department. And, as always, there is plenty of room at the lunch table.

Cathy Whitlock
Department Head

UO Geography Welcomes New Faculty Members

The Geography Department is very fortunate to be able to welcome two new faculty members this fall, Susan Hardwick and Lise Nelson.

Susan Hardwick

Susan explains that being at the University of Oregon will allow her to pursue the two interests that she is most passionate about: geographic education and cultural geography. Susan comes to us from Southwest Texas State University (SWT) in San Marcos, where she was the Associate Director of the Gilbert M. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education. Here at the UO, she will build upon the work of Joe Searl in the area of geographic education, and she is working with the College of Arts and Sciences to foster stronger ties with the College of Education.

Susan is co-author of a widely used textbook for geographic educators, now in its third edition, and has several articles on geographic education to her credit. She has been actively involved in national initiatives to improve geography in the K-12 curriculum in rural communities and has recently co-edited a special issue on gender and geography for the *Journal of Geographic Education*. While on the geography faculty at California State University, Chico (CSU-Chico), Susan was named *Statewide Outstanding Professor* for the entire California State University System in 1995. She is current president of the National Council for Geographic Education. Susan also brings to UO extensive research in the area of cultural-historical geography. Graduate students in the department are already getting to know Susan through her seminar on North American Ethnic Geography.

She is the author of three books on immi-



grant groups in North America: *Russian Refuge: Religion, Migration, and Settlement on the North American Pacific Rim* (1993), *Valley for Dreams: Life and Landscape in the Sacramento Valley* (with Don Holtgrieve 1997), and *Mythic Galveston: Re-Inventing the Third Coast*, which will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press early next year. Susan now envisions an analysis of ethnic change in Oregon, focusing particularly on Hispanic and Asian communities, to better understand demographic patterns and changing ethnic boundaries.

Susan considers many of the UO Emeriti faculty as mentors. Many of her closest friends are other UO geographers, including Larry Ford, the first recipient of the UO Louise and Benjamin Carroll Professorship in Urban Studies. She has also had close working relationships with current geography faculty members in the department throughout her career and is looking forward to the opportunity to conduct collaborative research in the department.

Susan's connections with UO Geography go beyond professional ties, as she is married to Donald Holtgrieve, who received his Ph.D. from the department. She has four grown children, and is settling into her new apartment in downtown Eugene. Susan explains that coming to UO Geography is a kind of homecoming for her. Welcome home!

Lise Nelson

Lise Nelson has returned to her roots by joining the UO Geography faculty this Fall. Although she grew up in Colorado, her interest in geography started at UO as an undergraduate majoring in International Studies and minoring in Spanish and Environmental Studies. Lise took a geography class from Alec Murphy and was captivated by the concept of spatial thinking as well as the multidisciplinary approaches used by geographers.

After graduating from UO in 1990, Lise worked two years for a local environmental group and thought she was moving away from international issues. However, during those years, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was negotiated and signed, and these events sparked her interest in the relationship between globalization and forest-dependent communities in both the Pacific Northwest and Mexico. These intellectual curiosities spurred Lise to continue her education by pursuing a graduate degree in geography at the Uni-



versity of Washington.

Lise's master's thesis examined forestry politics and economics in Michoacán, Mexico in the context of globalization and neoliberal reform. As she investigated the role of private companies, social movements, and the State in contemporary Mexican forestry politics, she realized the political nature of these struggles: the fate of the forest and forest-dependent communities are closely tied to issues of democratization and the empowerment of marginalized peoples. These more explicitly political questions formed the basis of her dissertation project, which explores gender and citizenship within an indigenous community located in the Meseta Perhépecha, Michoacán.

Lise's experience with social theory will be a great asset to the department. She has published an article called "Bodies (and Spaces) Do Matter: the Limits of Performativity" in *Gender, Place, and Culture* (1999) in which she explores the practical application of social theory in understanding spatially complex phenomena. Eventually, she would like to develop a class on qualitative fieldwork for graduate students who are interested in applying social theory to field-based geographical research. Lise also plans on strengthening the ties between the Geography Department and the Latin American Studies program, as well as with the Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS). In her spare time, Lise will most likely be found on one of Eugene's many local soccer fields. Welcome back to UO Geography Lise!

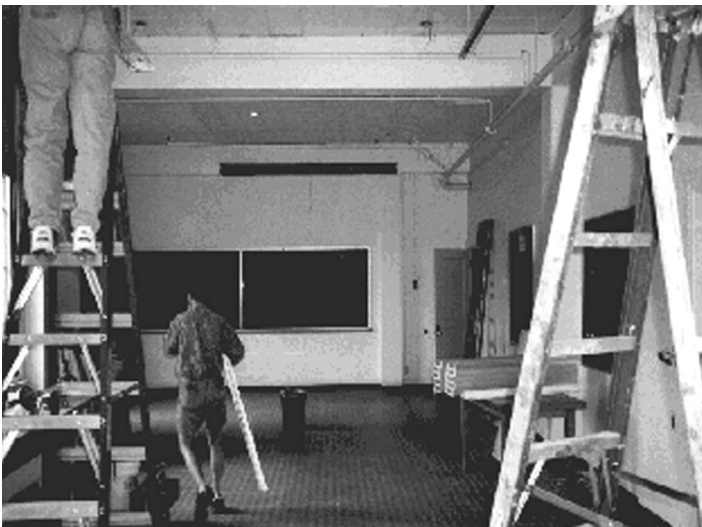
Department Welcomes Larry Ford

In Spring 2000, the Geography Department had the honor of hosting the first recipient of the Benjamin and Louise Carroll Visiting Professor of Urban Studies, Larry R. Ford. Some may remember Larry from his days as a doctoral student in the department in the early 70's. The pro-

fessorship is endowed by Louise Carroll Wade, Professor Emerita of American and Social History, and is open to both academicians as well as those whose contributions in government service or elsewhere promise to advance teaching and research in urban studies. Appointments to the position rotate among the Departments of Geography, History, and Political Science, and we are pleased that the first recipient was a geographer of national and international reputation.

Larry is author of *Cities and Buildings: Skyscrapers, Skidrows, and Suburbs* (1994), and co-author of *Southern California Extended: Las Vegas to San Diego and Los Angeles* (1992) and *The Spaces Between Buildings* (2000). He is a leading researcher on changes in the urban scene around the world, most notably in the growing metropolis of Southeast Asia.

During his stay, Larry taught a popular course on urban geography, and a graduate seminar on the American Downtown. He also served as a consultant for urbanization issues in Eugene. It was a real treat to have Larry here.



Change (and Sawdust) is in the Air

This summer the Geography Department was filled with the sounds of hammering and sawing as Condon Hall underwent some exciting renovations. First, the 'old' cartography lab, Room 206, has been divided into a new seminar room and the new Bill Loy Undergraduate Teaching Lab. Condon 160, which has long served as our seminar room, has been converted into the Herb Kariel Computer Research Lab.

This reallocation of space will allow the department to continue offering outstanding classroom and laboratory experiences to both undergraduate and graduate students, and provide new opportunities for instruction. Eventually we hope to equip the teaching lab with state-

of-the-art lighting and projection equipment, so that new multi-media technologies can be integrated into undergraduate discussion sessions. The new rooms are strictly 'geography space' for the exclusive use of the Department. Even though the 'old' cartography lab is changing its face, UO cartographers will have no trouble finding a place to work in the new computer research lab.

The lab features workstations with the latest in cartographic and Geographic Information Science software and will be a valuable resource for projects that call for high-tech applications and analysis. Stay tuned for the 'After' pictures in the next newsletter!

Front Office Keeps Department on Track

Office Manager Vickie Staffelbach, Graduate Secretary Mary Milo, and Account Tech Alla White are busy streamlining office tasks in order to improve upon the already efficient operations of the department's front office. Vickie, Mary, and Alla have spent the last few terms assisting with the logistics of two job searches and the visit of Larry Ford (the first Carroll Visiting Professor in Urban Studies) and the Departmental reunion last fall. They continue to adeptly field all manner of questions from faculty, students, and visitors and make sure that the department runs smoothly.

Vickie Staffelbach has been at UO for 11 years and has worked in the Financial Aid Office, as well as the Philosophy and Anthropology departments (thankfully she

realized that the Geography Department is the place to be!). When she is not busy in the office, she is diligently studying Spanish. Her spare time is spent pursuing hobbies such as dancing and costume design, and her handiwork can be seen each October 31st when she helps to get the rest of the department into the Halloween spirit.

Mary Milo has been at UO for five years, and comes to us from the Registrar's Office. Mary is an avid gardener, as well as a published novelist! When she is not in the garden or in front of the keyboard, she can be found taking care of her many pets.

Alla White comes to UO Geography after 10 years of service in the US Navy, where she performed administrative duties. Alla's time is spent with her three children, and since she is currently in graduate school her hobbies include...studying! Alla hopes to bring her degree, as well as the discipline she learned in the Navy, into the classroom

as a junior or senior high school Mathematics teacher.

Please stop in sometime to say hi to Vickie, Mary, and Alla. Feel free to treat them to lunch or a cup of coffee, and by all means don't be afraid to bring them chocolate!



Faculty Updates

Patrick J. Bartlein

I've continued to work on various aspects of climatology—past, present, and future, as well as on data analysis and visualization methods that get applied across the department. In the realm of past climates, I've continued to work with my NSF-sponsored "Tempo" collaborators using paleoclimate simulations and syntheses of data to figure out how the climate system works and how regional climates are governed by larger scale controls. Despite working on this task for 20 years now, the list of questions and things we don't understand continues to grow, which is actually good.

I've also continued to work with former grad student Steve Hostetler (USGS) on his applications of regional climate models to answer some interesting paleo questions, with a paper on the role of former Lake Agassiz appearing in *Nature* last spring. An extension of that kind of work to Beringia is underway, with some new NSF funding involving collaboration with colleagues at the Universities of Washington and Colorado, and with former faculty member Mary Edwards, now at the NTNU in Norway. Present-day climate variations are the focus of thesis and dissertation work by JJ Shinker and Peter Killoran, along with former graduate student Cary Mock (Univ. South Carolina). We're using the huge "NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis Dataset" that provides informa-

tion on hundreds of climate variables over the globe for the past few decades. These data have provided a lot of challenges for mapping and analysis, but the return is large because understanding how the present climate works is key for understanding both the past and future. Future climate, and its potential impacts on vegetation patterns in the Pacific Northwest, was the focus of Sarah Shafer's recently completed dissertation, funded by a three-year-long NASA fellowship. Sarah and I continue to collaborate with Bob Thompson (USGS) on the potential impact of future climate changes around the American West, hoping to add the impacts of land-use change as well as disturbance to the mix of controls of regional vegetation change. All of this work seems to have become more and more "map-centric" as we've learned that the effort put into careful visualization is more than amply repaid by better understanding.

Aileen R. Buckley

Aileen has been involved in increasing UO's involvement in geographic information science (GIS) and other mapping activities at the national and state levels. Last year, her efforts resulted in UO admission to the University Consortium of Geographic Information Science (UCGIS)—a nationwide organization of academic institutions involved in GIS research and teaching. She is currently spearheading efforts to put into place an ESRI GIS Site License for all insti-

tutions in the Oregon University System. She is also involved in the Association of American Geographers (AAG), currently serving as Academic Director of the Cartography Specialty Group for the 1999-2001 term and as Academic Director of the GIS Specialty Group for the 1999-2001 term. For the 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 AAG conferences, she organized and chaired a series of sessions on geographic visualization (GVis); at this year's conference, she organized seven sessions on GVis! She is also working at both the national and campus levels on curricular issues relating to geographic information science. She and other members of a special UCGIS working group are in the process of developing a model curriculum in geographic information science (GIScience) for colleges and universities in the United States. Along with Pat McDowell, she received a UO grant to develop a new course in mapping that links field research with on-site mapping and geographic analysis. Additionally, she received an NSF-affiliated grant to develop a new course to introduce students to GIScience.

Aileen's current research is focused on GIS in environmental applications, specifically field mapping as well as further development of landscape metrics to assess stream conditions in the Pacific Northwest. She is also continuing her investigations into multi-dimensional mapping and various aspects of geographic visualization,



Alums and Friends Gather for Reunion

For one weekend last Fall, it seemed 'just like old times' as UO Geography Alumni and friends gathered in Eugene for the Department Reunion. The Reunion, which takes place every five years or so, provides the opportunity for alumni to come back to Eugene and see old acquaintances, get to know current faculty and graduate students, and, of course, to show off a bit. This Reunion was well attended by people from Eugene to South Africa, and points in between. The weekend started with a 'standing room only' Thursday afternoon tea given by Les Rowntree on his work in the Pyrenees. Other highlights of the weekend included a walking tour of Eugene led by Ed Price, a session where current faculty shared their research with alumni and friends, and a banquet held at the Downtown Athletic Club with a keynote speech by Ev Smith on the changes in the Willamette Valley. It was great to see so many Ducks, and we look forward to the next reunion in 2004!

including collaborative technique development. Despite the obvious challenge of the above activities, one of the most exciting projects on her plate right now is working on the update of the *Atlas of Oregon* with Bill Loy, Jim Meacham, Stuart Allan, and a host of students!

Shaul E. Cohen

This past year, Shaul received a Bell Fellowship from the Forest History Society to work on his book *Planting Nature*. Shaul was also the recipient of a fellowship from the Newberry Library, an independent research institution in Chicago, to do work on that same project. Shaul will also have an opportunity to continue working on his *Planting Nature* project this fall when he takes a break from teaching with a UO Humanities Center Fellowship.

Shaul has been busy publishing his research in a variety of places. His article, "Promoting Eden: Tree Planting as the Environmental Panacea" appeared in the December issue of *Ecumene*, and his chapter "An Absence of Place: Expectation and Realization in the West Bank" will be out

in *Cultural Encounters with the Environment: Enduring and Evolving Geographic Themes*, edited by Alexander B. Murphy. Shaul finished up this year as Director of the Southwest Asia section of the Asian Geography Specialty group and has authored the section on Southwest Asia that will come out in *Geography in America at the Dawn of the 21st century*.

Patricia F. McDowell

The geomorphology graduate students and I continue to focus much of our research on processes of stream channel adjustment to human impacts. Over the last year, geomorphology students have worked in the Oregon Coast Range (John Green, debris flows), Utah (Jeff Peters, arroyos), and Montana (Suzanne Fouty, grazing and beaver impacts on stream channels). I started a new research project on streams in northeastern Oregon this summer. The goal is to evaluate stream restoration projects intended to improve salmon habitat. Are these projects effective? What specific restoration techniques work, and in what kinds of streams? The project will build on

recent research on stream classification and how riparian vegetation influences channel form and erosion/sedimentation processes. This is a collaborative project with Oregon State University faculty in riparian ecology and fisheries, and it is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration's Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. New graduate student Andrew Mowry is the research assistant on this project. About twenty sites located between Paulina and Flora (check them on your official Oregon highway map!) were sampled this summer. Jennifer Pierce (impacts of dredge mining on a stream in northeastern Oregon) and Cynthia Taylor (evaluation of stream restoration projects) both finished their masters degrees this spring. Other graduate students with interests in geomorphology/hydrology/watersheds include Phil Miotto (finishing up a thesis on GIS as a tool to predict landslides), Michael Hughes (new this fall, in the Environmental Studies-Geography Ph.D. program), and Jeff Bandow (also new this fall).

In addition to the research on fluvial geomorphology, our group continues its interests in arid lands geomorphology and geoarchaeology. Graduate students Mike Droz and Graham Dalldorf are doing research in the Fort Rock Basin, as part of the UO Northern Great Basin Prehistory Project and summer field course in archaeology and geoarchaeology (<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ftrock/index.html>).

I am also bringing my research into the classroom in a new interdisciplinary course, GEOG 360: Watershed Science and Policy, that will be offered for the first time in spring term 2001. The course will combine scientific concepts from hydrology, fluvial geomorphology, water quality, and aquatic and riparian ecology, with study of policies and management strategies intended to address watershed and river problems. Course development during fall and winter terms has been funded by a grant from the UO Williams Fund. Graduate student Patrick Hurley, who is in the Environmental Studies-Geography Ph.D. program, is the research assistant on this project.

Alexander B. Murphy

After four years as department head, Alec is taking a well-deserved research sabbatical in Paris this year. Alec continues to work closely with the Advanced Placement Committee for geographic education, and is co-editor of *Cultural Encounters with the Environment: Enduring and Evolving*

Geographic Themes (University of Chicago Press).

Peter Walker

Peter's current research focuses on the relationship between socio-economic, cultural, and landscape change in rural California. Peter, along with Aileen Buckley, received an award from the National Science Foundation for a two-year study of cultural and landscape changes in rural-residential areas in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in northern California. They will be integrating historical, ethnographic, and GIS methods to produce a detailed social-ecological history of cultural and environmental change. Peter is also continuing to write and publish his work on southern Africa. Peter and his wife, Sarah, are experiencing the joys (and sleep deprivation) of their toddler, Emily.

Cathy Whitlock

This is my eleventh year in the department—hard to know where the time has gone! During the past year I have been catching up on several overdue writing commitments and helping students complete dissertations and theses. Recently published papers from our group have appeared in *Geology*, *Conservation Biology*, *Palaeogeography*, *Palaeoclimatology*, and *Palaeoecology*, and *The Holocene*, and as chapters in six forthcoming books addressing various aspects of fire, climate, and land-use change. The paleoecology lab is hopping with activity right now, with eight grad students working on the long-term climate, vegetation, and fire history of the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rocky Mountains. We've been fortunate to have continuous support from the National Science Foundation and Forest Service for several years, and these grants have allowed us

InfoGraphics Continues to Grow

The InfoGraphics Lab continues to expand its cartography and GIS research activities. The facility now houses ten computer workstations and a new file server. Each workstation has a full suite of Geographic Information System (GIS), Computer Aided Design (CAD) and graphics applications. "The Lab usually employs 10-12 students and two to three regular staff members, depending upon the project workload." according to Lab Director,

to pursue a range of projects: Pat Bartlein and I have been comparing the records and mechanisms of past climate change in temperate North and South America. Misha Blinnikov completed an excellent dissertation on the vegetation history of the Columbia Basin and is now teaching at St. Cloud State University. Tom Minckley, Margaret Knox, Jenny Gardner, Chris Pearl, and Ann Tattersall finished their master's theses this year. Tom organized a summer assault of northern Great Basin lakes to begin his dissertation research. Mitch Power and I joined forces with colleagues from University of Nebraska in February to core deep lakes near Glacier National Park as part of a new study on drought history. Laurie Grigg is nearing completion of her dissertation on rapid climate change and interviewing for jobs. Colin Long was a visiting instructor at Sonoma State University last spring. Several of us, including Andrea Brunelle-Daines, Christy Briles, and Lyn Berkley, presented papers at national meetings. I continue to be revitalized by the courses I teach in biogeography, long-term environmental change, and vegetation history, but my administrative responsibilities have taken an abrupt jump, as I begin a stint as Department Head and as President of the American Quaternary Association.

Ronald Wixman

Ron is finishing up an article on the *Colors of the Compass* which examines the reasons why cultures assign certain colors to the cardinal directions. He also continues to teach to capacity classes in the geography department, and is busy organizing hundreds of the slides that he has taken during the past year.

Jim Meacham. The Lab supports faculty research, works on agency grants and contracts, and coordinates the UO Campus Mapping Program. Below is listed a sampling of the Lab's projects:

- Production of the new revised *Atlas of Oregon*. A coordinated effort between the Department of Geography and Allan Cartography of Medford. (Authors: W. Loy, S. Allan, A. Buckley, and J. Meacham; Graduate Assistants: Erin Aigner, Geno Carpentier, Nick Kohler, and Mike Cooper)

Emeriti News

Carl Johannessen

This old emeritus prof. has just returned from a trip to Austin, Texas where I gave a talk at the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers Meeting on Jan. 6, 2000. We edited George Carter and my manuscript on chickens in the Americas in pre-Columbian times. Some reasonable progress was made toward our ultimate goal.

After that, it seemed appropriate to head south to Mexico for research purposes in support of my interpretations that many crops from the Americas were in Asia prior to the travels of the Northwestern Europeans. Several bits and pieces of evidence were found in the museums, libraries and archaeological sites. I am busy checking my photos and starting to write about all this.

Travel of this sort does augment one's language skills; I strongly urge it; it is fun too! Regards, Carl J.

Al Urquhart

I traveled to Peru earlier this year--the montana, the altiplano, the western cordillera, and the desert coast. Preparations got me back into some basic geographic research on the natural history and archaeology of southern Peru. In early summer I went to Australia--Ayers rock and the central desert, Darwin and the national parks of the Northern Territory, the Great Barrier Reef and the tropical rain forest, Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and then to Melbourne for a visit with Gale Dixon (an Oregon Geography PhD). Stan and Joan Cook also went on this Mazama Outing trip to Australia. Gardening, bird-watching, painting, reading and drinking coffee with Ev, Joe, and Sarah Shafer fill out my time in retirement.

- GIS support for Sierra Nevada Landscape Change NSF project. (P.I., Peter Walker, and Co-P.I., Aileen Buckley, GTF: Jaime Schwarze)
- UO Campus Earthquake Hazard Loss Estimate modeling using the FEMA HAZUS GIS program. (With Christine Theodoropoulos, Architecture; Graduate Assistant: Nick Kohler)
- Development of an Oregon Rural Lands Database for the Oregon State Legislature and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

(Project Manager: Ken Kato, Student Cartographer: Blake Andrew)

- Redesign and restructure of transportation planning maps and web mapping/GIS research support for the Oregon Dept of Transportation. (Project Manager: Mike Englemann, Student Cartographers: Erik Strandhagen, Sara Lasky, and Leslie Van Allan)
- Research of new mapping technologies for the development of a comprehensive campus GIS for architectural, facilities, planning, public safety and map publishing applications. (Project Manager: Andrea Ball)

- The Lab's work on the campus GIS project was recognized at the 1999 ESRI International User Conference Map Gallery Exhibit. Jim Meacham and Andrea Ball's poster entry "*Mapping the UO Campus: Integration of GIS, Map Publishing, Facilities Mapping, and Architectural Design*" won the grand prize for the "Best Overall Map Gallery Presentation", and the award for "Best Software Integration."

Other highlights of the past year included election of Jim Meacham as Vice President of the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS). The Lab released two new website publications: the *On-line*

Atlas of Lane County (an Advanced Cartography project) and the "*Historical Campus Build-out Animation*."

"*On-line Atlas of Lane County*"

<http://geography.uoregon.edu/infographics/lcweb/lcindex.htm>

"*Historical Campus Build-out Animation*"

<http://geography.uoregon.edu/infographics/CampusBuildout/uobuildout.html>

More information on the InfoGraphics Lab can be found at:

<http://geography.uoregon.edu/infographics>

Alumni Updates

George White (Ph.D., 1994) has published his first book called *Nationalism and Territory: Constructing Group Identity in Southeastern Europe* (Rowman and Littlefield). George is also currently serving as the chair of the European Specialty Group of the AAG.

Anne Parker (Ph.D., 1991) is currently teaching at Naropa University in Boulder, CO. She is also the chair of an interdisciplinary program at the university. Anne would love to hear from old friends, and can be reached at aparker@naropa.edu.

Rosalyn McKeown (Ph.D., 1986) is currently the director of the Center for Geography and Environmental Education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. You can see what Rosalyn has been doing at <http://eerc.ra.utk.edu/divisions/cgee/default.html>.

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Ann & Harold Throckmorton MA '62

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Recent Graduates

The department would like to welcome the following people to the status of alumni, congratulations!

Ph.D.

Stefan Bjarneson: *Lawn and Order: Gated Communities and Social Interaction in Dana Point, California.*

Misha Blinnikov: *Late-Pleistocene History of the Columbia Basin Grassland Based on Phytolith Records in Loess.*

Coleen Fox: *Flexible Sovereignty and the Politics of Hydro-Development in the Mekong River Basin.*

Joanna Kepka: *Euroregions in the New Europe: the Case of Poland's Western Borderlands.*

Sarah Shafer: *Potential Vegetation Response to Future Climate Change in Western North America and its Implications for Biological Conservation and Geographical Conceptualizations of Place.*

Masters

Jennifer Gardner (MS): *Charcoal Accumulation in Lake Sediments Following a Modern Fire in the Central Cascade Range, Oregon.*

Margaret Knox (MA): *Ecological Change in the Willamette Valley at the Time of Euro-American Contact ca. 1800-1850.*

Pamela Maeyaert (MS): Final Project.

Jennifer Pierce (MA): *The Effects of Dredge Mining on Channel Adjustment: Granite Creek, Eastern Oregon.*

Jeff Simons (MS): Final Project.

Leslie Simmons (MS): Final Project.

Gwen Scott (MA): *The Rewa Potters: a Story of Place Construction and Identity Formation in Rural Fiji.*

Alumni, where are you?

We would love to hear where you are and what you are doing. Please send information to uogeog@darkwing.uoregon.edu

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