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# APCG 2022 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 84th Annual Meeting

Geographies of Justice October 6-8, 2022 Bellingham, WA

Hosted by Western Washington University's Environmental Studies Department

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gather for this meeting on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, throughout the San Juan Islands and the North Cascades watershed, from time immemorial. Please join us in expressing our deepest respect and gratitude for our Indigenous neighbors, the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Tribe, for their enduring care and protection of our shared lands and waterways.

# **SUMMARY SCHEDULE**

# Thursday, October 6

9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Field Trips	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception	Interdisciplinary Science Building

## Friday, October 7

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8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration   Viking Union foyer
9:00 am – 10:20 am	Morning Concurrent Sessions A   Viking Union
10:40 am – 12:00 pm	Morning Concurrent Sessions B   Viking Union
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Graduate Student Lunch   Wilson Library Reading Room
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Registration   Viking Union foyer
1:20 pm – 2:40 pm	Afternoon Concurrent Sessions A   Viking Union
3:00 pm – 4:20 pm	Afternoon Concurrent Sessions B   Viking Union
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Keynote Lecture and Reception   Dr. Kathryn Sobocinski   Wilson Library Reading Room

#### Saturday, October 8

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7:30 am – 9:00 am	Executive Council Meeting   Academic West
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration   Academic West foyer
9:00 am – 10:20 am	Morning Concurrent Sessions   Academic West
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Poster Session   Interdisciplinary Science
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Women's Network Lunch   Academic West
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Keynote Lecture   Dr. Emily Yeh   Academic West
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Geography Bowl   Academic West
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	APCG Business Meeting   Academic West
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet and Presidential Address   Wilson Library Reading Room

#### **Additional Information:**

A campus and parking map is at the end of the program.

Downloadable program and interactive campus maps at <a href="https://wp.wwu.edu/apcg/">https://wp.wwu.edu/apcg/</a>

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

#### FIELD TRIPS

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### Physical geography of Mount Baker | Dr. Nicholas Stanger

Spend the day learning about the biophysical environment of Mount Baker, an active stratovolcano in the Cascade Range. We will explore how ecological communities change as we go from a temperate old-growth rainforest up to the subalpine-alpine ecotone and admire the complex topography created by a combination of volcanic, glacial, and fluvial processes. The trip will involve several short (<1 mile) strolls on uneven ground and participants will have the option to add on two short (1-2 mile) hikes. A boxed lunch will be included in the registration price.

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

#### Flood hazards in Whatcom County | Dr. Rebekah Paci-Green

In November 2021, Whatcom County experienced its largest flood disaster ever. The Nooksack River overflowed its banks and spread northward into Canada, filling an ancient lakebed that straddles the present-day international border and inundating farmers, rural towns, and tribal communities. Flood risk assessment, management and recovery are a complex challenge. Come learn about the tensions between floodplain management in the shadow of a young volcano, salmon habitat restoration for endangered Chinook, cross-border tensions, and seemingly impossible choices facing those trying to figure out what recovery might mean.

Walking tour of urban landscapes in downtown Bellingham | Dr. Patrick Buckley
Travel by city bus to explore the history and patterns of urban development in Bellingham.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm OPENING RECEPTION | Interdisciplinary Sciences building foyer (advance registration required)

Welcome | Dr. Rebekah Paci-Green, WWU Environmental Studies Department Chair

Opening Remarks | Dr. Steven Graves, APCG President

Our Salish Sea films and stories | Robert Turner

Appetizers and social hour

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

# Viking Union (VU) Building and Wilson Library Reading Room

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration | Viking Union foyer

9:00 am – 10:20 am Morning Paper Sessions A

#### Climate Change & Climate Justice (VU 462)

Chair: Alana M Rader, California State University Northridge

9:00 am | John Harrington Jr., Independent Scholar

Thoughts regarding the teaching of weather, climate, and climate change

9:15 am | Tania Torres, California State University, Los Angeles; Frederick Hsu, Temple University; and Steve LaDochy, California State University, Los Angeles

The Elusive Los Angeles Urban Heat Island

9:30 am | Olivia A Hobson, Western Washington University Rising Sea Levels in the Salish Sea

9:45 am | Daniel J Grafton, University of California at Santa Barbara/San Diego State University

Sustainable Tourism and Global Climate Change in Polar Regions: Women's Voices and Agency

10:00 am | Holly Moulton, University of Oregon

'Las mujeres son las guardianas de la Pachamama": Contesting climate change adaptation expertise through Indigenous women's environmental politics in Peru

# **Human Geography** (VU 565)

Chair: Patrick Buckley, Western Washington University

9:00 am | Patrick Buckley, Western Washington University Impact of Minimum Wage Increases on Hawaii, a cautionary tale

9:15 am | Cy A Abbott, University of Oregon

Artefacts of a Discipline at Work: Tracing the Geographer's Influence Through the "Cartographic Records of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace"

9:30 am | M. DeVIVO, Grand Rapids Community College

The Pacific Coast and Conversations with Women Geographers

9:45 am | Jake Rowlett and Stuart Aitken, San Diego State University Where Monks Meet Jedi: Islands and Exile on Ireland's Skellig Michael

10:00 am | Christine L Jocoy, California State University, Long Beach; Lily House-Peters, California State University, Long Beach; Melanie Nagel, University of Tübingen; Melanie Schäfer, Energy and Climate Protection Agency Karlsruhe; and Ashley Guerrero A comparison of climate urbanism in Baden-Württemberg, Germany, and California, USA

# 10:40 am – 12:00 pm Morning Paper Sessions B

## **Environmental Justice** (VU 462)

Chair: Emma Slager, University of Washington Tacoma

10:40 am | An-Min Wu, Ziruo Zhao, Mariann A Tobar, Michele Heilman, and Jill Johnston, *University of Southern California* 

Investigating environmental health disparity near California's historical lead smelters using geospatial analysis and modeling

10:55 am | Insang Song, University of Oregon

Spatial difference in the impact of greenspace exposure on mental illness mortality in the Pacific Northwest United States

11:10 am | Kaitlyn S Alvarez Noli, Northeastern University

Reinforcing Environmental Racism through Discourse: Colorblind Argumentation Dynamics in Debates about Pesticide-Related Health Disparities

11:25 am | Frida Timan, London School of Economics

Making Enjoyment: Public space permits, policing of the unhoused, and the political lives of 'maintenance' in San Francisco's parklets

# Protected Areas (VU 565)

Chair: Yolonda Youngs, CSU San Bernardino

10:40 am | Michael Pretes, University of North Alabama and Tamsen L Hert, University of Wyoming

California and the Making of the National Park Service

10:55 am | Terence Young, Cal Poly Pomona

"To Learn the Value of Conservation and Preservation": Diffusing America's Approach to Protected Areas through the African-Student Program, 1961-1965

11:10 am | Stephannie Fernandes and Denielle Perry, Northern Arizona University

12:00 pm – 1:20 pm Graduate Student Lunch | Wilson Library Reading Room

(advance registration required) or lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Registration | Viking Union foyer

## 1:20 pm – 2:40 pm Afternoon Paper Sessions A

#### Forests and Reforestation in Latin America (VU 462)

Chair: James R Keese, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

1:20 pm | Benjamin Timms, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo The Political Ecology of Forest Transitions in Latin America and the Caribbean

1:35 pm | James R Keese, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo Reforestation in Highland Peru: Field Research on Eucalyptus, Pine, and Native Andean Species

1:50 pm | Clara R Atwell and Sadie F Calhoun, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

Modeling Forest Transition Using Deep Learning: A Remote Sensing Study of Taucamarca, Peru

2:05 pm | Alana M Rader, California State University Northridge Sembrando Vida o fragmentación? The impact of Mexico's neoliberal policy for agriculture and forest cover configurations in an ejido of Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

## Political Ecology (VU 565)

Chair: Denielle Perry, Northern Arizona University

1:20 pm | Jessica E Froese, University of Northern British Columbia
An upstream battle: The political ecology of Pacific salmon management in Canada

1:35 pm | Cyan K LeMoal, University of Northern BC

The Culture of Coffee Commodification: A Critical Perspective of Marketing and Consumption

1:50 pm | Troy M Brundidge, Leigh Johnson, and Charlotte Klein, University of Oregon Department of Geography

#### The (in)visible labor of Oregon's incarcerated firefighters

2:05 pm | Scott D Warren, Ajo Border Land, Public Land

2:20 pm | Olivia Z Cameron and Kelsey Emard, Oregon State University Department of Geography

Social Identity and Agricultural Decision Making

## 3:00 pm – 4:20 pm Afternoon Paper Sessions B

## Pyrogeography (VU 462)

Chair: Sarah Praskievicz, University of North Carolina Greensboro

3:00 pm | Sarah Praskievicz and Rajesh Sigdel, University of North Carolina Greensboro Post-wildfire debris-flow runout mapping using geospatial analysis

3:15 pm | Kangsan Lee, Willem van Leeuwen, Jeffrey K Gillan, and Donald A Falk, University of Arizona

Examining the impacts of pre-fire forest conditions on burn severity using multiple remote sensing platforms

3:30 pm | Monika P Calef, Soka University of America; Jennifer Schmidt, University of Alaska Anchorage; Anna Varvak, Soka University of America; and Robert Ziel, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Developing refined historic, present, and future landcover datasets for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Whitehorse

3:45 pm | Asha Paudel, Colorado State University; Scott H Markwith, Florida Atlantic University; David Brodylo, Florida Atlantic University; Yin-Hsuen Chen, University of Florida Forecasting landscape heterogeneity due to high severity wildfire in the mixed conifer forest of northern Sierra Nevada, California

# Political Geography (VU 565)

Chair: Kris Bezdecny, Cal State LA

3:00 pm | Kris Bezdecny, Cal State LA

What happened in Florida? The sociopolitical implications of Florida's attempt to dissolve the RICD

3:15 pm | Clara Lemme Ribeiro, University of Washington

Contemporary dispossession, global migrations, and changing bordering regimes: a theoretical analysis

3:30 pm | Benjamin Weinger, University of California, Los Angeles
Thirty Years on: Planetary Climate Planning and the Intergovernmental Negotiating
Committee

3:45 pm | John A Menary, California State University - Dominguez Hills Is Extremism Truly a World Geographical Idea?

4:00 pm | Alexander B Murphy, University of Oregon

The War in Ukraine: Challenge or Affirmation of the Territorial Norms of the Modern State System?

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm APCG Yearbook Keynote Lecture and Reception | Wilson Library Reading Room (advance registration required)

The State of the Salish Sea | Dr. Kathryn Sobocinski

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Academic West (AW) and Interdisciplinary Science Buildings

7:30 am – 8:45 am Executive Committee Meeting | Academic West 205

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration | Academic West foyer

9:00 am – 10:20 am Morning Paper Sessions

GIS and Geospatial Techniques (AW 210)

Chair: Emma Slager, University of Washington Tacoma

9:00 am | Chris Lukinbeal, The University of Arizona

A Cartographic Archaeology of Old Tucson Studios

9:15 am | Andrew M Wallace, CSU, Fullerton

Assessing Organizational Challenges within Municipal GIS Implementations: A Case Study of Urban Drainage System Asset Management in Orange County, California

9:30 am | Soheil Boroushaki, California State University Northridge

A Kernel-based Two-Step Floating Catchment Area Method for Measuring Spatial Accessibility to Primary Healthcare Physicians in Santa Clarita, California

9:45 am | Parveen K Chhetri and Raju Bista, California State University Dominguez Hills Application of Geospatial Technology for Alpine Treeline Mapping and Monitoring

10:00 am | Katya L Yanez, California State University, Northridge; Mario A Giraldo, California State University, Northridge; and Joe T Roberts, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Evaluating Geospatial Data Accessibility at the Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center (PO.DAAC)

# Early Career and NTT Awards Competition (AW 203)

Chair: Ian Walker, Bellevue College

9:00 am | Lorne A Platt, CSULA/Cal Poly Pomona Gardens, Baseball, and the Search for a Modern Stadium in Los Angeles

9:15 am | Sophia L Borgias, Boise State University and Kate A Berry, University of Nevada, Reno

Beyond Injustice: Diverse Visions and Coalitions for Water Justice in Rural-Urban Water Conflicts

9:30 am | Pronoy Rai, Portland State University The Labor Geographies of Climate Adaptation and Climate Justice in Rural Western India

9:45 am | Parveen K Chhetri and Raju Bista, California State University Dominguez Hills Desert Space, Place, & Art: Site-Specific Art Installations in California Desert Communities

10:00 am | Brett Lucas; City of Cheney, WA US-99 - California's "Main Street" Measuring Gas/Food/Lodging "Attractiveness"

# 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Morning Poster Session | Interdisciplinary Science Buildina

12:00 pm - 1:20 pm Women's Network Lunch | Academic West Skybridge (advance registration required) or lunch on your own. We have an extended lunch break to give you time to explore the WWU campus or visit downtown Bellingham and the Saturday Farmers Market.

Keynote Lecture | Academic West 210 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Climate Change Injustice in Tibet: Impacts and

Adaptation | Dr. Emily Yeh

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm World Geography Bowl | Academic West 203

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm APCG Business Meeting | Academic West 205

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Student Awards Banquet and Presidential Address Wilson Library Reading Room (advance registration required)

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