From the President

Dear Members of the IAG,

This is my last message as President of the IAG, as I hand over the role to Associate Professor Ian Rutherfurd (University of Melbourne) at our June Council meeting. I’m very confident that Ian will do a superb job in the role and I look forward to being Immediate Past President for the next two years. I’d now like to recognise some of the important voluntary work undertaken by members of our Council.

Firstly, the IAG Council is delighted to inform all members that our application for not-for-profit status for the Institute has been successful. Our Honorary Treasurer, Dr Robert Gale has spearheaded this important process and this is a major milestone for the IAG to be recognised as a not-for-profit society and paves the way for us to build our financial reserves to fund our various core activities. Great work Robert!

Council has responded to concerns from several IAG Study Group convenors about having a more transparent process for approving and funding our study groups. To address this concern, we will run a special SG meeting during the Adelaide IAG conference. A draft position paper will be presented to SG convenors and co-convenors for discussion. Our aim will be to deal with these legitimate concerns and to plan a way forward.

At the beginning of this year, the new 5-year contract with Wiley Publishing came into play, and saw the establishment of the new editorial team under the leadership of Professor Elaine Stratford (UTas). Elaine has hit the ground running and has some excellent ideas for where we might want to take Geographical Research in the future.
The new position of Honorary Membership Secretary becomes open, and we encourage members to nominate for this position and other positions on Council as described in our Honorary Secretary’s report. At the June Council meeting we will say goodbye to several IAG stalwarts. I especially thank Professor Phil McManus (USyd) for his six years service on council as VP-elect, president and VP-past president. He has taken on these roles with enthusiasm and dedication, so many thanks Phil for your distinguished service to the IAG. We also say goodbye to Dr Tom Measham (CSIRO/ANU), who steps down after two terms on council. Tom has been a very active member of council and we can thank him for many things, notably being the co-chair of the 2015 IAG Conference in Canberra, for initiating the Friends of Geography program and for taking time to mentor this year’s science meets parliament academic geographers. We also say adieu to Dr Aidan Davison (UTas) who has also completed two terms on council. Aidan has also been a lively contributor to council, and I especially thank him for taking on the complex task of tracking our current and lapsed membership, working closely with Kirstie Petrou and Robert Gale. Lastly, I’d like to thank all members of council for their sustained inputs and high levels of collegiality.

Special mention is warranted to Ian Rutherfurd for his marathon effort in leading the highly competitive bid for Melbourne to host the International Geographical Congress (IGC) in 2024. I say a marathon as the process is akin to bidding for the Olympics. We will hear of our fate when the winning bid is announced at the IGC Beijing 2016 meeting in August. Many thanks Ian and fingers crossed that we secure the congress for Melbourne!

Finally, lapsed membership is a major concern for the IAG, as without a stable – but preferably growing cohort of members – we cannot maintain the level of core activities of the IAG, notably study groups. If you may have fallen behind on your membership dues, we respectfully ask you to renew your membership if you plan to continue to receive the journal and have access to study group and conference benefits.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the Adelaide conference.

Best wishes,

Steve Turton,
James Cook University, steve.turton@jcu.edu.au
News from IAG Council

IAG NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS

IAG Council is delighted to inform all members that our application for not-for-profit status for the Institute has been successful. Thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to attain this notable achievement and we encourage all to partake of the benefits!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS

IAG members are advised of the call for nominations for the following positions on IAG Council:

At the Special General Meeting in Adelaide at the IAG Conference Assoc Prof Ian Rutherfurd will become President and Professor Steve Turton will become Vice President (Immediate Past President), replacing the current Immediate Past President, Professor Phil McManus.

Ms Rachel Chapman (Postgraduate Member of Council, elected in 2014) and Dr Leah Gibbs (elected in 2014) will retire as Council members, and are both eligible for re-election.

Dr Tom Measham (elected in 2012 and 2014) and Dr Aidan Davison (elected in 2012 and 2014) also retire as Council members and are both ineligible for re-election, having served the maximum two terms.

Dr Robert Gale and Robyn Bartel also retire as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary respectively. Both are eligible for re-election.

The new position of Honorary Membership Secretary becomes open.

Financial members of the Institute are therefore invited to nominate candidates for the following positions, using the form sent to your email address and attached below:

Vice-President (President Elect)
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Membership Secretary
Two Councillors
One Postgraduate Student Councillor
Elected councillors, including the Postgraduate Councillor, will hold office until the second succeeding General Meeting following their election, which is normally two years. They shall be eligible for immediate re-election as Councillors but with a maximum period of continuous office up to the fourth succeeding General Meeting after their initial election.

The President shall hold office until the second succeeding General Meeting, and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. The Vice-Presidents shall hold office until the second succeeding General Meeting after their election.

The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Membership Secretary shall hold office until the second General Meeting after their election, and shall be eligible for immediate re-election to office.

The closing date for nominations is **Monday 9 May 2016**. Nominations must be received in writing, using the form sent to your email address and attached also below, and should be emailed to rbartel@une.edu.au

Should an election be required, ballot papers will be emailed to financial members, who will have until **Monday 27 June 2016** to return them by email to the Honorary Secretary, who will be the Returning Officer.

Results will be reported at the Special General Meeting in Adelaide.

**STUDY GROUPS**

The IAG Council has been delighted to receive a record number of applications for funding this year. While unfortunately we are unable to sustain the magnitude of funding from previous years, we are pleased to see active study groups organizing events for the benefit of their members and the wider IAG membership. We are happy to announce the following funding for 2016:

**Critical Development Study Group**: $1,400 for guest speaker, Assoc Prof Chris Roche, at IAG 2016.

**Health Geography Study Group**: $1,500 for postgraduate student support.

**Hazards, Risks, Disasters Study Group**: $1,700 for workshop to be held coincident to the IAG Conference.
Indigenous People's Knowledge and Rights Study Group: $1,800 for supporting attendance at the IAG conference.

Rural Geography Study Group: $2,200 to support conference field trip.

Cultural Geography Study Group and Urban Geography Study Group: $3,400 for workshop (funded out-of-round).

If you would like to participate in any of these activities, or if you are not yet a member of any of the study groups but would like to join, then please contact the relevant Study Group office-bearers, please see for further details [https://www.iag.org.au/study-groups](https://www.iag.org.au/study-groups)

All study group convenors will be invited to a meeting to discuss future funding and support at the IAG conference in Adelaide. Given the evident and growing success of the study groups of the IAG the Council has determined that we need to amend our processes and communications re study group funding. If you have any further input or ideas re this please email the Secretary rbartel@une.edu.au

CALL FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS


The IAG supports the active participation of its postgraduate members in national and international conferences. To further this aim the IAG Council provides travel grants to assist eligible Research Higher Degree students to attend the annual IAG National Conference and the International Geographical Union Congress. Support for attendance at conferences other than the IAG Conference and the IGU Congress is not available from the IAG. See further [https://www.iag.org.au/postgraduates/travel-grants-for-post-graduates/](https://www.iag.org.au/postgraduates/travel-grants-for-post-graduates/)

There are two separate forms for the postgraduate member travel awards this year.

The following describes the selection criteria and application process for postgraduate members of the IAG who wish to apply for funding to attend: The Institute’s Annual Conference in Adelaide, 29 June – 1 July, 2016.
Eligibility criteria and award conditions: You must be:

* a current financial member of the IAG (Note: Eligible applications from student members outside Australia will be considered);
* enrolled on the date you apply for funding in either a Masters degree (Research) or a Doctoral degree;
* presenting a paper at the conference; and
* registered to attend the conference for its full duration.

Grant recipients must write a 500 word report for the IAG Council. The report should outline your participation in the conference, your reflections on the conference and detail how you spent the grant money. Your report should be submitted to the Vice-President (Past President), within 90 days of the conclusion of the conference. Reports may be reproduced in part or full in the IAG Newsletter.

How to apply for funding to attend the IAG Annual Conference in Adelaide, 29 June – 1 July, 2016: You must complete the PostgraduateTravel Grant Application Form available at https://www.iag.org.au/uploads/2016/01/travel-grants-for-postgraduate-members-2016-iag.pdf and email it to Ian Rutherfurd idruth@unimelb.edu.au no later than Monday 2 May 2016.

In the subject line of your email please write “IAG Postgraduate Travel Grant Application for the IAG conference for [your name]”.

You must also attach:
(i) evidence of your registration at the conference;
(ii) advice of the acceptance of your paper (where available);
(iii) a copy of your paper’s abstract and title; and
(iv) proof of your enrolment in either a Masters degree (Research) or a Doctoral degree.

Travel grants are awarded at the discretion of the IAG Council. Whilst the total level of funding is generous, grants available to individuals will depend on the number of applicants. There will be a tiered system of funding employed depending on distance from the event. The exact amount of money available per student will depend on the number and location of applicants. In previous years amounts awarded have rarely exceeded several hundred dollars per applicant. Students are encouraged to pursue other sources of funding support if needed.

The following describes the selection criteria and application process for postgraduate members of the IAG who wish to apply for funding to attend: The International Geographical Union Congress in Beijing, China, 21- 25 August, 2016.
Eligibility criteria and award conditions:
You must be:
* a current financial member of the IAG;
* enrolled on the date you apply for funding in either a Masters degree (Research) or a Doctoral degree;
* presenting a paper at the congress; and
* registered to attend the congress for its full duration.
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AWARDS OF THE IAG

Thanks to all those who nominated your esteemed colleagues for these awards. Awards will be announced at the IAG in Adelaide.

Applications for the following awards for 2016 closed on March 31:

- **AUSTRALIA-INTERNATIONAL MEDAL** is for outstanding contributions by Australian geographers to geography world-wide, or by geographers outside Australia to the geography of Australia. Nominations will next be called in 2017.

- **DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS (DFIAG)** is awarded for distinguished service to Australian geography through furthering the aims of the Institute. Nominations will next be called in 2017.

- **The FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS (FIAG)** recognizes sustained service to the profession of geography in Australia. Nominations will next be called in July 2016.

- Please note that the **GRIFFITH TAYLOR MEDAL** is awarded for distinguished contributions to geography in Australia. The GRIFFITH TAYLOR MEDAL is only awarded every second year. Nominations will next be called in 2017.

Further details all awards of the IAG are available from: [https://www.iag.org.au/about/awards-of-the-iag/](https://www.iag.org.au/about/awards-of-the-iag/)

CONSTITUTION CHANGES 2016

IAG members are advised that the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 8 April passed the recently circulated proposal to amend the Constitution of the IAG. The proposal related to Council composition. The Council will now be composed of one additional Honorary member and role, that of Honorary Membership Secretary. The number of ordinary councillors will decrease from five to four, including one postgraduate student member (the latter number is unchanged). The AGM also approved the financial statements for 2015. Thanks to all members who attended.

NOTICE OF IAG SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a Special General Meeting held to coincide with the IAG Conference in Adelaide later this year, please check the conference programme when available for details.

NEXT IAG COUNCIL MEETINGS

The IAG Council is holding its next meeting on Tuesday 28 June.

**Robyn Bartel**, IAG Honorary Secretary.
INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS INC
NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL 2016

I, _______________________________ (the proposer)

being a financial member of the IAG, do nominate

______________________________ (the nominee) of

______________________________

______________________________ (address of nominee)

and

I, _______________________________ (the seconder)

being also a financial member of the IAG do second the nomination of

______________________________ (the nominee)

to the position of ________________________________ of the IAG.

Signed (proposer):
   Date:

Signed (seconder):
   Date:

I, ________________________________ (the nominee) accept this nomination
and if elected will serve the IAG as set out in the Constitution.

Signed (nominee):      Date:

Brief biographical statement of nominee (maximum 200 words):
Treasurer’s report

The long running matter of IAG’s tax status is now officially resolved in our favour. IAG is now registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and endorsed as a charity with income tax exemption!!

Members may recall from AGM reports that some accounting firms concluded that IAG was not tax exempt and therefore would not undertake the annual audit without an ATO ruling.

My thanks to IAG Council for encouraging support during the application process, which necessarily included a redraft of the Constitution along the way.


Robert Gale
IAG Treasurer

Report from Treasurer and Membership Secretary

We have the following good and bad news about IAG membership and unpaid dues.

The good news is that:
- 25 new members have joined since January
- 217 members have paid for 2016, including 1-year and 3-year members

The bad news is that:
- 178 members from 2015 have not yet renewed their membership in 2016
- Overall, since 2013, there are 607 unpaid dues from members who continue to receive the benefits of membership (including the journal)

These unpaid dues total more than $40,000, an amount that could fund more study group sessions, more postgraduate travel bursaries and offset costs associated with Geographical Research.

In order to recoup outstanding dues, Council will contact members individually about outstanding dues. Members who do not repay long overdue accounts will be, reluctantly, suspended, leading to cancellation of the journal subscription. If you think your membership might be outstanding, please contact Kirstie Petrou to inquire further at: kirstie.petrou@sydney.edu.au

Robert Gale, Honorary Treasurer and Aidan Davison, Membership Secretary
IAG Membership fees due!

A reminder that IAG membership fees are due at the start of the calendar year. Membership fees play a vital role in enabling the Institute to support members through activities such as the journal, study groups, the conference and strategic advocacy and development of the discipline.

Members receive 4 issues of Geographical Research, discounted registration for the IAG conference and are able to participate in study group activities funded by the IAG.

You have the option to pay for 1 or 3 years and students are offered a heavily subsidised concessional rate.

**Membership Fees for 2016:**
Membership comprises three categories (Ordinary, Fulltime Student or Concessional*)

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*Note: Concessional members are students or have primary income from Commonwealth Government benefits

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2016, you can do so online via the members section of the IAG website at [https://www.iag.org.au/members-section/](https://www.iag.org.au/members-section/)

If you need any assistance with logging in contact Dr Kirstie Petrou, IAG Administration Assistant, at kirstie.petrou@sydney.edu.au

If you have any queries about your membership, contact Dr Aidan Davison, IAG Membership Secretary at Aidan.Davison@utas.edu.au
IGU Activities

International Year of Global Understanding 2016

The increasingly noticeable global consequences of local action call attention to the fact, that changing the world is everyone’s business. Taking action on global issues locally involves an understanding of the manifold ways in which the local and the global are intertwined. This is the central idea of the 2016 “International Year of Global Understanding” (IYGU). The international year is supported by the international scientific umbrella organizations ICSU (International Council for Science), ISSC (International Social Science Council), and CIPSH (International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences). It originates from the Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena in Germany. In cooperation with the International Geographical Union, Professor Benno Werlen, social geographer at Jena University, initiated and developed the IYGU. The International Year was officially inaugurated in Jena on February 2, 2016. A public opening ceremony was held at the Thuringian city’s “Volkshaus” and Professor Klaus Töpfer, the former German Federal Minister for the Environment and the former Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) delivered the keynote address.

The International Year of Global Understanding (supported by IGU) is now underway and off to a wonderful start. The most important developments are, in a nutshell:

- The opening ceremony was very successful and received considerable media coverage. For documentation of the event, please see http://www.global-understanding.info/resources/pictures-and-videos/ and https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbnAgUgUb9fbLnv-un5tJVw
The network of Regional Action Centers is developing well. Some weeks ago, Quebec followed the ones confirmed in January (Slovenia, Greece, Croatia, Serbia). The Centers in Spain/Santiago de Compostela, Argentina/Buenos Aires, Lithuania/Vilnius, Japan/Hiroshima, and Italy/Genoa are close to being signed, while those in Georgia/National Academy and Cap Verde/Paraia are in an early stage. At the moment, the focus is on the Middle East, where negotiations with institutions in Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Qatar started some weeks ago;

Collaboration in terms of the Arts includes 1) a memorandum of understanding with the Atelier Mémoire de l’Avenir a a Global Action Center regarding the coordination of actions in different Arts fields, including literature and performing, visual, culinary, and media arts; 2) cooperation with Ethnografilm on the production of an IYGU movie; 3) photography competitions (Andre Stenin Award on "Visualizing a Path to Global Understanding etc.); 4) cooperation is on the way with the 2016 Oscar award-winning best documentary Demain (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUN0QxRB7e0), which addresses everyday actions and climate change in the same way as the IYGU does;

Collaboration with schools includes 1) the Story Map competition in co-operation with ESRI and the IGU Commission for Geographical Education which will be launched officially at EUROGEO 2016 in Malaga on September 29/30; 2) an education campaign - an initiative to stimulate a reduction of CO2 emissions in co-operation with the Juelich Forschungszentrum (Germany); 3) a cartoon and postcard competition for school classes in collaboration with Alan Mitcham and, specifically, with the IYG Regional Action Centers;

Collaboration with sports primarily encompasses the Letter of Intent (LOI) together with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the Olympic and Para Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016 to potentially collaborate with the IOC and its sustainability politics; after some minor revisions, the LOC’s legal division is currently busy with the final examination of the LOI;

Publications include 1) the contracts signed for the first three Springer briefs on Working/housing/urbanizing, Communicating/networking/interacting, and Eating/drinking/surviving to be published, we hope, in the first half of 2016. The Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI) has offered to translate and potentially publish the six briefs into Spanish and Portuguese; 2) several publications in scientific journals and in the ESRI publication, ArcNews, which has a circulation of 800,000; and 3) a media 20 Minutes documentary on the Brazilian TV channel with national reach Reporter Eco on the IYGU

More information on the IYGU can be found at: www.global-understanding.info/de/ or email the IYGU Executive Director, Prof Benno Werlen benno.werlen@uni-jena.de and more details of the wide range of other IGU activities can be found at the website http://igu-online.org/
The Australian Geography Competition Committee are pleased to announce the four member 2016 Australian Team who will compete at the 13th International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) (http://www.igeo2016.org/dct/page/1) in Beijing, China from Tuesday 16th August to Monday 22 August. The team members are:

- Andreas Orsmond, Sydney Grammar School, New South Wales
- Claire Yung, Narrabundah College, Australian Capital Territory
- Deepan Kumar, Narrabundah College, Australian Capital Territory
- Georgia Worner, Loretta Kirribilli, New South Wales.

The 2016 Australian Team Leaders and Australian Geography Competition Committee members who will accompany the students are:

- Margaret McIvor, The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, and Geography Teacher’s Association of Queensland.
- Anne-Marie Gerlach, Geography Teacher’s Association of Queensland, and Board Member of the Australian Geography Teachers’ Association.

The Australian Team were selected through their performance at the 2015 Geography’s Big Week Out held on North Stradbroke Island from 27th September to 2nd October 2015. The Geography’s Big Week Out is a mix of stimulating and hands-on geography activities designed to challenge and extend high-performing senior students. Costs (airfares, accommodation, meals, and activities) of participation in the Big Week Out are met by the organisers.

Students participating in Geography’s Big Week Out are selected via the Australian Geography Competition. The highest-scoring Year 11 male and female students (aged 16 to 18 on 30 June) in each State and the combined Territories who sit the Australian Geography Competition each win a place at Geography’s Big Week Out. Two other high-scoring students are also awarded this prize.

The 2016 Australian Geography Competition will be sat around Australia between Monday 16 May and Friday 27 May.
Geography’s Big Week Out and Australia’s participation in the International Geography Olympiads are supported by the Australian Government, Macquarie University, and the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, University of Queensland.

“I would never have expected how much fun I would have and how much I would learn during this fantastic week. It was a perfect balance of in-the-field investigation, classroom reflection and laidback fun, in which I was not only exposed to a whole new set of complex concepts to grapple with and reflect upon, but I got to meet some of the nicest and funniest kids imaginable.” Andreas Orsmond, student participant, 2015 Geography’s Big Week Out.

“The 2015 iGeo was an incredible experience to be a part of, the competition itself was an opportunity for us to compete against some of the most intelligent geographers in the world, but it also allowed us to make friends from across the globe. We all have a network of friends from around the world which would not have been possible without attending the Olympiad.” Canada Gavin, Australian team member, 2015 International Geography Olympiad, Russia

For further information visit the Australian Geography Competition website http://www.geographycompetition.org.au, or contact: Bernard Fitzpatrick, Australian Geography Competition Coordinator, competition@rgsq.org.au
Grant and Award Opportunities

Griffith Taylor Medal
The medal is awarded for distinguished contributions to geography in Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded in each two year period.

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
The Fellowship is awarded for distinguished service to Australian geography through furthering the aims of the Institute. The award was called the ‘Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographer’ prior to 2008.

Australian-International Medal
In recognition of either outstanding contributions by Australian (or Australia-based) geographers to the advancement of Geography worldwide or of outstanding contributions to the understanding of the geography of Australia by geographers permanently residing outside Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded each year.

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
Is awarded for sustained service to the geography profession in Australia

Past Winners
Griffith Taylor Medal
- Mrs Ann Marshall 1989
- Dr Les Heathcote 1997
- Dr Joe Gentilli 1998
- Professor Fay Gale 2001
- Professor Bruce Thom 2004
- Emeritus Professor John Holmes 2006
- Professor Joe Powell 2008
- Professor Michael Webber 2011
- Professor Jim Walmsley 2013
- Professor Arthur Conacher 2015

Australia - International Medal
- Professor Janice Monk 1999
- Professor Reginald Golledge 2000
- Professor Tom McKnight 2001
- Emeritus Professor Harold Brookfield 2005
- Emeritus Professor Ian Douglas 2006
- Professor John Connell 2009
- Professor Katherine Gibson and Professor Julie Graham 2010
- Associate Professor Louise Johnson 2011
- Professor Graeme Hugo 2014
- Professor Gordon Clark 2015

Recipients of the former Fellowship of the IAG
- Professor Murray McCaskill 1989
- Professor Bruce Thom 1992
- Professor John Holmes 1997
- Associate Professor Arthur Conacher 1998
- Mr Laurie Olive 1999
- Dr Morgan Sant 2001
- Associate Professor Richard Howitt 2004

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
- Dr Peter Smailes 2008
- Emeritus Professor Bob Fagan 2009
- Professor Chris Gibson 2012
- Associate Professor Deirdre Dragovich 2012
- Professor Jim Forest 2012
- Associate Professor Neil Argent 2012
- Dr Hugo Bekle 2012
- Professor Jim Walmsley 2012
- Dr Scott Mooney 2012
- Dr Ashley Webb 2012
- Mr Graham Pascoe 2014

Citations are available from: https://www.iag.org.au/about/awards-of-the-iag/
Welcome

The IAG Council welcomes the following new members of the IAG

Jess Austen, University of Western Australia; Hulya Gilbert, University of South Australia; Kate McCauley, Macquarie University; Stephen Healy, Western Sydney University; Kelly Thompson; Iris Bergmann, University of Sydney; Shelby Canterford, Geoscience Australia; Lynette Peterson; Max Singh; Zuyu Huang, University of Melbourne, Raven Cretney, RMIT; Liz Charpleix, UNE; Naama Blatman-Thomas, Ben Gurion University; Nicole McNamara, Macquarie University; Elizabeth Clarke, Australian National University; Jo Smeed, Queensland University of Technology; Sandra Potter, Department of the Environment; Charishma Ratnam, University of New South Wales; Alistair Sisson, University of Sydney; Malcolm Campbell, University of Canterbury; Leah Talbot, CSIRO; Muhammad Al-Amin Hoque, University of Queensland; Lisa Palmer, University of Melbourne; Billy Haworth, University of Sydney; Lisa Stafford, Queensland University of Technology.

Grants and Awards Received

Iain Hay was presented with the 2016 Massey University Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at a glittering ceremony in Auckland in late March. He is pictured here after the formalities with Massey’s Vice Chancellor, the Hon Steve Maharey, and with New Zealand’s Minister of Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment the Hon Steven Joyce.
Congratulations to the following have recently received the award of PhD:

**Dr Glenn Morrison** for his 2015 PhD thesis entitled ‘Songlines and Fault Lines: Six Walks that Shaped a Nation’, which won a Vice Chancellors Commendation at Macquarie University.

**Dr. Candice Boyd** for her PhD thesis on ‘Non-representational geographies of therapeutic art making’ at Melbourne University.

**Dr. Steven Waller** for his PhD thesis on ‘The Influences of Organisational Culture on Adaptive Decision-Making’ at Melbourne University.

Congratulations to the following who have received other grants and awards:

**Sarah Foster** from the Centre for the Built Environment and Health won an ARC DECRA. Sarah’s research focuses on the impact of the urban environment on a range of social and health behaviours, including walking, social connections, and perceptions of safety.

**UWA and CDU** will lead the National Environmental Science Program (NESP) Northern Australia Hub: a comprehensive program of research with significant involvement from geographers at UWA.

**Nik Callow** and **Byran Boruff** are part of a team that has secured a 3-year grant $AUD 1,999,604 grant as part of the Grains Research and Development Corporation’s (GRDC) National Frost initiative, entitled Spatial temperature measurement and mapping tools to assist growers, advisors and extension specialists manage frost risk at farm scale. Nik and Bryan have 2 PhD students working on the project.

**Bryan Boruff, Julia Horsley, Natasha Pauli** and **Eloise Biggs** are part of a team that has secured a 2-year $130,000 (USD) grant from the Asia Pacific Network entitled Climate Change Adaptation in Post-Disaster Recovery Processes: Flood-Affected Communities in Cambodia and Fiji.

**Fiona Haslam Mackenzie** and **Paul Maginn** were awarded a grant from the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Department of Local Government and Communities to conduct a ‘Census of Local Government Elected Members’.

**Scott Heyes**, from the University of Canberra was awarded the 2015 Vice-Chancellor’s Research Excellence Award in Humanities and Creative Arts.”

**Andrew Gorman-Murray** commenced as an international collaborator on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant (435-2015-0071, C$101k), “Resisting recognition: transnational oppositions to LGBT inclusions in Canada, Great Britain and Australia”, with Professors Catherine J Nash (Brock University), Kath Browne (University of Brighton) and Miriam Smith (York University).
Scott Heyes recently received $85,000 in funding from the University of Canberra’s Collaborative Indigenous Research Initiative. The project investigates the design and development of a gateway precinct for the Bundian Way, a 350 km traditional Aboriginal trade route between the New South Wales south coast and the Snowy Mountains. The project will engage with the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Applications are open for an Indigenous PhD scholar to be involved with this project. Applicants with a background in landscape architecture, cultural heritage, anthropology, geography, or a cognate field are highly encouraged to apply for the Indigenous Heritage PhD Scholarship. Further details at:

Dale Dominey-Howes has been awarded a one year 2016 Strategic Priority Grant from The University of Sydney valued at $115,000 for a project entitled ‘Investigating stakeholder attitudes to antimicrobial resistance – new insights to underpin a ‘One Health’ policy approach in Australia’. The project co-led by Dr Maurizio Labbate from the School of Life Sciences, UTS, brings together an interdisciplinary team of microbiologists, vet scientists, medical and health practitioners, policy makers and geographers (led by Dale) to investigate stakeholders views of the problem of bacterial resistance to antibiotics. This global health problem is rapidly escalating to present a threat to community every bit as severe as that of global climate change. Recently, Dale and Maurizio have argued the crises of antibiotic resistance can be re-imagined as a disaster risk.

Kevin Dunn and the Challenging Racism Project team commenced work on the ARCLP funded “Standing up to racism and racial bullying among Australian school students”, working jointly with the Departments of Education in Victoria and NSW ($624K).

Garth Lean won a Western Sydney University Researcher Development Strategic Initiative Funding ECR grant for the project “The Transformative Experiences of Asian Working Holiday Makers in Australia: A Pilot-Study”.

Paul Maginn’s and Christine Steinmetz’s co-edited book ‘(Sub)urban Sexscapes: Geographies and regulation of the sex industry’ won the Planning Institute of Australia (WA) Award for Cutting Edge Research and Teaching.

Garth Lean and Jenna Condie (Lecturer in Digital Research and Online Social Analysis) launched the TinDA (Travel in the Digital Age) Project in March – www.tindaproject.com. The project is examining the ways in which digital technologies are mediating travel experiences. Their first study investigates the commonplace use of geolocation hook-up/meet-up applications (or apps), such as Tinder and Grindr, by tourists and travellers. Their study was featured in the Times Higher Education.

Jen Carter and others (USC-USQ) won an OLT seed grant on ‘The ‘university place’: how and why place influences the engagement and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students’.
A quick update as the team from the South Australia and Kagai Events are in the midst of program planning. Abstracts are up on last year, and are particularly buoyant in the health, cultural and rural geography, and the climate change and risks/hazards area. A first observation for future conferences, the Frontiers in … Geography sessions are well subscribed too, whereas some of the specialised sessions have fewer papers. That may be something to think about? Did you forget to submit your abstract? - we can still squeeze the odd one in, but be quick!

Professor Pat Gober (Arizona State and Saskatchewan) will give a key plenary on Urban adaptation to mega-drought: Anticipatory water modeling, policy, and planning for the urban Southwest. This will be augmented by a follow-up panel discussion examining the messages in this talk in the context of Australian cities: part of our international connection theme. Professor Steve Turton will give the 2016 Presidential Address on Expansion of the tropics: evidence and implications for Australia. All of the plenary talks and parallel sessions will be held at UniSA East.

We have a full slate of field excursions during the conference (including visits to the Rare Book and Map collections of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia). On the Saturday 2nd July you can visit McLaren Vale or the Coorong and Murray Mouth, and there will be a three-day post conference excursion organised by the rural geographers.

We have secured the National Wine Centre for the conference dinner on Thursday 30th June. Like all the conference venues, the National Wine Centre is conveniently located within walking distance of each other along North Terrace. Further details are at https://kaigi.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/iag-2016/info

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in June. Don’t forget - early bird registration closes on Friday 13th May!

Andrew Millington
Chair, Local Organising Committee
Other Conferences

The 33rd International Geographical Congress will to be held in Beijing, P. R. China over the period August 21-25, 2016. The CPG preconference will also be held in Guangzhou prior to the IGC Beijing. The theme of the 2016 Congress is ‘Shaping Our Harmonious Worlds’, which highlights today’s common pursuit for harmony between humankind and nature, between environment and society, and for harmonious approaches to the world’s hazards and conflicts. Under this theme, five Congress key topics will be focused, parallel to the quadrennial meeting of the IGU commissions and task forces. In addition, a rich variety of field excursions will be organized so as to provide participants a chance to appreciate some of the unique natural features and cultural traditions of this ancient and modern country. Full details are at: http://www.igc2016.org/dct/page/1

The Safe Cities Conference will provide a platform of discussion for professionals and specialists involved with the safety and security of the cities within which we live. The Conference will include workshops, presentations and forums to share experiences and the challenges of designing, planning and maintaining safe places to live. You are invited to submit an abstract to present at the Conference being held at Pullman Melbourne on the Park, VIC on the 22 – 23 August 2016.

Presenters at this year’s meeting have access to:

- 30 minute presentation: All invited authors will have the opportunity to present a 30 minute oral presentation which includes interactive discussion with the audience.
- Papers Published: All accepted presenters will have the opportunity to have their full paper published in the International Book of Conference Proceedings with an ISBN number. Published papers provide an ongoing public and academic resource internationally online. Peer reviewing is also available.
- Blog Story: Authors are invited to submit a case study or story for inclusion on the Safe Cities Conference Blog. The Blog is promoted internationally via our large social media network. All link-backs can be to the author.
- Podcasts: All presentations are recorded as podcasts and released after the conference. This provides ongoing research and discussion. Attendees have access to the resource post conference.
- Certificates: Presenters will be issued a Certificate of Acknowledgement which includes your full name, organisation and the title of your conference presentation.

Submissions to present will be accepted until Monday 23 May 2016 via the conference website, http://safecities.net.au/submit-an-abstract/

The Society for Risk Analysis - Australia and New Zealand (SRA-ANZ) 9th Annual Conference on Engaging Risk will be held at the Appleton Institute, Adelaide, South Australia on 22-25 November 2016. There is currently a call for abstracts:

What do climate change, immunisation, refugees and animal testing have in common? They engage society in heated debate about risk, and they all involve tension between subjective and objective risk analysis. The experimental, natural and social sciences have all been called into question as stakeholders try to make sense of risk and reward in absolute terms as well as relative to their own work and lives. The 9th Annual Conference of the SRA-ANZ calls for papers relevant to risk and engagement from all academic disciplines and industries.

We invite papers on:

- How can risk analysis be more engaging?
- What are the relationships between risk engagement, risk communication, decision-making and judgment.
- How do individuals, groups and entities engage with risk?
- How do various sciences engage with risk?
- How can risk analysis engage the subjective and objective dimensions of risk?
- What innovative applications, methodologies and technologies could make risk analysis more engaging?
- How can different populations be engaged in risk, risk analysis and risk management? (Including workers, managers, investors, planners, policy makers, government and the community)
- In what ways does engaging with risk involve engaging with reward?

We also invite the submission of papers on other aspects of risk, risk analysis and risk management. Abstracts must be submitted on or before the 27th May 2016. Find the submission form and further details online at: http://www.sraanz.org.nz/instructions-for-presenters.html
Some Notes on the Conference, 
Association of American Geographers 
2016, San Francisco 
by Ray Sumner

Australian geography was well represented at the meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), held in San Francisco, March 20 - April 2, 2016. I will let those attendees relate their experiences and give instead an impressionistic take on a theme which emerged as I sat down to write this, after the long drive from southern California to SF and back, and the exhilarating (and exhausting) few days of papers, panels, and posters.

My thoughts converged on agriculture. California has famously experienced drought for some years, and the eagerly anticipated “Godzilla” El Niño of 2015-6 was a disappointment. Precipitation was not sufficient to replenish the Sierra Nevada snowpack, a major water source. So as we drove through the Central Valley on “the 5” (Interstate highway 5, also known as “the I-5”), there were many banners and billboards deploring water restrictions and / or higher costs. This large assemblage displays three of them together (Fig 1), all problematic statements. Scare tactics on the left - Dearer water means dearer food. I cannot help thinking that food is very cheap in the USA, overproduction is the norm, and obesity the consequence. On the right, an appeal to sustainability – is growing food a waste of water? Since at least 40% of food in USA goes to the landfills, it seems much water and much food are indeed wasted. Then the large central sign is a different vantage point – should the state (and federal) government invest in a very-fast-train from LA to SF, or in yet more dams? Environmental considerations would suggest that neither is desirable. But the myth of the independent farmer and his family still prevails throughout the agricultural interior of the state, while the reality, visible the entire length of the I- 5, is a landscape of vast corporate agribusiness.

Fig 1: “Water wars”
In any case, California’s drought seemed sadly overlooked, compared with discussions of drought in Yunnan, Mesoamerica, Chile, Iran and elsewhere. However in a session on Moralities of Drought, a local geographer spoke on *The Political Ecology of California’s Drought* (Greg Schwartz); but the few others who showed interest in the Golden State’s desiccation were from out-of-state, and unfortunately scheduled in a somewhat remote venue. From Arizona there was *Drought in California’s San Joaquin Valley: Assessing Environmental Narratives of Vulnerability* (Christina Greene), and from Virginia *Hung out to dry: Case Studies Comparing California counties’ water management solution to the drought for California residents* (Xavier Griffin), and in the final session *Drought, then El Nino and the National Park Service at 100: A Prelude to the Ominous 2016 Season in Yosemite National Park and its Social and Ecological Variables* from Pennsylvania (Daniel Kunches).

Worthy of mention too was the poster by Kathy Cappelli, also from Penn State, *Loss of Vegetation Due to California Drought*. Both food justice and urban agriculture were important topics in studies from other places.

Perhaps the greatest attraction of this meeting was the presence of David Lowenthal. The new edition of his book *The Past is a Foreign Country* was celebrated in a special Featured Session with a panel of complimentary critics. In many years in the USA I have never attended a geography meeting where Carl Sauer was not venerated, and such was the case when on the following day Lowenthal spoke on *Carl Sauer and His Legacy* (Fig 2). Like Lowenthal, several audience members had been students of Sauer, and even more had studied under one of his protégées. A well-received anecdote related how one student was given a bag of peanuts and $100 and told “Go down there and come back with a dissertation”. Lowenthal described Sauer as both curmudgeonly and charismatic, and rated as his greatest legacy the study *Agricultural Origins and Dispersals*. Agriculture also featured in the address by AAG Past-President Mona Domosh, *Genealogies of Race, Gender, and Place*, who traced the lives of African Americans in Alabama from slavery to sharecropping, and beyond Martin Luther King.
There were of course so many parallel sessions that it was only possible to visit a few in our 2-day visit, so the poster sessions provided a quick glimpse at different areas of interest. I had chatted with Gail Myers, as she stood beside her charming poster presentation, *Landscaped Legacies: A Pig Story in Black and White*, which documented a lone farmer on his tiny farm near Bakersfield, continuing the family tradition, and living sustainably, with practices like repairing fences with old boards stored in his wood pile – no trips to the Home Depot needed (Fig 3). At the other end of the food-chain was Angela Babb’s poster *(Mis)Calculating Poverty and Nutrition Assistance*, an investigation of how the US government’s Thrifty Food Plan underestimates poverty and does not provide a nutritious or culturally appropriate diet for the neediest citizens. Australian foodways were also represented with an 11-author study of access to healthy food. Four quite different and specially memorable posters were: the Austrians’ attractive demonstration of *Lord of the Rings - Get through Middle-Earth safely with Geoinformation* (Melanie Regenfelder and Christoph Erlacher); utilizing cemeteries as a teaching resource (in Buffalo, NY, James Oigara), which made me recall “olden days” of 1970s undergraduate geography and fieldwork; an investigation of gender in urban farming in Chicago; and a young Californian, Justin Smith from CSU East Bay, who carefully mapped Syria over his state, since so few Californians have any idea of where anything is.

ESRI, a major sponsor of the meeting, had a large display area, as did the United States Geological Survey, but they were upstaged by Google, whose new server instantly transforms years of satellite imagery into spectacular time-lapse displays of river flows, urban growth, forest clearance and more (Figs 4 and 5). With 9,000 participants in a huge and complex hotel, student-volunteers were invaluable as guides to the various rooms. These two from Greece were looking forward to a quick visit to Los Angeles before returning to Thessaloniki (Fig 5). When they asked how many days I thought they would need to see LA, it reminded me of Americans who ask how many days it takes to see Australia.
There was no time for sightseeing, but I have visited SF as a tourist several times. Still I was fortunate to have a room on the 28th floor of the conference hotel - no water view, but the guilded dome of City Hall in the centre of the view, nice light effects and cloudscapes, and if I squeezed into the far left corner of the room, I could see the top of one of the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge (Figs 7-8).

Fig 6. Student volunteers in the registration area

Fig 7: Dome of City Hall dominates the night-lights view

Fig 8: Same view next morning
Study Groups

Critical Development Study Group:

Innovative platform for International Development Studies Online Symposium, 15th & 16th February, 2016

Forty-four participants from across 10 Australian universities, 1 International university (University of the Philippines) and The Urban Poor Resource Centre (based in Manila) came together on February 15th & 16th for an inaugural international symposium. The symposium was held to forge cross-disciplinary communities of practice in development research, pedagogy and policy & practice. Participants discussed contemporary issues in development, ways of strengthening connections between academics and community based organisations and practitioners, and our role in terms of policy interventions (among other things). There was also strong collaboration and ideas sharing on the challenges and possibilities of teaching Development Studies to an increasingly diverse student cohort across the country. The event was an initiative of the Critical Development Study Group (CDSG) of the Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG). Paul Hodge and Sarah Wright who are co-conveners of the Study Group, co-chaired the symposium. Emma Dawes, Technical Officer in the School of Environmental & Life Sciences, coordinated the technology during the symposium which ensured the overall success of the innovative platform and The Centre for Teaching and Learning (at UoN) provided the essential online resource, Collaborate Ultra, and supported the initial training sessions. The participating Australian universities included: UoN, Curtin University, The University of Western Australia, Western Sydney University, Murdoch University, The Australian National University, The University of Melbourne, University of Wollongong, La Trobe University and James Cook University. For further details on the symposium outcomes contact Paul paul.hodge@newcastle.edu.au and Sarah sarah.wright@newcastle.edu.au For more information on the online capabilities of Collaborate Ultra contact Emma emma.dawes@newcastle.edu.au.
THE MOST RECENT AWESOMELY SUCCESSFUL LEGAL GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP...
was held at UNSW and organized by Daniel Robinson. Thanks to the IAG for support!

I am confident that I can speak for all in saying that we all felt that our intellectual muscles received a full workout and that we collectively contributed to the eroding of knowledge boundaries! This is in no small way due to Daniel’s design and leadership of the workshop and particularly in leading by example in excellent organization - which ensured that all were involved and contributed to the process, which will surely guarantee that everyone’s papers benefit from the ‘grilling’ and result in a robust and rigorous outcome (and outputs!) … I would also like to thank Dan in particular for facilitating the roundtable provision of thoughtful and measured insights, and for guiding all respective selves and disciplinary and geographical ‘baggage’ in productive and positive ways. I also really appreciated that everyone supported the exercise in a generous and considered manner and look forward to seeing us all in print very soon!

Workshop participant, study group and IAG member Lesley Crowe-Delaney had this to say about the workshop:

The Legal Geographers Study Group writing workshop 2016 held in the spacious surrounds of the law department at UNSW, drew together various geographers and lawyers who were asked to prepare drafts, then review, present and critique each other’s work with the aim on publishing. This was a highly productive workshop and equally supportive, where onlookers from the law department were also welcomed to provide comment. The enthusiasm of the workshop flowed into the tea and lunch breaks, where the ‘key notes’, lawyers and geographers alike networked and planned for future projects. Daniel Robinson, wholeheartedly supported by UNSW colleagues, must be commended for organizing a well-planned, timely and productive two days which included the key note speakers, and those senior academic lawyers who exposed their own difficult and sometimes convoluted processes of the consideration of argument in the drafting process, and the reconsideration of scientific categorization in the environmental science community incorporating the accompanying, predicted debates. The group of ECRs mid and senior academics left this workshop well-nourished physically and mentally, inspired and eager to publish.

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE…

"Products" of the UNE workshop and the UTS Symposium are soon to appear in a special issue of Geographical Research, and contributors are continuing to work on "outputs" of the UTas Legal Geography workshop as well!

AND WE NEED YOU!

To join our happy band, and find out more, please email the Convenor rbartel@une.edu.au

The Legal Geography study group will be meeting to elect new office bearers and discuss our "strategic directions" at IAG 2016. Check the programme when available for details!

Robyn Bartel, IAG LGSG Convenor.
Moving forward with the Australian Curriculum: Geography

A report from the Australian Geography Teachers Association (AGTA)

Susan Caldis, Secretary AGTA, President GTANSW.

Throughout 2015 and 2016, the AGTA Board has been focused on designing and implementing teacher professional learning opportunities and educational resources to support the implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Geography across the country.

At the Australian Alliance of Associations in Education (AAAE) meeting in March, it was encouraging to discover that AGTA is the pioneer of a national approach to delivering professional learning. The AGTA Roadshow is a one day event divided into a series of sessions designed specifically to unpack the key messages of the Australian Curriculum: Geography across the primary and secondary years. These sessions cover the conceptual framework and geographical thinking; the use of spatial technologies; the development of geographical literacy; the importance of inquiry based learning; and strategies for implementing fieldwork activities in to the teaching and learning of geography. The AGTA Roadshow team comprises Dr Grant Kleeman (AGTA Chair), Malcolm McInerney (Immediate Past AGTA Chair), Susan Caldis (AGTA Secretary), John Butler OAM (primary geographical education consultant), Mick Law (GTAQ Councillor). Together, this team have worked in conjunction with the state and territory affiliates to connect with over 350 Geography teachers and primary educators, collectively, over the last 12 months in Brisbane (March 2015), Perth (June 2015), Canberra (November 2015), Sydney (November 2015), Newcastle (November 2015) and Adelaide (March 2016). During April and May 2016, the AGTA Roadshow will complete its journey around Australia in Darwin and Tasmania respectively.

Other focus areas for AGTA and its affiliates across 2015-2016 are around the publication of a Geography skills textbook; the production of a series of posters highlighting the key concepts in the Australian Curriculum: Geography; the ongoing promotion of AGTA produced resources such as GeogSpace; and of course the 2017 AGTA Conference which will be hosted by the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria (GTAV) at the University of Melbourne between 9 – 12 January.
In celebration of World Teachers Day 2015, Malcolm McInerney (Immediate Past AGTA Chair) and Susan Caldis (AGTA Secretary) were the recipients of peer nominated awards in recognition of their contribution to education. Malcolm received the Teacher Supporting Teacher award from The Council of Education Associations of South Australia (CEASA) for his long standing involvement with the Geography Teachers Association of South Australia and extensive support provided to teachers from pre-service through to expert. Similarly, Susan received the Outstanding Service to the Profession award from the Professional Teachers Council of NSW (PTC) for her contribution to raising the profile and student uptake of Geography in NSW schools and her work with the Geography Teachers Association of NSW.

Finally, AGTA is proud to be associated with the Academy of Science’s National Committee for the Geographical Sciences Strategic Directions. This plan will include a focus on the contribution of school geography to Australia’s strategic research priorities, with the purpose being to inform policy makers about the role of Geography. The AGTA representatives on the School Geography Committee include Dr Grant Kleeman, Dr Jeana Kriewaldt, John Butler OAM, Nick Hutchinson, Susan Caldis and Rebecca Nicholas.

2016 is shaping up to be another busy and eventful year for the AGTA Board and the affiliate associations. For the full report of AGTA activities throughout 2015, please see Geographical Education 2015, Volume 28, available on the AGTA website http://www.agta.asn.au/Resources/GeographicalEducation/geoged-v28-2015.php

National Library of Australia news

As of early 2016, the National Library of Australia has made available online 40,000 out-of-copyright maps for free hi-resolution .tif download. The Library has also improved its online object viewer, which can now pan and zoom like you expect in 2016. To search for digitised maps, type your toponym of interest and the word ‘maps’ into our catalogue (http://catalogue.nla.gov.au) and from the ‘add limits’ dropdown, select ‘NLA digitised material’.

Full-size colour paper copies can still be purchased for $16.50 ($33 on poster paper).

Projects for 2016 include cataloguing and digitisation of all out of copyright series mapping of PNG, Indonesia, and the Australian 1:63,360 series (1915-1960s).
The Library is increasingly seeking sponsorship to drive its digitisation programme. If there is a particular map, set or series you would like to see digitised, contact us at maps@nla.gov.au
News From The Universities

University of Western Australia

In June 2015, Geography staff from UWA partnered with the University of Santiago De Compostelo in Spain to run an international student fieldtrip that examined the urban and regional transformations taking place in Barcelona and its hinterlands. Specifically, students were exposed to: i) The impacts of tourism and urban renewal on local communities and economic activity in central Barcelona; ii) The impacts of urban growth and suburbanisation within peri-urban Barcelona. This area is renowned for agriculture (particularly cava production) and the amenity and cultural values of the natural landscape, but is under immense pressures from the outward expansion of Barcelona; iii) The transformation of the regional town of Olot and its surroundings. Here, students grappled with the economic development implications of a population centre situated within a volcanic natural park, the socio-cultural implications of an increasingly multicultural population as a result of a recent inflow of international migrants, and the challenges of rural de-population in the smaller surrounding medieval walled settlements.

Ten geography students also participated in an international fieldtrip to Thailand in 2015, with funding support from the Federal Government’s Asia Bound study program and with collaboration from Naresuan University (NU), Phitsanulok. NU staff ran a series of lectures for the students, and students and staff from both universities participated in a range of cultural and research activities in and around Phitsanulok and Bangkok. They also visited the Nam Nao National Park and Sukhothai Historical Park. UWA students received academic credit toward their degrees upon completion of a series of assessments assigned during the field trip.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Eloise Biggs who joins us as a Lecturer in Geography from the University of Southampton, UK. Her research expertise is in water resources security and environmental change, with ongoing projects working in Western Australia, Fiji and India. Previous research has focused heavily on Nepal. Ellie’s main interests are focused around human-environment interactions through analysing spatial data to understand spatiotemporal change. Research in India is investigating climate-smart agriculture and sustainable landscapes for tea production in Assam, and her research in the Pacific adopts a water-energy-food nexus framing to understand important environmental livelihood security issues. Ellie will be primarily teaching GIS on our undergraduate and postgraduate programs.
We offer our warm congratulations to Rachel Chapman and Kim Crameri who both completed their doctoral studies.

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing this year of Emeritus Professor Martyn Webb, who founded the Geography Department at UWA. Martyn arrived from Oxford in 1964 and was head of Department until the 1970s, before retiring in 1986. Under Martyn’s initial leadership, the Department grew to be prominent in teaching and research across a number of important areas including urban studies, environmental change, rural development and land management. He was also a passionate advocate for field-based education. These themes and approaches remain central to geographical teaching and research at UWA today.

Melbourne University School of Geography

In February ABC science reported extensively on the finding of PhD student Michaela Mariani and Dr Michael-Shawn Fletcher that ozone depletion has caused a southward migration of westerly winds and that this explains more frequent bushfires in Tasmania over the past 1,000 years.

In March the ABC and Fairfax press reported on PhD student Rhiannon Bezore and Associate Professor David Kennedy’s discovery of five ‘drowned apostles’ between Point Campbell and Peterborough.

Professor Ruth Fincher has been awarded the title of Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor Emeritus

Professor Lesley Head has been awarded the title of Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor.

The school has made a number of exciting new appointments this year:
- Dr William Bovill (Melbourne University) has been appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow to work on an ARC Linkage Grant on how the retention of organic matter within rivers serves to maintain species diversity.
- Dr. Sangeetha Chandrashekeran has been appointed to a two-year position as lecturer in environmental change. Gigi has already started work, having recently been awarded a PhD for her research on the factors enabling and inhibiting demand management in Victoria’s electricity sector.
- Dr. Simon Connor has taken up a fixed term lecturing position in the School, having moved from Monash University.
- Dr. Nicole Cook remains with the School through to the end of 2016 on a fixed term lecturing position.
- Dr Olivia Dun joins us from the University of Wollongong to take up a fixed term research position working with Professor Lesley Head.
• Dr. Vanessa Lamb has been appointed to a continuing position in geography. Vanessa is currently at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, and will join the School of Geography in early July.
• Dr Jill Lancaster (Melbourne University) has been appointed a research fellow to work on an ARC funded project on landscape scale patterns of species diversity
• Dr. Celia McMichael has been appointed to a continuing position in health geography. Celia is currently at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, and will join the School of Geography in May.

Dr. Catherine Phillips has been appointed to a three-year position as lecturer in cultural geography. Catherine is currently based at the Institute for Culture and Society at Western Sydney University.

Dr Amy Prendergast has been awarded a prestigious McKenzie postdoctoral fellowship. Amy joins us from Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, and will be researching the role of climate change in the expansion of early human populations.

Dr. Adeline Tay has taken up a fixed term lecturing position in the School, having moved from Monash University.

Dr. Ilan Vizel has been appointed to a continuing position in urban geography. Ilan is currently at the City Futures Research Centre at UNSW, and will join the School of Geography in May.

Sophie Webber, a graduate of UoM, won a Dissertation Award as a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Geography at UCLA, for “Adaptation Ecologies: Circuits of Climate Change Finance, Policy and Science in the Pacific Islands.” Sophie’s dissertation (completed at the University of British Columbia under supervision of Jamie Peck and Simon Donnor) explores the role of international development institutions in bringing about climate change adaptation projects and policies in the context of small island states in the Pacific region.

**University of Wollongong**

After a long and happy innings at the University of Newcastle, Professor Pauline McGuirk commenced her new position at the School of Geography and Sustainable Communities at the University of Wollongong on March 7th. The School of Geography and Sustainable Communities is also excited to welcome back Professor Noel Castree. Noel has taken on the role of Director of the Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research (AUSCCER).
The following staff and students attended the American Association of Geographers Conference in San Francisco, California, USA from Tuesday 29 March to Saturday 2 April:

- Dr Sarah Barns: presented on 'Arrivals and Departures: Public Space, Public Collections, and Public Contests Over Sydney's Waterfront History'.
- Professor Katherine Gibson: panellist on, and organiser of Author Meets Readers. James Ferguson, "Give a Man a Fish: Reflections on the New Politics of Distribution"; chair and organiser of Commoning as a Postcapitalist Politics 1: Managing Resources; chair and organiser of Commoning as a Postcapitalist Politics 2: the Urban Context; discussant in Student Engagement in Community Service 2.
- Professor Donald McNeill: presented on 'The City of Idle Capacity: Venture Capital and the Monetization of San Francisco'; chair of Sharing In/On Sharing: Socio-spatial, Temporal and Technological Transitions 3.
- PhD candidate Dan Musil: panellist on Urban Low Carbon Transitions, Informalities and Innovation Democracy.
- PhD candidate Andrea Pollio: presented on 'Forefronts of Diverse Accumulations: the Entrepreneurs of Sharing'.
- Dr Shanthi Robertson: presented on 'Disrupted Times: the Temporalities of Work for Asian Temporary Migrants in Australia'.
- Dr Dallas Rogers: presented on 'Real Estate, Education, Immigration: Brokerage Assemblages and Asian Mobilities' (co-authored with Dr Shanthi Robertson) and was chair and organiser of the session; chair, introducer and organiser of New Geographies of Foreign Investment in Residential Real Estate: Session 2.
- PhD candidate Oznur Sahin: presented on 'Gender and Place: a Case Study of a Women's Council in Istanbul'.
Building dignified worlds: geographies of collective action authored by Gerda Roelvink, was available at the University of Minnesota Press’ exhibit hall stall. This is the first edition to come out as part of the Diverse Economies and Liveable Worlds Book Series for which Dr Stephen Healy and Professor Katherine Gibson (with Maliha Safri and Kevin St. Martin) are Books Series editors.

The Institute for Culture and Society also joined the School of Social Sciences and Psychology in hosting a Western Sydney University reception during the conference, on the evening of Wednesday 30 March.
Western Sydney University Geography and Urban Studies, School of Social Sciences and Psychology

Andrew Gorman-Murray was appointed Cluster Leader, Urban Research Program.

Garth Lean was reappointed as a Lecturer in Geography and Urban Studies in the School of Social Sciences and Psychology. He was also elected as a Vice President of The Geographical Society of New South Wales at their February Council meeting.

Andrew Gorman-Murray presented a paper titled “Resisting recognition Down Under: towards understanding opposition to LGBT inclusion in Australia” at AAG Sexuality and Space Specialty Group Pre-conference, and presented a paper titled “Where are we now? Contemporary queer urban space as assemblage” at the AAG Conference, both co-authored with Catherine J Nash.

Jenna Condie presented their first paper from their research grant (‘The ethics of researching Tinder’) at the Social Media and Social Science Research Ethics Conference, in London on 21 March.

University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle (UoN) Mother Research Collective, with support from the UoN Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education, recently hosted a two-day interdisciplinary workshop in Newcastle addressing the politics of motherhood in the neoliberal university. The workshop brought together diverse mother-subjects from both Australia and abroad to contribute to shattering the silence in which mother-academics and mother-students are presently situated.

UoN Mother Research Collective

We are an interdisciplinary collective of mother-subjects at the University of Newcastle, who span student and academic experiences in contemporary higher education from undergraduate and RHD students to tenured academic. Our project is one, which simultaneously investigates the inequities of motherhood and academia whilst we live and contest the everyday reality of being mother-students and mother-academics. The research collective is a strategy for becoming academic and mother subjects differently within the neoliberalising university space - to create different conditions of academic and care labour by working together across difference and attempting to forge collectivity. We initiated our work undertaking auto-ethnographic and participatory research with mother-subjects at the University of Newcastle, focusing on questions of (in)equity at the intersections of motherhood and academia.
As part of our further work together we recently organised a two-day Politics of Motherhood in the Neoliberal University workshop on the 31st of March and 1st of April 2016.

The Workshop
The workshop was structured by four opening encounters given by invited speakers: Prof. Caroline Turner (University of California, Sacramento); Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Mackinlay (University of Queensland); Dr. Danielle Drozdzewski (University of New South Wales); and the UoN Mother Research Collective (Dr. Sara C Motta, Lara Daley and Suzanne Barker). The workshop also included dialogues organised around a number of presentations given by mother-students and mother-academics who were differently situated within the Higher Education system and thus illuminated the varied ways in which mother-subjects labour, often invisibly, within the neoliberalising university.

The workshop was intended to create a space for mother-students and mother-academics to speak our experiences so that we could come to know each other and ourselves and to create the grounds of possibility for solidarity across difference. Participant reflections visibilised the intensification of audit culture within the contemporary university and its gendered impacts; the complex negotiations of time, livelihood and care amongst mother-subjects; as well as, importantly, the myriad and concrete ways in which our mothering and care-ful knowledges enrich our research, teaching and learning. Workshop discussions also highlighted that there is no singular mother-subject and that our gendered, raced, classed and sexualised experiences come into conflict with the highly individualised entrepreneurialism of the new academy (Lynch, 2010: 57) in different ways.

Our caring labour was also visibilised in the workshop through the presence of a number of children in the space across the two days as we lived the messiness and the possibilities of being care-ful academic and student subjects in a university space.

The workshop successfully created a space of encounter for different mother-subjects and has opened up a number of possibilities for ongoing collaboration and sharing amongst participants. We very much look forward to seeing how these collaborations may help us to become mothers, students and academics differently and to shift the university to becoming a more equitable and care-ful space.

To contact the UoN Mother Research Collective email: mothercollective@riseup.net

References:
Draft Hunter Regional Plan and Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City

As part of the consultation progress for the Draft Hunter Regional Plan and the Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City, senior staff from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment ran a workshop with the Discipline of Geography and Environmental Studies (with visitors from the Planning Institute of Australia also attending). The Discipline made a formal submission on the draft plans, particularly urging the Department to ‘be bold’ in their consideration of potential climate change impacts and in exploring possibilities for renewable energy futures for the Hunter Region.

International Development Studies Online Symposium

The University of Newcastle hosted the inaugural International Development Studies Online Symposium on 15th & 16th February, 2016. 44 participants from across 10 Australian universities, 1 International university (University of the Philippines) and The Urban Poor Resource Centre (based in Manila) came together over the 2 days. Paul Hodge and Sarah Wright who are co-conveners of the Critical Development Study Group of the IAG co-chaired the symposium. ‘Collaborate Ultra’ was the technological platform used to connect participants in this innovative event. The symposium format involved 5 large ‘Nodes’ (with up to 15 people!) and 7 individual ‘Nodes’ where participants discussed key issues in development practice and pedagogy in ‘all in’ plenaries and break out discussion groups. For more information on the online capabilities of Collaborate Ultra contact Emma Dawes emma.dawes@newcastle.edu.au

Visiting Academic Women’s Fellowship to St Mary’s College, Durham University

Dr Meg Sherval has recently been awarded the 2016 Visiting Academic Women’s Fellowship to St Mary’s College, Durham University in England. She will spend 4 months working in their Department of Geography, ranked 4th in the World, and with scholars from Department’s Culture-Economy-Life research cluster, including Professor Gavin Bridge. Whilst in the UK, her research will focus on how women from local communities affected by the expansion of the mining and energy industries are becoming active stake-holders in discussions with governments and corporations about their future and the survival of their rural towns and communities. The Energy Geographies Working Group of the RGS-IBG is also based at Durham and she is anticipating playing an active role in this group while in the UK. She is only the 4th recipient of this highly competitive award since it began in 2012.
**Gumbaynggirr-led Caring for Country Pilot Project**

Sarah Wright and Paul Hodge are currently working with Gumbaynggirr elders on the mid-north coast of NSW as part of a Gumbaynggirr-led Caring for Country Pilot Project. The pair recently spent 3 days on Country with Aunty Shaa, her daughter Neeyan, Uncle Bud and others sharing stories and exploring how cultural protocols of caring for/with Country and strong Gumbaynggirr language forms the basis for environmental care and sustainable natural resources management practice.

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**Farewell to Professor Pauline McGuirk**

The Discipline hosted a morning tea and dinner to farewell Professor Pauline McGuirk who has joined the University of Wollongong. She will be sorely missed, but we’re pleased to report that there has been one visit back to Newcastle already!
Geographers are Working On...

LUTO – a new, national, high-resolution model of future land-use and sustainability

Brett Bryan has led the CSIRO’s land systems modelling team over the past 3 years, who has designed, developed, and validated the Land Use Trade-Offs (LUTO) model, a new model of futures for Australian land use and sustainability. The LUTO model identifies potential land use futures for Australia’s intensively managed agricultural land. The model runs on an annual time step over the time period 2013-2050, at a spatial resolution of 1.1 km grid cells. It models economic profitability and competition for land between five main land use classes: agriculture, carbon plantings, environmental plantings, biofuels, and bioenergy. The LUTO model integrates a range of environmental and economic data layers and models of the production, price, and costs of each land use over time, as well as the impacts of each land use for a range of ecosystem services including carbon sequestration, biodiversity, food production, water, and energy. Then by aggregating the land use decisions made in each grid cell, the LUTO model identifies potential land use changes over time and the resultant economic and ecosystem service impacts of land use futures. The model has been used to produce land use change scenarios for Australia quantifying the impact on ecosystem services from 2013 – 2050 in support of the Australian National Outlook, the ClimateWorks Pathways to Deep Decarbonisation project, and the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative. Twenty-four international journal papers have been published documenting the model development and application. The work contributed to a seminal paper in Nature, as well as other key publications in Nature Climate Change, Global Change Biology, Global Environmental Change, and Agricultural Systems. Significant potential exists for further land systems futures analyses in Australia and overseas. A recent article in The Conversation synthesises recent applications of the LUTO model in Australian futures. For the article and links to related publications, see https://theconversation.com/farming-in-2050-storing-carbon-could-help-meet-australias-climate-goals-54899

Caboolture Special School

John Talbot completed his post graduate studies in a Graduate Diploma of Secondary Edn - Biology- at QUT in Dec 2015, and has since been employed at Caboolture Special School. He teaches a Junior Secondary classes at this school that focuses on special needs. Prior to this he worked as an environmental scientist for the Swan River Trust in Perth; the WA Dept of Health - Water Unit; and the Brisbane City Council; as well as private contracting positions. He finds working as a teacher rewarding and fulfilling as the human services are often over-looked. He looks forward to including links to science - geography and the world around us in teaching with a student centred approach. The students have been keen to hear about the world around them and to be involved with many experiments, observations and results.
Recent Books


Phillip O’Neill authored a major research report on behalf of the Western Sydney University’s Centre for Western Sydney. The report examines population and employment trends to paint a grim picture of the future of Western Sydney’s workforce and its transport infrastructure. The report finds the lack of local jobs and increasing population growth will exacerbate transport congestion, place enormous pressure on economic productivity, and generate unsustainable fiscal pressure for governments to fund adequate transport infrastructure. The report generated considerable media attention. It can be downloaded from www.westernsydney.edu.au/cws/policy.
2015 Books

The **Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment** at the University of Tasmania hosted its inaugural ‘Education Transforms’ symposium in July this year, and a comprehensive e-collection from the symposium is now available at [http://www.utas.edu.au/underwood-centre/EducationTransforms2015](http://www.utas.edu.au/underwood-centre/EducationTransforms2015). The Centre and symposium both highlight the powerful connections that exist between educational outcomes and diverse geographical challenges, questions, and public policy frameworks and solutions, and may be of interest to geographers concerned with questions of social, economic, and cultural change and their relationship to the educational well-being of children and young people. For further information please contact Elaine.Stratford@utas.edu.au.


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