From the President

As another year comes to a close, I’d like to highlight some of the recent strategic initiatives undertaken by IAG Council and to share some of my views about the Paris climate change talks.

At the end of this year Professor Iain Hay’s term as Editor-in-Chief (EiC) of Geographical Research will come to end. Over many years Iain has undertaken numerous roles for the IAG, ranging from being a Councillor, Secretary, President and most recently EiC for our journal. In all these roles Iain has served the IAG with distinction and, on behalf of all of us, I would like to say a big thank-you to Iain, and to wish him all the best in his current position as Vice-President of the International Geographical Union. Iain has provided some reflections on his time as EiC in this newsletter. We are very fortunate to have secured Associate Professor Elaine Stratford (UTas) to take on the reigns of Geographical Research as our incoming EiC. Elaine is highly respected within our discipline and we look forward to her contributions over coming years, together with experienced input from her excellent team of editors.

At the most recent IAG Council planning meeting in Sydney, a number of exciting strategic initiatives were proposed and have been taken up by sub-committees of Council for further development next year. Robyn Bartel summarises these in her secretary’s report. The most important of these initiatives will be the re-development of our website and member management systems over coming months to a more professional standard. We are confident that this initiative will increase the profile (and hence membership) of the IAG as well as streamlining online options for our members, so please watch this space! I thank all my colleagues on Council for your sustained commitment to the IAG during 2015 and look forward to working with you next year.
As I write this report, global leaders are gathering in Paris for the UNFCCC’s COP21 conference – perhaps the most important climate change meeting since Kyoto in 1997. The science is unequivocal, the global average temperature is now 1°C higher than the pre-industrial average, climate records are being broken on every continent, and extreme weather events are increasing. Notably, the World Meteorological Organization have released a statement saying they are highly confident that 2015 will be the warmest on record, surpassing last year’s record. Such patterns cannot be due to chance alone. The challenge for the Paris policy makers will be to agree to future greenhouse gas emission pathways that will keep our planet within 2°C warming, relative to the pre-industrial level. The science makes it clear that warming above that level will result in unthinkable impacts across our planet. Many Australian geographers are engaging in climate change research across all spheres of the discipline and now is a critical time for our discipline to rise even further to find solutions to mitigate against the greatest ever threat to our planet. We have the breadth, depth and talent in Australian geography to tackle most of the escalating climate challenges and should be confident about sharing our research findings and expertise with our communities and policy makers.

On that sobering note, I trust you all have an enjoyable Christmas-New Year break and find time to relax with family and friends!

Best wishes

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THANKS TO THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS OF THE CANBERRA IAG 2015

We extend our most grateful thanks and congratulations to the Conference Organizers Dr Tom Measham and Dr Bruce Doran and their team at the Australian National University for a most successful and worthwhile IAG conference earlier this year. We note that this year’s conference attracted a healthy number of participants and notably high proportions of both postgraduate students and professional attendees. For those who might have missed some of the action, please see the IAG Facebook site for news and photos!

AWARDS OF THE IAG

No applications were forthcoming in Rd 2 for the FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS (FIAG). This award recognizes contributions to the profession of geography. Nominations are now closed for this award, which has two calls per year.

Nominations will next be called for FIAG in the new year, and also for the prestigious Australia-International Medal and the Distinguished Fellowship of the IAG. Please consider nominating your esteemed colleagues for these awards.

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

STUDY GROUP FUNDING AND ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Applications have been called from study group conveners for funding in 2016. The IAG Council has approved expenditure of up to $10,000 for study group activities in 2016, given satisfaction of the necessary criteria and demonstrated benefit to members. The deadline is 29 January 2016. Study group annual reports for 2015 are also due to the Secretary by 29 January 2016.

OPPORTUNITIES ON COUNCIL IN 2016

Do you know someone who is keen to contribute to our great discipline and organization as an office bearer on the Council of the IAG? Then 2016 may be your year. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled for the call for nominations that will be made in the new year.
UPCOMING IAG MEETINGS

The next IAG meeting will be a combined Council meeting and Annual General Meeting on Friday 8 April 2016.

The Annual General Meeting will be held for the purpose of approving our financial reports for the previous financial year, following the requirements of our revised Constitution.

Notice to members:

Institute of Australian Geographers

ANNUAL General Meeting

Room 449 (Madsen Conference Room)
Madsen Building,
University of Sydney
Friday 8 April 2016
Commencing 12:30pm

There will also be a Council Meeting and a Special General Meeting held to coincide with the IAG Conference in Adelaide in 2016. Time and Venue tba.

Have a happy silly season all and wishing you a prosperous 2016,

Dr Robyn Bartel,
IAG Honorary Secretary.
2016 to be the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU)

“Building bridges between global thinking and local action”

The International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) jointly announced that 2016 would be the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU). The aim of IYGU is to promote better understanding of how the local impacts the global in order to foster smart policies to tackle critical global challenges such as climate change, food security and migration.

“We want to build bridges between global thinking and local action,” said Prof. Benno Werlen of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany. “Only when we truly understand the effects of our personal choices – for example in eating, drinking and producing – on the planet, can we make appropriate and effective changes,” said Werlen, who initiated this project of the International Geographical Union (IGU).

How to translate scientific insight into more sustainable lifestyles will be the main focus of activities – research projects, educational programmes and information campaigns – for 2016. The project seeks to go beyond a narrow focus on environmental protection and climate policy and explore quality of life issues and the sustainable, long-term use of local resources.

“We live in the most interconnected world in history. Yet at the same time that world is riven by conflicts, dislocations and uncertainties - an unsettling and disturbing mixture of huge opportunities and existential risks,” said Lord Anthony Giddens, former Director of the London School of Economics, UK. “Finding a positive balance will demand fundamental intellectual rethinking and new forms of collaboration of the sort the IGYU offers” he added.

“Sustainable development is a global challenge, but solving it requires transforming the local – the way each of us lives, consumes, and works. While global negotiations on climate attack the sustainability crisis from above, the IYGU complements them beautifully with coordinated solutions from below - by getting individuals to understand and change their everyday habits. This twin approach elevates our chance of success against this crisis, the gravest humanity has ever seen,” said former ICSU President and Nobel Laureate Yuan-Tseh Lee.
For example, on each day in 2016, the IYGU will highlight a change to an everyday activity that has been scientifically proven to be more sustainable than current practice. Primers on everyday life which take cultural diversity and local practice into account will be compiled and distributed. “Now more than ever it is vital that we find the strength to understand and relate to the positions, thoughts, and expectations of others and seek dialogue instead of confrontation,” said Professor Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS).

It is hoped that this focus on tangible, local action will generate ideas for research programmes and school curricula, as well as highlight best practice examples. Wherever possible, activities will be communicated in several languages. Using this bottom-up approach, the IYGU hopes to support and extend the work of initiatives such as Future Earth, the UN’s Post-2015 Development Agenda, and the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

“In Rwanda, environmental pollution through plastic litter was a widespread and intractable problem. Ultimately, the insight that plastic is harmful to ruminant animals, in particular cows, turned the tide in favor of environmental legislation. This led to a ban on plastic items that could cause litter. Today you’d be hard pressed to find plastic polluting public areas in Rwanda,” said Werlen.

The involvement of the ISSC, ICSU and CIPSH in IYGU underwrites broad collaboration across the natural and social sciences and the humanities, from across disciplinary boundaries and from all around the world.

In 2016, the IYGU program will be coordinated by about 50 Regional Action Centers. This network is currently being established in cities such as Tokyo, Washington, Sao Paulo, Tunis, Moscow, and Rome, while Beijing, Mexico City, Maçao/Coimbra, Nijmegen, Hamilton, Bamako and Kigali are confirmed as hosts of such Centers with their regional to continental reach. The IYGU General Secretariat in Jena, Germany coordinates these Regional Action Centers.

Further information on the International Year of Global Understanding is available at www.global-understanding.info
Having completed his 2-year term Iain Hay (Flinders) is stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of Geographical Research, handing the reigns to Elaine Stratford (Tasmania).

In comments published in his concluding Editorial, Iain reflected on how Geographical Research has changed in the past two years. Some of his observations are repeated below.

“… we have confronted the cultural cringe that has, for example, obliged ‘Australian’ journals to appoint so-called ‘international’ editorial boards if they are to be considered merit-worthy in the eyes of governing agencies. We have instead, a new Editorial Board comprising dynamic, highly-qualified scholars with very strong Australian connections who represent and act on the journal’s ambitions for first-class dialogue between our region (Australia and its immediate environs) and the rest of the world. ... [I]t remains our ambition for Geographical Research to secure its international status by being the leading venue for Australian geography’s conversation with the rest of the world. In support of that we have also commissioned a number of papers entitled ‘Antipodean perspectives’. This ongoing series of review articles will highlight ‘Antipodean’ contributions to specific subfields of geography. Scholars recognised as leaders in their subfields are being asked to provide a review of ‘global’ developments in the subject and to consider how geographical research conducted in our region (embracing Australia, New Zealand and Asia-Pacific neighbours) has contributed to, and extended, international knowledge. These reviews will ‘shine a brighter light’ on what is going on within the discipline in this part of the world; provoke debate; help raise the profile of Antipodean geography within other social and physical sciences; and provide useful, widely cited reviews drawing attention to high quality work conducted in our region. As accessible and highly credible assessments of the discipline’s elements, these papers should also have significance and impact through widespread use in teaching in the region and more broadly. ...
There has been a wide range of other initiatives over the past two years too. For example, we collaborated with more than 40 other Australia-based editors on a submission to the Australian Research Council and Universities Australia asking that editing and peer reviewing tasks be given more recognition in ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) research evaluation exercises…. Given the growing appeal of special and themed issues of the journal… we have developed ‘Guidelines for Special Issues’, advice that is linked from the journal’s website. We surveyed the new Editorial Board for their views on innovative actions and directions for the journal, setting in place many of their suggestions…. We have introduced a datasets and code availability policy as part of our encouragement to authors to submit major datasets and code as well as supplementary information used to conduct the analysis in their paper. Where appropriate this information is made available on the journal’s website to allow other researchers to check, replicate, or corroborate the analysis in the paper. It will also allow us to build up a repository of data so that authors can increase the impact of their work through the number of citations to it as well as by facilitating its use in future work by other scholars. And we have been successful in moving manuscripts more quickly through the editorial process.”

Iain expressed his sincere thanks to the editorial team of Amanda Davies (Curtin), Brian Finlayson (Melbourne) and Wayne Stephenson (Otago) for their good-humour, attention to detail, and assiduousness in their roles. He also acknowledged the wonderful work of new editorial assistant Kirstie Petrou and all of the staff at Wiley. Finally, Iain extended his best wishes to Elaine Stratford as incoming Editor-in-Chief, noting his confidence that she will do a wonderful job, demonstrating that unique combination of attention to detail, diligence, open-mindedness, and a big-picture antipodean outlook this worthwhile role demands.

Welcome

The IAG Council welcomes the following new members of the IAG

Shalini Lata, UNE; Beverley Knowles, NFP Board Member; Kyja Noack-Lundberg, UWS; Kylie Lower, Flinders.
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 Golkolde 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 2008
- 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/
Grants and Awards Received

The following have recently received the award of PhD:

Sarah Bell (University of Newcastle) for her thesis entitled “Frictions of Management: Engaging and Performing ‘Nature’ in Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park”.

Ben Iaquinto for his thesis titled “Backpacking in an Unsustainable World: the places and practices of mobile people”.

Other grants and awards:

Susan May Inu, supervised by George Curry and Gina Koczberski, won the Best Poster Award amongst 240 posters presented in the Inaugural TropAg 2015 Conference (16th to 18th November 2015). Susan works for the Coffee Research Institute and the title of her thesis is “The influence of socio-economic factors in farm investment decisions and labour mobilisation in smallholder coffee production in Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea”.

Helen Lawrence, Master of Science (Geography) student, has won a Scholes Scholarship ($5000) from the Trust for Nature for her project looking at the connection between riparian vegetation and the retention of plant detritus in streams (which forms the major source of food and habitat structure).

Angeliki Balayannis has received a prestigious 2016 Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship.

Phillip O’Neill, Director of the Centre for Western Sydney, at Western Sydney University has been awarded an ARC Discovery Grant. The three-year grant includes Dr Eric Knight from The University of Sydney Business School and Professor Dariusz ‘Darek’ Wojcik from the School of Geography and the Environment at Oxford University. The grant is titled “Australia’s role in Global Financial and Production Networks”. The project seeks better understanding of the performance of Sydney and Melbourne as competitive financial centres within the network of financial centres in East and South-East Asia. The project team has its own network origins. Phil and Darek have often shared conference sessions in economic and financial geography leading to Phil’s placement as a Visiting Professor in Darek’s department in 2010. Eric Knight was graduating from Oxford at that time with a PhD in Economic Geography (on the finance of climate change) under supervision of Professor Gordon Clark. Incidentally, Gordon was the 2015 recipient of the IAG’s International Medal.

Rachel Hughes was awarded a DECRA for a project investigating the social and political effects of international criminal tribunals.
Barbara Downes and Steve Rice received an ARC Discovery for a project investigating landscape-scale patterns of species diversity. The project will draw heavily on Steve’s knowledge about geomorphology, which will allow us to test three different models about species diversity. Steve will be travelling to Australia twice in the next three years to participate in fieldwork.

Russell Drysdale and colleagues in the School of Earth Sciences, University of Melbourne received an ARC Discovery project for a project investigating the relationship between interglacial properties and changes in Earth's astronomical parameters.

Ian Rutherfurd was awarded an ARC Discovery for a project on “Rivers of Gold: The Legacy of Historical Gold Mining for Victoria’s Rivers”. This is a joint project with colleagues in Archaeology at Latrobe University, and with Mark Macklin from Geography at the University of Aberystwyth.

Lisa Palmer and Andrew McWilliam won an ARC Discovery project for a project investigating the ‘return to custom’ in post-conflict East Timor.

Lisa Palmer has received a small grant ($13,000) from the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research for a project titled “Recording Waima’a and Midiki oral histories and traditional ecological knowledge in an independent Timor Leste”.

Katherine Gibson, Stephen Healy and Jenny Cameron were awarded an ARC Discovery for their project “Reconfiguring the enterprise: shifting manufacturing culture in Australia” ($344,885). The research will explore the inner workings of twelve manufacturing firms that are integrating different forms of sustainability into their core operations, and in the process shifting their manufacturing culture. The research will develop business metrics and critical incident cases to unravel the negotiations involved in addressing social and environmental sustainability.

Emma Calgaro and Dale Dominey-Howes of the Natural Hazards Research Group at the School of Geosciences, University of Sydney were one of eight teams (out of 477 applicants) awarded an inaugural Global Resilience Partnership grant of US$1 million to fund a two year action and policy oriented research project called: “Disability and Disasters: Empowering people and building resilience to risk”. Details of the project can be found here:

http://www.globalresiliencepartnership.org/teams/disability-and-disasters/
David Bissell and Andrew Gorman-Murray have won an ARC Discovery Project “Living apart together: how mobile work is transforming Australian homes”. This project aims to provide important information about how mobile work is transforming Australian homes. Mobile working practices – where the labour force is away from their homes for days, or even weeks, at a time – are an increasingly essential but under-explored part of Australia’s economy. However, the social impacts on personal and family wellbeing are not well understood. This project aims to investigate the changes wrought by different sorts of mobile work on household life in Australia, with specific attention to personal and family wellbeing. It also plans to undertake qualitative research with stakeholders and households to identify the kinds of multifaceted support that might be required for this practice to flourish without negative impacts.

Anthony Elliott, David Bissell, Thomas Birtchnell and John Urry have won an ARC Discovery Project on “Enhanced Humans, Robotics and the Future of Work”. The aim of the project is to generate new and powerful understandings of the social consequences of robotics and artificial intelligence. The project aims to develop an understanding of technologically-mediated mobility processes and test their capacity to address such issues as social futures and the sorts of digital skills that Australians will require for future jobs. It plans to use social theory to explore technological scenarios and hypotheses concerning possible societal futures in Australia and beyond. Project outcomes may inform social science and contribute to worldwide efforts to solve global policy problems from work and unemployment to lifestyle change.

Amanda Davies from Curtin University has been selected to join 77 other women scientists from across the world to participate in the Homeward Bound Antarctic Expedition 2016 – a state-of-the-art leadership and strategic program. The expedition travels from Argentina in December 2016 and spends three weeks visiting numerous sites in Antarctica. As well as participating in a program of innovative leadership and strategy, Amanda will also learn from polar science experts about how the polar environment can tell us what is happening with the planet. Also participating in the Homeward Bound program will be well known primatologist and environmental campaigner Jane Goodall, Fanny Armstrong (filmmaker behind “The Age of Stupid”), Susan David (Harvard A-lister and Co-founder and Director of the Institute of Coaching) and David Kaplan (Harvard A-lister). The expedition will be filmed for a documentary which will aim to shine a light on the global crisis that is the profound shortage of women in leadership. As well as participating in the expedition, Amanda will be undertaking a longitudinal study involving the participants of Homeward Bound to examine the impact of transformational leadership training on women’s roles in leadership in science.
Iain Hay is part of a consortium that recently won the 2015 Green Gown Awards Australasia. The Award was announced in Geelong on 23 October. The Sustainability Consortium for Learning Standards, led by Liam Phelan and Bonnie McBain from the University of Newcastle won the Learning, Teaching & Skills category for building a national consensus for essential learning in tertiary sustainability education. The other consortium members were: Paul Brown (UNSW), Val Brown (ANU), Ros Taplin (UNSW) and Daniella Tilbury (VC at the University of Gibraltar). The Consortium’s work will now go forward to an international competition.

Ian Rutherfurd has been awarded a grant from BHP Billiton to work on river diversions for mining in the Pilbara of Western Australia.

Ian Rutherfurd and Michael-Shawn Fletcher have been awarded a grant from the Regional Rail Link Authority (Victoria) to reconstruct the last 40,000 years of environmental history in the Melbourne Region from cores from fluvial terraces.

Dallas Rogers won a Western Sydney University Researcher Development Strategic Initiative Funding ECR grant for the project ‘The Global Real Estate Industry: Understanding Foreign Investment and Investors in the Asia-Pacific’.

Jennifer Carter, with other colleagues at USC, has been awarded $3,500,000 to work on “Enhancing Private Sector Led Development of the Canarium industry in Papua New Guinea”. This project is funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and her role is to undertake community-engaged research that explores the role of women in the agricultural change affecting the Canarium industry development.

Jennifer Carter has been awarded $130,000 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to work on the “Participatory Guarantee Scheme for Farmer Groups in Fiji”. This funding continues her work on coordinating spatially disparate farmer groups in a remote area of Fiji to supply a guaranteed contract with tourist resorts for their produce.

Jennifer Carter, with other colleagues at USC has been awarded $325,000 to work on the “Iconic Dingo: valuing their future on Kgari-Fraser Island” project, and with colleagues at UQ and elsewhere, to work on “ ‘Kickstart’: A Collaborative package of Dingo Research Projects”. Both projects are funded by the Qld Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation Fraser Island Dingo Research Program.
International Geographical Union
The 33rd International Geographical Congress, 21-25 August 2016, Beijing, China

Beijing IGU Travel Grant Program

The International Geographical Union (IGU) announces the availability of travel grants to help defray the costs of participation in the 33rd International Geographical Congress, 21 - 25 August 2016 in Beijing, China. Please note that, due to limited availability of funds, the IGU Travel Grants provide only a partial contribution to registration, transport and accommodation. A maximum of US$1000 will be awarded to successful candidates.

In selecting applicants to receive awards, preference will be given to young or emerging scholars, in particular to those from developing countries. Because the funds available for this awards program are extremely limited, all applicants will be required to find the balance of the costs of participation; applications for 100% support cannot be funded. Please note that full participation in the conference, including the closing ceremony, is required.

Although not a strict requirement, a letter of endorsement from the chair of an IGU Commission or Task Force or from the chair of the applicant’s National Committee for the IGU will be helpful in support of the application. Contact details of these individuals are available on the IGU website www.igu-online.org Applications should be accompanied by a written statement (see below), the abstract of your paper, a proof of submission of the abstract, and any endorsement letters. All documents must be submitted directly to Vice-president Joos Droogleever Fortuijn by email to: j.c.droogleeverfortuijn@uva.nl

Completed applications (including endorsement letters) are due at no later than 31st March 2016. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their requests within two weeks after the acceptance of the abstract. Awards are paid to successful applicants in cash on arrival for the conference in Beijing in US$ dollars.

Direct any questions regarding IGU Travel Grant applications to: j.c.droogleeverfortuijn@uva.nl
Planning for IAG2016 is in full swing. The web site (www.iag2016.com.au) will go live later this month, the call for parallel sessions and symposia opens in this Newsletter, and we are already engaging with exciting keynote speakers.

The IAG Annual Conference will return to Adelaide in 2016, when it will be organised by a consortium of Flinders University, the Universities of Adelaide and South Australia, CSIRO and the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia. All venues will be in the city centre.

Our overarching theme will be frontiers of geographical knowledge. We encourage you to think creatively around this, and while not being prescriptive consider building parallel sessions and symposia, and offering papers, around the following:

- What Australian geographical research is impacting people’s lives?
- Where are Australian geographers influencing public policy and helping solve major world, national and regional problems?
- What are the new issues, the theoretical advances, and the novel and exciting contributions and innovations in Geography?
- Where are the new research frontiers within Geography, and between geographers and other disciplines?
- Revisiting Edward Ackermann’s seminal paper Where is the Research Frontier? - in the light of 50 years of geographical research.

We want IAG2016 to have a strong international flavour and for the conference to be a major contribution to the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) - an initiative of the International Geographical Union - (http://www.global-understanding.info/), and in doing so flag Australia’s strong engagement with the international geographical community.
Are you interested in organising a session at IAG2016? If so, contact a study group convenor (https://www.iag.org.au/study-groups/) or andrew.millington@flinders.edu.au if your proposal does not map onto a study group’s interests.

**Key dates:**
- Call for parallel sessions and symposia open: 4th December, 2015
- Deadline for parallel sessions and symposia proposals: 15th January, 2016
- Call for abstracts open: 29th January, 2016
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 11th March, 2016
- Registrations open: 3rd February, 2016
- Postgraduate Day, 28th June, 2016
- IAG Conference, 29th June – 1st July, 2016

To paraphrase Maxwell Maltz, we “… may live in an imperfect world but the frontiers are not closed…”. So please join us in Adelaide to further open up the geographical frontiers.

**Andrew Millington**
Flinders University

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**Other Conferences**

The **2016 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting** will be held from March 29 - April 2 in San Francisco. The Featured Themes for 2016 currently are:

- Symposium on Physical Geography: Challenges of the “Anthropocene”
- International Geography, GIScience, and Urban Health Theme
- Thriving in a Time of Disruption in Higher Education

More information is at:
http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting?gclid=CLie3sjp8MgCFU5vvAodzCAMbw

**Climate Adaptation 2016** is to be held in Adelaide 5-7 July (the week following the IAG conference): http://climate-adaptation.org.au
CALL FOR PAPERS: Tides of Transformation: Pacific Pasts, Pacific Futures

The 6th Biennial Conference of the Australian Association for Pacific Studies will be held at The Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Cairns, North Queensland, Australia from 1-3 April, 2016.

Convenors:
Gina Koczberski (Curtin University)  g.koczberski@curtin.edu.au
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The majority of rural villagers in the South Pacific continue to rely heavily on agriculture and marine resources for subsistence and as a primary source of cash income. Over the last two decades subsistence food production and commercial agriculture and fisheries have come under both short and long-term pressures due to growing market integration, modernisation processes and labour migration. At the same time, many areas are experiencing increasing resource and population pressures, environmental stresses and resource disputes. This panel seeks papers that examine how rural people/communities are responding to and adapting their land and marine-based livelihood systems and management practices to the challenges and opportunities arising from social, economic, environmental and demographic shifts.

Papers are invited that focus on one or more of the following broad areas:

• Modifications of local agricultural and fisheries production.
• Influence of place-based processes on household decision-making and livelihood choices.
• The ability of poor villagers to cope with and adapt to pressures on their livelihood systems.
• How local meanings and values, identity and social relations come under scrutiny in the context of change.
• Examine and critically explore definitions of resilience, vulnerability and adaptive capacity.
• Critically examine the notion of biodiversity in relation to Western-scientific and ‘Pacific’ conceptions of the ecological processes underpinning agricultural and fishery production.
• Examine local understandings and experiences of resilience and vulnerability.
• Assess the sustainability of subsistence and commercial agricultural and fishery production.

There are other sessions that geographers would be interested in. Further information can be found at: https://www.jcu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/162743/AAPS_conference_Call-for-Papers2.pdf
The **Urban Theory Symposium Series** will be held on April 28th & 29th at Western Sydney University, Parramatta and will be titled: “Urban Citizenship and Participation – is there a crisis?” The Urban Theory Symposium Series is the initiative of the Urban Geography Study Group of the Institution of Australian Geographers and the Australian Cities Research Network. The series will explore critical theoretical issues, conceptualisations and analytical tools emerging within urban studies, urban geography and urban planning scholarship. The series has two broad aims:

1. To provide a critical space where a range of urban geographical and planning theory related questions can be interrogated and further developed
2. To facilitate a debate about the politics of urban research, and questions of urban contest and transformation

In doing so, the series interrogates our scholarship and examines its impact on cities. The series will create an active and collegial platform to explore and critique emerging urban and planning theory, with a view to further activate and characterise planning and urban geographical scholarship in Australia.

The aspiration of the series is for each symposium to lead to a Special Issue of an elected national (or international) journal.

There is currently a call for papers, so please submit your abstracts to either Crystal Legacy at crystal.legacy@rmit.edu.au or Dallas Rogers at D.Rogers@westernsydney.edu.au. And if you have any questions, please let us know!

Numerous scholars have recently declared a “crisis of participatory planning” suggesting that urban politics has transitioned into a post-political context rendering citizen participation in urban change processes void of substance and influence (Legacy: 2015, Legacy & van den Nouwelant, 2015; Monno and Khakee: 2012, Rogers 2015; Ruming, 2014a, 2014b). This has produced a focus on ‘consensus politics’ that evades confrontational and challenging public discourse about the way the urban is constituted and re-created, for **whom and by whom**. Instead, the formal processes of city planning set out clearly defined sites for citizen engagement to occur that may limit broader expressions of engaged citizenship (Cook et al 2013; Cook et al 2012; Taylor et al in press). Yet, despite a de-democratisation of planning through excessive emphasis upon these formal and rather narrow spaces, engaged citizens continue to punctuate planning through informal, collective, grassroots action or through focused, sometimes site specific oppositional campaigns, shaping the urban environment.

Raising questions on what it means to be an engaged urban citizen within a neoliberal urban context, this session invites papers that critically engages with the suggestion that there exists a “crisis of participatory planning”. Key themes the session aims to address include:

- The intersections between social movements and urban planning
- Tensions between formal participatory planning and informal citizen action
- Questions about democracy and citizenship in urban theory and social action
Critical Development Study Group (CDSG): Following on from our meeting at IAG in Canberra the CDSG are organising a Symposium 15th-16th February, 2016 (online and face-to-face nodes). Preliminary ideas for sessions for the day and ½ symposium include:

1. Bringing a paper that you are writing, a short outline of your PhD work, a proposal, or a two-sentence dilemma (theoretical, methodological or otherwise) you’re thinking about in your work (i.e anything that you’d like feedback on), circulating it beforehand, and getting feedback and discussion from the break-out group.

2. A session on activism/community engagement where we actually work on writing a position paper/submission/blog/engagement with current events etc

3. Reading group/Discussion of reading/s that have been circulated in advance.

4. A session on pedagogy.

For the format, we thought about having some break out sessions that are organized with people within the same node (so they have some time working face to face) and some organized thematically (so people in different places join up electronically to discuss or work on some issue). We would then have some ‘plenary’ discussion where we are all together online. We’d love to have some strong input from post-grads as well as people who aren’t based in Australia. We’re hoping the format will prove inclusive and cut down on carbon emissions!! Please email Sarah (sarah.wright@newcastle.edu.au) or Paul (paul.hodge@newcastle.edu.au) for further information - we’d love to have you linked in!

Legal Geography Study Group: THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT YEAR...

Thanks to all members, current, new and aspiring(!) for a great year of Legal Geography. As you can already see from Geographical Research Early View there will be a bumper crop of titles in 2016 so thanks for all of your work in 2015 in order to make this happen!

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE...

The next writing workshop, to follow on from successful workshops at UNE and UTas, and our Inaugural Symposium at UTS, is 28 – 29 January 2016 at UNSW and our workshop leader is Dr Daniel Robinson. More than just a “talk-fest” (although they are nice too!) the workshop will provide a forum for testing, challenging and debating ideas and progressing drafts to submission-ready standard. Manuscripts are circulated in advance and peer reviewers assigned to provide discussion and critique. We will also hear from keynote speakers Prof Brad Sherman (UQ) on ‘Patenting Life and the Myriad Genetics Case’ (tbc); Dr Miranda Forsyth (ANU) on ‘Legal Pluralism in Melanesia’, plus Dr Nicole Graham (UTS) will discuss ‘Recent progress in Legal Geography.’ Thanks to the IAG for funding and support for this workshop. Please contact Daniel Robinson for further details at http://www.ies.unsw.edu.au/our-people/dr-daniel-robinson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to very recent new member Peter Burdon – welcome to the best study group of the IAG! ;-). To join our happy band, and the IAG, please email the Convenor rbartel@une.edu.au. Hope you had an enjoyable 2015 and all the best for 2016.
Social-Cultural-Urban Methods Workshop

1-2 February, 2016, Melbourne

You are invited to attend a workshop on Social-Cultural-Urban Methods in Melbourne on 1-2 February, 2016. This is being run by the Institute of Australian Geographer’s Cultural Geography and Urban Geography Study Groups.

The aim of the workshop is to engage and train social, cultural and urban geographers in a range of innovative qualitative methods.

The workshop will be structured around four key research themes, led by key methods specialists: Chris Brennan-Horley - participatory GIS; Michelle Duffy - sound and movement; Heather Horst and Larissa Hjorth – visual and digital ethnography; Andrea Witcomb - embodied observation.

The programme of the two day event is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to learn and experiment with innovative qualitative methods: The first day will involve presentations from the specialists about their methodological approach. The afternoon and evening will comprise of four different field based activities; participants will need to preselect their chosen method when registering. On day two, participants will begin a process of group analysis with the specialist. The crux of our workshop design is that we want participants to come away with feeling that they have learned a new method, that they have had the opportunity to ask questions, track through any difficulties and accomplishments, and share results in a supportive environment. At the end of day two, we will come together and each group will present their research findings and discuss their experiences undertaking this method.

Further details will be circulated through the IAG email list shortly.
News From The Universities

University of Tasmania

Elaine Stratford has been appointed to be the Interim Director of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment in the Division of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students & Education) at the University of Tasmania (see http://www.utas.edu.au/underwood-centre/home). Launched in February 2015, this new centre of excellence is a joint initiative between the University and the Tasmanian State Government. The Centre’s name honours the commitment to education and social progress made by the late Governor of Tasmania, Peter Underwood AC. The Centre will provide independent and non-partisan expertise to benefit Tasmanians; its key focus is upon research, workforce development and planning, and community aspiration and outreach.

Elaine Stratford has been appointed to the Australian Research Council College of Experts for a three year term from 2016 to 2018.

Elaine Stratford will assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of Geographical Research for a three year term from 2016 to 2018, taking over the position from Professor Iain Hay, who has effectively served the journal and its scholarly community over the last three years.

University of South Australia

Andrew Beer has moved to the UniSA business school as Dean of Research and Innovation.

University of Wollongong

In November 2015 the Department of Geography and Sustainable Communities, University of Wollongong farewelled valued colleague Prof. Lesley Head, who begins a new role as Head of Geography at the University of Melbourne. Lesley’s contribution to UOW and to the geography group is immeasurable. Although we will miss her tremendously, we are excited for her, for the University of Melbourne, and for new things to come at UOW.
Lesley Head officially commenced her position as Head of School on November 16, to the delight of staff and students in the School. She seems to be surviving!

Jane Dyson has joined the School and is a much welcomed new addition to our Staff.

Sarah Rogers has been appointed to the position of Research Fellow in the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at The University of Melbourne. Sarah was also recently awarded a 2016 Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship.

Jon Barnett delivered the keynote address on ‘Barriers and Limits to Climate Change Adaptation’ at the 43rd Annual Conference on Science and the Environment. The Israel Society of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, 43rd Annual Conference on Science and the Environment in Jerusalem in October.

Ian Rutherfurd is a Vice President of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, and in this capacity, spoke to over 200 School Principals at their annual conference about Victoria’s exciting new VCE Geography Curriculum.

Ian Rutherfurd presented the 2015 Mann Lecture at Latrobe University on the topic “Young river in an old landscape: the surprising story of the Murray River”

Some recent publications from members of the School include


Kathy Mee was promoted to Associate Professor, effective January 1, 2016.

Paul Hodge was appointed as Lecturer in the Discipline of Geography and Environmental Studies, School of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle, and commenced his full-time position in September 2015. His UON colleagues are delighted to have him on board.

Following her appointment as Visiting Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong during the first part of the year, Jenny Cameron (UON) is currently on study leave, based at the University of Otago, New Zealand. Among her activities, she is working with A/Professor Karen Nairn from the College of Education on research related to academic writing. She has run a series of workshops at the Universities of Otago, Canterbury and Queensland with students on academic writing, and with supervisors on giving feedback on RHD student writing. She was awarded a Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund Fellowship to attend the 2015 Community Economies Theory and Writing Retreat in Bolsena, Italy in August 2015. She chiefly worked with co-authors J.K. Gibson-Graham and Stephen Healy on a chapter, “Postcapitalist Practices of Commoning”, for a forthcoming collection Recovering the Commons, edited by Ash Amin and Philip Howell.

Paul Hodge has just returned from Suva as part of a Youth-led development in the Pacific pilot study in strengths-based participatory research. Along with co-facilitator Vivian Koster and co-researchers Manasa Vatanitawake, Tarusila Bradburgh, Joji Taqiritawa, Akmal Ali, Joey Tau, Ani Tokalaulevu, Ben Gibson, Damien Rex-Horoi, Sargam Goundar, Sevuloni Ratu, Maika Ranamalo, and Bulou Elenoa, Paul was part of a two-day workshop where co-researchers representing 10 organisations explored and designed development frameworks to better integrate youth perspectives into organisational processes.

Participants in Integrating Youth Perspectives into Organisational Processes Workshop (Paul Hodge second from left)
As part of a pilot study titled, “Caring for Country in urban and rural settings – towards effective geographies of co-existence”, Sarah Wright and Paul Hodge are working with Gumbaynggirr knowledge authorities (mid-North Coast NSW) to explore ways in which Caring for/with Country approaches can inform Natural Resources Management (NRM) practice. The project’s wider focus is on generating effective replicable inter-cultural frameworks and work plans bringing together Gumbaynggirr perspectives with end users including Landcare groups, Councils and Local Land Services.

Meg Sherval from the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) and colleagues from the Centre for Social Research in Energy and Resources (CSRER) are currently engaged in a combined UON and NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) sponsored research project entitled “Local Attitudes to Changing Land Use in Narrabri Shire”. In September and October 2015, she has been involved in intensive data collection and fieldwork interviews aimed at gaining a more nuanced understanding of local residents’ perceptions of and attitudes towards increased mining and coal seam gas in the region. Gauging attitudes to these land-use changes from various stake-holders are important in light of the fact that the Shire has had a long agricultural history. This project is due for completion in July 2016 and report writing is about to commence.

Pauline McGuirk has recently returned from the third workshop of the ERSC-funded International Network for Low Carbon Urban Transitions (INCUT) hosted by Olivier Coutard and Jonathan Rutherford at the Laboratoires Techniques, Territoires et Sociétés, and sponsored by the Paris Est University, LabEx Futurs Urbains. In addition to an array of papers on the themes of designing, practicing and mobilising urban low carbon transitions, INCUT members undertook a memorable Urban Infralab on low carbon experiments in Paris, including the OR IssyGrid projects (France’ first operational district level smart grid) and the Clichy-Batignoles projects: a mixed used development project aimed to be a model for sustainable communities.

Kathy Mee and Sarah Wright attended the Indigenous Content in Education Symposium, in Adelaide in September 2015. They presented a paper based on the work of geographers at UON Indigenising the Curriculum of the Bachelor of Development Studies working with the UON’s Wollotuka Institute. The paper discussed 5 Indigenisation strategies:

1. Including Aboriginal Studies courses, taught by Wollotuka, into core and all majors of degree
2. Include Aboriginal perspectives into all courses, starting with Geography and Environmental Studies (all human geography courses in Newcastle have Indigenous content)
3. Encourage staff to undertake Indigenous intercultural competency training
4. Alter physical and online teaching spaces to signify these are cultural safe spaces
5. Change governance structures within the degree to include Indigenous representation.

The conference was inspiring in its discussion of the rewards and challenges of embedding Indigenous content.
Western Sydney University

Congratulations to Professor Donald McNeill who has been appointed to the 2016 Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts, on the Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences (SBE) discipline panel. He will support the advancement of knowledge and contribute to national innovation, and play a key role in identifying research excellence, moderating external assessments and recommending fundable proposals.

Donald is also author of the *Innovation Corridor Discussion Paper* which was officially launched on 27 October during Western Sydney University’s Research Week. The discussion paper was a collaborative partnership between Western Sydney University and Celestino – the development company behind the proposed Sydney Science Park. Donald spoke at the launch and was joined by panellists Western Sydney University Vice Chancellor Barney Glover; Lindy Deitz, General Manager of Campbelltown City Council; Tim Williams, CEO, Committee for Sydney; David Borger, NSW Business Chamber; and John Vassallo, Sydney Science Park (Celestino). The Innovation Corridor economic development strategy aims to drive the ambitious new development of commercial and research hubs across Western Sydney. The Innovation Corridor will stretch from Campbelltown to Hawkesbury, and include Badgery’s Creek Airport Precinct and the Western Sydney Employment Area. It will link the NSW Government’s designated North-West and South-West growth centres. Report at: [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/970867/Innovation_Corridor_-_Discussion_Paper.pdf](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/970867/Innovation_Corridor_-_Discussion_Paper.pdf)


**Fundraising event for Langtang, Nepal**

On Thursday 19 November, the *School of Social Sciences and Psychology* at Western Sydney University held a special fundraising event: Lost to the Earthquake: Memories of Langtang. The event raised money to help towards re-building the village of Langtang after it was decimated during the earthquake that hit the region on 25 April. Associate Professor Emma Waterton was travelling with fellow researcher Hayley Saul while conducting qualitative research in the village of Langtang when the earthquake hit. The special guest for the evening was Tim McCartney-Snape, mountaineer and author and the first Australian to summit Everest. Emma and Hayley have also set up a Langtang Survivors Fund which has raised over $82,000: [https://www.justgiving.com/Langtang-Survivors](https://www.justgiving.com/Langtang-Survivors)
**Parramatta Now**

From 6–8 October, the **Institute for Culture and Society** hosted a three-night event at the Parramatta Lanes Festival. The event, entitled *Parramatta Now: This is Parramatta and InvisibleCity*, was organised by Dr Stephen Healy in collaboration with Parramatta City Council. Held at the Parramatta Town Hall, Parramatta Now engaged the people of Parramatta through community-based research initiatives to find out how they feel about the city and to capture how residents understand its economic, cultural, ecological and political landscape now and as it might be in the future. The event included two nights of conversation with ICS researchers Professor Paul James, Professor Katherine Gibson, Associate Professor Amanda Third and Professor Gay Hawkins as well as Nilmini De Silva from the *You are What You Waste: Exploring Food Waste in Parramatta* project. These conversations were MC’d by media personality Julie McCrossin who did a fantastic job of involving the audience in the discussion. Video editing workshops were run to assist filmmakers to capture how they feel about the city through video and photography.

Meanwhile, InvisibleCity creative workshops were held with young people aged 12–26, and their emotional responses to the city collated on a map (http://www.invisiblecity.org.au/). Both the videos and emotional map were presented on the final evening. Also on display was the *Explore: West* exhibition by students from the University’s Rabbit Hole design studio. The work in the exhibition featured a diverse range of perspectives from young people in Western Sydney, contesting the one-dimensional ‘Westie’ stereotype and encouraging viewers to explore different aspects of Western Sydney. For further details see [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/parramattanow](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/parramattanow) or chat to Stephen Healy.
A/Prof Amanda Third, Prof Gay Hawkins, Prof Katherine Gibson, Nilmini De Silva and Prof Paul James

A/Prof Amanda Third and MC Julie McCrossin discuss the emotional map
**Unstable Relations workshop**

On 28 September, Timothy Neale and Eve Vincent (Macquarie University) co-convened a workshop at Macquarie University on the theme of *Unstable Relations: Indigeneity and Environmentalism in Contemporary Australia*. The workshop brought together academics and practitioners from across Australia to discuss chapters for an edited collection, and included contributions from ICS members Jessica Weir, Juan Francisco Salazar and Tim Rowse. The workshop was co-sponsored by ICS through the Heritage and Environment program.

**Other activities and news**

Congratulations to Professor Katherine Gibson who is a Visiting Scientist within the Sustaining Places (SUSPLACE) European Training Network funded by an EU Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Grant) [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ics/news_and_media/news/2015/katherine_gibson_visiting_scientist_at_susplace](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ics/news_and_media/news/2015/katherine_gibson_visiting_scientist_at_susplace). Katherine was also a participant in the *Rethinking Law, Economy and Environment* early career interdisciplinary workshop, 28–30 September at the UNSW Faculty of Law. She also presented a keynote lecture via video link to the Architecture and Resilience at a Human Scale Conference organised by the Sheffield School of Architecture at the University of Sheffield, 9–11 September. The title of her lecture was *Cultivating Ethical Ecological-Economic Sensibilities: Strengthening Resilience in Monsoon Asia*. She was invited to attend the Royal Society of NSW and Four Academies Forum on *The Future of Work* on 15 September held at Government House, and attended the first meeting of Lead Authors of the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP) at Bilgi University, Istanbul, 27–29 August. She is to contribute to the chapter on *Perspectives on social justice and wellbeing* as part of the 2017 IPSP Report on Rethinking Society for the 21st Century. Katherine presented a keynote lecture at the Finale of the International Household Trade Fair 2015, an international summit on domestic affairs, *The World. One Household*, on 7 August. Katherine’s keynote was entitled *Die Welt als einen Haushalt denken* (The world as one household). The summit was organised by the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation. Katherine has been invited to join the prestigious International Panel on Social Progress and be a lead author in preparing a 2017 report on social progress. The first authors’ meeting was held in Turkey, 27–29 August.

Kay Anderson presented at the University of Western Australia inter-disciplinary Wenner-Gren workshop ([http://www.decolonisinghumanorigins.com/](http://www.decolonisinghumanorigins.com/)), a paper titled *Provincialising Humanism: Routing Narratives of Human Origins via Race and Colonialism*. She also continues interviews and publication on the ARC Linkage project titled Sydney’s Chinatown in the Asian Century with City of Sydney and Profs Ien Ang and Donald McNeill.
Professor Donald McNeill was a panel speaker at the Insurance – Ripe for Disruption industry workshop in Sydney on 7 October where he spoke on the impact of driverless cars in future cities. Other panel members included Johanna Pitman (Committee for Sydney), Nathaniel Galindo (Intellink) and David McCarthy (Mercedes-Benz). Donald also presented on Tech Capital, Digital Growth Coalitions and the Urban Politics of San Francisco at The University of Sydney’s Department of Gender and Cultural Studies research seminar series, 7 August.

Associate Professor Emma Waterton was in Amsterdam from 8–13 November where she was conducting a guest workshop with students enrolled in the Master of Museology at the Reinwardt Academy and delivering the keynote address at the event, ‘Clashing and Sharing: Emotions in Intangible Heritage Practice’, hosted by Imagine IC in collaboration with the Reinwardt Academy.

Louise Crabtree was a speaker at the NSW Youth Work Conference 2015, 2–4 November in Sydney. She will took part in The Future of Housing Affordability panel.

Katherine Gibson, Stephen Healy and Ann Hill attended the 2015 Community Economies Theory and Writing Retreat in Bolsena, Italy from 8–20 August.

Ann Hill gave a Leading Insight presentation, Conversation to Connect, with May-an Villalba, Director of Philippines based NGO Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation at the IAG conference in July. Ann was successful in obtaining a travel grant from the Institute of Australian Geographers to bring May-an Villalba from the Philippines as the invited speaker for the Critical Development Studies Network that Ann and others oversee.

Dallas Rogers is producing podcasts for SoundMinds Radio. The SoundMinds Radio project is funded by the Community Broadcast Foundation as a sociology and cultural studies public communication project. It is a partnership involving academics and community radio partners in NSW and Western Australia. Dallas ran a workshop based on the SoundMinds project at the 2015 Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Conference on 14 November with his SoundMinds team. He spoke about working with community media partners and new digital technologies to communicate sociology and cultural studies ideas to the general public. His first podcast, published in November, is The Migrant, the Refugee and the Border featuring Professor Ien Ang and Dr Shanthi Robertson http://www.soundminds.com.au/the-migrant-the-refugee-and-the-border/

Dallas also presented at the 2015 Festival of Urbanism in September. He discussed the drivers, politics and data on Chinese investment in Australian real estate in the Myth: Chinese investors are buying up Australian real estate, forcing "Aussies" out of the property panel. His online documentary, Searching for the Mousetribe, in the Confucian City was also featured in the Festival. Not all Chinese are getting rich on the back of property investments. Dallas travels to Beijing in search of the Mousetribe, the people who call air raid bunkers their homes: https://soundcloud.com/dallasrogers/searching-for-the-mousetribe-in-the-confucian-city
Timothy Neale conducted interviews with bushfire practitioners in the Barwon-Otway area of Victoria, 14–25 October.

Timothy Neale and Jessica Weir presented at AFAC15 (the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Council annual conference): New Directions in Emergency Management in Adelaide, 1–3 September. Their presentation was entitled: *Science in Motion: Knowledge Practices and Prescribed Burning in Southwest Victoria.*
ICS had two Endeavour Fellows visiting during 2015: Pablo Fuentenebro and Nuala Morse and we are pleased to announce that Hayley Saul will be an Endeavour Fellow in 2016. Pablo Fuentenebro (PhD, UCLA) worked with Donald McNeill on a comparative study of arts philanthropy and urban redevelopment in Sydney and Los Angeles. Pablo took one year of leave from his position with the UN in Nairobi to join ICS. Nuala Morse (PhD, Durham University, UK) worked with community engagement practitioners in museums and heritage sites in Sydney to provide a close examination of the practice of engagement in Australia. Nuala worked closely with Emma Waterton.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Tim Smith has been appointed to the Scientific Steering Committee of Future Earth Coasts (formerly LOICZ). Future Earth Coasts is one of the core programs of the new Future Earth initiative, which represents the amalgamation of three international programs (IGBP, IHDP and DIVERSITAS). Future Earth is sponsored by the Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability—comprising the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), the Belmont Forum of funding agencies (G8 countries), the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations University (UNU), and the World Meteorological Organization.
Geographers are working on...

Invited proposals
The editors of Rowman and Littlefield International’s *Rethinking the Island* series (Elaine Stratford, UTAS, Godfrey Baldacchino, UPEI and UMalta, and Elizabeth McMahon, UNSW) are inviting proposals from scholars with expertise and interest in islands, archipelagos, and their interrelationships with other geographical ideas, formations, and materialities. Created in November 2013, the series five books contracted to date by authors from Australia (Crane and Fletcher, English, University of Tasmania), the United States (Kapstein, English, CUNY), Singapore (Patke, English, Yale-NUS), Dublin (Kinane, English, Dublin), and Estonia (Cubero, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Estonian Institute of Humanities). For further information see [http://www.rowmaninternational.com/series/rethinking-the-island](http://www.rowmaninternational.com/series/rethinking-the-island), or contact Elaine.Stratford@utas.edu.au.

Announcing a new Book Series edited by Geographers in Australia and the USA

*Diverse Economies and Liveable Worlds Book Series*, University of Minnesota Press

The Diverse Economies and Liveable Worlds Book Series offers a space where the theoretical and political conversations opened up by an anti-capitalocentric vision of economy can take place. The core concerns of this series are diverse economies as both a mode of inquiry and as actually existing, potential, and transformative economies. The series is explicitly focused on undoing our understanding of capitalism as a conceptual container. Thinking outside this container is what allows us to veer from the singularity, inequities, and degradations associated with ‘capitalism’. The Diverse Economies research program initiated by J.K. Gibson-Graham has carved out a new intellectual territory for interrogating and performing ‘more than capitalist’ worlds that is attracting many scholars. At the same time, on the ground, a plethora of movements are forging forms of post-capitalist politics that imagine and enact liveable worlds in which economies are refocused on meeting the needs of people and the planet. The series will attract established and emerging scholars who are pushing at the boundaries of thinking about how we represent and enact ‘the economy’, how we recognize and theorize economic diversity, and what a post-capitalist politics here and now might be.

The editors of this Book Series are J.K. Gibson-Graham k.gibson@westernsydney.edu.au, Maliha Safri msafri@drew.edu, Kevin St. Martin kstmarti@rci.rutgers.edu, and Stephen Healy stephen.healy@gmail.com.

We welcome book proposals from a wide range of fields including Architecture and Design, Anthropology, Assemblage and More than Human Studies, Business and Organization Management, Communications and Media, Economics:, Environmental Humanities, Geography, Philosophy, Political Science, Regional Planning, Sociology and Women’s Studies.

For more information please contact the Series Editors.
Recent 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. 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.


Rae Dufty-Jones, Dallas Rogers (eds), 2015, Housing in 21st-Century Australia: People, Practices and Policies, Ashgate: Aldershot. (The book will be launched by Prof Peter Phibbs at The State of Australian Cities Conference in Queensland on 10th December 2015.) Available at http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472431134


Ross, A, Hall, R, Griffin, A, 2015 The search for tactical success in Vietnam: an analysis of Australian task force combat operations. Cambridge University Press reporting the results of an analysis of Australia’s participation in the Vietnam War. Full details about the book are available here: http://www.cambridge.org/bn/academic/subjects/history/military-history/search-tactical-success-vietnam-analysis-australian-task-force-combat-operations?format=HB. There is a companion website with an interactive map of all 4600+ combat operations, and aimed at communicating to a lay audience, which can be found at http://vietnam.unsw.adfa.edu.au


2014 Books


Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt 2014 Experiencing and coping with change: women-headed households in the Eastern Gangetic Plains. ACIAR Technical Reports No. 83. Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research: Canberra. 67 pp


2013 Books


Lesley Instone and Kathy Mee (Newcastle) with Palmer J, Williams M, Vaughan N. 2013. Rental housing, climate change and adaptive capacity: a case study of Newcastle, NSW. Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Newcastle.


2012 Books


