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F-12 Australian Curriculum for Geography

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has released the draft Foundation to Year 12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography* for national consultation. Feedback can be provided until 29 February 2012.

The draft curriculum is available through ACARA’s consultation website – www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/consultation. You will need to register onto this website to read, review, download, or print the draft curriculum.

ACARA advises that following consultation, all feedback will be analysed and used to revise the draft curriculum before it is published as the *F-12 Australian Curriculum: Geography*. The Authority also advises that it encourages and welcomes the involvement of all educators and the wider community during the consultation process. So, please take the opportunity to review the draft curriculum and provide feedback on the Australian Curriculum for Geography as an individual or as a University entity (e.g. School, Department).

IAG Council will discuss the Institute’s response to the *Curriculum* at its forthcoming meeting in Sydney.

2012 New Zealand Geography Conference

The 2012 New Zealand Geography conference is scheduled to run from 6—9th December in Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Please note the new location and timing. Inquiries welcomed. Contact Details m.m.roche@massey.ac.nz or m.g.henry@massey.ac.nz

IAG Study Group News

Rural Studies Group

The Rural Studies Group hosted two special paper sessions at the 2011 IAG conference. The largest of the two sessions ‘Rural Demographies: Challenges and Changes for the 21st Century’ was organised by Dr Rae Dufty-Jones. The session commenced with a key note presentation by visiting Professor Aileen Stockdale from Queens University. Aileen’s presentation attracted a near room capacity crowd. She discussed the ‘messiness’ of modeling migrations within rural spaces, giving particular attention to life course migration. Aileen’s presentation lasted about 40 minutes with questions and discussion lasting well into morning tea. Eight other papers were presented in the followed two sessions. Presenters included: Emily Mendham ‘The implications of demographic change in rural Australia for natural resource management’; Deanne Hickey ‘The drivers of rural land ownership change: a case study from the Central West region of NSW; Alison McIntosh ‘Mining projects in rural settings: some measures of the demographic mix; Tom Measham/ Andrew Reeson ‘Mining income distribution and gender in Australia’; Rae Dufty ‘Rural youth migration in the Armidale (NSW) area;
Amanda Davies ‘Rethinking ageing and labour supply in rural Australia’; John Connell ‘Country style: placing people in the new country; Phil McManus ‘Rural revival? Place marketing as a strategy to arrest rural decline’.

The second special paper session ‘Rural coastal communities: ripe for development’ was organized by Lesely Crowe-Delaney (Curtin). Whilst this session initially attracted considerable interest, a number of very late paper withdrawals resulted in the session having only two presenters. Nevertheless, those two presenters (Brian Coffee / Kevin O’Toole ‘informing strategic planning for sustainable coastal development: the case of the Great South West Regional Strategic Plan’; Anne Leitch ‘Rising tide: local knowledge and its role in adaptation to sea level rise’) attracted a good audience and their papers promoted good discussion.

The Rural Studies Group held its AGM during the 2011 IAG conference. At the conclusion of the AGM group convener Amanda Davies vacated the role of convener. A nomination for the role of convener by Meg Sherval (Newcastle University) as received and accepted. Meg will be the convener of the Rural Studies Group for an initial period of two years.

**Conferences**

**Antipodean Economic Geographies Symposium**
5-6 December 2011, State Library of NSW, Sydney
[https://www.conferenceonline.com/](https://www.conferenceonline.com/)

**8th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability**
10-12 January 2012, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

**8th International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society**
16-18 January 2012, University of California, Los Angeles, USA

**6th Australian Stream Management Conference**
‘Managing for Extremes’
5-8 February 2012, Canberra

**Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference**
8-10 February 2012, The University of Adelaide
International Conference on Multifunctional Agriculture and Urban-Rural Relations: Agriculture in an Urbanizing Society
1-4 April, 2012, Wageningen, Netherlands

International Conference ‘Mercator Revisited - Cartography in the Age of Discovery’
25-28 April 2012, Sint-Niklaas, Belgium

6th Annual International Conference on Sociology
7-10 May 2012, Athens, Greece

International Conference: Innovative Research in a Changing and Challenging World
16-18 May 2012, Puket Thailand
www.auamii.com/conference.html

IGU Commission on Gender and Geography Meeting
23-25 August 2012, Hamburg

32nd International Geographical Congress
26-30 August 2012, Cologne
http://www.igc2012.org

Rural and Remote Resilience: Making the Priorities Possible
24 - 28 September 2012, Whyalla and Upper Spencer Gulf
www.international-rural-network.org

2012 New Zealand Geography Conference
6-9 December 2012 Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

The 2012 IAG Conference will be hosted by Macquarie University

The 2013 IAG Conference will be hosted by The University of Western Australia
Conference Reports

North Atlantic Geographers Colloquium

Fiona Haslam McKenzie (Curtin) writes...

Prof Tony Sorensen and I had the privilege of attending the North Atlantic Geographers Colloquium in July this year. The Colloquium, initially hosted in Winnipeg, was an intimate meeting of about 35 delegates ran for a week and included a four day field trip to a number of different sites in rural and regional areas of Saskatchewan and a weekend in Manitoba.

This weekend was interesting, hosted at a fairly rudimentary resort on one of the larger lakes on Saskatchewan/Manitoba border. The ‘resort’ was recently purchased by a First Nation group from funds earned through mining agreements. We stayed at the resort for two nights and had the opportunity to talk with the Aboriginal owners about the challenges and opportunities of commercial ventures. This was really interesting and not at all easy operating in a competitive industry (tourism) when their knowledge of international travel tastes and habits are so limited.

During the Colloquium there were presentations on every day and often field visits in the afternoon. The topics were wide ranging but generally focused on agriculture, forestry, tourism and regions in transition. It is planned that the proceedings will be in an edited book collection.
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.

- Professor Bruce Thom 2004 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor John Holmes 2006 (citation)
- Professor Joe Powell 2008
- Mr Alex Lyne 2010

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers

- Professor Iain Hay 2008
- Associate Professor Tony Sorenson 2008
- Professor Arthur Conacher
- Professor Kay Anderson 2009
- Adjunct Associate Professor Patrick Armstrong 2009
- Mr Terry Birtles 2009
- Professor Bill Boyd 2009
- Professor Robert Freestone 2009
- Professor Roy Jones 2009
- Professor Brian G. Lees 2009
- Professor Richard Le Heron 2009
- Emeritus Associate Professor Bob Loughran 2009
- Professor Pauline McGuirk 2009
- Professor Phil O’Neill 2009
- Associate Professor Elaine Stratford 2009
- Emeritus Professor Murray Wilson 2009
- Professor Hilary P.M. Winchester 2009
- Dr Robert Burne 2010
- Dr Jocelyn Davies 2010
- Dr Ruth Farmer 2010
- Ms Julie Kesby 2010
- Emeritus Professor Bruce Ryan 2010
- Dr Robin F Warner 2010

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers

- Dr Peter Smailes 2008 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Bob Fagan 2009 (citation)
- Professor Ruth Fincher 2009 (citation)
- Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick 2009 (citation)
- Associate Professor Alaric Maude 2009 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Roger McLean 2009 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Murray Wilson 2009
- Dr Robert Burne 2010
- Dr Jocelyn Davies 2010
- Dr Ruth Farmer 2010
- Ms Julie Kesby 2010
- Emeritus Professor Bruce Ryan 2010
- Dr Robin F Warner 2010

Australia - International Medal

- Professor Janice Monk 1999
- Professor Reginald Golledge 2000
- Professor Tom McKnight 2001
- Emeritus Professor Harold Brookfield 2005 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Douglas 2006 (citation)
- Professor John Connell 2009 (citation)
- Professor Katherine Gibson and Professor Julie Graham 2010 (citation)

Past Winners

Griffith Taylor Medal

- Mrs Ann Marshall 1989 (citation)
- Dr Les Heathcote 1997 (citation)
- Dr Joe Gentilli 1998
- Professor Fay Gale 2001 (citation)

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers

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- Dr Robin F Warner 2010

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.

- Professor Janice Monk 1999
- Professor Reginald Golledge 2000
- Professor Tom McKnight 2001
- Emeritus Professor Harold Brookfield 2005 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Douglas 2006 (citation)
- Professor John Connell 2009 (citation)
- Professor Katherine Gibson and Professor Julie Graham 2010 (citation)

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers

Is awarded for sustained service to the geography profession in Australia

- Dr Robert Smailes 2008 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Bob Fagan 2009 (citation)
- Professor Ruth Fincher 2009 (citation)
- Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick 2009 (citation)
- Associate Professor Alaric Maude 2009 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Roger McLean 2009 (citation)
Grants and Awards Received

Iain Hay (Flinders) has been honoured by the New Zealand Geographical Society, which has presented him with its most prestigious award the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Medal. According to the citation for the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Medal, Professor Hay’s “broad contribution to scholarship is infused with a quest to incorporate core human values into geographic research and pedagogy”. “Iain’s work has vigorously sought to advance an ethical stance in research practice, to introduce a wider range of qualitative methodologies into the implementation of study design and methods, and to promote the adoption of creative and critically aware teaching practice,” the citation states.

Tom Measham (CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences) has received $25,000 from NSW Government to evaluate the impact of dialogue between local governments, State government and resource companies on regional impacts from mining expansion on the Liverpool Plains and Gunnedah Basin.

Judith Burns (UNE) with Wendy Beck, Richard Fullagar, Kevin Kiernan was successful in the recently announced ARC Discovery round. The details follow. Judith’s study ‘Indigenous heritage: working ancient wetlands for social benefit and cultural understanding’ has been funded to the value of $575,000.00 and will be administered by The University of New England.

News From the Universities

University of Wollongong

Elyse Stanes has commenced a PhD in human geography at UOW, on the subject of routines of consumption in the context of material sustainability. The project will focus on clothing consumption among Generation Y and is supervised by Chris Gibson and Natascha Klocker.

Andrea Gordon has commenced an MSc in human geography at UOW, on the subject of music-making and place-making in the Bega Valley, NSW. The project is part of the ARC Discovery Project ‘Cultural sustainability in Australian country towns’ held by IAG Members Chris Gibson and Gordon Waitt.

Curtin University

Curtin is one of the key partners in the Co-operative Research Centre - Remote Economic Participation. Fiona Haslam McKenzie has been appointed to lead the Regional Economies stream. Other partners in the Regional Economies stream are: University of New England; University of South Australia; Rio Tinto; Newmont Asia Pacific; CSIRO (Minerals Futures); State and Territory Governments for Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory.

Fiona Haslam McKenzie has also been invited by Hon Simon Crean to join the Regional Development Australia Fund Advisory Panel (Commonwealth Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government).
Geographers are Working On...

Andrew Warren and Chris Gibson (both at UOW) have secured a contract from the University of Hawaii Press to write a book on the surfboard industry. The book builds on Andrew’s PhD research on surfboard shaping as a unique, vernacular creative industry reliant on embodied skills, artful expressions and emotional, yet precarious, forms of creative work. Field work was conducted in four regions across the Pacific (O’ahu, Hawai’i, Southern California, and the Gold Coast and Illawarra regions in Australia), and is supported by historical/archival research in Hawaii and Australia on surfboard making’s Polynesian and post-war heritage. The book is due for completion in early 2012.

Frank Vanclay, formerly at UTAS but since July 2010 at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands), has been made Head of the Department of Cultural Geography there. A book, New Directions in Social Impact Assessment, edited with Ana Maria Esteves, has recently been published by Edward Elgar.

Since being in the Netherlands, Frank has been doing a lot of work with DG-REGIO, especially in relation to developing qualitative approaches to evaluating regional development initiatives. He is also part of a major project led by Phil McCann (University of Groningen) and Monica Brezzi (OECD) which seeks to develop a social and economic development strategy for L’Aquila (Italy), a significant historical city devastated by an earthquake in 2009.


University of New England

Barbara Rugendyke has completed a stint as Dean of Graduate Studies and returned to normal duties within the Division. Kiran Shinde has resigned from the Division and has returned to India. Stephen Wood has been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Also, Stephen and Denise welcomed a new member - Montgomery - to their family in November.

Robyn Bartel with Melinda Harm Benson (University of New Mexico) are organising 3 sessions on Legal Geography at the AAG2012. Entitled “Legal geography and the nomosphere, power and influence” the three sessions will feature a wide-ranging engagement with David Delaney’s recent book “Nomospheric Investigations”. Each session of 4 papers will conclude with an exploration by a guest discussant, including David Delaney (Amherst) in the final session. For the programme of the AAG2012 Annual meeting Feb 24-28 in New York City please see http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting/program
Nicole Cook (RMIT) with colleagues Elizabeth Taylor (AHURI-RMIT), Joe Hurley (RMIT) and Val Colic-Peisker (AHURI-RMIT) have commenced quantitative and qualitative analysis for the AHURI project: 'Resident Third Party Objections and Appeals Against Planning Applications: Implications for Medium Density and Social Housing' [30678]. The positioning paper for this project will shortly be available at:

Rae Dufty-Jones, Felicity Wray and Phil O’Neill (UoWS) have organised a two day symposium ‘Antipodean Economic Geographies Symposium’, to be held in early December 2011. The aim of this two day symposium is to bring together a corpus of geographers primarily from Australia and New Zealand to discuss the economic geographies produced from an antipodean/southern perspective. A series of invited panel sessions, bookended by contributions and reflections from Prof. Andrew Leyshon and others, will revolve around the following key questions/themes:

- To what extent is there a distinct antipodean economic geography?
- What do our own antipodean perspectives and experiences bring to economic geography from both national and global contexts (e.g. financial crises, climate change, neoliberalisations etc)?
- How are Australian and New Zealand economic geographies expanding theorisations beyond the North?
- How can these developments be consolidated and carried forward? What might future antipodean economic geographies look like politically, spatially and thematically?

Neil Argent (UNE) and Matthew Tonts (UWA) are organising two sessions at the Agriculture in an Urbanising Society Conference to be held at Wageningen University, April, 2012. The sessions are ‘Land use transformations’ and ‘Migration and mobility’. Contact Neil or Matthew for further information.

Brendan Whyte and others from The National Library have been working on a project to catalogue the Library’s Southeast Asian map series.

To date, all map series covering most countries or regions of Southeast Asia are now catalogued, and online indexes show the extent of the series and the NLA’s holdings. (caveat: Indonesia and PNG are still in progress. However SE Asia as a whole, Indochina, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and East Timor are complete.)

To search for map series with an online index, enter "index only" as the search term (add a country or region name if desired), and use the "add limits" dropdown box to restrict the search to maps. Additionally, 600 maps in 27 pre-1960 map series of SE Asia and the Pacific are currently being digitised so that the maps will be viewable freely online. To search for these series, use "maps and index indicating" as the search term. Click on the index thumbnail to see the index and all the scanned maps. Series include Singapore 1:10,000 and 1:25,000 up to the 1960s, Guadalcanal in WW2, Siam and Malaya 1:63,360, Fiji 1:62,500 and New Caledonia 1:112,500. Brendan and the team hope to add more foreign map series, particularly PNG and Indonesia, as resources permit.

Brendan writes “If there are specific (out of copyright) series you would like to see online, whether catalogued already or not, let us know. Contact maps@nla.gov.au”

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New Member Profile

New Member Candice Boyd, a PhD Candidate at the University of Melbourne writes:

I am a clinical psychologist who has worked in public mental health and higher education for several years. Through my research in rural adolescent mental health, I met social geography Dr Hester Parr and my journey into a second PhD (in human geography) began. In 2009, I approached Dr Rachel Hughes at University of Melbourne regarding supervision, and we hit it off straight away. Now I am into my second year of a project entitled Encountering the virtual ‘in and through’ art: Non-representational geographies of therapeutic art practice and in the middle of fieldwork.

I participated in my first geography conference in January, 2011 in Canberra. Called Bodies in situ, Bodies ex situ, it was a conference organised by the Cultural Geography Study Group of the IAG and held in Canberra. It was a great experience as a postgraduate student to present my initial work to a receptive and supportive audience. I am now in the process of preparing a manuscript for submission to a special issue of Geographical Research based on this conference. In July, I participated in the IAG national conference through a collaboration with Dr Michelle Duffy on sonic geographies, and more recently it is my great pleasure to have been accepted to present with my ‘geography heroes’ Dr JD Dewsbury and Dr Derek McCormack at the AAG conference in February 2012.

As someone coming from a somewhat disparate discipline, I have been welcomed into geography with open arms. I have enjoyed the support of a gifted Head of Discipline in Professor Ruth Fincher, I have met dozens of new colleagues through participating in reading groups and conferences, and I have received generous feedback on my early ideas from geographers all over the world - all of which had made the process of a second PhD not as mad as it seems.

Members On the Move

Amy Griffin (UNSW Canberra) has been appointed Co-Chair of the International Cartographic Association’s Commission on Cognitive Visualization. For details on the work of the Commission and to get involved see: http://icaci.org/commissions

Anthony Kent has been appointed post doctoral fellow at the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies, Victoria University. Anthony will be working with CIs Sally Weller, Bill Pritchard, Mike Webber and two PhD students on a Rural Adjustment Project investigating farm exits.

Stephen Gale left Sydney University to take up the Chair of Geography at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.
Members Recent Publications

2012 Books

Chris Gibson (UOW) and John Connell (Sydney) 2012. Music Festivals and Regional Development: Ashgate.

2011 Books


Postgraduate News

Geography on the edge: post-graduate reflections on the IAG conference 2011

by Ann Hill (ANU)

In 2009, when the Department of Human Geography where I had begun my PhD a year earlier folded, it struck me how important professional networks and shared professional identities are. Similarly at the IAG this year I found myself pondering Professor Richie Howitt’s opening plenary remarks about valuing co-existence. Pondering what does it mean to co-exist professionally but also in the everyday; what does it mean to co-exist with earth others? Richie’s reflection was that co-existence as we have lived it out in Australia over the past two centuries has been in many instances a mere fact as if we are somehow accidently in the same time and space as others we co-exist with. Professor Katherine Gibson’s moving plenary in which Katherine depicted herself (a pioneer in re-thinking economy) and depicted our planet (now entering a new geological epoch) as both at the ‘edges’ of thinking, feeling and being, raised another question for me — what are the economic-geographic implications of valuing co-existence with human and non-human others? My own contribution to the conference — co-facilitating a workshop on App-tion research and digital doing of making the world and presenting a paper dedicated
to Julie Graham about a community-base food economy constructed through ethical economic decision making — contribute to on-going conversation around this question that the Community Economies Collective and others that are re-thinking economies are interested in.

The paper I presented ‘A helping hand and many green thumbs’ reveals a civic we-ness in a local community in the Philippines and prompts us to think through the ethical negotiations that value co-existence and we-ness and build a community economy.

A second question which struck a cord in Richie Howitt’s plenary was — who do we refer to when we say ‘we’? I acknowledged then as I continue to do now, the we-ness in the authorship of my doctoral research project ‘Growing community food economies’ and the personal and professional co-existence that underpins my being.

Thank you to the organizing committee at the University of Wollongong for their immense effort and efficiency in orchestrating the IAG conference this year. I think they did a wonderful job! I would also like to thank the IAG council for funding support which paid for my accommodation in Wollongong and for their continuing support of post-graduate scholars and academics in training.

IAG Conference Report 2011

By Brent Pilkey (University College London)

Attending the 2011 annual Institute of Australian Geographers’ conference, Geography on the Edge, in Wollongong, Australia, was a very rewarding experience. My formal participation in the conference took the form of a presented paper on 05 July in the Critical Geographies of Sexualities and Home session organised by Dr. Andrew Gorman-Murray (sponsored by the Cultural Geography Study Group). My paper, titled “‘Here home’/ ‘there home’: two locations of home for LGBT Londoners”, was one of four papers on an emerging international theme in human geography: the intersection of sexual identity and geographies of home, both the physical space and the imaginary idea.

Reflecting back on my participation in this session I realise there were many positive outcomes that have affected my educational and professional development. The feedback that I received immediately after the presentation, and in the subsequent socialising periods, has helped to shape my rethinking of this paper as I now go forward and turn it into an article. On that note, meeting Dr. Gorman-Murray, an academic whose research is most relevant to my own, and sharing several conversations at the conference about the revisions to my paper, has been invaluable for my educational development.

Another positive outcome, one which I did not anticipate in advance of attending the conference, was motivation. At the postgraduate workshop and throughout the conference and conference meals I met many postgraduate students from Australian and international universities all of whom seem to publish prolifically during their studies. Although many students were in the Australian Ph.D. ‘by publications’ stream, some were not. An overwhelming amount of students have published many items already. Hearing this has made me realise that I need to secure publications as soon as possible, after all, as one student noted, “they are the currency of the Ph.D.”.
Finally, to reflect on the conference as a whole, I can say nothing but positive things. With a research interest in a small niche of cultural geography, it was rewarding to be able to attend many diverse sessions presented by academics from across the expanse of Australian geography. Although it was the first time I had come across many of the research projects, it was an enjoyable experience to learn something that a regular day engrossed in my own research would otherwise prevent me from doing.

Receiving a postgraduate travel award to attend the conference was an honour. I am incredibly grateful for the financial assistance the IAG Council was able to provide. The funds covered a substantial part of the airfare from London to Sydney. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Institute of Australian Geography council for the generous financial assistance you were able to provide, which relieved a financial burden of international travel, thus allowing me to attend the exciting conference in Wollongong. The outcome of my attendance has definitely shaped my thinking as I move forward in my Ph.D. and in my career in academia.