

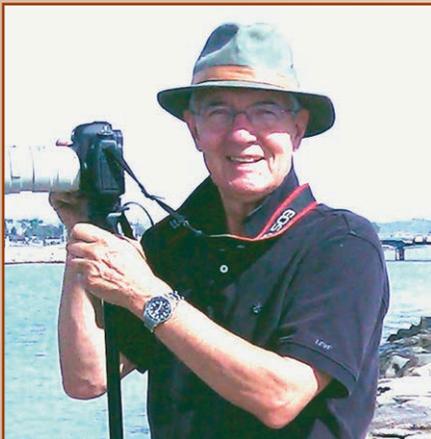


Special Event for
Friends of Geography Members and Friends
Join
Hartmut Walter, Emeritus Faculty, UCLA
And Noted Wildlife Photographer

Saturday, January 26th, 2019

for a

**Malibu Birding and
Wildlife Photo Workshop**



Group gathers at 9:00 am for complimentary coffee, juice, bagels, pastries with Dr. Walter giving short course on effective and beautiful photography of birds, the local bird species and the current marsh habitat restoration.

The morning continues with photography and birding expedition.

No Host Lunch in nearby Malibu at noon.

RSVP jenee@geog.ucla.edu 310-825-1071

A donation of \$20/per person
is requested to hold
your reservation.



Meet at the **Malibu Lagoon State Beach Parking Lot**

at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Cross Creek Road.

Pay parking lot is \$12 per car. Address: 3999 Cross Creek Rd. Malibu, CA 90265



From the President

Marianne Wright

First, let me say how sad I was that that we had to cancel our annual spring luncheon event. Thank you to Professor Juan Herrera, who was prepared to give us a fabulous talk, and the staff at the UCLA Department of Geography, who helped put the event together. For our Sunday luncheon event at the Faculty Center, we have to guarantee and pay for a minimum of 100. Our response this year was meager, and it made the expense of the event prohibitive. Our FoG Board meet during the summer, and it was decided that smaller, more focused events, are what we will be concentrating on.

I'd also like to welcome Dr. Dick Marston to our Board of Directors. Dick received his B.A in Geography-Ecosystems from UCLA in 1974, and earned an M.S. (1976) and Ph.D. (1980) in geography from Oregon State University. His most recent academic appointment was at Kansas State University, where he was head of the Geography Department from 2005 through 2011. Dick retired from KSU in 2016, and now lives in Newport Beach. We welcomed Dick to the Board of Directors, where he is taking the position of Treasurer for the organization. Tanishia Wright, who held the position of Treasurer for a number of years, resigned from the board due to an increased work load.

Continuing on the board are: Bill Selby, Vice President; Mary Miller, Secretary; Glen MacDonald, Faculty Representative; Kasi McMurray, Department Representative; and members at large Professors Jared Diamond, Judith Carney, and Helga Leitner.

In a note of housekeeping, the Friends of Geography has again applied this fall for our annual UCLA Support Group Certificate of Recognition. Many thanks to the Geography Department staff, especially Kasi McMurray, who always make our annual application easy. All funds that the UCLA Friends of Geography raises are with the help of the University, and our Certificate of Recognition is an essential part of our ability to support the department.

Our income and expenses were as follows for the academic year 2017 – 2018. Categories are defined by the requirements of the Support Group Application

Income and Expenses 2017 – 2018

Funds from Previous Fiscal Year	\$18,267.00
Expenses	
Events – Luncheon	\$1,000.00
Administrative Costs	\$0.00
Printing Costs	\$806.00
Salary/wages	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Conferences	\$0.00
Postage and Shipping	\$417.00
Supplies	\$268.00
Undergraduate Scholarship	\$1,000.00
University 6.5% Fee	\$921.00
Expenses Total	\$4,412.00
Income	
Total Revenue July 2017 – May 2018	\$43,702.00
Total Expenses	\$4,412.00
Ending Balance	\$57,557.00

And lastly, the FoG Board is pleased to introduce the three students who were picked received a FoG Undergraduate Scholarship (\$1,000 each) for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. Bios follow.

Fall 2018 Events

Thank you to Jared Diamond, FoG Board Member, who lead two bird watching walks in his home territory of Stone Canyon, Bel Air. One in October and one in November. Pictured from the November walk are from left to right: Nurit Katz, Margo Katz, Mark Biedlingmaier, Jared Diamond, Joey Curti, Scott Logan, and Dan Cooper. Dr. Diamond



reported that the November hike "proved to be a 4-hour walk setting a record species list for Stone Canyon." The bird in the photograph is an acorn woodpecker.



Winter Events

FoG Career Day – Palm Court, Bunche Hall, UCLA Wednesday, January 23, 2019

After two successive FoG Career Panels offered for UCLA geography students in Bunche Hall on the late afternoon of Wednesday, April 25th, 2018, a Career Day/Jobs Fair committee was formed, to assist the department on planning a larger and more comprehensive event. The FoG Career Day Committee began meeting in the summer, and has continued to meet this fall. Thank you to committee members Fred Adjarian, Dick Marston, Ashley Banuelos, Mochi Li, Marianne Wright and Geography Department staff members Nayla Huq and Jenee Misraje. Please see the Career Day info in this newsletter for information in participating in this event.

2018 FoG Scholarship Winners

ANA CORCORAN

Junior, Geography Environmental Studies major with a Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies minor.



I am confident that in pursuing an education in a Geography and Environmental Studies major, I am on the right path towards fulfilling my purpose: gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare me for a career that allows me to make a positive impact on the environment. From the first geography course I took as a freshman at UCLA, Globalization: Regional Development and World Economy, to my current upper division courses two years later, I have continually been amazed by the immense world of Geography. Whether it be Human Geography or Physical Geography, every Geography and Environment class I have taken at UCLA has strengthened my desire to spend my life working for the good of Mother Earth. Along the way, I added a minor in Geospatial

Informational Systems to my degree, and also plan to add a second minor in Public Affairs.

Throughout my time at UCLA, I have been exposed to many systematic world issues, and recognize that I have the privilege to make a difference in these problems through a combination of geography and policy. One of the most influential classes I have taken, Food: A Lens for Environment and Sustainability, exposed me to the deep issues of our current food system. As a result of taking classes on geography/environmental studies and food, my current career goal is to become involved in agricultural policy and reform. I hope to use policy in concert with geography and GIS to help shape a world with equitable treatment of the environment, animals and people alike.

In addition to my studies, I have also become involved in the community in a variety of ways. Last winter, I was involved in a remote sensing research project with the Holmby Westwood Neighborhood. I also worked as a student chaperone for Geffen Academy, UCLA's middle/high school and currently serve as Vice-President of Public Relations for my sorority. I am a volunteer for UCLA's Mentorship program, mentoring an elementary school girl from a North Hollywood housing project every week and I recently became a campus ambassador for a green-tech platform called UCapture, which helps offset the carbon footprint of online shopping. I have become involved with the UCLA Farmers' Market and have been selected to be Co-Director of Education. Finally, this summer I worked as an intern for M.S. Hatch Consulting, an environmental consulting company.

CHIARA PHILLIPS

Senior, Geography Environmental Studies major with Food Studies Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies minor.



As a geographer, I am most interested in how the distribution of resources, specifically food, affect racialized low-income populations. Having worked in non-profit and volunteer capacities over the last three years to address disparities in access to affordable, nutritious food, I understand the non-profit perspective and see value in a bottom-up approach. My experience so far has shown me that non-profit work is crucial to the lived experiences of the individuals it concerns. I am driven to start an urban farm to address food insecurity and environmental injustice as a response to the class privilege I bring to the conversation. By having the financial resources to build an undergraduate career at University of California-Los Angeles in Geography with additional studies in Food studies and GIS technology in previous years, I know I am ready to take the next step to gain the tools needed to implement change in the Los Angeles community and push forward the efforts of organizations who are already striving to mitigate food insecurity and disparities in public health. In Cultural Geography, I found my first exposure to food injustices and the targeting of low-income communities of color to environmental injustices. I have explored this phenomena further in my GIS classes when we pick topics of our own choosing, and will continue to explore how food, the environment, and people interact with coursework in the future.

While I was learning the bases of the distribution of resources and populations of people through my undergraduate coursework, I worked as a farming intern at Taft Hill Farm in Vermont, where I learned the logistics and troubleshooting behind running a farm and growing organic food from the seed. I currently am the marketing director of UCLA's student garden, Dig: Campus Garden Coalition, which brings

students in direct contact with food that nourishes them. In addition, I have volunteered and interned at Kindred Spirits Care Farm. Through this opportunity, I worked with economically disadvantaged students facing food insecurity by getting involved in their school farm work and cultivating a marketing program through GIS.

To compliment my coursework and intern experiences, I have presented a lecture on sustainable and culturally appropriate food consumption for outdoor trips and daily life for collegiate outdoor leaders at the Western Regional Outdoor Leadership Conference in Santa Barbara. I found this opportunity through my work in UCLA's Outdoor Leadership Training Program. This summer I worked as the Food Equity and Access Intern with Food Forward, working with local volunteers to distribute healthy and fresh food that would normally have gone to waste to communities in Watts.

CLAIRE SIMPSON

Senior, Geography Environmental Studies major with Conservation Biology and Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies minor.

The acquisition, analysis, and dissemination of scientific data and research are essential to the preservation of Earth. As a Geography/Environmental Studies major with minors in Conservation Biology and GIS, it is my goal to assist in the discovery of natural systems changes on Earth in the context of environmental conservation. More specifically, I hope to use remote sensing technologies, GIS tools, and fieldwork to understand changes to Earth's water systems and vegetation and to communicate the implications that these trends may have for the future.



During my sophomore year, I began to collaborate with Dr. Larry Smith, completing my first independent honors project and publishing it in the UCLA Undergraduate Science Journal, for which I received the Vice Provost Prize for Best Research Article in the Physical Sciences. I continued my work with Professor Smith's group the following year, evaluating diurnal meltwater discharge cycles and hourly incision of a main-stem supraglacial river in Greenland. Funded by the National Science Foundation and the UCLA Honors Program's Irving and Jean Stone Research Award, I travelled to Alaska last summer where I conducted lab-based remote sensing work and ventured into the field to gather data for an original research project that I designed under Dr. Christopher Arp.

Continuing this research as part of my honors thesis, I collaborated with Dr. Yongwei Sheng and other scientists across the country. I presented the preliminary findings of my project at a workshop at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in New Orleans. I am currently working to publish my thesis in an academic journal and hope to use the FoG scholarship to facilitate the process and fund future work relating to my thesis topic.

This year I have also become involved in a new lab – and a new type of remote sensing/marine ecology research. Funded by a NASA grant, I have worked with Dr. Kyle Cavanaugh to and others to classify underwater photography captured in Hawaii.

For my scientific contributions throughout my time at UCLA, I earned the Dean's Prize Science Award Honoring Outstanding Undergraduate Researchers.

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Be a part helping to make UCLA Friends of Geography Career Day a Success!

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

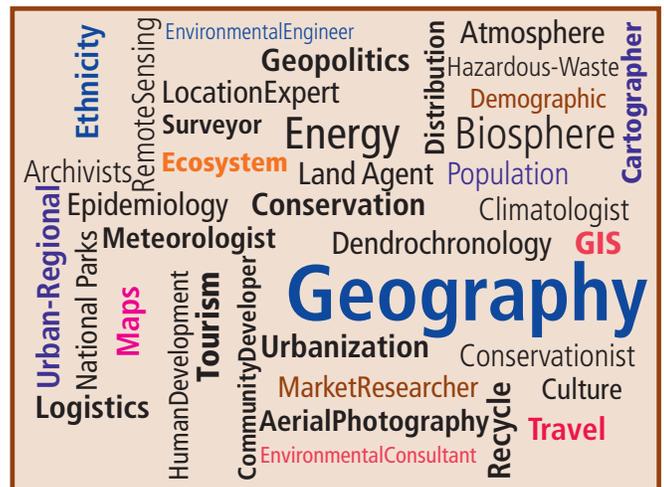
Palm Court, Bunche Hall

Talk to Students:

- Share your Experience and Expertise
- Represent your Company or Career Choice

Participate in Breakout Sessions:

- Public Sector Employment Opportunities
- Private Sector Employment Opportunities
- Resumes, Cover Letters, and Background Checks
- Careers in GIS
- The Interview Process – What to Expect?!?



Contact **Marianne Wright**, FoG President at mkw@sound-advice.com
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