

2017 FOG Activities

Annual Luncheon

By MARY MILLER

The annual FoG luncheon for some ninety attendees was held at the UCLA Faculty Center at noon on May 20, 2017. President Marianne Wright welcomed everyone before we were served a lovely lunch of salad followed by either Vegetable Strudel or Chicken with Mushroom Risotto then Crème Bruleé. Shortly after 1 PM, Marianne thanked the Board, staff members, and her husband who had assisted with the luncheon planning and execution.



She next introduced our undergraduate scholarship award winners – Ryan Lam, 2016 and Angelina Nguyen, 2017 – and gave them “study snack” gift bags, then turned the podium over to Professor Glen MacDonald, who detailed the Department’s recent growth and success:

- A high number of majors and minors (including many in combined Geography/ Environmental Studies) and transfer and doctoral students
- Many awards for such activities as undergraduate research as well as fellowships from a variety of organizations
- Professorships for Department PhD’s
- Honors for current faculty members
- An encouraging increase in faculty diversity

He also thanked current chair Larry Smith who is finishing his fourth and final year in that job.

Presentations were given by two graduate students – Alexander Naylor, who spoke about various processes (wind, water, etc.) affecting drylands, and Frank van der Wouden, who addressed varied economic results in US cities, results that are influenced by collaborative technology networks.



Attendee’s
Nancy Cummings &
Richard Marston

Keynote Speaker, Department Chair Larry Smith – next shared details of his research on the Greenland ice sheet and what that reveals about climate change and sea level rise. Dr. Smith is calculating those impacts by looking at:

- whether meltwater enters the ocean based on remote sensing of the condition of water at the edge of the landmass as well as information from the collection of samples of that water,
- a determination of the pathways and processes by which that meltwater movement occurs, which entails using GIS to compare digital maps of the top and base of the bedrock, drone boats, photographs that reveal streams ending in moulins, and remote sensing to determine flow rates, and
- the accuracy of predictions of global sea level rise using photos and drone mapping; the predictions seem to overestimate the outflow at the beginning of the season – a determination that is not corrected by the end of the season.

This presentation of very topical information was enthusiastically received by attendees.

Fall Hike

On Saturday, September 10th, the second Friends of Geography activity in 2017 was a hike and brown bag lunch at the UCLA La Kretz center at Rocky Oaks Park in the local Santa Monica Mountains. Six hearty souls joined UCLA Geography Professor Tom Gillespie, as we learned about local flora and fauna.



The morning into afternoon event also included three recent alum Nick Nobles, Irene Farr and Ashley Banuelos. Prof. Melanie Renfrew, UCLA alum and current Professor of Geography at Los Angeles Harbor College also added tremendous insight, with



Marianne and Matt Wright bringing up the rear of the group. A good time was had by all, with great pictures to boot.

Prof. Greg Okin Named as Geography Department Chair

Laura E. Gómez, J.D., Ph.D.

**Interim Dean of Social Sciences,
UCLA College of Letters & Science**

**Professor of Law, Professor of Sociology
and Chicana/Chicano Studies**

I am pleased to share the news that Professor Greg Okin has agreed to serve as the next chair of the Geography Department. He will serve a three-year term, July 2017-June 2020. Greg has served the department in many capacities, including, most recently, as Vice Chair for Graduate Studies. I know that Greg will be a dedicated and fair leader. In a year when three new assistant professors join the human geography side of the department, I know he will do all in his power to see that they thrive.

I am grateful to Chair Larry Smith, who has served with great energy for the past four academic years. As interim dean, I particularly enjoyed working with Larry this year to turn one junior search into three hires. Whether interacting with the provost, dean or alumni, Larry has been a fierce advocate for Geography faculty, staff and students, sometimes quietly but always adamantly. Larry, we salute your leadership and fervently hope you will return to UCLA after your year in Providence – and we promise to send selfies with blue skies and palm trees in the background!



From the Chair

Greg Okin

(Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, 2001) Professor with research interests in geomorphology, plant-soil interactions, arid environments, nutrient cycling, spatial modeling, and remote sensing. Professor Okin teaches courses in Physical Geography, Soils, and Remote Sensing.

As I work my way through my first year as Chair, I am more amazed than ever about my colleagues in the Geography Department. From this vantage point, for the first time, I have the privilege of focusing on the accomplishments of our distinguished faculty and students. In the last few years, we have had one faculty member elected to the National Academy of Science, two faculty elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), two faculty elected Fellows of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), two faculty elected Fellows of the American

Association of Geographers (AAG), one faculty elected Fellow of the American Meteorological Society (AMS), and one elected as a Fellow of the British Academy. Just this past year, Cindy Fan won the Distinguished Scholar Award from the AAG's Asian Geography Specialty Group, Juan Herrera won the Distinguished Contributions to Research Article Award from the Latino Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, Dennis Lettenmaier won the Charney Medal from the American Meteorological Society, Shaina Potts won the Ashby Prize from the Environment and Planning A in recognition of the most innovative articles

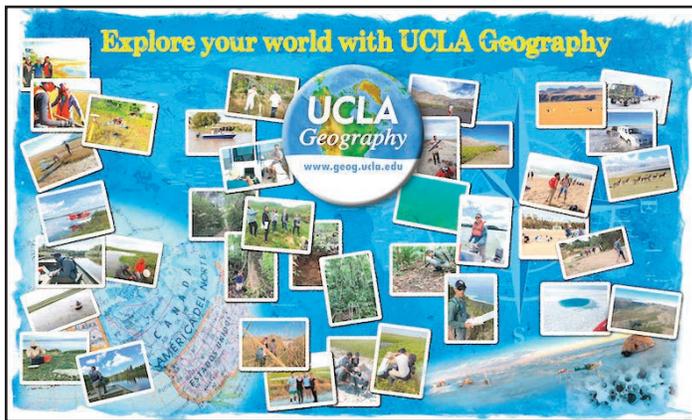


PICTURED: Prof. Helga Leitner, new Member-at-Large of the FoG Board of Directors, taken in Jakarta doing field work, interviewing kampung residents about their experiences with developers buying up the land in their kampung and displacing their neighbors.

published in the journal during the previous year, and Eric Sheppard won the AAG's Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly work in Geography. Our faculty continue to be recognized in other ways. John Agnew was granted an honorary PhD from the University of Oulu in Finland. Judy Carney was awarded a Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society Fellowship. Bill Clark was a visiting scholar at the University of Paris. Lieba Faier won two distinguished fellowships: the ACLS Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Howard Foundation Fellowship from Brown University. Marilyn Raphael was named to the Royal Society's Women in Science List of 90 Women in Antarctic Science as well as the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR). Yongwei Sheng was named an Overseas Expert from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The plaudits do not stop with our faculty. Our graduate students, too have received impressive awards, including three UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowships this year, three extra-departmental field work grants, and two Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research

Fellowships. One of our recent PhDs won an impressive three paper awards and two travel awards from the AAG. Our students received an unbelievable three NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowships, two NSF Fellowships, and one scholarship from the US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation. As a reflection of this outstanding quality scholarship, I'm pleased to say that our students have also been getting prestigious postdoctoral research positions and faculty jobs. In the last few months alone, we have heard that five of our recent PhDs have received tenure track faculty positions at top institutions.



I am pleased to say that our department's scholarship and teaching is stronger than ever. However, in the last half-year I am also learning how precarious this all is. Reductions in state funding, massive increases in the numbers of undergraduate students, and limited graduate funding all threaten the quality of undergraduate education that we are able to provide. Geography has always been known as a department with exceptional teachers, and we have more than our fair share of University Teaching Awardees. That has not changed. Nor has the quality, motivation, and sheer awesomeness of our undergraduate students. I was reminded of this when I took 20 students to the White Mountain Research Station in Owens Valley in early March, 2018, to learn about the soils and the story they tell about California (and LA's) history and prehistory. But large classes with little teaching assistant support from graduate students make these formative experiences for students ever-more a rarity at UCLA. For Geography, where many of us became interested in the discipline precisely because of these kinds of experiences, this is a keen loss.

Much of this is out of our hands – a growing UCLA is inevitable given the state's politics and demographics, and we'll welcome with open arms as many new geographers as we can recruit! But, graduate students are the glue that holds the

Department together. They play critical roles in both the teaching and research missions of the Department. And yet, we have not been able to significantly raise their stipends in several years. We are losing excellent potential graduate students to other universities, including other UCs who can offer better stipends in areas with lower cost of living. As the University concludes its Centennial Campaign, graduate funding, which is so crucial for success of programs across the University and the undergraduate students they serve, has not seen much love.

That is why graduate funding will be a major focus of our fundraising in the years to come. I see this group of incredible emerging scholars as the linchpin of departmental success at all levels. Geography is more important than ever as a discipline. Geography is more important than ever as a discipline as it is supremely suited to address many of the (geo)political, innovation, environmental, social, and other issues facing the globe. Geography at UCLA remains one of the best departments in the world as the accomplishments of our faculty, graduate and undergraduate show. The department has a tremendous amount to offer UCLA undergraduate students, many of whom are looking for ways to make informed, positive change in the world. Our continuing ability to attract undergrads from across campus is clear evidence of the pivotal role we play within UCLA and the world as a whole. As a member of Friends of Geography, I hope you'll continue to support all of this.

Establishment of the **SANDRA ANN MABRITTO** Graduate Fellowship Endowment

The Department of Geography is honored by the generous bequest made by a longtime friend and supporter, the late Sandra Ann Mabritto (1949-2017), which will establish the new Sandra Mabritto & Stephen Bell Memorial Fellowship. The gift, initially of \$500,000, is intended to support graduate students in the area of cultural-historical geography, broadly defined, a field in which the department has accumulated around a century of research achievement. Professor Greg Okin, the Geography Chair, says this is expected to be transformational in the department's ability to attract the very best students from around the world. The bequest is particularly important as it comes at a time when living costs in the Los Angeles area have made graduate student finances an increasing challenge. It should greatly help new

generations of scholars to study and thrive here. The fellowship is designed in part to build upon the earlier philanthropy of the late Professor Henry J. Bruman (1913-2005), who endowed the Alexander von Humboldt chair, and it serves to help reinforce geography's future contributions as a discipline in the humanities.



A native of Los Angeles, Sandra Mabritto studied art at Cal. State, LA, then mainly political science at UCLA. She was a skilled investor in real estate. As her success grew in this field, so too did her commitment to a wide range of philanthropic causes. Well-read and a lifelong learner, Sandra remained passionately interested in the arts, history, culture, and exploration of the wider world, including education. In the course of her life, her generosity supported numerous smaller-scale initiatives, including of Hispanic students at Santa Monica College. Observing the positive impact of these earlier gifts led her to a gradual determination in estate planning that the majority of her assets would be directed to supporting several graduate programs at UCLA.

Although Sandra had taken at least one undergraduate course in the UCLA Department of Geography, she later came to know the department much better through Professor Stephen Bell, her dear friend and former partner. She was a lively and bright presence for some years at many geography events and occasions. Even during her long and valiant battle with cancer, when she retreated from attending departmental events in the main, she remained quietly engaged with the Department of Geography. Her passing was keenly felt by all those in the department who knew her. Sandra Mabritto will long be remembered for her keen intelligence, warmth of spirit, and sense of the public good. The department is greatly appreciative of her efforts to provide what is intended to be a long-lasting legacy.

Money in the Mangroves

UCLA Geography faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates have collaboratively produced and released a short documentary, "Money in the Mangroves", available on Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/260665950>

Generously funded by UCLA's Lemelson Award for Innovative Digital Projects in Social Research, the film is the culmination of two years of work, incorporating fieldwork, interviews, and design contributions by professors Judith Carney and Kyle Cavanaugh and students Ashley Fent, Rémi Bardou, Christie Ford, Johnneson Mymala, Jonathan Atallah, and Robert Burns.

Through remote sensing, drone imagery, qualitative interviews, desk research, and illustrations, "Money in the Mangroves" demonstrates the complexities and controversies surrounding the mangrove reforestation in Senegal and The Gambia. It traces the genealogy of community-based mangrove reforestation, which sought to revitalize economically important ecosystems in response to the Sahelian droughts of 1968-74 and the 1980s through more contemporary reforestation campaigns. Financed by international actors, such as the Danone food group and motivated by biodiversity conservation and carbon offset market mechanisms, the film brings African voices to contemporary climate-change discourses. The film shows that mangrove reforestation initiatives have remade incentive structures, economic benefits, and socio-ecologies in ways both promising and problematic.



*From the
President*

Marianne Wright

In a note of housekeeping, our Friends of Geography has again received an approval for our UCLA Support Group Application. Many thanks to the Geography Department staff who always make our annual application so easy. All funds that the UCLA Friends of Geography raise are with the help of the University, and our Certificate of Recognition is an essential part of our ability to support the department. It's renewed annually in the fall.

Our income and expenses were as follows for the year academic 2016 – 2017. Categories are defined by the requirements of the Support Group Application.

Income and Expenses 2016 -2017

Funds from Previous Fiscal Year (2015 – 2016)	\$9,404.00
Expenses	
Events	\$9,031.00
Administrative costs	\$0.00
Printing for newsletter/publications	\$918.00
Salaries and wages of staff	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Conferences, conventions and meetings	\$0.00
Postage and shipping costs	\$530.00
Contributions transferred to UCLA Foundation	\$0.00
Other Sources of Expenses	
University Gift Fee	\$1,175.00
Undergraduate Scholarships	\$1,000.00
Envelopes and Supplies	\$139.00
Net	
Revenue (includes funds from previous fiscal year and support collected during 2016 - 2017)	\$27,479.00
Total Expenses	\$12,793.00
Net	\$14,686.00

Our Friends of Geography Board met in January of 2018, and thanks to the direction of the new Department Chair Greg Okin, our board has grown with 3 new faculty members suggested by Greg.

Our ranks now include:

- Marianne Wright, President
- William Selby, Vice President
- Mary Miller, Secretary
- Tanishia Wright, Treasurer
- Glen McDonald, Faculty Representative
- Kasi McMurry, Department Representative
- Members at Large: Jared Diamond,
Judith Carney, and Helga Leitner

We will add a few more to the Members at Large at the Annual Meeting in May.



2017 FoG Scholarship Winner
Angelina Nguyen

I vividly remember a weekend morning back when I was in middle school, sitting on the couch thumbing through an Adventures of Tintin comic. The living room flanked our kitchen, allowing the aroma of homemade crêpes to hover overhead, announcing that it was time to set the book down and eat breakfast. In hindsight, the scene from my childhood is a textbook example of the way geography has shaped my life. I, a Vietnamese-Italian American, was sitting at my home in California, reading works by a Belgian cartoonist as my mother made a traditional French dish. I've always been cosmopolitan in this sense, my mother eager to formulate new traditions for us in America by merging her Vietnamese heritage with America's melting pot of cultures.

Geography encompasses a slew of complementary disciplines, studying physical and human processes on Earth as well as the interactions between the two. The interdisciplinary nature and overall applicability of Geography to all other subjects is what preliminarily attracted me to the field. My goal throughout my college education has been to embrace this interdisciplinary mindset, marrying lessons from STEM, social sciences, and the humanities to garner new insights about our world. I also hold a strong affinity for environmental stewardship and found a community of like-minded scholars within the Geography Department. As a double-major in Political Science and Geography, physical geography and GIS classes supplement my theoretical policy-oriented social science courses with scientific foundations.

In exploring extra curricular classes on campus, I've made it an objective to bring a geographic perspective to areas it would be otherwise overlooked. A primary instance is my work with Edubase, a student organization that provides nonprofit marketing consulting services. The realm of marketing and consulting typically targets Economics and Statistics majors to develop and execute numbers-based strategies. However, I brought to the table my knowledge of population and economic geography, coupled with GIS skills, to develop targeting strategies to acquire new clients. I researched the agglomeration of nonprofits in the Los Angeles area and pinpointed areas dense in prospective contacts. Furthermore, the multifaceted nature of Geography taught me to assume many viewpoints, enabling me to address projects in a unique manner that incorporated business, societal, and environmental considerations. After UCLA, I plan on to use the STEM foundations laid down by

my Geography education to pursue a career in environmental law. With an understanding of the underlying mechanisms and implications behind policies in this field, I believe I will be able to better litigate on behalf of the environment.

My passion for geography had sparked my academic performance, leading to a 4.0 GPA in the major and Dean's Honor List since the winter quarter of my freshman year. My transcript includes a multitude of rigorous GIS classes, including Remote Sensing, Environmental Systems Modeling, and GIS Programming, in addition to cultural geography and biogeography classes. I have an eagerness to learn that does not stop with the prescribed requirements of the university, prompting me to take classes such as Physics of Sustainable Energy and Vietnamese Language for personal growth.



STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

I successfully competed against numerous PhD candidates to earn an internship with the National Park Service under the George Melendez Wright Young Leaders in Climate Change program the summer before my senior year. Stationed at North Cascades National Park Complex, I spent twelve weeks developing a geodatabase and ArcGIS Online-compatible mobile app survey for the park to address the issue of inventorying infrastructure in remote areas. I relied upon my knowledge of GIS and programming to link a database to an ESRI app that enabled park staff to collect information on infrastructure in the field. I also developed accompanying citizen science project guidelines for the park to harness volunteers in surveying. I presented my developments in a poster session at the George Wright Society Conference in March 2017 and am currently in the preliminary stages of adapting this technology to create an easy-to-use mobile app for children in inner city areas to discover nature in urban settings.

Receiving the Friends of Geography scholarship is a tremendous honor and great financial help for my family, as I have been raised solely by my mother and am a first-generation college student. My mother recently underwent treatment for pancreatic cancer, and we will be sending my younger brother off to college this fall, making

finances extremely tight for us at the moment. It is only through the help of scholarships such as this that I am able to pursue higher education, and I immensely appreciate the support organizations have offered to students in trying financial situations such as myself.

Faculty Focus – 3 New Faculty!



Juan Herrera

(PhD, UC Berkeley, 2013) is an Assistant Professor with research interests in race, social movements, queer of color critique, spatial theory, and women of color feminisms. He teaches courses on space and power, race, Latinx geographies, and migration.

From 2013-2015 Dr. Herrera served as a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow in the department of Chicana/o Studies at UCLA. He specializes in the fields of Latino migration, comparative race /ethnicity, and urban studies. Juan is currently working on a book manuscript entitled "Care Is Political: Social Movement Activism and the Production of Space." Focused on Chicano activism in Oakland, CA, the book examines how social movements mobilize to make changes in existing geographies. But far more than space being just a surface upon which social movements evolve, the book posits that social movements take part in the production of space. His work can also be found in *Du Bois Review*, *Latino Studies*, and *Social Justice*.

Juan is a proud first generation faculty member who enjoys writing and teaching about Latino geographies, race, and social movement struggles. At UCLA he teaches courses including Geog 3: Introduction to Cultural Geography; Geog 184: California, and next year will be teaching a graduate course on Race, Space, and Sexual Difference. Originally from Guatemala, Juan grew up in Los Angeles and is thrilled to be back home. His next book project will examine the making of Latino Queer geographies in Los Angeles. From queer Latino nightclubs to Latino LGBT organizations, and other social movement spaces of activism, the book will be the first book-length examination of Queer Latino LA.



Kelly Kay

(Ph.D, Clark University, 2016) is an Assistant Professor with interests in nature/society geography, political economy, social theory, land conservation and natural resource industries. She teaches courses on political ecology and North America.

Kelly holds a BA in Environmental Studies from Lewis and Clark College and an MA and PhD from the Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Before joining the Department at UCLA, Kelly worked as an Assistant Professor in Geography at the London School of Economics and held a Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowship in Natural Resources and Political Economy at UC Berkeley.

Her work has been published in a range of geography journals, including the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Geoforum*, and *Antipode* and has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and various specialty groups of the Association of American Geographers. Her research is focused in North America and looks at the changing political economy of forestry and land conservation, with particular interest in the changing nature of property rights and regimes, law, and governance. At UCLA, Kelly teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on political ecology and North American geography. As a native Southern Californian, she is excited to be part of the department and to spend time exploring all that Los Angeles has to offer.



Shaina Potts

Ph.D, UC Berkeley, 2017) is Assistant Professor in Geography and Global Studies, with research interests in post-colonial sovereign debt relations, transnational legal-financial geographies, and the politics of territory.

Shaina completed her B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley in 2005 with a degree in Intellectual History and a minor in German. It was during this time that she became fascinated with the role of ideas in shaping social, political and economic practices. After a four-year hiatus in which her interests in critical theory, space and finance developed, she eventually returned to UC Berkeley to pursue a Ph.D. in Geography. Somewhere along the way, she became interested in the law as well, and in 2017 she completed a dissertation on the role of US courts in governing relationships between Third World sovereign debtors and private creditors and on how national territorial boundaries have been reconfigured in the process. She is currently publishing articles on sovereign debt markets and the geopolitics of law, as well as transforming her dissertation into a book.

She is delighted to have joined UCLA as a faculty member in Geography and Global Studies in Fall 2017. She has taught one senior seminar on Third World debt crises, and will be teaching a geography course on Border Studies in Spring 2018. She looks forward to teaching the Introduction to Global Studies lecture next year, and to offering graduate seminars on political economy, race and capitalism, legal geographies and more.

Alumni News

Fred Adjarian's educational accomplishments



include a Master's degree in Public Administration [with distinguished thesis honors] in 1984 from California State University, Long Beach. He earned his BA in Geography – Ecosystems [senior thesis option] from UCLA in 1977. He also earned professional certifications from the California State Water Resources Control Board in Water Distribution [Grade D-4] and Treatment [Grade T-2].

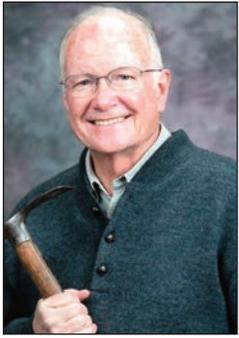
Fred has worked professionally in California's water industry for over 43 years. He served as general manager for five public and private water utilities in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Orange and Los Angeles Counties. In 1996, Fred was appointed by California Governor Pete Wilson to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, serving three years on the RWQCB Board of Directors.

In 2014, Fred was elected to the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District (ETWD) in Orange County. He serves as the alternate ETWD representative to the South Orange County Wastewater Authority. Additionally, Fred is the ETWD Representative to OC LAFCO, and to the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Fred's professional affiliations include the American Water Works Association and the Orange County Water Association.

In his spare time, Fred is a passionate UCLA sports fan, guest lecturer at UCI and UCLA, studies advanced Spanish, enjoys birdwatching, and beach-walks, good cuisine and wine with his wife Cathy!

A luxury liner
is just a bad play surrounded by water.
— CLIVE JAMES



Richard Marston received a B.A. in Geography-Ecosystems from UCLA in 1974). After receiving his B.A., Marston earned an M.S. (1976) and a Ph.D. (1980) in geography at 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. Since his retirement from KSU in 2016, Marston has held the title of University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography. He has served as Editor-in-Chief of *Geomorphology* since 1999. Marston specializes in physical geography, geomorphology, mountain geography, and water resource geography. His main research interest is separating the effects of human activities on landscapes from changes that occur naturally. In late 2017, Marston was named a Fellow in the American Association of Geographers (AAG), one of 20 in the inaugural class of AAG Fellows. The AAG has over 12,000 members and no more than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of AAG membership (or approximately 20 Fellows) will be selected in any given year. The AAG Fellows program recognizes geographers who have made significant contributions to advancing geography.

Reese Benson – In Memorium

— ROSEMARY BENSON

Reese was born in Los Angeles on April 2, 1926, passed away on April 20, 2017, at the age of 91, and is interred at Rose Hills, Whittier. Reese and Rosemary were married for 65 years, having met while both were students at UCLA.



Pictured at the UCLA Friends of Geography Luncheon in May of 2016. Left to right: Rosemary Benson and Reese Benson, with Judith and Gerald Tyner.

What were Reese’s special areas of expertise and interest? He was interested in picture books with text on anywhere in the world as well as maps of locations all over the world. Wherever a tour stopped, he seemed to be able to find a store that

sold maps of the country and city. His favorite store for travel books and maps was Stanford’s in London. The tour company we most used was Swan’s, and as it was a British company, the tours always left from London (happily full of bookstores).

On land tours Swan’s always had a college professor to give lectures. There was a Mr. Swan — we were told he would never stop so anyone could shop. He would say, “If you want to go shopping, you will have to take another tour.”

Reese worked for the Automobile Club where he was an insurance salesman. Many people he sold to were delighted when they learned he had been to their home country.

Children? None, but we took some of the 10 nieces and nephews with us early in our marriage when we camped everywhere with just a sleeping bag and air mattress on the ground — no tent. We drove from Southern California to British Columbia and to the Indian Country in Arizona. Reese never stayed anywhere more than one night.

We first went to Europe when charter flights began. They would fly you to Europe, leaving you in one country and picking you up in another. Each year it was a different set of cities. We rented a car and Reese drove.

He has older twin sisters, now 98. Each husband had a job in Africa — one in Northern Rhodesia (community development) and the other in Southern Rhodesia (hydrology). Wanting to travel but finding that independent travel in Africa was prohibitive, Reese remembered talking to someone who had mentioned Swan Hellenic. It seemed half the tour members were Americans, but it was so much fun being with the British that Reese didn’t want to go with anyone else. The next year Reese had to take his vacation in September. Where did Swan’s go in September? —Iran. So in 1975 when the Shah was still there, we went to Iran.

We both took pictures wherever we went. We and our friends who traveled a lot were going to look at our slides when we retired. We never got around to it, but they started, decided it was boring, and that was the end of it.

In addition to Reese’s seven-years older mirror-twin sisters who live in Corona del Mar and another sister a little over two years older than Reese, he had a lot of practice getting what he wanted as the youngest child and only boy. He was very funny and it worked — at least with me. As you can see, I can get carried away, but now you have the story.

Geography Trivia

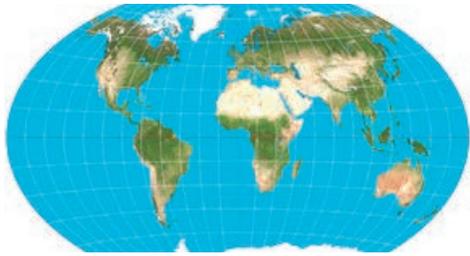
1. Pliny the Elder, a Roman Historian, is often credited with popularizing the name of what archipelago, which he so named because of the multitudes of large dogs who (apparently) lived there?



2. As a result of the 1899 Tripartite Convention, Samoa was divided among two countries. The US was assigned lands east of 171 degrees west longitude, and which other nation received the islands to the west? These western islands have since achieved independence.

3. From 1971 until 1997, the country that is today the eleventh-largest in the world (by area) was known by what name?

4. What cartographic projection has been used since 1998 by the National Geographic Society for its world maps? This composite projection, which averages x and y coordinates from two other projections, takes its name from the German cartographer who designed it.



5. In 2013, the phrase "Black Lives Matter" of hashtag and social movement fame was used by Alicia Garza in a Facebook post entitled "a love letter to Black people," following an acquittal in the killing of a young black man. In what state did this acquittal occur?

6. Appalachia is defined as 420 counties spread across how many states?

7. In what state was the first major American gold rush?

8. In what country is the world's longest place name located?

9. Hurricane season of which year holds the current record for largest number of named storms, at 28 (so many that the World Meteorological Organization's yearly list of named was exhausted, and they were forced to use the Greek alphabet)?

10. In what country did the Velvet Revolution occur?

11. Sandstone rock formations in which US state were used as background scenery for the Vulcan homeworld, in the 2009 feature film *Star Trek*?



12. What ecoregion name in Africa is derived from the Arabic word for "shore"?

Answers: 1. Canary Islands; canis is Latin for dog 2. Germany; 3. Zaire; 4. Winkel Tripel; 5. Florida (Sanford); 6. There are thirteen states: West Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia; 7. North Carolina; 1799; 8. New Zealand (Tasmatwakahakatangahangakakapikimanguahorokupokaihen-uktanatahu, a particular hill); 9. 2005; 10. Czechoslovakia (1989); 11. Utah; 12. the

Earth Day March For Science, April 22nd, 2017

AAG President and UCLA Professor of Geography Glen MacDonald and his wife Joanna at The March for Science, held in Washington, DC on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. Many satellite marches were held around the world. The American Association of Geographers was a partner organization for the march.



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Annual Luncheon – May 20, 2018 – Reply Form

Please reserve _____ place/s at the event for my self/my guest. I am including my dues for 2018.

Please list name/s of attendees: *(maximum 2 per membership)*

I would like to bring an additional guest/s at \$50 per person. Number of guests: _____

Luncheon Choices. Please pick one per person attending: Risotto Primavera (vegetarian option) Flank Steak

Reservations will be held at the door.

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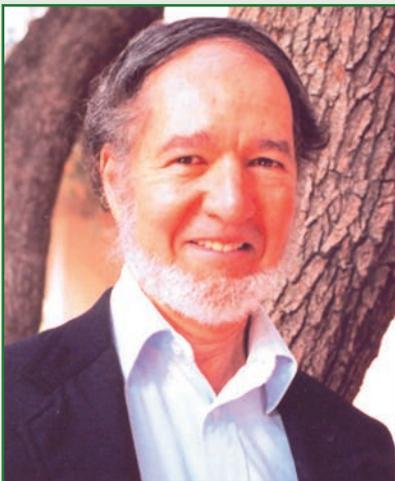
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SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, October 20 or 27, 2018 — 7:30am – 10:30am

A Special Event for Friends of Geography Members and Friends



Join **Dr. Jared Diamond**, UCLA Department of Geography
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*as well as, The Third Chimpanzee; Collapse;
and The World Until Yesterday*

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**“Bird Watching in Stone Canyon,
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Reservations very limited

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Please reserve your spot by contacting:
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