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Letter from the Chair

Greetings to everyone from Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico! I am settling in to a month of scholarly exchange with colleagues at CIGA – the Center for Investigation in Environmental Geography. Interestingly, the center's focus is CAPE style research, with a solid grounding in physical geography, but they have chosen the term 'environmental geography' to encompass it. This after a lot of soul searching and review of programs; it reminds me just how hard it is to have a shorthand for what CAPERs do when explaining to outsiders. 'Cultural and political ecology' is often too complex to explain; 'people-environment geography' or 'nature-society studies' too much of a mouthful. I know that when I was in China in the fall I often defaulted to using 'human ecology' instead of cultural, political, and historical ecology to explain my approach to students whose English was limited. It worked in the same way that I think 'environmental geography' can work... If any of you have thoughts about this and wish to share, please send me an email.

The Boston AAG 'Call for Papers' resulted in another banner year for sessions sponsored by CAPE. As of last count we have 63 sponsored sessions – they are included in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there.

It is not too late to enter into the competitions for Graduate Student Paper and Field Study Awards. This also serves as a last call for Netting and Blaut awards. Information about all these is available via our website (look under 'Awards' for the paper and field award; 'Honors' for the Netting and Blaut applications). Due dates for both is March 30, 2008.

The CAPE business meeting is on Wednesday, 4/16/08 at 8 pm – please be sure to attend. Chris Brown and I are working on the agenda – if you have issues or concerns you'd like to bring up, please let us know. In addition to the usual components at the meeting, we will be holding elections for Chair, Councilors and Student Representatives. Please come prepared to nominate and to be nominated.

-Antoinette WinklerPrins
March 4, 2008

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The CAPE website can be viewed at <http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/cape/index.htm>, a source of current and historical information for the specialty group. It includes the newsletter archive, a list of all CAPE officers, award and honor recipients, special conference sessions, links to sites of interest, and other types of information. If you would like to contribute material to the site, or feature the work of your organization, contact the webmaster, Tony Abbott. Tabbott@stetson.edu.

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Call For Student Awards

Student Paper Award

The Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group sponsors an annual award to recognize distinguished student research. Candidates may be undergraduates, graduate students, or a recent Ph.D. within a year of the dissertation defense. The student must be a member of AAG-CAPE and the sole author. Judging criteria include the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; validity of conclusions; and writing quality. The paper should not exceed 8,000 words including all components: references, footnotes, abstract, illustrations, tables and any other text. Papers exceeding 8,000 words will not be considered for the award. A prize of \$100 will be awarded for the best paper. Previous recipients have found that the prestige attached to this award has made it easier to attract further funding. A copy of the paper must be submitted to each of the CAPE officers by March 30, 2008.

Field Study Award

Students are invited to submit applications for the 2008 CAPE Field Study Award. One or two awards of up to \$500, subject to approval by the CAPE Awards Committee, will be granted. The principal objective will be to defray travel expenses for reconnaissance fieldwork for intended thesis or dissertation research, and the award will be oriented primarily to those without other substantial funding. The award is not intended to finance dissertation fieldwork, rather to finance either a) research for a Master's degree or b) reconnaissance fieldwork that should allow a student to complete a fundable dissertation proposal. Eligible candidates must be a member of the AAG and CAPE at the time of submission. Proposals should include: 1) title page with name of applicant, address and phone number, title of intended research, starting date and duration of field reconnaissance, and location of research; 2) project description of no more than 1000 words (excluding references) of proposed travel and research, expected significance, and probable research methodology; 3) list of cited references; 4) statement of how award will be allocated, e.g. air travel, surface travel, food and lodging, etc.; 5) curriculum vitae. A copy of the proposal must be submitted to each CAPE officer by March 30, 2008.

Please make your submission(s) as an attachment in an e-mail (a PDF file works well and can include figures). The awards will be announced in the Cultural & Political Ecology Specialty Group Business Meeting, CAPEN, and the AAG Newsletter.

Call for CAPE Honors

The Robert McC. Netting Award

CAPE seeks nominations for The Robert McC. Netting Award, named for the late Dr. Robert McCorkle Netting, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. Netting's professional career spanned more than 30 years. It was characterized not only by research and publications of the highest quality, but also by a deep appreciation for geography and geographers. Focusing on human-environment interactions, especially subsistence and development issues, his activities were, and his writings are, as much geographical as anthropological. He bridged the two disciplines perhaps better than anyone else, and certainly from the anthropological side.

In honor and memory of him, his life's work, and interdisciplinary spirit, the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers has established an award made to that person whose professional activities best embody those of Robert McC. Netting. Awardees are selected by the officers of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group through a process agreed upon by themselves. Awardees need not be a member of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, the Association of American Geographers, or be a geographer.

The award is not necessarily made for any one piece of work or single activity, but rather is for significant and substantial interdisciplinary work. It is not a "book award" although the author of a particularly important book, one making a major impact, would not be excluded. The intent is to recognize scholars who have distinguished themselves through involvement with interdisciplinary geographical and anthropological projects, and/or have published extensively in both anthropological and geographical journals, and/or whose work is read and appreciated by practitioners in both fields, and/or whose service to both disciplines is meritorious.

The award is presented by the Chair of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, or her or his designate, at the awards ceremonies at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. E-mail nominations to Antoinette M.G.A. WinklerPrins, Chair of CAPE, antoinet@msu.edu by March 30, 2008.

The James M. Blaut Award

CAPE seeks nominations for The James M. Blaut Innovative Publication Award. The award is named for the late Dr. James M. Blaut, Professor of Geography and Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His professional career spans half a century and is characterized by, among other qualities, innovative research on tropical agriculture, development, and colonialism. In honor and memory of his seminal contributions, the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers has established an award made to that person who publishes a book or journal article that best embodies the creativity and rigor of Jim Blaut's own publications. The award is made for a single publication that is clearly innovative and has the potential to be seminal in areas of research that are important to the members of the Group. The intent is to recognize authors at any stage in their careers who demonstrate leadership through broadly influential, critical, innovative thinking. Jim Blaut's publications on diffusionism and the colonizer's model of the world provide models for judging such accomplishment. The publication can be a journal article or a book but must be sole-authored.

The award is normally made annually, but an award need not be made in any one year if a deserving candidate cannot be identified. Under no circumstances is more than one award made annually. The book or article must have been published within the two calendar years preceding the year of award. On the basis of nominations by the general membership of the Group, members of its Board will select the awardee through a process agreed upon by themselves. Nominations must be accompanied by full publication details and a rationale for making the award on the basis of that publication. Nominees need not be academics, geographers, members of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, or members of the Association of American Geographers. The award, in the form of a plaque or certificate, is presented by the Chair of the Group or her or his designate at the awards ceremonies at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Send nominations via e-mail to Antoinette M.G.A. WinklerPrins, chair of CAPE at antoinet@msu.edu by March 30, 2008.

CAPE Sessions

April 15-17, 2008

Tuesday, 4/15/08

12:00 PM - 1:40 PM

- 1441 Engaging Political Ecology with Network Analyses and Network Ontologies, Part 1
- 1430 Environmental Justice and Participatory Geographies
- 1446 Political Ecologies of Bodies I

2:10 PM - 3:50 PM

- 1556 Diverse Economies 2: Constituting the Potential of the Commons
- 1541 Engaging Political Ecology with Network Analyses and Network Ontologies, Part 2
- 1546 Political Ecologies of Bodies II
- 1555 Restoration Geographies I

4:20 PM - 6:00 PM

- 1656 Diverse Economies 3: Toward a Dialog with Political Ecology
- 1655 Restoration Geographies II

Wednesday, 4/16/08

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

- 2146 Consequences of Out-Migration for Rural Origin Areas
- 2139 Geographies of Genetic Pollution 1: Agricultural Biotechnology, the Life Sciences Industries, Social Resistance
- 2150 Governing the Environment I: Production of Democratic Landscapes, Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas: Conservation Through Self-Determination
- 2111 Local Knowledge Systems: Cultural, Historical and Political Ecology Perspectives I

10:10 AM - 11:50 AM

- 2239 Geographies of Genetic Pollution 2: Agricultural Biotechnology, the Life Sciences Industries, Social Resistance
- 2250 Governing the Environment II: Constructing Democratic Authority
- 2216 Human-Environment Dynamics in the Western Amazon: From Culture to Climate
- 2211 Local Knowledge Systems: Cultural, Historical and Political Ecology Perspectives II

1:00 PM - 2:40 PM

- 2439 Evolving Smallholder Landscapes in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 2450 Governing the environment III: Civil society and democratic governance
- 2463 Lay Science and the Environment I: Paper Session

3:10 PM - 4:50 PM

- 2550 Governing the Environment IV: Democracy Beyond Representation
- 2517 Just carbon: Emissions Trading, Offsets and the Ethics of Climate Policy
- 2563 Lay Science and the Environment II: Panel Discussion
- 2546 Methods, Approaches, and Theory Involved in Studying Exurbia and Amenity Migration

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

- 2824 Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group Business Meeting

Thursday, 4/17/08

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

- 3150 Governing the Environment V: Democratic Inclusions and Exclusions
- 3106 Libera Terra
- 3129 Private Science, Environmental Governance & the Management of Knowledge
- 3137 Protected Areas, Human-Wildlife Conflict, and Conservation I: Perspectives and Lessons from Africa

10:10 AM - 11:50 AM

- 3250 Governing the Environment VI: State, Markets, and Community Agency
- 3265 Inside Journal Publishing I: Reviewing, Editing and Getting Published
- 3219 Negotiating Development in the Brazilian Amazon: Responding to Global Markets, Appeasing Local Demands
- 3237 Protected Areas, Human-Wildlife Conflict, and Conservation II: Cross-Continental Perspectives and Lessons

CAPE Sessions

April 17-19, 2008

Thursday, 4/17/08 (continued)

1:00 PM - 2:40 PM

- 3403 Governing Climate Change (session I): New Politics, New Discourses, New Geographies
- 3450 Governing the environment VII: The Role of Democracy in Nature-society Interactions
- 3437 Protected Areas, Human-Wildlife Conflict, and Conservation III: Current Debates
- 3432 The Cultural Politics of Consuming Nature: Race, Place, Nation and Identity I

3:10 PM - 4:50 PM

- 3552 Ethical Political Ecology I
- 3503 Governing Climate Change (session II): New Politics, New Discourses, New Geographies
- 3550 New Political Geographies of Disaster
- 3532 The Cultural Politics of Consuming Nature: Race, Place, Nation and Identity II

5:20 PM - 7:00 PM

- 3652 Ethical Political Ecology II
- 3603 Governing Climate Change (session III): New Politics, New Discourses, New Geographies
- 3632 The Cultural Politics of Consuming Nature: Race, Place, Nation and Identity III

Friday, 4/18/08

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

- 4129 Actor-networks, Marxist labor Theories of Value, and the Political Economies of Nature.
- 4140 Adaptive Capacity in Latin America
- 4150 Resources and Empire 1

10:10 AM - 11:50 AM

- 4231 Advancing Environmentalism: the Materiality of the Environmental Subject
- 4250 Resources and Empire 2
- 4226 The Nature of Value

12:20 PM - 2:00 PM

- 4327 Brazilian Cities: Built Form, Social Geography, And Environmental History
- 4331 Producing Neoliberal Environments: The Role of Geotechnologies in Contemporary Enclosures and Resistance

2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

- 4436 Development Geography and the Human Dimensions of Environmental Change I: Conceptual Connections
- 4431 The Death of Environmentalism? The Politics of Possibility? A Dialogue with Michael Shellenberger and Ted Nordhaus

4:40 PM - 6:20 PM

- 4531 Author Meets Critics: Jake Kosek's "Understories: The Political Life of Forests in Northern New Mexico"
- 4536 Development Geography and the Human Dimensions of Environmental Change II: Practice
- 4548 Liquid Governance: Water Resources, Adjudication and Neo-Liberalism
- 4529 Subdividing nature: The political ecology of governing rural land-use change in the U.S.

Saturday, 4/19/08

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

- 5138 Session Title: The Consumer's Dilemma: Are Alternative Trade Regimes a Real Alternative? (Part I)
- 5119 Subterranean Political Ecologies in Latin America I
- 5148 Water and Development: A Fluid Relationship I, Discussion Panel

10:10 AM - 11:50 AM

- 5219 Subterranean Political Ecologies in Latin America II
- 5238 The Consumer's Dilemma: Are Alternative Trade Regimes a Real Alternative? (Part II)
- 5248 Water and Development: A Fluid Relationship II, Global Discourses of Water Management

4:30 PM - 6:10 PM

- 5648 Water and Development: A Fluid Relationship IV, Water and Livelihoods

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