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## Letter from the Chair

The annual meeting is fast approaching and, as in year's past, we will have a full slate of CAPE sponsored sessions at this event. This year's meeting will have 64 CAPE-sponsored sessions, which is about the same as we had in 2008. I urge you to check out one of more of these sessions! I also encourage you to attend the CAPE business meeting on Wednesday night (3/25) from 7-8pm. Chris Brown (the CAPE secretary) and I will put together a meeting agenda. Please let us know if you have any agenda items.

On the docket for sure will be the presentation of CAPE honors as well as the student paper and field awards (for which the application deadline is March 1). Another important business matter will be the election of a new secretary. This is a critical position and I would encourage all who may be interested to consider putting their name forward (or have someone else nominate them). A third item I would like to discuss are potential

ideas for organized panels at the 2010 annual meeting. As a specialty group, we haven't organized such panels in a few years and this is something I would like to bring back. Ideas I have for potential panels include: emerging research themes in political ecology; political ecology and public policy; and evolving connections between political ecology and other subdisciplines. See you soon!

Bill Moseley  
Saint Paul, MN USA

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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](mailto:Tabbott@stetson.edu).

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## Workshop Report

An international workshop was hosted from December 12th - 15th 2008 in Jodhpur Rajasthan, entitled: "Mapping Humans and Wildlife Together: Geospatial Technology, Wildlife Conservation, and Community" (PIs Paul Robbins and Anil Chhangani), which included presentations and break-out discussions from more than 50 scholars, park managers, and NGO representatives from across India and the United States, including a number of CAPE members (Dr. Lisa Naughton, Dr. Matthew Turner, Dr. Kevin St. Martin among others). The event, funded by the Indo-US Science and Technology forum and hosted by the School of Desert Sciences addressed several central themes. These included:

- Trans boundary Problems and Zones of Interaction (ZOI)
- Improving Habitat Mapping
- Connecting and Directing Geographic Information/Data Collection and Use
- Measuring and Understanding Human/Animal Interactions
- Management across ecological mosaics
- Resettlement Ecologies
- Problems of assessment over time
- Measuring Non-livelihood impacts on Protected Areas

Presentations stressed three developments in the field, largely already familiar to CAPE members:

- 1) The range of new remote sensing technologies available from international sources, which include "active" platform sensors. Overall, the rate of capture has increased enormously, along with the resolution of data. These opportunities also present serious challenges for managing and sifting through large data sets for applications in conservation.
- 2) The recent integration of research on biodiversity outside protected areas with the ongoing analysis and monitoring of dynamics within those areas. Conservation research is decreasingly a science focused exclusively on formal conservation areas.
- 3) The novel application of community-oriented and field-based engagement with diverse publics to present highly novel "mappings" of local resources users and their conservation priorities. These applications and techniques, while extremely promising, run the very real risk of (counter-intuitively) co-opting or silencing local user voices.

The event was followed by a three-day field visit to the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, where Dr. Naughton washed an elephant.

*submitted by Paul Robbins*

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# CAPE Sessions

## March 22-24, 2009

### Sunday, 3/22/09

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**1125 Innovative Approaches to the Study of Land Use/Livelihood Systems I** (Capri 113, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**1130 Love, death and pain of the non-human: explorations in the ecological humanities** (Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**1225 Innovative Approaches to the Study of Land Use/Livelihood Systems II** (Capri 113, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**1229 Post-Conflict Geography II: Managing Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Societies** (Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**1245 Forest Management, Conservation and Indigenous Peoples** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

### Monday, 3/23/09

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**2119 Doing land reform: geographers interpret contemporary struggles over land** (Capri 106, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**2140 Market-Oriented Conservation Governance: Trick or Treat? Session 1** (Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**2145 Water, science, humans: advancing the hydrosocial cycle I** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**2208 Geographic research in the new carbon economy: critical perspectives on our 'footprint'** (Royale Pavilion 3, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**2240 Market-Oriented Conservation Governance: Trick or Treat? Session 2** (Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**2245 Water, science, humans: advancing the hydrosocial cycle II** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**2404 What is distinct about the new carbon economy, what are connected climate governance challenges and consequences? SESSION I** (Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**2430 Studying exurbia and amenity migration** (Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**2440 Market-Oriented Conservation Governance: Trick or Treat? Session 3** (Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**2445 Water, science, humans: advancing the hydrosocial cycle III** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**2504 What is distinct about the new carbon economy, what are connected climate governance challenges and consequences? SESSION II** (Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**2507 Spatial Strategies of Indigenous Resistance IV - Language and Identity** (Royale Pavilion 2, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**2545 Water, science, humans: advancing the hydrosocial cycle IV - 'Liquid City' film** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

### Tuesday, 3/24/09

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**3158 Land and Resource Management in Indigenous Contexts** (North Hall N119, Las Vegas Convention Center)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**3419 Environmental Degradation, Resource Use, and Socio Economic Implications in the Niger Delta** (Capri 106, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**3436 Geographic Contributions to Agrobiodiversity Conservation I** (Skybox 208, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

# CAPE Sessions

## March 24-26, 2009

### Tuesday, 3/24/09 (continued)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**3437 Livelihoods, Institutions, and Climate Change I: Adaptation in Non-Agricultural Landscapes** (Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**3443 New Geographies of Hunger and Food Insecurity I** (North Hall N101, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**3536 Geographic Contributions to Agrobiodiversity Conservation II** (Skybox 208, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**3537 Livelihoods, Institutions, and Climate Change II: The Vulnerability and Adaptation Interface** (Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**3543 New Geographies of Hunger and Food Insecurity II** (North Hall N101, Las Vegas Convention Center)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**3636 Geographic Contributions to Agrobiodiversity Conservation III** (Skybox 208, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**3637 Livelihoods, Institutions, and Climate Change III: Varieties of Adaptation across Scale** (Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**3643 New Geographies of Hunger and Food Insecurity III** (North Hall N101, Las Vegas Convention Center)

### Wednesday, 3/25/09

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**4132 Development and change in diverse coastal contexts** (Skybox 204, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**4144 Water, Power, and Politics in South Asia I** (North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**4232 Ecosocialism or Barbarism in Extractive Industries** (Skybox 204, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

10:10 AM – 10:50 AM

**4244 Water, Power, and Politics in South Asia II** (North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**4430 Following the Green Revolution I: Ideologies, Inequalities, Offshoots** (Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**4440 In the Heart of the Beast: Teaching World Regions, Critiquing Empire** (Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**4454 Mountain Ice and Snow 1: Glaciers and Water Resources** (North Hall N115, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM – 5:50 PM

**4530 Following the Green Revolution II: Ideologies, Inequalities, Offshoots** (Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**4533 Political Geography of Energy I** (Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**4630 Designing Sustainable NTFP Management Systems** (Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**4633 Political Geography of Energy II** (Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**4645 Gendered Geographies in Forestry and Resource Management** (North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center)

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**4712 Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group Business Meeting** (Royale Pavilion 7, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

### Thursday, 3/26/09

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**5111 Sovereign Natures: Un/bounding Political Ecologies I: Sovereignty, Citizenship and Governmentality** (Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**5129 Geography of Science I** (Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

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## March 26-27, 2009

### Thursday, 3/26/09 (continued)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**5159 Emerging Topics in International Development** (North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center)

10:10 AM - 11:50 AM

**5211 Sovereign Natures: Un/bounding Political Ecologies II: Conservation, Sovereignty and Territory** (Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**5229 Geography of Science II** (Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**5250 Environment, Development and Livelihoods in Amazonia** (North Hall N111, Las Vegas Convention Center)

10:10 AM – 10:50 AM

**5259 New directions in the political ecology of Madagascar** (North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**5404 Native Peoples and the Water Nations I: Hydroscaapes and Identities** (Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**5456 Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas: Conservation Through Self-Determination I** (North Hall N117, Las Vegas Convention Center)

1:00 PM – 2:40 PM

**5459 Ethnographies of conservation: Understanding the institutions of global biodiversity conservation-Panel I** (North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**5504 Native Peoples and the Water Nations II: Policy, Management and Rights** (Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**5556 Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas: Conservation Through Self-Determination II** (North Hall N117, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM - 4:50 PM

**5558 Critical perspectives on Disaster Relief** (North Hall N119, Las Vegas Convention Center)

3:10 PM – 4:50 PM

**5559 Ethnographies of conservation: Understanding the institutions of global biodiversity conservation--Panel II** (North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**5619 Responsibilization of Petropolitics: Finance, Violence, and Discourses of Security** (Capri 106, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**5656 Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas: Conservation Through Self-Determination III** (North Hall N117, Las Vegas Convention Center)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**5658 Lost in Translation: Collaborating with Community Partners** (North Hall N119, Las Vegas Convention Center)

5:20 PM – 7:00 PM

**5659 Ethnographies of conservation: Understanding the institutions of global biodiversity conservation: Panel III** (North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center)

### Friday, 2/27/09

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**6124 Ecologies and Politics of Health I** (Capri 112, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

8:00 AM – 9:40 AM

**6137 How the West was Spun: Challenging Traditional Narratives of the US West** (Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**6224 Ecologies and Politics of Health II** (Capri 112, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor)

10:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**6238 Urban Ecosystems: exploring social and biophysical interactions** (Skybox 210, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor)

## Of Interest to Members

### Books

**Alec Brownlow** has a recently published manuscript: Brownlow, Alec. 2008. *A Political Ecology of Neglect: Race, Gender & Environmental Change in Philadelphia*. Verlag DM, Saarbrucken.

### Articles and Member News

**Trevor Birkenholtz** has recently published, "Irrigated Landscapes, Produced Scarcity, and Adaptive Social Institutions in Rajasthan, India." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 99 (1): 118-137.

**Ryan Galt** is the author of two new articles: Galt, Ryan E. 2009. "It just goes to kill Ticos: national market regulation and the political ecology of farmers' pesticide use in Costa Rica." *Journal of Political Ecology* 16: 1-33. <[http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume\\_16/Galt.pdf](http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume_16/Galt.pdf)> and Galt, Ryan E. 2008. Beyond the circle of poison: significant shifts in the global pesticide complex, 1976-2008. *Global Environmental Change* 18 (4): 786-799.

**Clark Gray** based on his research in southern Loja, has newly published Clark Gray. 2009. "Environment, Land and Rural Out-Migration in the Southern Ecuadorian Andes." *World Development* 37(2): 457-468

**Lauren Hill and J. Anthony Abbott** just published "Surfacing Tension: Toward a Political Ecological Critique of Surfing Representations" in *Geography Compass* 3(1): 275-296.

**William Moseley** has written articles and book chapters in Moseley, W.G. and B. McCusker. 2008. "Fighting Fire with a Broken Tea Cup: A Comparative Analysis of South Africa's Land Redistribution Program." *Geographical Review*. 98(3): 322-338., Moseley, W.G. 2008. "Fair Trade Wine: South Africa's Post Apartheid Vineyards and the Global Economy." *Globalizations*, 5(2):291-304. Moseley, W.G. 2008. "Strengthening Livelihoods in Sahelian West Africa: The Geography of Development and Underdevelopment in a Peripheral Region." *Geographische Rundschau International Edition*, 4(4): 44-50. Moseley, W.G. and K. Otiso. 2008. "The State of African Geography in the North American Academy." *African Geographical Review*. 27: 5-15. and Moseley, W.G. 2009. "Understanding Africa in a Global Context." In: Aryeetey-Attoh, S. (ed). *Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa*, 3rd Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, Pearson Education. Pp. 15-28.

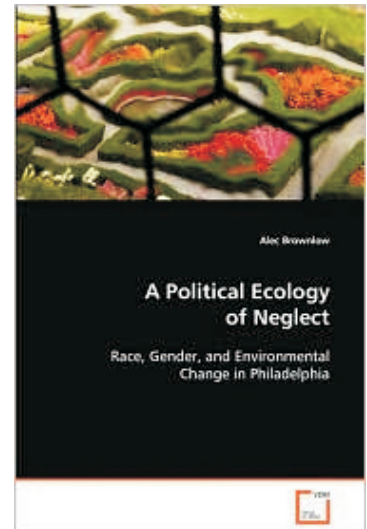
**Michael K. Steinberg and Matthew J. Taylor** have published "The direct and indirect impacts of population growth and economic development on maize (*Zea mays L.*) diversity in highland Guatemala." *Area*. 41: 72-81.

### Member News

**Tony Abbott** received tenure and has been promoted to Associate Professor of Geography and Environmental Science at Stetson University.

**Eric Perramond**, one time editor of this newsletter, received tenure and has been promoted to Associate Professor of Southwest Studies and Environmental Science at Colorado College. He will be on sabbatical for all of the 2009-10 academic years.

**Farhana Sultana**, after teaching at King's College in London for two years, moved to Syracuse University in the Fall of 2008 as an Assistant Professor.



# Minutes from the 2008 Boston Meetings of the Association of American Geographers

## AAG-CAPE Business Meeting Minutes, presented by J. Christopher Brown, sec/treas of CAPE.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair on Wednesday, 4/16/08, at 8:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom Salon I, Marriott, 4th Floor.
2. The current officers serving the group were announced:
  - a. Antoinette WinklerPrins, Chair
  - b. Chris Brown, Secretary/ Treasurer
  - c. Kendra McSweeney (Central Councilor)
  - d. Claudia Radel (West Councilor)
  - e. Mary Finley-Brook (East Councilor)
  - f. Student Reps: Christian Abizaid, John Kelly, Katharine Meehan
3. AAG participation
  - a. CAPE sponsored 63 sessions for the 2008 meetings
  - b. CAPE sponsored a special session and supported the participation of Diana Liverman who presented a talk entitled, "Just Carbon: Emissions Trading, Offsets and the Ethics of Climate Policy".
4. CAPE membership - member numbers have doubled in size from around 350 in 2003-2004 to 713 in 2008.
5. Sec/treasurer's report
  - a. CAPE's estimated balance as of 4/16/08 was \$1704.37.
  - b. Electronic communication problems were presented and discussed. There is a "disconnect" that exists with regards to those reached by the CAPE listserv and those reached through the communication gateway provided by the AAG website (the CAPE listserv has people who are not CAPE members, and the AAG website communication tools may not reach all paid members due to difficulties in using/accessing the site. The AAG site allows for posting of messages to all members, but members must "subscribe" and it is more difficult to respond to messages than the simple "reply" function of the CAPE listserv. The AAG is aware of these issues, for they affect all specialty groups in some way. Efforts are underway to make the AAG website the communication vehicle of choice for specialty groups. Until then, members should be aware of the potentially different audiences they are reaching when using a particular communication tool.
6. AWARDS – presented by the Chair

### **AAG-CAPE Student Paper Award**

Clark L. Gray  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*Environment, Land and Rural Out-Migration in the Southern Ecuadorian Andes*

### **AAG-CAPE Field Study Awards**

Leslie McLees  
University of Oregon  
*Saving the farm: understanding the functions of urban-ecological spaces in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

Zachary Hurwitz  
University of Texas – Austin  
*Clean Development? The Carbon Market and the Making of Hydroelectric Dams in Brazil*

### **The Robert McC. Netting Award**

Michael Mortimore  
Drylands Research, UK

### **The James M. Blaut Award**

Diana Davis  
University of Texas – Austin  
For her 2007 book: *Resurrecting the Granary of Rome: Environmental History and French Colonial Expansion in North Africa*. Ohio University Press, Series in Ecology and History.

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7. The issue of students presenting the same papers to multiple specialty groups for award consideration was presented and discussed. It was decided that we would continue to allow students to submit their papers to multiple groups.
8. The councilor issue was presented and discussed. An e-mail vote was taken using the full list of e-mails of our members provided by the AAG. Members were asked to respond to the following proposition:  
"I support the proposal to *remove* the regional designations (Eastern, Central, and Western) from the three councilors who form part of the governance of the Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group of the AAG. Henceforth we will have three 'at-large' councilors, elected from the general membership, excluding student members, keeping in mind institutional, regional and thematic balance."  
The resulting vote:  
Result (total of 117 votes out of 663 "ballots"):  
104 agree  
6 disagree  
7 abstain  
No objections were raised that the new councilors to be elected would fall under the proposition.
9. Nominations for a new Chair, Councilors, and Student Representatives were entertained by the Chair. A slate of officers was formed and voted on unanimously by those present. They are as follows:  
Bill Moseley, Chair, Macalester  
J. Christopher Brown, Sec/Treas (continuing), University of Kansas  
  
Councilors  
Paul Laris, Cal State Long Beach  
Tervor Birkenholtz, Rutgers  
Rinku Roy Chowdhury, University of Miami (moving to Indiana)  
  
Student Representatives  
Leif Brottem, Wisconsin  
Julio Postigo, University of Texas - Austin  
Steve Aldrich, Michigan State  
Jason Davis, Santa Barbara
10. Members noted two potential publication outlets for CAPE members:
  - a. A book series at the University of Arizona Press
  - b. The journal Biodiversity Letters
11. Meeting was adjourned