

Cultural and Political Ecology Newsletter

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Note on #45

Announcements

Calls: Conferences, meetings, publications (**updated**)

Jobs/Scholarships (*updated*)

Meeting Reports

Member News & Hires (**updated**)

News from CAPE Centers (*new feature*)

Book Reviews & Notices

Editor's Note on #45, version 2.1

Welcome to issue 45 of the Cultural and Political Ecology Newsletter. Most of the content found here reflects activities from the AAG Denver conference in April of 05. For those interested in development studies – CAPE links, there was a pre-conference in Boulder, just before the AAG (see below). Complete information for Denver 2005 is posted below, including abstracts of CAPE-sponsored participants, and the schedule of CAPE-sponsored sessions. If you need to change your e-mail address for the list-serv, please contact James McCarthy directly (not me!). [The CAPE specialty group newsletter will be staying at Stetson University, under the careful eyes of Tony Abbott, as I leave for Colorado this summer.](#) While my tenure as editor was brief, it was enjoyable, and I thank the membership for allowing me to perform these duties over the last year or so.

Eric Perramond, CAPE Newsletter Editor (2004-05).

Announcements

The **CPESG Listserv** (AAG-CESG-L) is for general exchange of information, news, views, debate, questions and answers by the members of the specialty group. All current CPESG members have been subscribed to the list. Go to <http://lists.psu.edu/archives/aag-cesg-l.html>, select the link to join the list, and follow the instructions. Thereafter, you can manage your subscription and access the archives through the same interface. For all queries, email James McCarthy jpm23@psu.edu. Only list members (CPESG members) can post messages. To do so, send your message to the list address: AAG-CESG-L@LISTS.PSU.EDU. Everyone on the list will receive your message so please

ensure that the subject line is informative, and the content is appropriate. Contributions sent to this list are automatically archived for posterity.

- The **University of California Santa Cruz** has formed a political ecology group. More information can be found at : <http://envs.ucsc.edu/pewg/>

A special section issue of *Historical Geography* (vol. 32, 2004) on **Historical Political Ecology**, edited by CAPE member Karl Offen (Oklahoma).

Historical Political Ecology: An Introduction

Karl H. Offen

The Last Unfinished Page of Genesis: Euclides Da Cunha and the Amazon

Susanna B. Hecht

What Kind of History for What Kind of Political Ecology?

Christian Brannstrom

Roots of Crisis: Historical Narratives of Tree Planting in Malawi

Peter A. Walker

Just Beyond the Eye: Floating Gardens in Aztec Mexico

Philip L. Crossley

To order Historical Geography for your library or personal collections, please see the following site: <http://www.ga.lsu.edu/hgorder.html>

NEW: A Special Issue of the *Geographical Journal* on **Poverty and the Environment** (Volume 171, part 1, March 2005) guest edited by CAPE members Leslie **Gray** (Santa Clara University) and William**Moseley** (Macalester College).

A geographical perspective on poverty environment interactions
LESLIE C GRAY, WILLIAM G MOSELEY

Card-carrying hunters, rural poverty, and wildlife decline in northern Côte d'Ivoire
THOMAS J BASSETT

Global cotton and local environmental management: the political ecology of rich and poor small-hold farmers in southern Mali
WILLIAM G MOSELEY

Understanding community forestry: a qualitative meta-study of the concept, the process, and its potential for poverty alleviation in the United States case
AMY K GLASMEIER, TRACEY FARRIGAN

What kind of intensification? Agricultural practice, soil fertility and socioeconomic differentiation in rural Burkina Faso LESLIE C GRAY

Poverty, hunger and population policy: linking Cairo with Johannesburg ANTHONY YOUNG

The link to download articles (free of charge) in the special issue may be found at:

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0016-7398>

Calls: Conferences, meetings, publications

NEW! Pre-Conference announcement, Denver 2005:

Pre-AAG International Development Studies

Conference <http://www.colorado.edu/geography/dart/idscboulder/>
Boulder, CO April 3-5

Denver 2005 – Association of American Geographers

The latest AAG Conference Call for Papers is now out, in the latest newsletter (July/August). Please see: <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/index.cfm> for more on deadlines for abstracts, paper guidelines, illustrated papers and poster sessions.

Sessions with Cultural and Political Ecology specialty group sponsorship, as of 1.28.2005 (preliminary program release):

<http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/cape/extras/denver05schedule.doc>

<http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/cape/extras/denver05abstracts.doc>

SFAA 2005 Meetings in Santa Fe (April 6-10, 2005)

“Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed find the PESO co-sponsor Web address for the Call to the Society for Applied Anthropology. If you have any questions please consult the website announcement of the conference

at: <http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2005/peso2005.html>

Sincerely,

Carlos G. Velez-Ibanez

Professor of Anthropology
Department of Anthropology
Director,
Ernesto Galarza Applied Research Center
University of California, Riverside
Riverside, CA
909 787 5018 Ofc
909 787 5409 Fax”

A Call for Papers from Natures Sciences Sociétés

Please consider submitting original manuscripts in English or French.
<http://www.edpsciences.org/nss> (Natures Sciences Sociétés)

A Call for Papers from Conservation and Society:

Dear friends,

Conservation and Society was initiated two years ago as an interdisciplinary journal to integrate conservation research from the natural and social sciences. Although the journal was originally visualised to have a focus on South Asia, its geographical scope has been expanded to include issues regarding conservation from developing countries around the world. After two years with Sage publications, the journal will now be produced independently. Conservation and Society is available online at <http://www.conservationandsociety.org> and all articles (PDFs) from Issue 1 are now available FREE on the journal's website. The journal is committed to providing free online access and subsidised distribution in the developing world. The journal is dependent on subscriptions and donations to support this. I have attached a short profile of the journal. Please visit the updated website and contact the editorial office for more details (<mailto:editor@conservationandsociety.org>; editor@conservationandsociety.org)

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Address: 659, 5th A Main Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024. India.

Jobs/Scholarships – please mention that you saw these in the CAPE Newsletter.

NEW! Applicants sought for a lectureship (= asst.prof. in USA/Canada)
in **Development Studies** at **SAGES, University of Melbourne, Australia** [replacement for J.Barnett]. SAGES combines geography and anthropology with programs in environmental studies, development studies, and Australian indigenous studies, at one of Australia's leading research universities.
Ad: <http://www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/pds/G0010395.pdf>
School: <http://www.geography.unimelb.edu.au/>

Working and living at the place, personal view (photos down):

<http://harzing.com/melbourne.htm>

Melbourne, Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne>

Univ. of Melbourne, Wikipedia:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Melbourne

Flinders University

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT

Vacancy Reference No: 05163

Major Cost Centre: Faculty of Social Sciences

Organisational Unit: **School of Geography, Population and Environmental
Management**

Classification: Lecturer (Academic Level B)

Salary Range: \$59 393 - \$70 527 pa (full-time salary) *

Superannuation: Employer contribution of 17% of salary

Employee Contribution of 7% of salary

Employment Type: Continuing, full-time

Supervisor (Title): Head, School of Geography, Population and
Environmental Management

Closing date: 5.00pm, Monday 18 July 2005

*Effective 25 June 2005

KEY PURPOSE

The person appointed to this post will be responsible for teaching in areas that complement the existing interests of staff in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management (but excluding GIS) in environmental management, population studies, and/or development studies.

The appointee will conduct research in fields related to their areas of teaching and will also be involved in administrative and service roles that contribute to the overall effectiveness of the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management.

ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

The School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management is a teaching and research unit within the Faculty of Social Sciences. Our areas of special interest include: environmental studies and environmental management; urban, social and cultural geography; population studies; urban, regional and international development; and applications of geographical information systems. Regionally we concentrate on Australia, but we also study the Asian-Pacific region and global issues more broadly.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The key responsibilities and selection criteria identified for this position should be read in conjunction with the Flinders University Academic Profile for the relevant academic classification, available

at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/staff/acprofiles.html>

- Convene and teach undergraduate and postgraduate topics as directed by the Head of School. These may include topics in sustainable environmental management, population studies, and environmental management methods.
- Supervise Honours and post-graduate students.
- Contribute to the research activities of the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management.
- Contribute to the other overall functions of the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management.
- Promote and provide a safe working environment for students, staff and visitors with attention to the requirements of the Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Act, the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act and Equal Opportunity legislation. Specific responsibilities are detailed at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/sup-resp.html> and http://www.flinders.edu.au/eo_unit/legislation/index.html

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

The appointee is immediately responsible to the Head of School, Professor Iain Hay, or his delegate. The appointee is expected to work in close co-operation with other academic and general staff within the School. The successful candidate may be responsible for the supervision of casual tutors and demonstrators.

SELECTION CRITERIA

(Note for intending applicants – applicants must address each selection criterion individually and argue their case by citing evidence to support their claims rather than presenting a list of facts only.)

Essential criteria

- a PhD in human geography, environmental management, population studies, development studies, or a related field, or a research higher degree in these areas

coupled with substantial professional experience. (An extraordinary candidate with a PhD near completion may be considered);

- outstanding teaching ability at university level, as evidenced by peer and student evaluations or demonstration of effective presentation skills and coherent teaching philosophy;
- exceptional research ability, demonstrated by publication in refereed journals, presentations at conferences, research grants received or other appropriate measures;
- research and teaching interests that complement the activities of staff in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management in one or more of the following areas (but excluding GIS): environmental management, population studies and development studies. Further information about staff interests is available on the School WWW site at:
<http://www.ssn.flinders.edu.au/geog/> ; and
- demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team and contribute to a collegial work environment.

Desirable criteria

- ability to work well with students from a diverse range of academic and cultural backgrounds; and
- professional teaching or research experience in several countries of East Asia and/or South East Asia.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STAFF

All intending applicants should read the Essential Information for Applicants, available at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment/app.php> If you are unable to access this information on the web site, please contact the contact person nominated below.

Information about Flinders University, living and working in Adelaide and employment at the University is available at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment/whyflin.php>

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

All applications must be lodged with Personnel, Policy and Practice.

Application procedures for mailing, e-mailing, faxing or delivering applications are provided in the Essential Information for Applicants Please do not forward applications to the contact person nominated below.

CONTACT DETAILS

For further information about the position see the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management website at <http://www.ssn.flinders.edu.au/geog/> or contact Professor Iain Hay (iain.hay@flinders.edu.au phone 08 8201-2386)

Dear Geographers,

The **University of Tasmania** tourism program is seeking to employ two new members of staff at levels A/B. PhD candidates in the final stages of thesis submission as well as those who have already submitted are encouraged to apply for the level B position. The level A position requires only a willingness to undertake a PhD while working at UTAS. We are looking for people with a research interest in some aspect of tourism who can contribute to the teaching program as well as developing the program's research profile. Geographers with research or teaching interests that overlap with tourism in any of the following areas are encouraged to apply: environmental sustainability, human geographies of tourism (including, but not exclusive to, gender and tourism), tourism management or economic geographies of tourism.

Please see the position information at:

<http://www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/home.html> and follow the links to positions vacant: http://www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/pos_vacant/pd_detail.asp?Serial=2308>Associate Lecturer/Lecturer in Tourism

Note that while the advertisement asks for research relevant to the School of Management, the University-wide theme area of Community, Place and Change (where geographers' work fits well) is also applicable.

See <http://www.utas.edu.au/themes/community/>

Please pass this email on to other interested parties.

(From Linda Malam)

The Monash Regional Australia project (MRAP) is seeking a suitably qualified applicant to undertake a project entitled: "Local and Regional Food Chains: Prospects for Rural Sustainability".

The background to this research is an analysis of the situation current in Australian agriculture. Briefly, productivism is still prominent in Australia and farmers are driven to increase production as a result of the cost-price squeeze they experience. The increasing power of retailers over food chains places additional financial pressure on farmers. Production of local foods for niche markets has been seen as a potential way to re-distribute power to farmers over the price they receive.

The proposed research aims to produce a critical assessment of the prospects for local and regionally-based food chains to improve farm viability and promote broader rural sustainability. The research would focus on these food chains in the national regulatory context of agricultural and regional policy; and within a regional context in which these local systems are being promoted by regional development bodies. It is anticipated that the research would involve one or more case studies in regional areas. The research would be undertaken as part of a team consisting of Professor Chris Cocklin, Dr Jacqui Dibden and Dr Vaughan Higgins and in conjunction with

current MRAP projects on related topics, notably 'From Productivism to Multifunctionality?' and 'Environmental Management Systems on Australian Farms'. **For further information see:**

http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/affiliates/mrap/research_.html

Funding for this project will be sought from the Monash University Faculty of Arts Postdoctoral Fellowships scheme. Information about this scheme is supplied below. It is anticipated that the candidate would **have obtained a doctorate in a social science discipline by the closing date of 30 June 2005** and have appropriate research interests and experience to undertake this project. Awardees are expected to take up the Postdoctoral Fellowship by January 2006 unless otherwise agreed.

Further information may be obtained from:

Dr Jacqui Dibden

Research Fellow

Monash Regional Australia Project

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UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Te Whare Wananga o Otago

Dunedin, New Zealand

Lecturer in Development Studies

(Confirmation Path) [which means tenure track or permanent in USA/UK]

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY (School of Social Science)

Applications are invited for a Confirmation Path position of Lecturer in Development Studies in the Department of Geography. This position is supported by funds from the Ron Lister Trust, named for the foundation

Professor of Geography at the University of Otago. Professor Lister had strong links with geographers in India and China, and was concerned with development and environmental planning issues in those countries. The advertised position is intended to consolidate the Department's interests in these countries and themes.

The applicant should ideally have a regional specialisation in India and/or China, and in one or more of the following broad fields:

- Community development
- Development planning
- Environmental management
- Sustainable development

The appointee should be able to contribute to teaching in one or more of the above fields, and also play an active role in developing the research profile of the Department of Geography. A completed PhD is a requirement of the post, together with a record of publishing in refereed journals.

The position will be available from 1st July 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter. Specific enquiries may be directed to Professor Richard Morgan, Department of Geography, Tel 03 479 8782, Fax 03 479 9037,

Email rkm@geography.otago.ac.nz

Closing Date: Friday 13th May 2005

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application information and a full job description go to:

www.otago.ac.nz/jobs

Alternatively, contact the Human Resources Division, Tel 64 3 479 8269, Fax 64 3 474 1607, Email sharon.pine@stonebow.otago.ac.nz

The Department of International Development, Community, and Environment (IDCE) at **Clark University** seeks to fill a position of assistant professor in Environmental Science and Policy to begin in Academic Year 2005-06. Candidates should be interdisciplinary, able to teach courses at the undergraduate and Master's level in environmental science and policy, and engage students in research. Excellent teaching skills and a Doctoral Degree are required. The doctoral degree may be in either: a) natural science or engineering, with a significant policy orientation; or b) policy fields, public health or social science, with a solid natural science or environmental engineering background. Interdisciplinary degrees are welcome.

Priority will be given to candidates who: (1) have demonstrated research accomplishments and/or professional experience in environmental science and policy; and (2) have both domestic and international experience. Discipline and area of expertise are open but preference will be given to one or more of the following: conservation biology/human ecology, natural resource management, agriculture, environment and development, and ecology and public health. The initial appointment will be for a three-year term, with a possibility for renewal.

Clark's interdisciplinary department in International Development, Community, and Environment includes a core faculty of thirteen members and a larger group of affiliate faculty engaged in interdisciplinary teaching, research, and programmatic activities. Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.clarku.edu/departments/idce>

Applicants should show a strong commitment to working collaboratively within a cross- disciplinary program. Detailed statement of interest, curriculum vitae, and list of references should be sent to Chair, ES&P Search Committee, IDCE, Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610 or emailed to lkaub@clarku.edu. **Review of applications will begin February 15, 2005.** AA/EOE. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Meeting Reports

Minutes from the last CAPE business meeting can be found in CEN#43. Please send me your meeting reports if you have attended a conference or symposium that may be of interest to CAPE members.

Member News & Hires

Alex Brownlow (PhD Clark 2003) has moved from Temple to DePaul University, as an Assistant Professor of Geography (Fall 2005).

Hallie Eakin (PhD Arizona 2002) has moved from UNAM (MX) to UC-Santa Barbara, as an Assistant Professor of Geography, effective Fall of 2005.

Patrick Hurley (PhD Oregon 2004) has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston (SC), effective Fall of 2005.

Jim Proctor (UCSB) has been appointed Professor and Director of Environmental Studies at Lewis & Clark College, in Portland, OR. The appointment is effective this Fall of 2005.

Claudia Radel (PhD Clark 2005) has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environment and Society at Utah State University, effective Fall of 2005

Robin Roth (PhD Clark 2004) has been appointed an Assistant Professor of Geography at York University (CAN) as of Fall 2004.

Laura Schneider (PhD Clark 2004) has been appointed an Assistant Professor of Geography at Rutgers University, as of Fall 2004.

Maureen Sioh (PhD UBC 2004) has been appointed an Assistant Professor of Geography at DePaul University (Fall of 2004).

Eric Perramond has accepted a position at Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO), in Southwest Studies/Environmental Science (joint appointment). He starts in Fall of 2005.

Bill Adams has been promoted to full professor at the University of Cambridge (professor of conservation and development), Department of Geography.

David Satterthwaite of the International Institute for Env't. & Dev't. and three colleagues has been awarded the 2004 Volvo Environment Prize for their work on urban sustainability (broadly, urban political ecology and the promotion of social justice, work carried out relentlessly since the 1970s in some of the worst urban areas in developing countries).

<http://www.environment-prize.com/index.e>

Gilbert White received the same award in 1995. Norman Myers, Paul Ehrlich, John Holdren, Gita Sen, Madhav Gadgil and James Lovelock are other winners. The award is US\$217,000.

My history of IIED's work (political ecology in action since the early 1970s) published in GEC is here - <http://simonbatterbury.net/pubs/iied.pdf>

(submitted

by **Simon Batterbury**)

Petra Tschakert (Phd Arizona, 2003) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Geography, with a joint appointment in Alliance of Earth Sciences, Engineering, and Development in Africa, at Pennsylvania State University, beginning January of 2005.

Gavin Bridge (Associate Professor, Syracuse U) has been appointed Reader in Geography, University of Manchester (UK), beginning January of 2005.

Dan Brockington (lecturer, University of Oxford) has been appointed lecturer, Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester, from fall 2005.

Wendy Jepson (PhD UCLA, 2003) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Geography at Texas A&M University, as of August 2004.

Lisa Palmer (post-doc, University of Melbourne) has been appointed lecturer, SAGES, University of Melbourne, from fall 2005.

Sarah Moore (PhD Kentucky) has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Geography, with a joint appointment in the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona beginning this fall of 2004.

Paul Robbins (PhD Clark), Associate Professor of Geography at Ohio State University, has been appointed as an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Arizona beginning in January 2005.

John Thompson (research director, International Institute for Environment and Development, London: PhD Clark) has been appointed policy director, Just Food (www.justfood.org), New York, from September 2004.

William (“Bill”) Woods (Southern Illinois-Edwardsville) has accepted the Directorship for the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Kansas, where he will also be a Professor of Geography, starting January 1, 2005.

Since last September there have been a number of appearances in the popular media related to cultural and political ecology by the following geographers :

William I. **Woods** (University of Kansas), William M. **Denevan** (University of Wisconsin), and Susanna B. **Hecht** (UCLA).

(1) Woods - Radio Netherlands interview 3 January 2005 Help from a Vanished People This segment of The Research File of Radio Netherlands discusses how a technique invented by an ancient Amazonian civilization could help to prevent global warming. In interviews conducted by Daniel Grossman, researchers William Woods and Danny Day discuss the origins of the technique and how it could be used today. The idea involves a surprisingly fertile soil called *Terra Preta* found in small patches in the Amazon. Some anthropologists believe the soil was created by a civilization that collapsed after the arrival of Europeans. Entrepreneur Danny Day hopes to use this long-forgotten innovation to remove carbon from the atmosphere. The process produces nitrogen fertilizer and hydrogen, which can be used to power cars, and charcoal that is added to soil, making it more fertile and locking the carbon up virtually forever.

(<http://www2.rnw.nl/rnw/en/features/science/050110rf>)

(2) Woods, Denevan, & Hecht - Boston Globe 4 Jan 2005. Marion Lloyd. "A rain forest debate: Could it have been home to complex societies?"

(3) Woods, Denevan, & Hecht - The Chronicle of Higher Education 3 Dec 2004. Marion Lloyd. "Earth Movers." A16-A19.

(4) Woods & Denevan - The New York Times OP-ED 25 Nov 2004. Charles C. Mann. "Unnatural Abundance."

(5) Woods & Denevan - The French news magazine Le Point 30 Sept 2004: Frédéric Lewino. "Le mystère de la terre noire." pp. 86-87.

(Necrology):

John W. Bennett, one of the most brilliant and productive researchers of historical and ecological anthropology, and the founder of Washington University's Department of Anthropology, passed away on **2 Feb 2005**.

Prof. Bennett earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1946. He held appointments at The Ohio State University from 1946 to 1959 and at Washington University from 1959 to 1985, where he also held adjunct appointments in the East Asian Studies Center and the Department of Engineering and Policy. He was Distinguished Anthropologist in Residence at Washington University. He authored 17 books and over 200 papers. Among his well-known books are *Classic Anthropology: Critical Essays 1994-1996* (1998), *Human Ecology as Human Behavior: Essays in Environmental and Developmental Anthropology* (1996), *The Ecological Transition: Cultural Anthropology and Human Adaptation* (1976), and *Northern Plainsmen: Adaptive Strategy and Agrarian Life* (1969 and 1976).

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Bennett has also contributed significantly to applied and ecological/agricultural anthropology in his research with U.S. and Canadian mid-western and northern Plains farmers, on the ecology of livestock production in East Africa, and on water resource management in six countries. Among his important applied studies of agrarian communities is *Of Time and the Enterprise: North American Family Farm Management in a Context of Resource Marginality* (1982). He had long involvement with nutritional anthropology and studies of postwar Japan, publishing numerous articles and two major applied works, *Paternalism in the Japanese Economy* (1963) and *In Search of Identity: the Japanese Overseas Scholar in America and Japan* (1958). His recent on-line publication, *Doing Photography and Social Research in the Allied Occupation Japan, 1948-1951: A*

Personal and Professional Memoir, is located at <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/rarweb/japan/>

Dr. Bennett has served as consultant to the Man and the Biosphere Program of UNESCO, to the committee of the AAAS dealing with arid lands and desertification, to the Southeast Asian Conference on Human Ecology of the University of Indonesia, and on Japanese Industrialization for the SSRC. He was also an Associate of the Land Tenure Center at the University of Wisconsin and the Office of Arid Land Studies at the University of Arizona. He was President of the Society for Applied Anthropology and of the American Ethnological Society and Chair of the Anthropology Section of the AAAS.

- from spjb (2.4.05)

News from CAPE Centers (new feature)

Greetings:

If you are considering **graduate studies in cultural/political ecology, development, and/or human security and vulnerability**, I encourage you to consider geography at the **University of South Carolina**. Over the past five years we have hired nine new faculty members to replace retiring senior colleagues, adding new concentrations of faculty expertise that complement our existing strengths. We are especially pleased with the complementary research and teaching foci shared by our human geographers. We are especially eager to attract qualified graduate students who share our interests in:

- **Societal change, sustainability, and human security;**
- **Culture, place, and power; and**
- **Environmental transformations.**

Each of these areas is cooperatively supported by our faculty members who bring a diversity of methodological approaches and active research experience to seminars and advising. As a result, we can offer students a well-rounded array of perspectives and empirical depth in these areas within a supportive and collaborative setting. In addition, our department continues to offer students excellent training in the GISciences and physical subfields, which are easily integrated with interests in human geography. We are confident that students will find our graduate program to be a rich and fulfilling experience.

Relevant faculty include:

Edward Carr: Development theory and practice; food and livelihood security; migration; human dimensions of global change; ethnographic and archaeological methodologies (Sub-Saharan Africa, Spain)

Marcia Caldas de Castro: Population dynamics, mortality and morbidity, human dimensions of environmental change, malaria transmission and control, spatial methods applied to social sciences, and demographic methods (Brazil, Sub-Saharan Africa)

Susan Cutter: Hazards and risk; vulnerability science; environmental policy, management, and justice; human dimensions of global environmental change

Carl Dahlman: Political geography; critical geopolitics; refugee Studies; space and identity (Europe, Middle East)

Kirstin Dow: Environmental change; hazards and vulnerability; environmental justice; urban ecosystems

Melanie Feakins: Post-socialism; political economies of transformation; economic geography; cultural economies; post-soviet urban transformations (Russia, Eastern Europe)

Monica Fisher (starting Fall 2005): Links between agriculture, poverty, property rights, and deforestation in tropical countries; adoption of agricultural technologies in developing countries; the distribution of poverty across nonmetropolitan and metropolitan America (Sub-Saharan Africa, Philippines, North America)

Amy Mills (starting Fall 2005): cultural landscapes and historical memory; discourses of nationalism, modernity, and gender in space; place and identity (Middle East)

The department offers around fifteen funded teaching and research assistant positions to incoming graduate students each year. To be considered for funding, applications must be received by the 15th of February. I encourage anyone sharing these interests wishing to know more about our program to contact me, other USC faculty, or visit our departmental web site (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/geog/>) for more information about our program.

Book Reviews & Notices

Political Ecology Across Spaces, Scales, and Social Groups, edited by Susan Paulson and Lisa L. Gezon (Rutgers University Press; 289 pages; \$65 hardcover,

\$24.95 paperback). Combines methodological discussion with case studies in the emerging field of political ecology, which examines issues of power and difference in people's relationship to their biophysical environment; topics include Bedouin pastoralism in Saudi Arabia, land-use battles in Arizona, and water reform in Zimbabwe.