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Letter from the Chair

Dear CAPE members:

Greetings from your chair! As we all settle back in to the academic year I want to remind you to think of CAPE when you plan for the AAG meeting in San Francisco (4/07). I have already received many sponsorship requests, and it looks like we will have some very interesting and informative sessions. If you do request sponsorship, please send me a short paragraph describing your session and/or the list of anticipated participants. Sponsorship of a session by CAPE limits (but unfortunately does not completely avoid) possible conflicts between sessions. Please also be sure to follow AAG guidelines in terms of registration and abstract submission (due Oct. 26, 2006). It appears that they require you to register before you can submit a paper, so please plan that in to your timelines... Please also plan to attend the Business Meeting at AAG!

Enjoy a productive fall
Antoinette WinklerPrins
East Lansing, Michigan 9/18/06

Announcements

Robert McC. Netting Award

This award is given in recognition of distinguished research and professional activities that bridge geography and anthropology. Please communicate any potential candidates for this award to CAPE officers, as soon as possible, so that they may give full consideration prior to the National Conference in April. Please see the [Honors](#) section of the CAPE webpage for information.

James M. Blaut Award

Please make recommendations to CAPE officers for this year's James M. Blaut Award, as soon as possible for consideration. An Award was not given last year and the officers have high hopes of making a presentation in San Francisco. This 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. Please see the [Honors](#) section of the CAPE webpage for information.

CAPE Student Paper Award and Student Field Study Award

Each year CAPE makes cash awards for exceptional student research. The Student Paper Award recognizes completed research by undergraduate or graduate students, and the Student Field Study Award Provides seed funding for graduate student field study. Application guidelines can be found on the [Awards](#) section of the CAPE webpage.

PESO Eric Wolf Prize

The Political Ecology Society (PESO), Society for Applied Anthropology, USA announces the Eric Wolf Prize for the best article-length paper based on dissertation (Ph.D. thesis) research. We seek papers based in substantive anthropological field research that make an innovative contribution to Political Ecology, widely conceived. To be eligible for the competition, scholars must have received their Ph.D. within the two years prior to publication of this announcement and must be nominated by a faculty member. A cash prize of US\$500 accompanies the award and the paper will be published in the Journal of Political Ecology. The preferred format for

papers is electronic, but CDs and paper will also be accepted. Electronic copies should be sent to pweeks@harc.edu and paper and CD copies to Pris Weeks; HARC; 4800 Research Forest Dr.; The Woodlands, TX 78058. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2006.

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.

Water Forum is a new interdisciplinary discussion list on water resources, which aims to promote discussion and information-sharing on a broad range of water resources issues within and beyond the academic community. Hosted by Jiscmail, the list seeks to promote communication between scholars and practitioners across the social and physical sciences, as well as to consider innovative and critical perspectives on water resources and their management. In order to join this new discussion list, please visit: <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/water-forum.html>

--*Jessica Budds and Farhana Sultana*

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Calls: Conferences, Meetings, Publications

African Geographical Review

The *African Geographical Review* is a peer-reviewed journal published annually by the Africa Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. It provides a medium for publication of geographical material relating to Africa and seeks to enhance the standing of regional geography by promoting a better representation of geographic scholarship on Africa. We welcome submissions from any sub-field of geography as well as contributions that are theoretical, empirical or applied in nature. For more information visit the following webpage

<http://www.macalester.edu/geography/agr/>

ReNED, 17th Sahel Workshop: Environment, Agriculture, Water and Governance in West Africa

6-7 November 2006, Tune Landboskole, Kursus- og Konferencecenter, Grevevej 20, Greve, Denmark. This workshop is organized by Research Network for Environment and Development (ReNED), Danish Network for Agricultural Research for Development (NETARD), Research Network for Governance, Economic Policy and Public Administration (GEPPA) and Danish Water Forum-Research, jointly with Danida. Abstract Deadline is September 15, and registration deadline is October 1.

See http://www.rened.dk/static.asp?page=Sahel_2006 for more information.

Regional Division Meetings of the AAG

These will be coming up in the fall of 2007. Check the [Notices](#) section of the CAPE webpage for links and dates.

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Jobs/Scholarships

THE COLORADO COLLEGE The Environmental Science Program invites applicants for a fall 2007 tenure-track opening at the Assistant Professor level. The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to teaching and research at the undergraduate level. Classes to be taught could include Introductory Environmental Science, Ecology, Earth Systems Science, Water, Ecosystem Ecology and additional courses in the applicant's area of specialty. We especially encourage applicants who will increase the participation of women and minorities in the sciences. Ph.D. required, post-doc and/or teaching experience preferred. Please submit a cover letter, CV, teaching philosophy, research projects with undergraduates, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Search Committee, Environmental Science Program, The Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2006. The College welcomes members of all minority groups and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment practice. EOE. For more information about the Environmental Science Program and Colorado College, see the Program's web site at <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/dept/ev>

CORNELL UNIVERSITY The Department of Natural Resources, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences seeks an Assistant Professor of Human

Dimensions of Natural Resources. The successful candidate will develop a nationally-recognized research and teaching program that applies cutting-edge theory and methods from the social sciences to illuminate the human dimensions of natural resources policy and management. Research (50%) should apply and advance contemporary social science theory to improve understanding of human behavior, social and institutional processes, and decision making associated with the conservation and management of natural resources. Use of quantitative methods is expected; additional attention to qualitative methods is desirable. Research should have a predominantly domestic emphasis, but may include an international component. Teaching responsibilities (50%) will include: (1) a sophomore-level core course of the major, introducing students to the concepts and principles from the social sciences that have particular relevance for natural resource management and policy processes and provide a foundation for upper-level courses in the Resource Policy and Management concentration; (2) a senior-level advanced course in Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management, focused on theoretical constructs and applications; and (3) a graduate seminar appropriate to the Field of Natural Resources. Active contributions are expected to the undergraduate and graduate concentrations in Resource Policy and Management, sharing leadership with other faculty for seminars, discussion groups, supervision of undergraduate and graduate student research, and related activities. Necessary to establishing a national reputation as a leading scholar, the individual hired into this position will secure external funding, mentor students, and contribute significantly to the natural resources and environmental policy and management literature through journal articles and other peer-reviewed publications. Collaboration with faculty, staff, and graduate students in the Department of Natural Resources, other College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Cornell University departments, and with colleagues in other universities, agencies, and NGOs is expected as appropriate. Service to society through consultation, participation on committees, boards and councils and other outreach activities appropriate to the individual's area of expertise is expected of all faculty. The Department of Natural Resources encourages and expects faculty to be "public scholars" motivated to improve natural resources and society consistent with our Land Grant philosophy. The position is a full-time, tenure track, 9-month appointment. Applications will be reviewed beginning October 16, 2006. Send letter of application; curriculum vitae; undergraduate and graduate transcripts; statements of teaching philosophy, research interests, and professional goals; and the names (including mailing and email

addresses, and phone numbers) of three references to Professor Dan Decker, Search Committee Chair, c/o Kelly Tillotson, klt8@cornell.edu. Electronic applications are preferred; a .zip file containing either Word documents or .pdf files and labeled with your last name is helpful. Any documents available only as hard copy should be sent to Kelly Tillotson, NRPM Search Committee, Department of Natural Resources, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-3001. Application packages will not be reviewed until complete. More information about the Department of Natural Resources may be found at <http://www.dnr.cornell.edu> .

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY The Department of Geography & Environmental Studies seeks a tenure track Assistant Professor -- Environmental Planner/Environmental Geographer, Ph.D. is required. The successful candidate will provide curriculum leadership in environmental policy, organization, and environmental legislation for our B.A. programs and M.A. Urban environmental issues, geographic techniques and quantitative skills are a plus. Send letter of application, transcript, curriculum vitae with email address, statement of teaching philosophy and research plan, and three letters of reference (at least one addressing teaching effectiveness) to Dennis Grammenos, G&ES/NEIU 5500 N. Saint Louis Chicago IL 60625-4699. Review of applications will begin Oct. 31, 2006, appointment begins August 2007. For more information please consult www.neiu.edu/~deptges . AA/EOE

MACALESTER COLLEGE The Environmental Studies Department of Macalester College invites applications for a Chair of the Department to begin Fall 2007. Appointment will be at the Associate or Full Professor rank. We seek applicants who can provide leadership for the Environmental Studies Department and who will help develop and implement a new curriculum in the Department. The best-qualified candidates will have experience participating in an environmental studies/science program. The Department currently has tenure-track faculty in environmental history and environmental policy and we seek a scientist with expertise that will complement these areas. We are especially interested in persons with scholarly and teaching interest in Environmental Science. Areas of expertise could include areas such as physical geography, climatology, biogeography, environmental chemistry, applied mathematics/modeling, agriculture or natural resource management, although other areas will be considered. The position will include the opportunity to forge curricular links with disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs as appropriate. The successful candidate is expected to build and maintain an active research program

with students. The Environmental Studies Department is housed in a renovated/expanded science building with state of the art laboratory facilities and equipment. Start-up funds are available. Send letter of application, CV, statement of teaching philosophy and research plans, and 3 letters of reference to Dr. Dan Hornbach, Acting Chair, Department of Environmental Studies, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 55105. Applications received by November 15, 2006 will receive first consideration.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY The Environmental Studies Program invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position, to begin August 2007. This is a great opportunity in an exciting, truly interdisciplinary, environmental studies program with a strong social justice focus. The Program seeks candidates who focus on **environmental policy or politics**, including research on one or more of the following: environmental justice, climate change policy, or energy policy. Candidates are welcome from a variety of academic disciplines. Minimum qualifications include an earned doctorate (or J.D.) and demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching, research and community service. To apply, submit a cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications, a CV, three reference letters, one relevant publication or writing sample and a statement of research and teaching interests to: Chair, ENVS Search Committee, Environmental Studies Program, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco CA 94132. Review of applications begins October 2nd 2006. For more information see <http://bss.sfsu.edu/envstudies>. San Francisco State University is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer with a strong commitment to diversity and encourages applications from women, members of all ethnic groups, veterans, and people with disabilities.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY The Department of Geography invites applications for a position in Geography, commencing no later than August 2007. The department is seeking an outstanding Human Geographer with an international focus who will complement, or build on, our current programming in Cultural Geography. The applicant will be expected to instruct lower level courses in human geography and contribute to existing upper level programming, or develop new courses in their area of expertise. The UCFV Geography program encourages the integration of classroom learning 'in the field' and applicants must be committed to leading field-oriented studies (e.g., field trips, field-based research projects, and study tours). The typical teaching load is five to seven one-semester courses per academic year. The successful candidate will be a dynamic individual who possesses strong interpersonal skills and has a commitment to

excellence in teaching. The successful candidate will also be active in research and would be encouraged to apply for SSHRC funds. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. in Geography (exceptional ABD applicants will be considered). Applicants should send a letter of application, statements of teaching and research interests, curriculum vitae, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent under separate cover by the closing date. Direct curriculum vitae or resume including evidence of appropriate qualifications by November 2, 2006, referring to POSTING 2006.88 to: Employee Services, University College of the Fraser Valley, 33844 King Road, Abbotsford, BC, Canada V2S 7M8. Tel: (604) 854-4554 Fax: (604) 854-1538 Website: www.ucfv.ca Email resumes to: erinfo@ucfv.ca

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE The school of Graduate Studies seeks an Associate Professor to run the Office of Environmental programs, which coordinates the interdisciplinary/inter-faculty Master of Environment, among other things. See <http://www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/pds/G0014803.pdf>

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure-track, nine-month faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level beginning August 16, 2007. The position is half-time in the Department and half-time in the Honors College. We seek a human geographer whose research and teaching interests complement the strengths of the Department. Regional research specialty is desirable. At least two years of university teaching experience preferred. Ph.D. degree in geography or related field required at the time of appointment. The successful candidate will have a strong research publication record, potential to obtain external research funding, and commitment to establish collaborative research links within the Department and the University. The teaching load is two undergraduate or graduate courses in Geography and two interdisciplinary undergraduate courses in the Honors College per academic year. The University enrolls the largest number of National Merit Scholars per capita of any public university in the United States, and many of these students are enrolled in the Honors College. Salary commensurate with experience. The application package should include the applicant's c.v., two samples of the applicant's research, and concise reviews of the applicant's teaching experience and research accomplishments. Names and contact information for three referees must be included in the application package. The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin October 16, 2006 and continue until the position is

filled. Apply by e-mail to Dr. Fred Shelley, Chair, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK 73019. fshelley@ou.edu

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON, is searching for a new faculty member in the areas of the "Global Environmental Change, Natural Resources and Human Well-being" as part of a campus-wide initiative in global sustainability and international environmental affairs. We seek an outstanding scholar who examines the linkages between global environmental issues (including such issues as land use / land cover change, climate change, atmospheric pollution, loss of biodiversity), the state of crucial natural resources (such as freshwater systems, agricultural lands, forests and timber resources, fisheries, biological reserves) and issues of human well-being and health (air and water quality, risk of natural hazards, emerging diseases, food and water security). We will consider applicants from a broad range of backgrounds, including (but not limited to) epidemiology and environmental / public health, environmental science, global change, ecology, geography, earth and atmospheric sciences, and environmental informatics. Scientists who explore connections to the social sciences and policy aspects of their work are especially encouraged. We are also especially eager to enhance campus diversity and to forge new international research collaborations. The position will be based in a new interdisciplinary research and graduate training center - the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (SAGE), which is part of the campus' Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Teaching, research and service responsibilities will be shared between the Nelson Institute and other appropriate departments on campus (which will be negotiated to best suit the candidate's interests). We expect that the faculty members will be hired at the Assistant Professor (tenure-track) level. In exceptional cases, we may consider candidates for the Associate or Full Professor levels. Consideration of applicants will begin on November 1, 2006. For full consideration, applicants should submit the following materials: (1) a current curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications; (2) a personal statement discussing the candidate's research, teaching and outreach philosophy, and how these would fit into a framework of collaborative, interdisciplinary scholarship; and (3) three letters of reference. All application materials must be sent electronically. Cover letters, curriculum vitae and personal statements should be sent as a single PDF file (no more than 3 mbytes). Copies of the candidate's publications are not needed. Letters of reference must be sent electronically, as plain text, a Microsoft Word file or a PDF document; paper copies cannot be accepted. All materials must be sent to jfoley@wisc.edu <<mailto:jfoley@wisc.edu>>.

Inquiries about the position may be directed to Prof. Jonathan Foley, Director - Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin (email: jfoley@wisc.edu <<mailto:jfoley@wisc.edu>>). For a more complete description of the position and the campus-wide initiative in global sustainability and international environmental affairs please visit <http://www.sage.wisc.edu/cluster> .

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Member News and Hires

Mary Brook (Ph.D. UT-Austin) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Richmond.

Kathleen Farley (Ph.D. University of Colorado) Formerly at Duke University Center on Global Change, has accepted a position at San Diego State University, Department of Geography.

Jeffrey Bury (Ph.D. UCo-Boulder) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at University of California, Santa Cruz. He will be leaving the Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University.

Jason Byrne (Ph.D. USCa) has been appointed lecturer, School of Environmental Planning, Griffith University, Australia.

Ryan Galt (Ph.D. UW- Madison) finished his PhD in the summer and is starting a postdoctoral position in the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell University this fall.

Dan Klooster (Ph.D. UCLA) was promoted to Associate Professor of Geography at Florida State University. He also has an article in the most recent issue of the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* titled "Environmental Certification of Forests in Mexico: The Political Ecology of Nongovernmental Market Intervention."

James McCarthy (Ph.D. UC-Berkeley) was recently awarded one of two Environmental and Planning A. Ashby Prizes (formerly the Anniversary Prizes) for 2005 for his paper, "Devolution in the woods: community forestry as hybrid neoliberalism." The Ashby prizes are given to the two most innovative articles published in Environment and Planning A during the year.

Katie Meehan (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Arizona) would like to thank CAPE for the 2006 Field Study Award, which supported one month of pre-dissertation research. She spent her summer knee-deep in renegade sewage flows on the Tijuana-San Diego border, and is currently developing a dissertation project on greywater and reclaimed water reuse in Tijuana.

Daanish Mustafa (Ph.D. UCo-Boulder) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at King's College London.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Olson (Ph.D. UCo-Boulder) has been appointed Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Edinburgh. Currently at the University of Lancaster. She joins GeoSciences in January 2007.

Chris Sneddon (Ph.D. UMn) was promoted (with tenure) to Associate Professor at Dartmouth College.

Eric Swyngedouw (Ph.D. Johns Hopkins) Professor, University of Oxford, has been appointed Professor, University of Manchester, from 2007.

Farhana Sultana (Ph.D. UMn) has joined the faculty in the Department of Geography at King's College London.

Karl Zimmerer (Ph.D. UC-Berkeley) has accepted a position as Department Chair for The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Geography, effective July 2007.

FROM TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

Andrew Millington recently visited Bolivia to continue work on forest loss and agricultural change in the coca-growing region of Chapare, and to establish new research with **Danny Redo** (Ph.D. student) on Kaa Iya National Park. **Christian Brannstrom** was promoted to Associate Professor and continued research on land-cover change funded by National Geographic Society in western Bahia state, Brazil. **Wendy Jepson** and **Brannstrom**, with Mexican colleagues **Gustavo Garza** and **Casey Walsh**, obtained a grant from CONACyT-TAMU Collaborative Research Grant Program for the project "An integrated assessment of cross-border land and water-use changes in the Lower Rio Grande Valley." **Jepson** also was awarded a Planning Grant for her work on environmental justice on the US-Mexico Border and invited to be a Fellow at the Mexican-American and Latino Research Center (Texas A&M University). **Kathleen O'Reilly** joined the Department of Geography at Texas

A&M University in August 2006. She recently received a grant from NSF to study gendered, social relations inside rural NGOs in Rajasthan, India, for women fieldworkers' daily lives and village level outcomes. **O'Reilly** recently published "Women Fieldworkers and the Politics of Participation," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 31(4):1075-1098 (2006). **Will Heyman**, who specializes in marine conservation issues, joined the Department of Geography as Associate Professor in Fall 2006.
--*Christian Brannstrom*.

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Book Reviews and Notices

Karl Zimmerer Former Chair of the CESG has just released his latest edited volume titled [Globalization & New Geographies of Conservation](#). It is available through the University of Chicago Press, 2006, 400 pp.

Call for Submissions

The Cultural Ecology Newsletter once presented book reviews submitted by members, but this practice seems to have dropped to the wayside in recent years. I hope to resurrect this feature of the Newsletter and invite members to make submissions. I can help coordinate requests for review copies, or you may simply submit an unsolicited review if you prefer. Early career members are especially encouraged to consider making a submission.