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C-GEO IN THE NEWS

Meet Nancy Hunter

On September 15th, Teresa Bulman will step down as Director of Education Programs for C-GEO. Dr. Nancee Hunter will become the new director. Nancee has spent much of her career dedicated to geography education -- from implementing teacher professional development opportunities to developing geography curriculum; managing grant proposals to researching promising education practices, and working with C-GEO. She received her doctorate in geography education at Portland State University. Her research project assessed geo-literacy and sense of place learning outcomes from a C-GEO international professional development institute in Eurasia. Nancee has also worked as Director of Geography Education and Outreach at the National Geographic Education Foundation.

Nancee is currently working as a part-time Senior Researcher with the OSU Center for Research on Lifelong STEM Learning, where she is the lead researcher on numerous projects, including: a citizen science needs assessment for the NASA GLOBE Observer Program, broad implementation of a learning model for outdoor science programs, creating an evidence-based informal science learning professional framework, understanding the use of tablet technology as a mechanism for improving teaching and learning in the Corvallis School District, and authenticity of sources in data visualization. She looks forward to bringing these research and evaluation skills to her new position with C-GEO. She also believes that if we are to effectively improve geography education in Oregon, it will require strong public and private partnerships -- a strength that she brings to this position.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Images and Notes from the 2017 C-GEO Annual Conference

The C-GEO annual GeoFest was Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Western Oregon University. Award winning author Ruth Fitts was the keynote speaker. Additionally, participants attended an array of stimulating sessions including Teaching with Primary Sources, using music with geography, mathematics through geography, exploring the giant Oregon
map, and more! Many great geography prizes went out to attendees at the end of the day, including two grand prize geography travel awards, won by Christina Amsden and Eli Peppmuller.

During the GeoFest we also got to publically honor Teresa Buman as the Gwenda Rice Mentor of the Year!

Check out the Storify archive of the conference, with photos and resource links, at https://storify.com/kcarano/c-geo-geofest-2017. Here are some additional images from the event.
2017 National Conference on Geography Education
Connect with geography education leaders from around the world by attending the 2017 National Conference on Geographic Education, July 27-30, 2016 in Albuquerque, NM. Conference information, including registration, field trips, and hotel accommodations can be found at [http://www.ncge.org/2017-conference](http://www.ncge.org/2017-conference).

NGS Educator Invitation
On behalf of the National Geographic Society, you have been nominated by your state Alliance to become a charter member of the digital National Geographic Educator Community, set to launch in early 2018. This digital community will allow you to engage with National Geographic explorers, staff, and like-minded educators from around the world. You will also have the opportunity to opt in and be the first to know about online opportunities, events, training, resources and programs.

You can join by going to [https://natgeo.tfaforms.net/2](https://natgeo.tfaforms.net/2) and filling out the requested information. Though you are already on our Alliance’s email list, please opt into communication from your Alliance to ensure that all of your communication preferences are captured. Thank you!

Population Education Summer 2017 Online Course
Registration is open for Population Education’s accelerated Summer 2017 online professional development course for science and social studies educators (grades 6-12). The course runs from July 3rd-July 28th, 2017. For more information and to register, visit [https://courses.populationeducation.org](https://courses.populationeducation.org).

GEEO Teacher Travel Programs
Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is offering more than 25 travel programs for 2017. Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at www.geeo.org.
TPS Western Region Summer Institute
Free curriculum building workshop for K-12 educators wanting to use Library of Congress primary sources in existing or new lesson plans and activities on June 22-23 in Denver, CO. Applications available at https://docs.google.com/a/mail.wou.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOQFPgoU2x4v8s6msb-HjSxV2OiKy8HTINPmIAdLNXI-E-Rg/viewform.

Hog Island Audubon Camp, Muscongus Bay, Maine
Join environmental educators from around the country for a residential program on Audubon’s famed Hog Island, from July 16-21, 2017, in the scenic mid-coast area of Maine. Designed for both science and non-science educators, this session will generate ideas for creating and incorporating environmental education activities into your curriculum and teaching. For more information go to http://hogisland.audubon.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Oregon Giant Map Going Strong Throughout the State
Since March, the Oregon Giant maps have been getting quite the workout. Audra Brown had her 4th graders studying Oregon geography with the help of the giant floor map at Spring Mountain Elementary in Happy Valley in Mid-March. In April, Shirley Lomax and Judi Mar-Zaleski put on a giant floor map workshop for elementary social studies methods students at Western Oregon University (WOU) and Maryanne Obersinner used the map to teach in Eugene. In May, Shirley Lomax put on another workshop for WOU students and Emily Pahlke taught over 90 Gubser Elementary kindergartners while they visited WOU on a field trip. Additionally this month, Brad Ford will be teaching Perrydale Middle School students, using the giant map, and Shirley Lomax’s WOU students will be doing giant map activities with Monmouth Elementary students on May 23rd. Thank you everybody for all you are doing with the giant maps!
ADVOCACY

C-GEO Geo-Inquiry Representatives
Shanna Davis and Jennifer Kotlarek have been selected to be the C-GEO representatives to go National Geographic’s state alliance Geo-Inquiry institute in Washington, DC this June. Congratulations Shanna and Jennifer! We hope to have you sharing with our members at next year’s GeoFest!

C-GEO Steering Committee Election Results
Effective June 2017, The newly elected board members for 2017-2020 terms are Katelyn Ion, Brant Mellor (re-elected), and Courtney Wehner (re-elected). Congratulations and thank you all for your service!

C-GEO Steering Committee Meeting
The steering committee will be holding a meeting on May 20th at Portland State University.

C-GEO Awards
C-GEO wishes to recognize and reward Oregon classroom teachers and community members who exemplify best practices in geography education or work to promote geography education in Oregon. To accomplish this, we consider award nominations for candidates in the following categories:

- Geography Teacher of the Year
- Gwenda Rice Mentor of the Year

Nominations are due each year no later than December 1st. Candidates can be self-nominated or nominated by another person. The C-GEO Nomination form is a fillable form, but you must first download and save it to your computer before inputting information; otherwise, it will not retain your data. For more information and to nominate an outstanding candidate go to http://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/c-geo-awards.
NCSS 2017 Award and Grant Programs
Do you know of an excellent social studies educator or program that deserves recognition? NCSS is accepting nominations and applications for the following 2017 awards and grants.

Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Grant for the Enhancement of Geographic Literacy, Award for Global Understanding, NCSS Research Awards, FASSE Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award.

For more information go to https://www.socialstudies.org/getinvolved/awards.

New Advanced Placement Course in GIS&T
With support from the Geography Education National Implementation Project (GENIP), the American Association of Geographers (AAG) has developed a proposal for a new Advanced Placement course in Geographic Information Science and Technology (AP GIS&T). All U.S. high schools, colleges, and universities are invited to review the proposal by visiting www.apgist.org.

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY CORNER
New Section
We are beginning a new section in order to support those of you teaching AP Human Geography. If you have AP Human Geography resources to share or are interested in contributing to the AP Human Geography Corner, please email Ken Carano at caranok@wou.edu.

AP Institute of the Cascades
Taking place in Bend, OR from August 15-18, 2017, this AP Summer Institute is designed to provide educators from around the globe with the training and skills they need to develop or expand their high school Advanced Placement programs. For more information and to register go to http://apicascades.org/.

Mr. Varley’s APHG Site
There are many great teacher sites. This one has good unit-specific resources as well as a student-produced “Motherload review packet.” Access the site at http://wp.lps.org/lvarley/course-calendar/.

RESOURCES
Map Activity Books
C-GEO has created map activity books to use with PreK-8th grade students. Click on the link below to access the student and teacher versions of each book. http://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/c-geo-activity-books
Updated Instructional Activities on C-GEO Website
Updated geography instructional materials, including math and geography activities for Family Geography Night, are now online and can be accessed at https://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/instructional-materials-0.

Special Explorer Magazine Offer for Alliance Members
Alliance members can get a discounted price on Explorer Magazine subscriptions until May 31, 2017. Each magazine delivers engaging non-fiction stories covering science, geography, and social studies topics, which are available in six editions leveled to meet students’ needs. You can access the flyer here https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByVI-akCkCBUZnJ3WUZ0RGFUTjA/view.

C-GEO’s Facebook Page Providing Resources
If you haven’t already done so, please join C-GEO’s Facebook page for access to current and timely announcements and geographic resources. Several TCs have been contributing and sharing ideas and it would be great to have even more discussions and contributions.

Keep Us Informed!
Please let the C-GEO Office geogall@pdx.edu know of any awards, special events or projects that may be of interest to TCs, and announcements. Using the web makes it easy to showcase exemplary student work or students at work. Remember that you will need to have students’ permission before posting either student work or their photos in GEOBYTES. Also be sure to inform us of changes in address, school, or email.