THE HISTORY OF THE GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1887-2014
A Temporal and Spatial Adventure
Geography Classes on Field Trips
1903 and 2014

Who Doesn’t Remember Geography Field Trips?!
Where is Chico?
Chico State Normal School 1889

Original two-year degree required 20 weeks at six hours a week of environmental and human geography curriculum.
When the Chico State Teachers College Opened

- Geography instructors at Chico from 1889-1907
  - Washington Wilson, A.B. - arithmetic, geography, & physics, 1889-1898
  - Elmer I. Miller, Ph.D. (Columbia) – history, geography, & political science, 1899-1918
  - Maxwell Adams, Ph.D. (Chicago) – chemistry, physics, & physical geography, 1902-1907

- The transition to Chico State College (1935)
  - Clarence Studley, M.S. (Berkley) – geography, geology & physics, 1907-1946
  - Peveril Meigs III, Ph.D. (Berkley) – cultural and physical geography, 1929-1942
1907-1946

Acting President 1930-1931
Vice President 1918-46
Head of Geography & Geology 1930-39
Social Science and Commerce 1940-46

Known for his keen sense of humor, Mr. Studley is actively interested in students. He is very fond of golf and baseball. Northern California has been the scene for most of his life and career.

Clarence Knight Studley 1907-1946
Early Publications
1912 & 1913

–C.K. Studley, M.S.
Summer Session 1921

Prof. Studley teaching summer school session physical geography class at Sisson, Siskiyou County. Chico Normal School’s summer campus at base of Mt. Shasta.
1946

CLARENCE KNIGHT STUDLEY

To Faculty and Students:

It was with deep regret that I found it necessary to sever active relations with Chico State College. My thoughts and good wishes will always be with those whose friendships have made my many years of service very pleasant. I hope these years have also been worth-while to all with whom I have been associated.

Sincerely,

C. K. STUDLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENT EMERITUS
Notable for his studies of arid lands on several continents and in particular for his work on the native peoples and early missions of northern Baja California, Mexico.

1929 - 1942

Peveril Meigs III, Ph.D.

UC Berkley Student of Carl O. Sauer and Alfred Kroeber

1930

and received favorable comment. "The Dominican Mission Frontier of Lower California," by Dr. Meigs, was published in May.

1940

published a book called "The Kiliwa Indians of Lower California," and has written "A New Index for Analysis of Regional Trends." published in the Scottish Geographical Magazine. He is also president of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers.
Geography Was Taught in the Physical Sciences

October 17, 1930 The Wildcat Paper
Prof. Meigs on a field trip with his class

Prof. Meigs California Geographical Society President 1939-41
1947-1958

Fred R. Neumann, Ph.D.

Physical Science and Social Science 1947-1951

Formal dress in the classroom even in the Chico heat!

Prof. Neumann California Geographical Society field trips to Sutter Buttes
1951-1958

Bruce C. Ogilvie, Ph.D.
Social Science

Known as "The Geographer" at the mapmaking giant Rand McNally & Co.

Developed first cartography classes on campus in 1953

1953

The Trinity Hall Stained Glass Globe

ALUMNI BULLETIN
PIONEER DAY...
MAY 9 1953

GLORY

CHICO STATE COLLEGE
Volume 7, No. 3 - Chico State College, Chico, California - April, 1953

Introducing "Socs"

...that supersede
...sometimes sad...sometimes
glad...but ever present
whilst that inspires
the spirit of
Chico State!

Glenn Kendall, President

CHICO STATE Record
1956

The Geographer

Father of Cultural Geography ’56 Carl O. Sauer –initiated national Geography department development.
1957  David Lantis Arrives
His Story

Mr. California Geography

Recruited by President Glenn Kendall to develop a Geography department.
1960s

1964 SHERIFF and LITTLE NELL

Terry McKern

Carole Manley

1964 PIONEER QUAD PROJECTS

STUDENT BOOKSTORE
CHICO STATE COLLEGE
Dave recruited WWII friend Arthur Karinen to Chico to further develop cartography.
One of the newer buildings on campus is the Business Science Building. The three story structure contains the business and social science divisions of the college.
1963

BSS Had Many “Incarnations!”

The Business and Social Science Building, commonly called BSS, houses the divisions of Business, Social Science, and Home Economics.
1964

At last...
The Department of Geography

Established in Glenn Hall

Founding Faculty Members

The Stained Glass Globe of Kendall Hall

David Lantis

Arthur Karinen
1964-1966

Three hires for the new department including the first woman faculty member

Frank Jankunis

Ladd Johnson

Oh, so that’s an alluvial fan

Margaret Trussell
Geograp – her!
First Students?

1965

KEN W. STOFLE
Elementary Education
SUSAN F. STONE
Home Economics
FRANK D. STOUT
Geography

GEOGRAPHY & PLANNING
California State University, Chico
Figuring Out Where It's At For 50 Years

STEVEN G. BENNETT
Social Science
VAUGHAN W. BENSON
Geography
ERIC BENTZEN
Psychology
LINDA BERGEMANN
Psychology

SUSAN E. LONGEE
Nursing
CANDIE L. LONGWEDEL
Physical Education
GERIC K. LOOMIS
Geography
JACK A. LOPEZ
Physical Education

Woodland
Fr.
Tahoe Valley
Fr.
Weaverville
Jr.
Antioch
Jr.

DOUGLAS K. PRYOR
Psychology
GLORIA L. PUERTA
Social Science
LYNN E. PULLIAM
Social Science
RICHARD L. PYORK
Geography

Chico
Jr.
Vacaville
So.
San Jose
Fr.
Fort Bragg
Jr.

GLYNETH J. SAKAHARA
Social Science
JACK E. SAHIB
Geography
CATHY J. SANDERS
Business
DIANNE K. SANDERS
Business Administration

Lodi
Fr.
Red Bluff
So.
Nevada
Fr.
Orland
Fr.
Dr. Jankunis was prohibited from teaching in California because he led a protest march against the Vietnam war on campus. He emigrated to Canada with his young family in 1968.

Frank was one of the first professors in the Geography Department of the newly established University of Lethbridge.
1970

Geography Graduate Program is initiated
April 22, 1970
Students celebrating the first Earth Day on the Chico State campus pushed a car into West 1st Street and blocked traffic. The event escalated with a demonstration into the night. The police arrested protesters (the campus Master Plan’s policy was to abandon 1st Street into the campus). The protesters were arrested on conspiracy charges which were later dropped. The street re-opened the next day, however it was permanently closed over the segment running through campus later that year. In 1970 a new word was becoming popular — **ECOLOGY.**
Dr. Mark Stemen’s Environmental Thought and Action class protests CSUC for investing in stocks representing fossil fuel companies.
Following Professor Stemen's GEOG 440 students' efforts in conjunction with the AS executive, the University Foundation Board of Governors voted to fully divest from fossil fuel companies within the next four years. Chico State will be the first CSU to do so.

Thank you President Zingg, the Board, and AS!
1967 – 1974

Major Hiring Years

Bruce Bechtol

Ralph Meuter

Mutwakil Amin

Louis Mihalyi
The Department’s New Home – Butte Hall, 1972

Our 5th Floor home!
Susan Hardwick joined the CSU, Chico faculty in 1986

Susan and Margret Trussell

CSU Statewide outstanding professor 1994-95

1972

Susan is our first Student Assistant in the Department

Susan and Margret Trussell
1977

Prof. Rollie Berger’s Campus Solar Energy Project

The Department establishes sustainability credentials on campus early

Original solar project where the Student Service Center building now stands

Geography major and graduate Tom Barrett worked with Rollie
Geographers on the Cutting Edge of Sustainable Development!!

Early 1980s
Sustainability, Environmental Issues and Action…continues in Dept.

- Prof. Stemen co-founded the conference in 2004 with Tom Barrett, our Alumni.
- Prof. Stemen first Advisor to AS Environmental Action Resource Center
1979-1980

University restrictions on growth and hiring allocations led to no permanent hiring of faculty until the mid-80s.

Russ Cochran, student

Then a student, Steve Herman, Lecturer, goes to Guatemala on a field trip with Professor Gene Martin.
California Geographic Alliance

• Founded at UCLA in 1982
  – Chico Geographers part of founding institution
• Dedicated to supporting and improving geographic education and literacy in California.
  – Faculty: Bechtol, Lantis, Myles, Hardwick, & Williams
  – Chico hosted CGA from 1993-2005
  – Dr. Jerry Williams was the director
1986

Planning Officially Becomes Part of the Department’s Identity

Dr. Don Holtgrieve
Geography and Planning

Dr. Irv Schiffman,
Political Science

Dr. Bill Collins,
Geography & Planning

Rural and Town Planning Graduate Program:
An interdisciplinary produced many of Northern California City and County Planners
1987

David Lantis with Cotton Mather at Lake Almanor

Into retirement in 1989, the intrepid Lantis covered the landscape!

1917-2000

34 yrs. biking to campus

Mongolia

Russia
1988
Center for Planning and Geographical Analysis Opens

1995 became GIC
1996 GIC moved to Research Foundation

Chuck Nelson - Geography, CSU Chico, BA 1972, MA 1978
Director of GIC for 20 years

Jason Schwenkler, GIC Director
The University Nature Reserves

1999/2000

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve

- 3,950 acres of diverse uplands and riparian habitats, including creeks, rivers, and pools, riparian areas, oak woodlands, chaparral, pine forest, rock cliffs, and springs. These diverse habitats support more than 140 different wildlife species, including a number of Federal species and species requiring large tracts of undisturbed habitat. BCER contributed to the understanding and wise management of the Earth and its natural systems by preserving critical habitat and providing a natural area for environmental research and education.

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCER) is owned by the University Research Foundation and managed by the Institute for Sustainable Developments of the California State University, Chico. The BCER was acquired in two land purchases in 1999 and 2001. The University Research Foundation purchased 3,950 acres of land with grant money from the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Packard Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the River Network, and Jack Hamm.

Prof. Holtgrieve
“Reserves founder”

Stemen
BCEP 2000-2006

Hankins
BCEP 2007-

Outdoor education directors

Butte Creek Ecological Preserve
1994-95

CSU Statewide Outstanding Professor
Dr. Susan Hardwick

1999-2000

CSU Chico Outstanding Advisor
Dr. Bruce Bechtol
1997-2008 recent faculty hiring

Bonnie Hallman
Gary Peters
Dean Fairbanks
Scott Brady
Jacquelyn Chase
Mark Stemen
Don Hankins
LaDonna Knigge
Nori Sato
Some...Past and Current Lecturers & Staff

Albert Beck
Jim Claflin
Jim Monaco
Steve Stewart
Chuck Nelson
Steve Herman
Christine Crown
Pam Figge
Paula Norton, ASC 2002-2014

Dawn Fletcher, ASC 1990-2002

Katie Walker with Dusty

Paulina Virgen

Brady Kennedy

Lindsey Anderson

Student Assistants 2005-2014
Geography and Planning Advisory Board
Established 2012

2014
2014 Faculty and Staff

Jessie Mendoza, ASC
Grace Patterson, Student Assistant

Paula Norton, Retired ASC
Over 50 Years of Evolution
Physical and Environmental Geography
Cartography, GIS & Remote Sensing
Land Use Planning
Sustainability, Environmental Studies & Action
2012 BSS Distinguished Alumnus
Robert W. Christopherson
(1969 alumni)

"Climate Change Update 2014:
The Power of Geographic Science"

Robert on a clipper sailing ship in the mid-Atlantic to view a total solar eclipse November ‘13
In Conclusion…

"As a young man, my fondest dream was to become a geographer. However, while working in the customs office I thought deeply about the matter and concluded it was too difficult a subject. With some reluctance I then turned to physics as a substitute."

"Without geography, you’re nowhere."
Keeping Our Chico State GEOP Students on the Cutting Edge, Involves You!

♦ Chico State’s Campus-wide Campaign will take place over the next 6 years!

♦ Raise $1.5M Endowment for Perpetual Funding of the Geography & Planning Department.
An Endowment Will Provide

– Funds to keep the GIS/Cartography lab updated with new software/hardware;
– Support for combined student & faculty research projects;
– Students & faculty travel to professional conferences and for research travel; and
– Establishment of endowed Scholarships for GIS & Planning Certificate Students; and Environmental Studies minor Students.