

Conservation Unlimited Alumni Association

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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Message from the Board

This past quarter has been a busy time behind the scenes for your CUAA Board. We have been setting up procedures and policies that are needed to bring us into modern day compliance with laws and regulations. We have also been renewing our state and federal tax status that was suspended during our brief partnership with HSU's Alumni Association. Board member Will Goldenberg '08, '13, has graciously taken on the role of treasurer, and is leading the efforts to reestablish our tax status. We have been working closely with our Membership Committee (led by Doug Padley '83) to compile graduate databases and reaching out to prospective members. CUAA has reached out to over 600 graduates and we have begun to rebuild our membership. We will continue to reach out to the other 3400 graduates over time. We are pursuing streamlining our identity to better communicate with members, align with social media platforms and provide support that is more efficient to wildlife students.

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Board Message Continued

The board has approved a potential HSU Wildlife student reunion on campus in 2020. More information on this will be sent out as plans are finalized. Scott Frazer '79 is helping with Alumni Activities Committee and has begun feasibility efforts for this get together. The Board also approved an effort to update, redraw and digitize our logo for a more professional online presentation.

The CUA Board, which are on staggered 5-year terms, began in 2019 and is comprised of 5 Wildlife Graduates that are now in different stages of their professional careers from recent professional to retired.

You can learn more about them and see their biographies on the CUA Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/ConservationUnlimited/> Each year, beginning in February 2021, we will elect/appoint a new board member at the CUA Membership Meeting within the TWS Western Section Conference. As we continue to grow CUA, we hope to add an executive officer, electronic media manager and others. We, as volunteers, are honored and humbled that you allow us to work to support the current wildlife students and department at HSU. We look forward to reporting more positive accomplishments as we move forward in rebuilding an organization that has been "lending a helping hand" to wildlife students since 1964.

Brian Barton ('82), Board Chairman

Conservation Unlimited Alumni Association 2019 Scholarship Recipient



My name is Scarlett Stronier. I am currently a senior at Humboldt State University in the Wildlife Management and Conservation Program. I chose to transfer to Humboldt State because it's known for their terrific wildlife program. Since I was child, I have always wanted to work with large mammals. I was raised in Redding, which is only three hours away, and being close to my family is important, so Humboldt State was my first choice!

During my time in the wildlife department, I have really matured as a wildlife researcher and a student. I have made great connections with the local Roosevelt Elk biologist, Carrington Hilson, and will be collaborating with her on my honors thesis before I graduate in May 2020. I will be comparing parasite diversity and prevalence through fecal samples between two populations of elk. In 1982 17 Roosevelt elk were translocated from Gold Bluff Beach to a similar habitat; the Sinkyone Wilderness Area. Thirty-seven years, the elk still reside there but are showing signs of poor health through low fat reserves and poor coat condition. With my research, I hope to find a reason for the differences between the two herds health conditions.

Scholarship Continued

Through receiving the Conservation Unlimited Alumni Scholarship, I have been able to attend a disease conference with the wildlife society which helped me in furthering

Additionally, the scholarship will help facilitate my own research, which will allow me to conduct field work and data analysis that may lead to potential management implications. I am forever grateful for this scholarship. It has made an incredible difference in my education and future. Thank you so much to the donors that made this possible.

Sincerely, Scarlett Stromer

Annual Membership Meeting

TWS Western Section Annual Conference

Redding, California

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Conservation Unlimited Alumni Association will meet in the Sacramento Room of the Red Lion Hotel in Redding.

The room has been set aside for our exclusive use and can hold 50 people. We look forward to seeing as many Humboldt Alumni during this meeting.

Member News

5 Alumni travel to Australia

Five CUAAs alumni traveled to Australia in September 2018. Chet and Barbara Ogan, Scott Frazer, Slader Buck and Doug Padley spent a month down under. The journey began in Sydney, The gateway to the Australian sub-continent. Despite the rain the group headed out to see the city and surrounding countryside including Royal National Park, the Blue Mountains and Kuring Gai-Chase National Parks.

From Sydney the group headed to Adelaide and Kangaroo Island. A wide variety of wildlife were observed including grey kangaroos, echidnas, platypus and yellow-tailed black cockatoos. Returning to the mainland the group headed north through the red center. Stops were made at Coober Pedy, Ularu, Alice Springs, Kakadu, and Darwin. A wide variety of birds were observed along with dingos and the southern night sky unhindered by city lights. From Darwin the group headed to Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, and the Atherton Highlands. Cassowarys, sugar gliders and striped possum were observed in Queensland.



Front: Barbara Ogan, Slader Buck, Scott Frazer. Back: Chet Ogan, Doug Padley. Yellow Water Billabong.

Wildlife Department

Faculty

Dr. Richard Brown Dept. Chairman

Tenure Track Faculty

Dr. Daniel Barton

Dr. Jeff Black

Dr. Barbara Clucas

Dr. Micaela Szykman Gunther

Dr. Matthew Johnson

1 Vacant Position

Lecturers

Beth Fitzpatrick

Frank Fogarty

Sharon Kahara

Nick Kerhoulas

Mark Colwell has retired but will be teaching each spring for the next 5 years, this is associated with a Faculty Early Retirement Plan (FERP).

The Department will soon be advertising for a new tenure track special ecologist to replace Tim Bean who has moved to SLO. The department will not be able to replace Mark Colwell until his "FERP" is over.

Wildlife Students

Undergraduates

341

Graduates

33

Alumni Reunion

Arcata, California

Summer-Fall 2020

Scott Fraser: Organizer

2019-2020 Membership Form

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Work Phone:** (____) _____

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Year Graduated: _____ **Degree:** _____

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