

GEOGRAPHY SEMINAR SERIES~ FALL 2014



Dr. Jenny Zorn, Interim Provost, Humboldt State University

"The status of women and girls in California"

Friday, October 17, 2014 4:00-5:00PM Founders Hall 125

Dr. Jenny Zorn, Interim Provost comes from CSU San Bernardino serving as Associate Provost, Academic and International Programs. Dr. Zorn has an exemplary 25-year career at CSUSB, beginning as an assistant professor in Geography and serving in a variety of management positions. Her current position includes responsibilities for academic curriculum, accreditation, eLearning, space, creating a campus behavior committee as part of a violence intervention team, and working with a broad cross section of campus in strategic planning, educational policy, and more. With her leadership, the Center for International Studies and Programs at CSUSB has tripled in size to about 900 students and continues to grow. Dr. Zorn's research and teaching interest: International Education, Economic Status of Women, Geographic Education.



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Dr. Kathleen Farley, Associate Professor San Diego State University

Friday November 14, 2014 4:00-5:00PM Founders Hall 125

"Managing landscapes to maintain ecosystem services: implications for conservation policies and programs"

Finding ways to manage landscapes for ecosystem services is a key challenge in meeting sustainability goals. In some contexts, changes in land use and land management have been effectively used to maintain or enhance the production of ecosystem services, and payment for ecosystem services has been seen as a promising approach to facilitate improved management of natural resources. However, information remains limited both in terms of what motivates such changes in land use or management and exactly how and to what degree those changes result in the production of priority ecosystem services. I will present a framework for better understanding these land-use and land-management changes, and will illustrate with two cases of natural resource management in the Andes: grassland afforestation and changes in traditional burning regimes. Drawing on these examples, I will discuss how this approach can help to provide information to policymakers and program managers so that they can develop policies and programs that address landowner needs while managing for ecosystem services.