

### Dear Cindy Welcome to Our New RCC Society of Fellows

The mission of the RCC Society of Fellows (formerly alumni association) is to foster global connections and collaborations within the RCC and increase the impact and visibility of the RCC, its fellows, and the environmental humanities worldwide.

### Our New Leadership is here for you



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"Together, we can keep alive that great sense of camaraderie we all experienced in Munich and promote each other's work through productive networks, collaborative projects, and new fellowships."

# **Our Enhanced Network:**

### **GLOBAL MAP**

This online Global Map will identify fellows' geographic locations around the world. Before a trip, you could check the Global Map to see if an RCC fellow is at or near your destination and then plan either a formal visit, such as a lecture or classroom visit, or simply meet for coffee. With the



assistance of RCC fellows Melinda Laituri (RCC '11) and Claudia Leal (RCC '12), we have already begun to construct the map and we hope to launch it before the end of the year.



### **RCC-BNB**

The RCC-BNB will be a site where fellows can advertise the availability of a spare room to other fellows who need a place to stay while traveling for research or a conference. The RCC-BNB will be a members-only feature. Are you willing to list your place and host a fellow? More soon about RCC-BNB's development.

### **New Fellowship Opportunities**

#### Society of Fellows Munich Fellowship

supports a fellow's return to the RCC in Munich for up to six months at 2,000 euro per month. One stipulation of the fellowship is that the fellow offers a program, such as a workshop in public speaking or GIS, that gives back to the community. Fellows commonly express a desire to contribute in some way to the RCC, so this fellowship will be a great way to fulfill that wish. More than one grant per year will be awarded.

**Society of Fellows Collaborative Project Grant** supports a team of two or more fellows who create a collaborative project, such as a lecture series, a conference panel, or an exhibition. Your imagination is the limit! We encourage partnerships that are cross-disciplinary and include fellows from underrepresented regions. One grant for up to 1,500 euro will be awarded per year.

**Society of Fellows Public Outreach Grant** funds a project that fulfills our mission to increase the public engagement of the RCC, its fellows, and environmental humanities more generally. All types of creative endeavors geared toward the public will be considered. One grant for up to 1,500 euro will be awarded per year.

Full descriptions, requirements, and deadlines will be announced in Fall 2015.

### Gearing up for our Society of Fellows Alumni Fund



Don't press that button just yet! But very soon you will have an opportunity to donate to our newly created SOF Alumni Fund to help fiscally support our grants, fellowships, and events. "How can I give back?" is a common refrain among RCC fellows. Through one-time or recurring donations and fundraising events, you will soon be able to do just that and help give our community the resources we need to support and promote each other's work and our network. The Fund is one facet of the RCC's larger fundraising effort.

### News to share



RCC Society of Fellows Fundraiser & Social at the **ESEH** annual conference, June 2015. Show up to meet old friends and to talk about new programs with RCC staff and executive committee member Claudia Leal (RCC '12). Light fare served and proceeds from 5-euro glasses of good French wine go to support our new Fund. Date, time, and location TBA.



**<u>Emily Brock</u>** (RCC ' 14), <u>*Money Trees: The Douglas*</u> *Fir and American Forestry, 1900-1944* just published with Oregon State University Press.



Cycling Cultures edited by Peter Cox (RCC '14) now out!



**Ed Russell** (RCC '10-11) published an article, as he wrote, "growing out of the collaborative research I did on brains and environments as a Rachel Carson Fellow." You can find it <u>here</u>.



**Elin Kelsey** (RCC '13-14), **Wild Ideas: Let Nature Inspire Your Thinking** is called "An artistic and awe-inspiring look at what animals can teach us about creative problem solving."



**Jim Rice** (RCC '12) received the Organization of American Historians' prestigious 2015 Binkley-Stephenson award for the best article in the *Journal of American History* with "Bacon's Rebellion in Indian Country" (*JAH* Dec 2014). The OAH also selected Jim to receive the 2015 German Residency in University of Tubingen.



Choice called **Patrick Kupper** (RCC '10), Creating Wilderness: A Transnational History of the Swiss National Park (Berghahn, 2014) "exquisite." Read the full review **here**.

# Let Us Hear From You!

We are developing these new programs and initiatives for all of you, so please let us know what you think about the mission, newsletter, fellowships, publication and personal news, or anything else that is on your mind. We are working on a Forum for greater exchange of ideas, but until then, **please contact us here**.



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