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## Deb Atwood Conquers Mt. Kilimanjaro; Carries SWG Flag to the 19,340' Summit



**D**eb Atwood (Washington DC) joined 23 other men and women for the nine-day East Africa High Altitude Research Expedition that conducted high altitude physiology research with the US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine (USARIEM). The expedition was a Field Study of altitude acclimatization, acute mountain sickness (AMS), hydration status and evaluation of a predictive prototype model for assessing individual altitude acclimatization status.

The team gathered important “continuous data” by wearing a series of miniaturized bio-monitoring devices that included actigraphs (mini accelerometers) to measure energy

expenditure and pulse oximeters which were worn throughout the night while sleeping to record pulse, oxygen measurement, heart rate, ambient temperature and barometric pressure. After a seven day ascent via the western Lemosho route, Deb slept in the Kilimanjaro crater for one night at 18,800' before descending the mountain by the Mweka route. Deb is the first SWG member to carry the Society's flag to this famed summit.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Onward and Upward!

By Marty Talbot



Dear Wonderful SWGers,

**T**hree Cheers to Deb Atwood for her determination, perseverance and stamina climbing

the highest mountain in Africa!!!

News from HQ includes a successful Book Event organized by **Ann Hawthorne** and **Ben Booz** for our members to display their written creations. Members attending were able to enjoy the beautiful exhibit installed by **Elizabeth Welles** and her committee of “Headhunt Revisited,” photographs by **Karen Huntt** and **Michele Westmorland**.

Our next major project will be to finalize the revision of the SWG Constitution to reflect today's realities and laws. Under Past President **Kim Crews** the Strategic Planning Committee was created, questionnaires sent out to the membership and a facilitator was hired. **Joan Koven** has agreed to head the Constitution Revision Committee. We plan to send you the Committee's first proposals

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# Three Gold Medal Winners Honored

## *New York Group Selects 2008-2009 Fellowship Student*

**Arlene Blum**, an SWG Gold Medal winner, was awarded the “Seniors With a Purpose Prize.”

In 1978 she led the first all-women’s mountain climbing team up Anapurna in the Himalayas. She holds a doctorate in biophysical chemistry. Today, she is battling Tris and other chemical cousins in consumer products. Arlene



is working for policies and regulations that protect human and environmental health. Her approach led to a recent victory that kept 1.7 billion pounds of chemicals out of the electronic equipment trade worldwide, and she is pressing California regulators to reduce toxic fire-retardant chemicals in furniture and children’s products in that state. Her Green Science Policy Institute is a new model for engaging industry, scientists, governments and non-profits in mutually beneficial research to support healthy communities.

The “Purpose Prize” is a \$17 million program funded by the John Templeton Foundation of Pennsylvania and the Atlantic Philanthropies for people over 60 who are taking on society’s biggest challenges.

### OBITUARIES

- 9/08 Margaret Person
- 2/09 Gail Hobbs
- 2/09 Leila H. Luce

**Jane Goodall**, an SWG Gold Medal winner, received the “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the annual “Glamour Women of The Year Awards” at a ceremony in New York. She focused her remarks on the need for humans to be more respectful of the planet.

**Dr. Sylvia Earle**, an SWG Gold Medal winner, received an award from the Geographical Society of Spain for deep-sea exploration and for popularizing ocean science.

She was preceded at the dais by Mr. Hanke who was receiving an award for his pioneering work building web-based models of the planet.

Dr. Earle told him she loved the way Google Earth allowed users to see how one thing relates to another on the planet, but she added: “You’ve done a great job with the dirt, but what about the water?”

Since then, Dr. Earle and Mr. Hanke have been partners in the long effort, as she explained, “to make sure the mountains don’t end at the beach.”

She assembled an advisory panel including Jane Luchenco, the Oregon State University marine biologist, since chosen by President Obama to head the oceanic and atmospheric agency.

### *New York Fellowship Award*



*Pat Hackbarth and Monica Barnes*

The New York Group awarded the NY Group Fellowship Award to **Pat**

**Hackbarth. Monica Barnes** made the presentation of the Award at the Hunter College, City University of N.Y., Geography Awareness Dinner on November 20.

Pat is undertaking an ambitious MA thesis, which is to map the extent and distribution of conifer encroachment on montane meadows of the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. Large areas of meadows over this region have been lost due to conifer encroachment as a result of climate change. The grasses and herbs that make up the diet of many of the meadows’ inhabitants can be expected to decrease substantially as more meadow area is lost. Studies have already shown that the declining marmot population over this region has implications for that of other meadow species. The goal of her thesis is to use remote sensing data to map the changes in various meadows and to link the changes with animal species which are in danger.

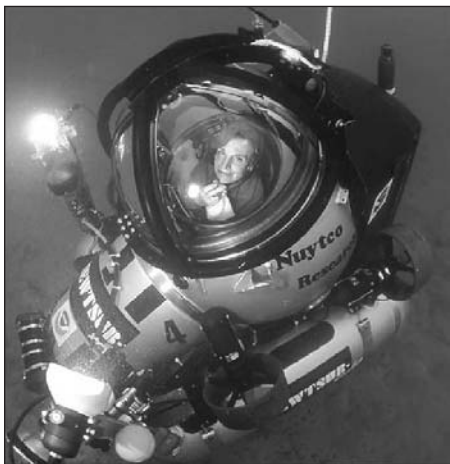
### SWG HEADQUARTERS

**Megan Rosenfeld and Ann Hawthorne** welcomed members and guests to the first SWG **BACKSTORY**.

They learned about the adventures of **DORIS RICH**, newspaper reporter, Red Cross field assistant in Guam during World War II, civilian public relations officer for the U.S. Army in Korea, freelance journalist-photographer throughout Asia, teacher of English and civics in Bangladesh, Ghana, and Hong Kong - where she lived from 1948 to 1967- as well as an author of four books.

The event was held Saturday, February 21st.

**D**r. Sylvia Earle, SWG Gold Medal winner, has co-authored *Ocean: An Illustrated Atlas*, published recently by the National Geographic. The atlas contains maps, graphs, pictures and descriptions of amazing discoveries which affect our planet and its habitability. Dr. Earle, an oceanographer and former chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has participated in more than a half century of ocean



exploration and protection. She has done pioneering research on algae, probed the ecology of coral reefs, set records for deep diving, tracked marine mammals and lobbied for the creation of marine sanctuaries. In 1964, Dr. Earle voyaged to the Indian Ocean, where she studied the coral reefs and the tiny algae that inhabited them. In 1970 she studied the behavior of the humpback whales, going from Alaska through the Pacific and to Africa. In the 80's she helped found two companies to make innovative vehicles that could open the depths of the seas to human exploration. The atlas pictures of the deepest ocean show giant mountain chains that spew hot lava and support strange life forms.

Recently, with President Bush, she helped designate vast areas of the American part of the Pacific Ocean as protected areas and national monuments. These areas encircle the

Mariana Islands, including the Mariana Trench (the deepest canyon on Earth) and part of the Line Islands, a collection of reefs and atolls. The atlas also includes the growing efforts to create marine sanctuaries and protected areas which can result in larger fish and greater diversity in only a few years. Dr. Earle and her co-author Linda K. Glover note that the atlas has refuted the idea that the ocean is so vast and so resilient that there is little that humans can do to alter it. Log onto [www.tedprize.org](http://www.tedprize.org) for Dr. Earle's TED Prize lecture.

**Idell Conaway's** exhibit of underwater photography at the Philippine Center, New York City, was extended. She writes: "to those of you who are also divers/members of NYC Sea Gypsies ...I highly recommend the many islands of the Philippines (over 7000) as a top priority in the near future. It is known to be in the epicenter of the world's marine life with many new species being identified every year. The reefs are still very healthy and productive. The beauty of the islands, the water and the people is spectacular." She will be going again in the spring of this year and will share travel ideas with any who are interested.

**Megan Dixon** lectured at the Kennan Institute in Washington, DC. She spoke on "The Baltic Pearl Project in St. Petersburg: Chinese Investment and Sino-Russian Relations." In April 2004, in Shanghai, representatives of the municipal government of St. Petersburg, Russia, and of the Shanghai International Investment Corporation signed a memorandum of agreement about a mixed-use development project to be located on 205 hectares outside the St. Petersburg center. The project, now known as the Baltic Pearl, offered its first residential units for sale in fall 2008. The story of the Baltic Pearl reveals important struggles between the federal state and local actors in St.

Petersburg and, also, offers intriguing hints about the future course of Sino-Russian business and investment cooperation.

**Barbara Hildebrant, Michal LeVasseur, and Martha Sharma,** set off in early January, with their husbands, to explore the Northern



India state of Rajasthan by train. Departing from New Delhi, they visited Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Chittaugarh, Udaipur and Agra. Their focus was to visit the forts and palaces of these historic cities. Along the way they also managed to fit in an early morning visit to Rathambhore Tiger Reserve where they were fortunate to view one of only about 30 tigers remaining in the park. The declining population is the result of poaching.

**Deb Atwood** joined a team of Honduran and American researchers and conservationists in western Honduras to search for the Emerald Hummingbird (*Amazilia luciae*) which is a critically endangered bird species restricted solely to the country of Honduras. The principal cause of its decline is habitat destruction, with 90% of its original habitat lost and the remaining habitat occurring in isolated patches of arid thorn-forest and scrub of the interior valleys of northern Honduras. In November, 2008, the team was able to find six sites inhabited by the Emerald, all in the department of Santa Barbara. The team filed a petition with the U.S Department of the Interior to have the Emerald protected under the endangered species act.

# Washington, DC, Chicago, New York and Florida Groups Check In

## • WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP

The first Monday of each month **Elizabeth Brownstein** will meet members in the Reliable Source restaurant of the Press Club at 1:30, on the 13th floor of the National Press Building, at 14th and F Streets NW. Let her know if you plan to attend.

January 24: at HQ, a look at India through the eyes of **Carol Reed**. She spent a year there as a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar. She became artist-in-residence at Sanskriti Kendra, a rural community for artists and writers at the edge of Delhi. It is home to three small but significant cultural heritage museums. The second part of her project, in partnership with the US Educational Foundation in India and the National Museum in Delhi, was the professional gathering of museum educators from across India to examine and improve Indian museum education practices.

February 28: at **Jane Coon's** home, **Elizabeth Brownstein** presented her performance program "*Abraham Lincoln's Life In Music*," celebrating the Bicentennial of the sixteenth president's birth this month. A long time student of the piano, she plays six songs Lincoln knew well, and after each one, she explains what the song reveals about Lincoln's tastes and temperament and describes the difficult times in which he worked as our greatest president, from 1861 until his assassination in April 1865.

April 4th: 2:00 PM at HQ, This year's SWG Penn State Fellow **Kate Driscoll Derickson** will report on her dissertation project.

## • CHICAGO GROUP:

**Ellen Steinberg** reports that at a meeting, on January 17th, **Lynn Funkhouser** showed her underwater photographs of coral reefs and fishes in a lecture titled "*The Philippines-Simply the Best*." Read about Lynn in *NEW MEMBERS*.

February 21: **Camila Montoya** gave a presentation titled "*Chilean Patagonia, History and Landscape*."

## • NEW YORK GROUP:

**Susan Leonard** reports that, on February 19th, at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, **Pat Hackbarth**, SWG Fellowship winner, gave a presentation on her thesis. Read about Pat in *AWARDS*.

## • FLORIDA GROUP: **Carol Horvitz**

will be in Costa Rica as guest professor in tropical biology in a graduate field course for Latin American students.

## AT-LARGE NEWS

### • PACIFIC WEST REGION:

**Kate Davis** is currently researching the histories of women naturalists and geographers. At the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers in Fairbanks, AK, (October, 2008) she spoke on Ynes Mexia's botanical collecting in Alaska in 1928, the first such work done in Denali National Park. Read about Kate in *NEW MEMBERS*.

**Diane Liverman** has returned to the region after serving as Director of Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute. She is now Co-Director of the Institute for Environment and Society at the University of Arizona. She has also been appointed to a new National Academies Committee on America's Climate Choices which will advise the US government on responses to climate change.

**Dorothy Drummond** is planning a tour to "The Land of The Midnight Sun," a trip to Scandinavia and the Baltics. Dates are July 9th-21st or July 9th-28th. Any members who are interested in more detail should get in touch with Dorothy.

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for change in the next few months by mail. **Please read and respond promptly.**

**Jane Eppinga's** book *Their Mark: An Illustrated History of The Society of Woman Geographers*, published by Globe Pequot Press, finally appeared this January. Congratulations to Jane on this handsome publication. We thank Office Administrator Janet McGinn for spending endless hours searching out and sending to the author photos, information from the members' files and oral history reports. We also owe thanks to Past President **Sara Rau**, and members **Elizabeth Brownstein**, **Megan Rosenfeld** and **Karen Tupek** for spending many hours reviewing the manuscript.

A hearty WELCOME to our New

Members. Read about our extraordinary new colleagues in the *NEW MEMBERS* section.

We all send a big thank you to **Donnie Enright** for compiling and editing the Newsletter.

I wish all of you a healthy and happy Spring!

*Marty Talbot, SWG President*

Our thanks to Past President **Kim Crews** and **Megan Dixon** for organizing a reception at the Las Vegas meeting of the American Association of Geographers, for prospective and current members of SWG, on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM at the Riviera Hotel. Please let Kim know if you plan to attend.

# Regional Reporters Introduced

The At-Large Group Co-Chairs **Betty Kaynor** and **Martha Sharma** are introducing here the New Regional Reporters for those SWGers who do not live close enough to be a member of an urban Group in Washington, DC, New York, Florida, Chicago, San Francisco or Southern California. They live in five Regions across the U.S.: Northeast, South, MidWest, Interior West and Pacific West and will network through these Reporters.

## Introducing Our New Regional Reporters:

**Karin Morin**, Lewisburg, PA Northeast Region (includes 31 members from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Vermont and Pennsylvania).



Karin teaches courses on social and cultural geography at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Her research specialties include feminist

historical geography, history and historiography of geography, and 19<sup>th</sup> century women's travel writing. She serves on a number of editorial boards and is current co-editor of the journal *Historical Geography*. She has received two Fulbright Awards (one to Russia in 2002, and another to Albania in 2006). Just out in December, her book *Frontiers of Femininity: A New Historical Geography of 19<sup>th</sup> Century American West*, was published by Syracuse University Press.  
[Morin@bucknell.edu](mailto:Morin@bucknell.edu)

**Dorothy Drummond**, Terre Haute, IN Midwest Region (includes 15 members from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin)



Dorothy is retired from teaching geography at Indiana State University and is currently giving talks on the subject of her book *Holy Land, Whose Land? Modern*

*Dilemma, Ancient Roots*. Dorothy was a Program Presenter at the 2008 Triennial in Chicago and spoke on *The Seven Wonders of the World*.  
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**Ellen Hansen**, Emporia, KS Interior West Region (includes 24 members from Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Texas).



Ellen is an Associate Professor of Geography and Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Emporia State University. She is also a lover of travel and exploration, activities in which she engages at every opportunity. Study abroad has most recently provided her opportunities to visit Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, China and Finland. Professional activities have also led her to the U.S.-Mexico border, Chile and Japan in the past

couple of years. Ellen served as Chair of the Honors Committee for the 2008 Triennial in Chicago  
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**Michal LeVasseur**, Piedmont, AL South Region (includes 13 members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee).



In 2007 Michal retired as Executive Director of the National Council for Geographic Education and from teaching at Jacksonville State University

in Jacksonville, Alabama. She now works as an Alliance Liaison for the National Geographic Society and is excited to share in the Society's new vision for the future of geographic education.

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**Jan Monk**, Tucson, AZ Pacific West Region (includes 49 members from Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho and Washington State, California and Oregon).



Jan is Professor of Geography at the University of Arizona and works actively with the Commission on Gender and Geography of the International

Geographic Index. She received the **SWG Outstanding Award** at the 2008 Triennial in Chicago.  
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# Bulletin Update and Membership Information Top Agenda

## Bulletin Information

### Due March 10th

Look closely at the your listing in the 2007 *Bulletin* to be sure the biographical information is correct. Send your information for 2008, taking into account these planned changes:

- If your listing includes several family names, let us know how it should be alphabetized. Otherwise we will follow the Chicago Manual of Style 15th edition: "Compound family names, with or without hyphens, are usually alphabetized according to the first element."
- All fax numbers will be dropped, except those explicitly provided.

Please write an account of your activities and accomplishments in 2008. As you write:

- Cover the 2008 calendar year.
- Use the third person voice.

- Stay within 250 words.
- If you had a quiet year or are very, very busy this month and the next please, nevertheless, write one or two sentences of activities.
- If you became a member in 2008, please introduce yourself to the Society by summarizing your background and accomplishments. You may exceed the 250 word limit, but please be succinct. If applicable, list your most significant publications.
- If you are sending your information by e-mail, submit it in the body of the e-mail, rather than as an attachment. Start the subject line with your last name. Send to [swgbulletin@verizon.net](mailto:swgbulletin@verizon.net).

If you have questions, please send them to [swgbulletin@verizon.net](mailto:swgbulletin@verizon.net), or contact HQ by mail or phone. You can also contact our Bulletin Editor Trudy Suchan directly at [trudysea203@hotmail.com](mailto:trudysea203@hotmail.com) or by phone at 703.765.2231.

## Membership Information

The page on the website ([www.swg.org](http://www.swg.org)) describes the membership application procedures and provides all the forms and instructions you'll need to bring new members into our Society. Also available from Headquarters:

A **Colorful Brochure** – to inform and interest a proposed member.

## Application Forms

A definition of our Society appears at the top of the form. The Biographic Data Form has been revised by condensing some categories of information, omitting some items, and allowing an applicant to refer to information in an attached resume. This form, as well as the forms for primary

proposers and seconders, may be obtained from Headquarters or your Group Chair. The forms are also available for electronic preparation, but signed copies are requested for submission to the Council.

Proposers are urged to encourage applicants to provide complete information about their accomplishments and travel and to write about any of the applicant's interests and activities not emphasized in the application itself. Knowing the applicant personally is helpful, but not necessary if the proposer and seconder are familiar with her published works and other professional accomplishments.

The application form and instructions are different for student applicants and are also available from Headquarters.

## Instructions for Proposers

Get the necessary forms: Biographical Data Form and Proposal Forms for Membership-Primary Sponsor and Secunder.

Give the candidate the biographical data form and provide guidance on its preparation if needed. It is important that the biographical data be as complete as possible, since it becomes part of SWG's permanent record of the applicant to be elected. Do not discuss with the candidate the category of membership – Active or Associate – for which she may be eligible. See the *Bulletin* for the qualifications for each category.

Fill out and sign the Proposer's Form, ask a Secunder to fill out and sign the Secunder's Form. If finding a Secunder is difficult for women living some distance from a Group, please note that the SWG Constitution permits only one proposer for At-Large members, although two are preferred. Signed hard copies are needed, even if prepared electronically.

Submit the completed package to Headquarters. You may be asked for more information during the review process.

## The Election Process

Headquarters will circulate all applications to Council members along with an evaluation sheet—"Guidelines for Membership Evaluation." This sheet has been amended to serve as a final membership ballot, eliminating the need for a second ballot mailing. There will be an open discussion of applications at a pre-Council meeting, followed by the official tally of votes of those present and the mailed-in votes of those Council members not present.

Please think of all the accomplished women you know, introduce them to SWG, and encourage them to join us. The future of SWG is in your hands!

## Ocean Photographer and Several Professors Join Society

**KATHRYN DAVIS** (Active A-L) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at San Jose State University. She holds a BA in History and an MA in Gender/History from San Francisco State University. She also obtained a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, in Latin American Geography. She has traveled extensively in Latin and South America while doing research in housing, public health, poverty and family economy, with special emphasis on Guatemala where she consulted for Habitat for Humanity. She has traveled to Mexico and Peru to research botanical history. Through all these studies she has had a particular interest in the history of women geographers as well as women travelers and botanists. **Harriet Chalmers Adams**, the original topic of Kathryn's master thesis, is now being revised into book form as *A Life of Courage and Audacity; Harriet Chalmers Adams, FRGS, American Explorer*. Drawing on SWG archives and related photographic and personal materials she has researched women such as Ynes Mexia, Carl Sauer, **Delia Akeley** and others.

She has published and lectured on many topics related to Californian ecology and history, and on Guatemalan health issues and community development as seen through her work with Habitat for Humanity. She has lectured on related topics to the Association of American Geographers, The American Association of Environmental Historians, the Association of Pacific Geographers, as well as at various western universities.

**SILVA MEYBATYAN** (Associate DC) is an Adjunct Professor of World Cultural Geography at the University of the District of Columbia. She began her career as an educator in world cultural geography after graduating with a BA and an MA from Moscow Regional University followed by an MA in International Relations from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. She has been honored by the World Affairs Council of St. Louis for her service on behalf of the US Information Agency Community Connections Program between American Communities and Russian Professionals. She has researched and written reports for the Department of Commerce on special trade events, including visiting business delegations. She speaks Russian, Armenian, Azerbaijani as well as German, French and English. In her present position as Adjunct Professor she develops courses for the students on geographic topics such as population, migration, political geography, ethnicity, old and popular culture, development, agriculture, manufacturing, services, globalization and natural resources.

**LEILA MARIE HARRIS** (Active A-L) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She studied at the University of Minnesota, obtaining an MA for her thesis on "Theories of State-Led Development and Evaluations of Development and Change in Southeastern Turkey" and a PhD for her thesis "Modernizing Gender: Social Geographies of Waterscape Evolution in Southeastern Turkey." She has published many articles on the subject of water resources, environmental change, poverty and gender in the Middle East, particularly in Turkey, and has received many awards, including a Research Service

Award from the University of Wisconsin, Best Dissertation Award in Economic Geography from the AAG, as well as a MacArthur Scholar from the University of Minnesota in the MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice

**LYNN FUNKHOUSER** (Active Chicago) is an internationally published photographer, author, lecturer, environmentalist, and leader in dive travel. She was inducted into the Inaugural Women Divers Hall of Fame in 2000. Her dramatic photos have been published in calendars, ads and major magazines, notably in *Audubon*, *Animals*, *Action Asia*, *International Wildlife*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic* and many others. One of the founders of the International Marine Life Alliance (IMA) in 1985, she served on the board of directors, 1985-87, and 2004-2005 and as VP, 1988-2000. The IMA gives subsistence fishers improved livelihoods by teaching fishers to use alternative methods of fishing thereby protecting the reefs. She is an expert on diving in the Philippine Islands, spending two months every year there since 1976. She has received awards from the Illinois Council of Skin and Scuba Diving, the SEASPACE/PADI Environmental Awareness Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Philippine Aquatic and MarineLife Conservationist Association, Inc. for her outstanding efforts in the cause of marine preservation and education. She was a special consultant to the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago for the 'Wild Reef' exhibit. She was also a consultant to the Smithsonian Institution on "Shells" and "Ocean Planet." In 1988, Lynn was a photographer on the

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Shiraho Coral Reef and the proposed New Ishigaki Island Airport, Japan. The environmental research project saved the 600 year old reef from becoming an airport. She also participated in a Shell Research trip with members of the Shedd Aquarium and the American Museum of Natural History, NY, on their research vessel to the Dry Tortugas.

**MELISSA WRIGHT** (Active A-L) is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and the Department of Women's Studies at Pennsylvania State University. She graduated from Harvard-Radcliffe College with a Magna Cum Laude in

Latin American Studies. She obtained a PhD in Geography and Engineering Studies from The John Hopkins University, in 1997, for her dissertation on "Third World Women and the Geography of Skill."

She was also Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Program on Women's Studies at the University of Georgia. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez, Institute of Social Sciences, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Melissa has published: *Disposable Women and Other Myths of Capitalism* (Routledge, NY and London) and co-authored *Geographies of Power: Placing Scale* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell). She has also written many articles and lectured on the subject of women in Latin America.