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News+Notes

Parks Stewardship Forum launched

A reminder that we launched our new online, open-access journal, *Parks Stewardship Forum*, earlier this month. If you haven't had a chance to look at the inaugural issue, "Climate Change and Protected Places: Adapting to New Realities," please do! You can find it on two websites: one designed for [scholarly use](#) and downloading, the other for [online reading](#).

As part of the rollout, Jon Jarvis of UC Berkeley's Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity (our PSF co-publisher) did an interesting [Q&A podcast](#) with the news website National Parks Traveler — it's well worth a listen!



You can be a part of PSF too — we actively encourage submissions from GWS

You can be a part of it, too! We actively encourage submissions from GWS members. Learn more by visiting <https://www.georgewrightsgsociety.org/psf>.

Board welcomes four new members

We are pleased to let you know that four new people have joined the GWS Board of Directors, bringing to our governance team an exciting mix of skills, experience, and interests.



Richard “Rick” Harris retired in 2013 from a 34-year career with the US National Park Service (NPS) and other Federal agencies where he specialized in park and protected areas management, resources management, Wilderness management, planning, and policy. Among other positions, Rick served as the Associate Regional Director for Science and Natural Resources in the Northeast Region of NPS, Superintendent for two national park units (Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument and Chamizal National Memorial), and Director of the Office of Strategic Planning. Since retirement, Rick has worked as a consultant with the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, where he played an instrumental role in securing the establishment of the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument and Organ Mountains Wilderness Area in Southern New Mexico.



Brian Peterson earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of San Diego and his master’s degree at the University of Utah with the department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Brian is currently a doctoral student at Clemson University with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, and will receive his PhD shortly. His research focuses on advancing temporospatial tools to analyze visitor use management of parks and protected areas. He has done research at Cumberland Island National Seashore, Buffalo National River, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and the Appalachian Trail. Between undergrad and graduate school Brian worked for nearly seven years as a high school biology and chemistry teacher, and for two years at the California Conservation Corps supervising crews primarily composed of veterans who conducted fire fuel reduction projects around San Diego County.



Nadine Spence, Kllí?aht'a, is an Ahousaht First Nation member, part of the larger Nuu-chah-nulth Tribe on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Since 2001 Nadine has worked for Parks Canada in a variety



2007, Nadine has worked for Parks Canada in a variety of capacities and in various functional areas in both field operations and national policy development. In her current role as Executive Director of Operations, overseeing the British Columbia and Yukon region, she works with a team of executives to manage and operate

Parks Canada's national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas. Among other roles, she is the former Director of Natural Resource Conservation and former Director of the Indigenous Affairs Branch. She was recently recognized through a Public Service Award of Excellence for her efforts as co-lead on the Pathway to Target 1 initiative to support Canada's Biodiversity goals to protect 17% of Canada's terrestrial and inland waters by 2020.



Terri Thomas is a natural resources manager, ecologist, and planner with 36 years of national park experience. She worked in Crater Lake, Yosemite, and Everglades national parks and from 1984 to 2016 held the positions of Chief of Natural Resources Management and Science at Golden Gate National Recreation Area followed by the Director of Conservation, Science and Research at the

Presidio Trust. In these roles she oversaw a diversity of disciplines such as vegetation and wildlife management, water resources, archeology, inventory and monitoring, research, geographic information systems, volunteer management and natural resources education. She helped establish the Golden Gate International Biosphere Reserve.

Are you interested in helping the GWS promote its mission and activities? Every year we hold an election for the Board. If you think you might like to run for a seat, [contact us](#) and we'll be glad to send you information.

Updates & opportunities



UNESCO Karst 2020 early-bird registration deadline: January 31, 2020. The George Wright Society, Western Kentucky University, and the Mammoth Cave Area Biosphere Reserve invite you to join us May 18-22, 2020 on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky for an international karst workshop. This meeting brings together major international conservation and science programs to develop an enhanced communication network and facilitate collaboration between these programs and with the scientific community. The schedule includes

technical presentations, field excursions, interactive workshop sessions, as well as the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the International Association of Hydrogeologists Karst Commission. Find meeting details at www.unescokarst2020.com. Register soon!

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New ocean protection video available, narrated by Sting. The musician and ocean campaigner is the narrator of a [new video](#) launched today on the pressing need for global action on ocean protection, created in partnership with the [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#). Renowned for his award winning music records, Sting is also a long standing human rights activist. In recent years, his advocacy interests have expanded to environmental issues - recently lending his voice to call for scaling up effective marine protection. The video supports [the 30by30 initiative](#) to protect at least 30% of the planet's ocean by 2030.

IUCN Protected Area Awards nominations due January 31. IUCN invites you to recognize conservation champions by nominating individuals or groups of individuals for the Packard Award and Miller Awards. Both Awards will be delivered at a special Ceremony during the [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#), Marseille, France, June 11-19, 2020.

Packard Award – Outstanding Service

Achieving successful conservation in protected areas takes dedication, hard work, knowledge, passion and long-term commitment. The Packard Award is presented by WCPA to individuals or groups of individuals to recognize outstanding service in helping to plan establish and maintain effective protected and conserved areas.

To nominate individuals for the Packard Award, please complete the [Packard Award Application](#) (and send it to wcpa@iucn.org. Deadline for nominations is **31 January 2020**.

For more information on the Packard Award and previous awardees, click [here](#).

Miller Award - Innovation

The Kenton Miller Award celebrates individuals who are promoting innovation for effective conservation in protected and conserved areas. The award recognizes conservationists who have developed and applied innovative policies, scientific knowledge, technologies, field practice or governance that enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of conservation areas at local, national, or international levels. Awardees will receive a 5,000 USD grant and a citation.

To nominate individuals for the Miller Award, please complete the [Award Application](#) and send it to wcpa@iucn.org. Deadline for nominations is **31 January 2020**.

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