



## AFS Cal-Neva Newsletter

17 October 2022

### President's Message

Greetings Cal-Neva members!

First off, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mollie Ogaz as the new Secretary and Miranda Bell-Tilcock as the new President-Elect of the Cal-Neva Chapter. I am very much looking forward to working with these two accomplished women in fisheries in the upcoming year.



This year has finally provided us with opportunities to once again gather in person to share research, knowledge and ideas and to just have fun. I would like to thank everyone who attended, contributed to and supported our first in person annual meeting in 3 years this past May! It was wonderful to see so many faces again, some familiar and some new. I am grateful for your support in keeping everyone safe by following the Covid guidelines, allowing attendance by everyone.

The annual meeting planning is chaired by the incoming President, and it was my pleasure to work with the experienced planning committee to put together the 2022 annual meeting. One of my goals as President, is to find ways to focus on and support the development of students and early career scientists of all paths, and the conference allowed us to focus on moving those goals forward. Part of achieving those goals was to financially support travel for 5 of Cal-Neva's student sub-units to the meeting this year, giving them an opportunity to network with established scientists after 2 years of online meetings. The meeting schedule featured the student symposia at a central time, to allow for as much interaction as possible. Working toward another goal, we learned more about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from a session organized and facilitated by Z Zenoba from Cal-Poly Humboldt, including some great book recommendations (see Book Suggestions). In the coming year, it is my hope to keep building on the progress made this past year and provide various opportunities for students and early career scientists, but this will require engagement from experienced membership. To this end, please stay tuned to hear how you may be able to get involved and I would love to hear from anyone interested in supporting this work with ideas and/or time!

The membership is what makes any organization, and that membership is you! Several committees are either open or looking for additional members. To get involved you can email me directly anytime ([evabush.afs@gmail.com](mailto:evabush.afs@gmail.com)). Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

I look forward to seeing you in 2023 at the next Cal-Neva meeting in Long Beach, March 1-3 and at the Western Division meeting in Boise, May 7-11.

Best Regards,

## Connecting the Mosaic



**Cal-Neva AFS**  
Long Beach, CA | March 1-3, 2023

## Cal-Neva 2023 Annual Meeting

This year's theme "Connecting the Mosaic" can mean so many things. With the 2023 annual meeting located on the ocean, incoming President and Planning Committee Chair, Miranda Bell-Tilcock, wants to connect the idea of how fish need a diverse habitat mosaic such as from freshwater to estuary and/or the ocean. But fish are not the only ones in need of diversity. We need a diverse set of voices in fisheries as well to confront the many challenges that fish are facing today. Connecting the mosaic is all about connecting with people of diverse backgrounds in order to connect the fish to their conservation needs.

## ABSTRACT AND SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSIONS OPENING SOON!

### Semi-Annual Travel Award Recipients

I had a fantastic experience at the conference. Through the multiple networking events and talk rooms, I connected with many fisheries people learning about systems throughout the country, strategies for applying to careers, and various theories/thoughts on fisheries subjects. I was able to see how great being in the fisheries field is because of the exciting opportunities available and friendly/supportive people within the field.

- Amanda Peterson (UC Davis)

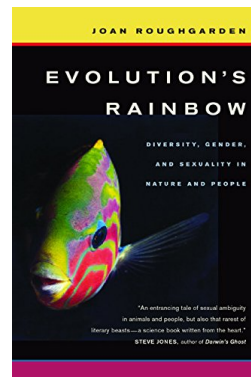


Left-Right: Nicholas Vu (San Luis Obispo County Student Subunit Vice President), Hayley Mapes (San Luis Obispo County Student Subunit President), Matea Djokic (University of California, Irvine Student Subunit President), Miranda Bell-Tilcock (Cal-Neva Chapter President-Elect), Matthew Young (Cal-Neva Chapter Past President).

Photo provided by Nicholas Vu.

### Book Suggestions

[Evolution's Rainbow: Diversity, Gender, and Sexuality in Nature and People](#)  
by Joan Roughgarden



### Are you a student?

See what's going on with your local student subunit and how to get involved.

[Find out how to get involved here!](#)

## Member Highlight

Cal-Neva wants to hear from you! In an effort to highlight our awesome members, please submit a brief narrative and photo

to be featured on the Chapter website and social media outlets. Narratives can include topics like "What Cal-Neva has done for you", a relevant research project, species highlight, etc. Please submit entries to [Cal-Neva Communications](#) with **Member Highlight** in the subject line.



## Trawl for a meeting that interests you



The 2022 Annual Meeting of WDAFS will be August 21-25, 2022. For more information or please visit:

<https://wdafs.org/future-annual-meetings/>

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[Get information about other upcoming fisheries meetings here](#)

## Angle for opportunities and jobs

[See fisheries jobs based in California and Nevada](#)

[See AFS-sponsored student awards and scholarships](#)

[See current job postings related to fisheries at the AFS job board](#)

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