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It's 'Back to School' Time for College Students Earning ACWA Scholarships

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The \$7,000 scholarship was unveiled in spring 2007. ACWA will award one \$7,000 scholarship each spring to qualified graduate students who are majoring in law, policy or public administration and have a focus or concentration in water resources. Qualified students are selected based on scholastic achievement and the individual's commitment and motivation to a chosen vocation.

Kiparsky's overarching focus is on the interface between science and water policy. He works on both technical and policy research questions individually, and on integrating the two.

His dissertation goal is to quantify water supply reliability and risk through probabilistic modeling and economic risk analysis that also integrates legal, policy and management analyses.

His research has been published in journal articles, book chapters and technical reports, and he is co-editing a special issue of the journal, *Environmental Science and Policy*, on "Lessons from the CALFED Program."

Kiparsky worked for the CALFED Science Program and Pacific Institute and held an internship at the California Public Utilities Commission. As a senior resources planner for Tully & Young, Inc., he said he is committed to the continued application of his interdisciplinary perspectives in the "real world" of water resources.

He holds a master's degree from UC Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group, and a bachelor's degree in biology with honors from Brown University.

On a personal note, he said he finds the ACWA Water Law & Policy Scholarship award particularly meaningful.

"My focus at the science-policy interface has been inspired by mentors and role models who are able to bridge both worlds, helping science inform and sometimes fundamentally shift water policy," he said. "ACWA embodies the practitioners who make up a key audience of this type of work, so it is an honor to be awarded this scholarship and have your recognition of the importance of an integrative approach to water resources."

He has been awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research

Fellowship and Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for his graduate studies.

Clair A. Hill Scholarship

Corin Pilkington received the Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence scholarship, an annual \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by CH2M Hill and administered each year by the award-winning ACWA member agency. In 2008, Orange County Water District was honored with the award for its Groundwater Replenishment System.

Eligible students must be California residents attending selected California schools full time as a sophomore, junior or senior during the current academic year.

Pilkington was born and raised in Quincy, where he spent his time exploring, fishing, and rafting the Feather River Watershed.

The exploration of the watershed exposed him to the complexity of watershed development and management and was the foundation that inspired him to pursue a degree in environmental resource engineering at Humboldt State University.



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