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1. University of Toronto PhD student awarded João Havelange Research Scholarship 2008
<http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/programs/geog-grad/grad-news-events/david-roberts>

David Roberts, a PhD student in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Toronto won the João Havelange Research Scholarship designed to promote soccer-related scientific research. David's research explores how planning for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa may create particular geographies of exclusion. His work examines the possibilities for the incorporation of a commitment to social justice in the planning and development process that South Africa is engaging in as host of this mega-event.

2. Mount Allison University Geographer Colin Laroque is a Great Storyteller
<http://www.metronews.ca/calgary/comment/article/145055>

On a recent workday, Colin Laroque went down to the old mines near the Joggins Fossil Cliffs on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia to check out some pieces of wood with a historian visiting from England. He took some doweling-shaped samples of the wood using a hand auger, put them under a microscope and counted the rings down to a thousandth of a millimetre. "Trees have many ways of telling us about the past," he says. As a dendrochronologist — a job title that simply breaks down to the words "tree" and "time" — Laroque, 43, knows how to tap into this information. He'll take the pattern of those tree rings and compare it to other samples he and his students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, have taken in the area. Such detective work is common for Laroque, who is an associate professor and director of the Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory.

3. UNBC Geographer Gail Fondahl Appointed Vice-President Research

http://www.unbc.ca/releases/2008/08_08fondahl.html

A professor with 13 years of experience at UNBC has been appointed UNBC's new Vice-President, Research. Gail Fondahl has been Chair of the Geography and Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management programs for the past five years and has attracted more than \$1.3 million in research funding during her UNBC career. She specializes in the geography of indigenous peoples in northern regions and has been a leader of a nationally funded research program at the University's John Prince Research Forest north of Fort St. James, which explores issues of forest co-management with the Tl'azt'en Nation. Dr. Fondahl earned her PhD from the University of California at Berkeley.

4. UNBC Geographer Brian Menounos Melting, Melting, Melting

http://www.unbc.ca/media/2008/09_glacier.html

A comprehensive study of the current state and future fate of glaciers in BC and Alberta is currently underway, and the early results are disturbing. British Columbia's 17,000 glaciers are permanently losing 22 billion cubic metres of water each year. "Glaciers are sensitive indicators of climate, but they are also among western Canada's most important freshwater resources" says Dr. Brian Menounos, a UNBC Geography professor. Researchers from Universities in Alberta, BC, Washington State are working with scientists from the federal government to document recent glacier retreat and the current number, and total area, of glaciers in British Columbia and Alberta. The research team is about half-way through the five year project. By 2010, they'll be able to predict the rate and magnitude of glacial retreat under various climate scenarios. Their results bear directly on how we manage our water resources, access fresh water, and even produce electricity in the near future.

5. Professor Meric Gertler appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. University of Toronto

<http://www.news.utoronto.ca/campus-news/deans-office-right-location-for-geographer.html>

Professor Meric Gertler, a professor of geography and planning, will turn his attention to academic planning for the next six years as the University of Toronto's new dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Gertler, the Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies and a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He will assume his new position Dec. 1, for a term ending June 30, 2014. Gertler is prepared for this challenge after serving in several administrative roles within the Faculty of Arts and Science including serving as the director of the program in planning in the Department of Geography and vice-dean (graduate education and research) for the faculty. He has served as interim dean of the faculty since March 1, 2008.

6. Professor Joe Desloges installed as principal of Woodsworth College, University of Toronto

<http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/people/faculty/desloges-woodsworth>

Professor Joseph Desloges was formally installed as the seventh principal of Woodsworth College Oct. 15 at a ceremony in the Great Hall of Hart House. He will serve a five-year term ending June 30, 2013. Desloges served as chair of the Department of Geography and program in planning for nine years before accepting the new position and will continue to teach and supervise PhD students. His research focus is centered on the influence of climate change and human disturbance on river forms, glacier landscapes and general landform development in the northern hemisphere.

7. Innu Place Names Website a Worldwide First

<http://www.innuplaces.ca/>

Labrador Innu made history by putting on line the first comprehensive cultural website dedicated entirely to Aboriginal place names. Called /Pepamuteiati nitassinat/ ('As We Walk Across Our Land'), the website gives access to over 500 Innu place names in Labrador, as well as stories, photos, and video clips associated with the names. The website will enable the Innu and members of the general public to start using the Innu place names, to learn about the meaning of the names and how to pronounce them.

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