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### **1. Book Sales Enable Trent University Geography Northern Studies Bursary**

[http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsreleases\\_081218adams.php](http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsreleases_081218adams.php)

Thanks to the community's support through the purchase of Professor Emeritus Peter Adams' book *Trent, McGill and the North: A story of Canada's growth as a sovereign polar nation*, the Geography Northern Studies Bursary at Trent University has reached its \$25,000 threshold. All proceeds from the book were used to establish the bursary, which was then matched by the Ontario Trust for Student Support, a program established by the Government of Ontario in 2005 that matches endowed donations on a dollar-for-dollar basis to provide bursaries and awards to Ontario students.

### **2. Dr. Murray Burton Hay joins the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi**

<http://archimede.bibl.ulaval.ca/archimede/files/9464ac80-a3f7-455b-9340-a4d7321d18ba/23241.html>

The Département des sciences humaines at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi has just hired a new faculty member in Physical Geography. Dr. Murray Hay completed a B.Sc. at the University of Calgary, a M.Sc. at Queen's University and his Ph.D Laval Université. He specializes in biogeography and paleoenvironments. Dr. Hay can be contacted at: [Murray\\_Hay@uqac.ca](mailto:Murray_Hay@uqac.ca)

### **3. Announcing *Manitoba from the Air* by Dr. John Welsted**

<http://mbair.brandonu.ca/>

Over a period of 40 years, Dr. John Welsted (Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography, Brandon University) has assembled a collection of remotely sensed images that depict the geography of Manitoba. About 550 of these images have been selected for presentation in an electronic book (e-book) titled *Manitoba from the Air: A Geographical Interpretation*. The collection is intended as a companion to the book *The Geography of Manitoba: Its Land and Its People* and the topics are presented in the same order as in that book.

#### **4. Forestry Research Chair at Nipissing University to engage Geography students**

<http://www.nipissingu.ca/news/view.asp?ID=20061066>

Nipissing University

has announced that Dr. Jeff Dech is the recipient of the Forest Bioproducts Research Chair. Dech is an expert in the responses of trees to environmental stresses and will be working to develop ecologically-based inventory and supply management tools for the bioresources of the Boreal forest of northeastern Ontario. Undergraduate students in Nipissing's biology and geography programs will be engaged in the research project as well, helping to collect and analyze data in the field and in labs as part of their honours research projects.

#### **5. Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Campus, offers Geography Minor**

[https://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp\\_id=1983&p=682](https://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=1983&p=682)

Located in the heart of downtown Brantford, the curriculum at Laurier Brantford, is built around Contemporary Studies, an innovative program designed to educate students for a world in which change is the only constant.

Students at Laurier Brantford can combine their core courses in Contemporary Studies with a minor in Geography that provides a general introduction to geography and geographical concepts. Senior courses focus on issues such as population, how cities change, and risks and disasters.

#### **6. Concordia University geography graduate student examines Montreal's music scene**

[http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research\\_grants/maxwell\\_2008.asp](http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/maxwell_2008.asp)

Thomas Cummins-Russell, a master's student at Montréal's Concordia University, is using his background in geography to examine the attributes of the independent music industry that are unique to his city. With the global success in recent years of indie rock bands such as Arcade Fire, Montréal's music scene has been thrust into the spotlight. And Cummins-Russell is studying how it has evolved, with the assistance of a \$5,000 Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography, awarded annually by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

#### **7. Geographer of the Week: Dr. Margaret Kalacska, McGill University**

<http://www.geog.mcgill.ca/faculty/kalacska/>

Dr. Kalacska is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at McGill University. Her main research interests include ecological applications of remote sensing, forensic applications of remote sensing, hyperspectral data analysis, machine learning (pattern recognition, Bayesian Networks, classification), spatial modeling and tropical ecology. She was one of eight fellows chosen earlier this year by the Canadian International Council (CIC) to contribute new perspectives in vital areas of Canadian foreign policy.

#### **8. CAG Newsletter 15(6) correction - "Our Association"**

<http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/column.pdf>

The *President's Column*

in the most recent CAG Newsletter focused attention on the current membership structure of the association. Unfortunately, Figure 2 was duplicated as Figure 3. To see Figure 3, as well as the complete text of the column, download the PDF at the hotlink address given above.

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