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1. Queen's Geographers Join Unique International Climate Change Monitoring Project

http://qnc.queensu.ca/story_loader.php?id=4964cb15e27a1

Queen's geographers Neal Scott and Harry McCaughey have partnered with the University of New Hampshire in a project that for the first time, uses digital web cameras to monitor changes in forests in Canada and the U.S. The web cameras are mounted on towers that extend above the forest canopy in 12 locations across Ontario and the northeastern U.S.

2. MUN PhD Student Recipient of the George Hobson Award

<http://www.mun.ca/geog/people/grad/dsthilaire.php>

Dominique St. Hilaire, a PhD student in the Department of Geography under the supervisor of Dr. Trevor Bell, was the winner of the 2008 Northern Scientific Training Program's George Hobson Award. George Hobson was the second Director of the Polar Continental Shelf Project. There is only one award attributed each year.

3. McMaster School of Geography & Earth Sciences Pilots TAPP Program

<http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/geo/documents/tapp.pdf>

During the 2008-09 academic year the McMaster School of Geography & Earth Sciences is testing a pilot program designed to provide with the background knowledge, skills and support to help them develop their professional skills as teaching assistants.

4. Laurier plans budget cuts to address unprecedented financial challenges

http://www.wlu.ca/news_detail.php?grp_id=28&nws_id=4744&filter_type=release

Wilfrid Laurier University plans to implement significant operating budget reductions to deal with the unprecedented financial challenges affecting the university sector as a result of the global economic downturn. Laurier must reduce its operating budget by a combined total of nearly 16 percent — about \$31 million — over the next three years.

5. Call for Abstracts on Climate Change: Annals of the AAG Special Issue

The AAG Annals invites abstracts of papers for a special issue on Climate Change. Papers are sought from a broad spectrum of scholars who address environmental, human, social, political, and methodological issues focused on the geographical dimensions of climate change, including original research in areas such as the climate record, the human and environmental impacts of climate change, the role of GISciences and modeling in understanding climate change and sustainability, and other relevant areas. Abstracts of no more than 350 words should be submitted by 15 January 2009 to rmaier@aag.org.

6. Arctic Portal: Webcasts of Recent Northern Conferences, Lectures, and Symposia

<http://new.arcticportal.org/>

In addition to a wealth of other resources, the Arctic Portal website includes webcasts of many recent conferences, symposia, and lectures on northern topics. To view these webcasts, visit: <http://new.arcticportal.org/?special=webcast#>. Among others, webcasts of the following event is posted: Sustaining Arctic Observation Networks Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, April 2008.

7. State of the Fraser Basin Conference: The Many Faces of Sustainability

<http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/action/index.html>

The 2009 State of the Fraser Basin Conference, The Many Faces of Sustainability, is taking place in Vancouver on February 19-20, 2009. >From inspiring stories of personal transformation to practical tools for organizations and communities, this Conference has something for everyone.

8. Geographer of the Week: Dr. Sarah Boon, University of Lethbridge

http://directory.uleth.ca/users/sarah.boon?no_headers=1

Sarah joined the Department of Geography in July 2007. Her current research assesses the impact of forest disturbance (mountain pine beetle, wildfire) on snow hydrology, and the role of snowpack evolution in driving surface hydrology on Arctic glaciers.

9. Recently Completed Theses and Dissertations

Lundy, Kathryn N. 2008. Climate change and endangered species in Canada: A screening level impact assessment and analysis of species at risk management and policy. Unpublished MES thesis. Department of Geography, University of Waterloo.

<http://uwspace.uwaterloo.ca/handle/10012/4169>

Song, Bella Ge. 2008. Spatial Analysis of Participation in the Waterloo Residential Energy Efficiency Project. Unpublished MES thesis. Department of Geography, University of Waterloo.

<http://uwspace.uwaterloo.ca/handle/10012/4138>

10. GeogNews Archives

<http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/geognews/geognews.html>

Past issues of GeogNews are being archived on website at the University of Victoria. They can be accessed and downloaded as PDFs at the address shown above.

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