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1. University of Waterloo Geographers Investigate Rock Glaciers in Chile

<http://envblogs.uwaterloo.ca/blogs/?p=167>

Mountain researchers from the Department of Geography and Environmental Management visited Chile

in December to conduct field research and develop future collaborative research projects with the Dirección General de Aguas (Chilean Water Directorate, DGA) and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. According to geography professor and project leader Dr. Alexander Brenning, rock glaciers are more important as stores of frozen water than “normal” glaciers in some dry areas of the Andes.

2. UVic Geography Research Chair Sheds Light On Earth's Surface

<http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/release.php?display=release&id=991>

The Province of British Columbia is partnering with the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria

to find new ways to use data collected by sensors in planes and satellites. Dr. Benoit Rivard has been appointed BC Leadership Chair in Hyperspectral Remote Sensing. Rivard is working with government, industry and other university researchers to develop new hyperspectral techniques for resource exploration, environmental monitoring and mountain pine beetle detection.

3. UBC Geography Students Involved in Community Service-Learning Project

<http://www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/ubcreports/2008/08jun05/map.html?src=ubcca>

Four UBC geography students, are working with Munroe House residents and staff on a community service-learning project (CSL). CSL is a model of experiential learning that combines voluntary community service with classroom learning. UBC's goal is to engage 10 per cent of UBC students in CSL each year.

4. Geographer Dr. Steve Franklin Appointed President of Trent University

<http://www.trentu.ca/presidentdesignate/>

Dr. Steven Franklin has been appointed president and vice-chancellor of Trent University in Peterborough, starting July 1, 2009. Dr. Franklin, currently the vice-president of research at the University of Saskatchewan, pursued his graduate work in the University of Waterloo Department of Geography and Environmental Management where he completed his Master of Arts degree in physical geography and a PhD in remote sensing.

5. Waterloo Geography Graduate with Canadian Military in Afghanistan

<http://mississauga.com/article/22699>

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geography graduate Shirley De Souza (BES '95) says "when you (emigrate) from a developing country that has seen wars and strife, you appreciate things more." De Souza was profiled from Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan, where the Mississauga woman is serving with the Canadian military.

6. McMaster Graduate Selected as National Geographic Emerging Explorer

http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/geo/documents/Goodman_NG.pdf

Beverly Goodman, who has a Ph.D. (2006) from the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University, was selected by National Geographic as a 2009 Emerging Explorer. Dr. Goodman collects and studies sediment cores from archaeological sites, using clues from ancient tsunami events to help predict and avert future coastal disasters.

7. University of Lethbridge Students Set to meet Prof's at Zoo

<http://www.uleth.ca/notice/display.html?b=110&s=11375>

The Department of Geography at the University of Lethbridge has invited all interested students to

"Meet the Prof's" on January 30th

"At the Zoo". This is a social event intended to provide students the opportunity to meet with Geography Professors, to ask questions and learn more about a majors in Geography.

8. Library and Archives Canada and RCGS Celebrate Nunavut Anniversary

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/democracy/023023-3203-e.html>

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Nunavut, the Library and Archives Canada Forum on Canadian Democracy and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (www.rcgs.org) are hosting a one-day celebratory event. The day will feature the culture and people of Nunavut through a presentation of photographs, film, storytelling and geography, presented and interpreted by members of the community. An evening panel will take place to discuss how Nunavut has contributed to Canada and how has it changed our thinking about Canada's environment.

9. UBC Geographer Demonstrates Tree Deaths Have Doubled

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2115>

Climate change may be to blame for a sharp increase in tree mortality, according to a study co-authored by UBC biogeographer Dr. Lori Daniels. The study found that the increase in dying trees has been pervasive. Tree death rates have increased across a wide variety of forest types, at all elevations, in trees of all sizes, and in pines, firs, hemlocks, and other kinds of trees.

10. WLU Graduate School Applications up 19%

<http://news.therecord.com/article/475088>

Like other universities across Canada, Wilfrid Laurier University is reporting a spike in graduate school applications. The institution has received nearly 19% more grad school applications than it had last year. Nearby University of Waterloo also expects to see an increase. Both schools plan to expand their number of graduate students. In Waterloo's case, the increase will be in areas that are in dire need in Canadian society.

11. Geographer of the Week: Dr. Jill Wigle, Carleton University

<http://www.carleton.ca/geography/faculty/wigle.html>

For her doctoral research, Dr. Wigle studied the linkages among shelter, location and livelihoods in Mexico City. Her primary research interests revolve around the social and environmental aspects of informal housing and urbanization processes in Latin America.

GeogNews Archives: <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/caq/geognews/geognews.html>