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1. UT Mississauga Graduate Laura Bissonnette Uses GIS to Examine Health Care Access
<http://www.research.utoronto.ca/edge/december2008/3.html>

Laura Bissonnette, a master's student in geography at U of T Mississauga is using Geographic Information Systems to find out who has access to primary health care. Bissonnette is working with Professor Kathi Wilson and colleagues at the University of Saskatchewan to examine access to general practitioners in private practice and walk-in and community health clinics in the cities of Mississauga and Saskatoon.

2. UQAR Geographer Thomas Buffin-Bélanger Wins 2009 J.R. Ross Mackay Award
http://cgrg.geog.uvic.ca/news26_BBf.pdf

Dr. Thomas Buffin-Bélanger is the recipient of the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group J. Ross Mackay Award for 2009. The award was given to Dr Buffin-Bélanger in recognition of the work he did in measurement of turbulent flow structures in gravelly-bed rivers. His development of innovative techniques to acquire laboratory quality measurements in field environments and reproduce field conditions in the laboratory demonstrates a creativity and scientific commitment to detailed physical understanding in the study of geomorphology.

http://www.uqar.qc.ca/geographie/departement/Thomas_b-belanger.asp

3. Ryerson University Geography Students to Visit Germany/Austria/Italy
<http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/swales/Geo773-F2009/index.htm>

The Ryerson University Geography Germany/Austria/Italy field trip will take place from September 18 to 27, 2009. It is designed to expose students to a range of issues particular to these countries and regions.

4. UT Mississauga Geographer Examines Transportation Trends for Children

[http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/6488.0.html?&tx_ttnews\[pS\]=1231790023&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=2363&tx_ttn](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/6488.0.html?&tx_ttnews[pS]=1231790023&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=2363&tx_ttn)

In the spirit of developing a holistic picture of the factors contributing to shifts in childhood transportation, Professors Ron Buliung and Guy Faulkner are driven to expand the Canadian body of knowledge on the subject. Buliung, a specialist in transportation geography, brings with him a comprehensive understanding of the geographical factors inherent to the research, while Faulkner, an associate professor of physical education and health, offers insight into the physical dimensions of childhood activity.

5. UQTR Émilie Hébert-Houle sera de l'expédition Students on Ice

http://entete.uqtr.ca/recherche_pop_up.php?no_fiche=7891&relation_categorie=1

Émilie Hébert-Houle étudie au baccalauréat en géographie à l'UQTR. En février prochain, elle poursuivra sa formation dans une salle de classe bien particulière, soit celle de l'organisme Students on Ice, au cœur de la péninsule Antarctique. Sa mission: devenir ambassadrice des pôles pour sensibiliser les leaders environnementaux de demain à un plus grand respect de la planète.

6. UVic's Smith Honoured by CGRG with Distinguished Service Award

http://cgrg.geog.uvic.ca/news26_dsmith.pdf

The Canadian Geomorphology Research Group presents its first Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Dan Smith. Smith's contributions include acting as CGRG webmaster, moderating the CGRG listserv, and overseeing the online Bibliography of Canadian Geomorphology (<http://cgrg.geog.uvic.ca/cgi-bin/search.cgi>)

7. CAG/Stats Canada Student Award for Human Impacts on the Canadian Environment

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/liaison/impact-eng.htm>

This award is given to an undergraduate student in geography and/or environmental studies/science for the best paper examining impacts of human activity on Canada's environment. The award was established to recognize and promote undergraduate research on Canada's environment; and encourage the use of Statistics Canada's data in the area of environmental analysis.

8. Bishop's University Geography Links to Sherbrooke MES Programme

<http://www.usherbrooke.ca/environnement/>

The Department of Environmental Studies and Geography at Bishop's University is associated with the Master's of Environmental Studies programme at the University of Sherbrooke.

9. Queen's University Department of Geography Launches Explore Camp 2009

<http://geog.queensu.ca/Explore/index.asp>

Explore is a non-profit, student-run initiative that is designed to excite children and youth about geography and provide employment for undergraduate students within the Faculty of Arts and Science. Explore runs from May to August and involves adapting the Ontario Canadian and World Studies curriculum for children and youth in grades K-8.

10. Queen's Geographer Becomes a Grandfather

<http://geog.queensu.ca/newsletter/26%20January%202009%20Newsletter.pdf>

Congratulations to John Holmes who became a Grandfather for the first time on Sunday, January 18th. Emily was born to Daniel and Brandy and she weighed 8 lbs 4 oz.

11. Geographer of the Week: Don Boyes, University of Toronto

<http://faculty.geog.utoronto.ca/Boyes/Boyes/Index.htm>

Don specializes in teaching the theory and application of geographic information systems (GIS) at the undergraduate and graduate level. He has a strong interest in the scholarship of teaching and pedagogical development, particularly through the use of technology. He is a recipient of the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Award, the APUS-SAC Undergraduate Teaching Award, and multiple recipient of the Dean's Excellence Award.

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