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1. McMaster's Carolyn Eyles Awarded 3M National Teaching Fellowship

<http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/story.cfm?id=5939>

Carolyn Eyles has a passion for teaching to her students; was recognized with a prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowship. A Professor in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University believes in listening to her students and incorporating their ideas into her teaching.

2. CGRG Newsletter Profiles U Alberta PhD Student Alberto Reyes

<http://cgrg.geog.uvic.ca/news26-reyes.pdf>

Alberto is a Ph.D. student in the University of Alberta's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences working with Duane Froese. Alberto's dissertation research has focused on using the last interglaciation (~125,000 years ago) as an analogue for future warming in the North. His work at several sites in Yukon and Alaska shows, for the first time, that permafrost persisted through the last interglaciation despite widespread degradation.

3. McMaster's Greg Slater Looking for Life on Mars - in a Canadian Lake

<http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=2983&mode=>

Greg Slater, an Assistant Professor in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University is involved with the Pavilion Lake Research Project in rural corner of British Columbia. Pavilion Lake is host to an underwater "forest" of microbialites, coral-like structures, in a variety of shapes and sizes, that may help guide the search for life on Mars.

4. Term Paper on "The Canadian Geographer" for sale

<http://www.academon.com/lib/paper/101619.html>

This paper reviews the "Canadian Geographer," focusing in particular on the five year period from Summer 2001 to Spring 2006. The paper begins with a general discussion of the design of "Canadian Geographer" and its articles over this period. It then analyzes, in detail, five articles chosen from within this time frame. Written in 2008, it is yours for only \$ 43.95!!

5. Professor Don Janell to Receive AAG Honors for Distinguished Service

<http://www.csiss.org/SPACE/about/news.php#a35>

Professor Donald Janelle has been selected to receive the Ronald F. Abler Honors for Distinguished Service of the Association of American Geographers for 2009. Dr. Janelle currently holds posts as Professor Emeritus at the University of Western Ontario and Director of the Center for Spatially Integrated social Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Don will accept his Honors at the AAG Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon on March 27, 2009 at the AAG Annual Conference in Las Vegas. For more about Professor Janelle's distinguished career, see his web site <http://www.spatial.ucsb.edu/janelle/>

6. Genealogicalstudies.com Offers Course on Canadian Geography and Maps

<http://www.genealogicalstudies.com/enq/courses.asp?courseID=322>

Can you read a map? Did you hate geography in school? You know what road maps tell you, but are you aware that topographical maps tell you much more? Genealogy, geography and maps are inextricably entwined, particularly in a country like Canada where almost everyone has ancestors who came here from somewhere else. If you are looking for a general interest course to add to your departmental program, maybe these folks have the right idea.

7. Mount Allison Geographer David Lieske has a Bird's Eye View

<http://www.mta.ca/news/index.php?id=1851#1851>

Dr. David Lieske of the Department of Geography and Environment at Mount Allison University is working on two studies that he hopes will play a part in preserving the millions of sea birds pass through the Maritimes every year. Lieske is collaborating with Bird Studies Canada and Environment Canada to carry out this work, which is funded by the Marjorie Young Bell Award from Mount Allison University, the Environmental Damages Fund, and the Science Horizons Youth Internship Program.

8. U Ottawa's Luke Copland Teaches Glaciology Class in Antarctica

http://www.media.uottawa.ca/mediaroom/news-details_1613.html

University of Ottawa ice-shelf expert Professor Luke Copland of the Department of Geography will be teaching his Glaciology class during the first ever dedicated University cruise to the Antarctic. Professor Copland and his students will be joining 17 expert scientists and 71 students from around the world for a 2-week expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula during the International Polar Year.

9. Memorial's Trevor Bell Funded to Examine Climate Change Adaptation in Labrador

http://today.mun.ca/rss/readmore.php?news_id=4402

With assistance of more than \$22,000 from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, geography professor Dr. Trevor Bell of the Faculty of Arts at Memorial University will carry out a climate change research project to address climate change adaptation issues in Labrador. The project is being led by and

will engage researchers, local government, non-government agencies, local decision-makers and community leaders in Labrador to explore climate change adaptation issues for this region of the province.

10. Geographer of the Week: Damon Matthews, Concordia University

<http://www.gpe.concordia.ca/about/facultystaff/dmatthews.php>

Dr. Damon Matthews is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography Planning and Environment. Prior to joining Concordia University in January 2007, he held a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Calgary, and worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Carnegie Institution at Stanford. Dr. Matthews currently teaches courses on the climate system, climate change and environmental modelling. His research is aimed at better understanding the many possible interactions between human activities, natural ecosystems and future climate change, and contributing to the scientific knowledge base required to promote the development of sound national and international climate policy.

11. Recent Theses and Dissertations:

Mark Denstedt. 2008. "Precariousness on the menu": Restaurant work and labour mobility within the low-wage service industry in Kingston, Ontario. Unpublished MA thesis. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

http://qspace.library.queensu.ca/bitstream/1974/1333/1/Denstedt_Mark_J_200807_MA.pdf

Susan Vajoczki. 2008 Effective teaching and teaching evaluation practices: Canadian University Geography Departments. Unpublished PhD dissertation. Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

Dana Wilson. 2008. Neighbourhood contexts and opportunities for youth gambling in Montreal, Quebec. Unpublished PhD dissertation. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/s4/f2/dsk3/QMM/TC-QMM-19241.pdf>

12. Update on New Peer Review Structure for NSERC Discovery Grants

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsRelease-CommuniqueDePresse_eng.asp?ID=112

Throughout the summer and fall, NSERC Discovery Grants staff held extensive discussions with key stakeholders to validate options for the new review process and help develop the groups and sections that will make up the review structure. NSERC has just published a comprehensive FAQ document that provides general information on how the new review will work.

13. CFES and CAG Urge Prime Minister to Restore Granting Council Funding

<http://cgrq.geog.uvic.ca/pmletter.pdf>

The Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences is an umbrella organization representing more than a dozen member organizations (including the CAG). With the support from the CAG, the CFES sent a letter to Prime Minister Harper urging that he direct the Federal Science Departments to reallocate funding internally by transferring \$250m of the proposed increase in the CFI budget to the Granting Councils.

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