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### **1. 2009 WDCAG Meeting Hosted by Vancouver Island University**

<http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/cagview/wdcag/2009/index.html>

The Annual Meeting of the Western Division of Canadian Association of Geographers was held on March 4-7, 2009. Hosted by the Department of Geography at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, British Columbia, the conference was attended by almost 300 delegates from all corners of the Division. Some of the conference action is captured on the CAGView photo page address given above. Images from past CAG meetings can be found at: <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/cagview.html>

### **2. Queen's Betsy Donald's "From Kraft to Craft" Working Paper**

[http://martinprosperity.org/media/pdfs/From\\_Kraft\\_to\\_Craft-B\\_Donald.pdf](http://martinprosperity.org/media/pdfs/From_Kraft_to_Craft-B_Donald.pdf)

Betsy Donald, an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Queen's University, working paper "From Kraft to Craft: Innovation and Creativity in Ontario's Food Economy" was released as part of the University of Toronto Martin Prosperity Institute Working Paper Series exploring Ontario's Current Economic Challenges and Opportunities. Professor Donald's policy brief, "A New Menu for Ontario's Food Economy" was selected as a policy insight for the week of February 16th. See: <http://martinprosperity.org/insights/insight/a-new-menu-for-ontarios-food-economy>

### **3. Mapping for a Better Tomorrow at UT Mississauga**

[http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/fileadmin/t3geo/files/Mapping\\_for\\_a\\_Better\\_Tomorrow.pdf](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/fileadmin/t3geo/files/Mapping_for_a_Better_Tomorrow.pdf)

It's all about how you look at things. This is one lesson that third-year student Vinhson Tran learned by working on the project "Mapping for a Better Tomorrow: Geographies of Poverty and Prosperity in Mississauga," as part of U of T Mississauga's Research Opportunity Program, which allows students to collaborate with faculty on research projects for course credit. This project, supervised by geography professor Kathi Wilson, responded to the East Mississauga Community Health Centre's need for a study on the relationship between services and poverty levels in its vicinity and in Mississauga as a whole.

### **4. The Public Professor in Lethbridge**

<http://www.lethbridgeherald.com/content/blogcategory/33/92/9/9/>

The Public Professor is a weekly column written by members of the faculty of the University of Lethbridge, on a wide range of topics from biology to history, geography to anthropology and more. It is the brain-child of Dan Johnson, professor of environmental science in the Department of Geography and a Canada Research Chair, and James Linville, an associate professor in the Department of

Religious Studies.

#### **5. Ryerson Geography Professors Get in the Game**

<http://www.ryerson.ca/news/forumonline/0901/ryeprofs.html>

Their opponents may be younger, fitter and faster, but the RyeProfs have heart on their side. The faculty/staff team is the only one of its kind in Ryerson's student-dominated intramural ice hockey league. The RyeProfs roster includes Geography Professors Wayne Forsythe and David Atkinson.

#### **6. Spaces, Places and Faces - Geographic Radio on the web at Carleton**

<http://spacesplacesandfaces.ca/>

Spaces, Places and Faces is produced by students of the Carleton University Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. SPF digs a little deeper behind headlines you may not even have read or heard about in the mainstream media, examining issues of people and the environment, identity, climate change, and other topics that relate to the Earth as the home of humanity. SPF is broadcast Thursdays at 7 am live over the Internet at [www.ckcufm.com](http://www.ckcufm.com)

#### **7. UWO Geographer Phil Stooke Has Asteroid Named After Him**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/172996\\_Stooke](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/172996_Stooke)

Physics and Astronomy professor Paul Wiegert honoured Western's Geography professor Phil Stooke by naming a newly discovered asteroid after him. Asteroid "172996 Stooke" has an orbit between planets Mars and Venus. Professor Stooke has recently published a book "The International Atlas of Lunar Exploration".

#### **8. Ryerson Geography Prof's Map Tool Lets Citizens Have Their Say**

<http://www.ryersonline.ca/articles/3026/1/Geography-profs-map-tool-lets-citizens-have-their-say/Page1.html>

Claus Rinner, assistant geography professor and program director for the master of spatial analysis raduate program at Ryerson, created a tool which allows citizens to participate in a discussion-based online forum about environmental events occurring anywhere on a map. ArgooMap looks similar to Google Maps and the map itself serves as the foundation for discussions.

#### **9. UNBC Haida Gwaii Field School May 2009**

[http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/2009\\_04\\_haida\\_gwaii.jpg](http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/2009_04_haida_gwaii.jpg)

UNBC Geography professor Greg Halseth, along with ORTM faculty members Zoe Meletis & Pat Maher, is leading a group of students west of Prince George to Haida Gwaii in April & May 2009. The Geography Program is committed to offering a field school option every year.

#### **10. University of Saskatchewan Offers Geography in Prague**

<http://www.usask.ca/geography/prague/>

The Department of Geography and Planning is offering two Spring Intersession sections of a seminar/field class in architecture, urban design and planning in Central Europe. The field class involves an historical review and observation of architectural styles preserved at Prague, and also includes side trips to the southern Czech Republic, to Vienna and to Lower Austria. Students from other institutions wishing to participate in the field trip may apply for admission if their home institution allows for a transfer of credit.

#### **11. Live WebCam from the U Alberta Earth and Atmospheric Sciences**

<http://easweb.eas.ualberta.ca/page/82>

Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences has installed a new Axis 223M camera on the University of Alberta's H.M. Tory Building. The camera records and stores visual weather and river conditions every 15 minutes. Images are archived at EAS Digital Imaging Facility and then transmitted to the EAS web-server and displayed on this web-page.

#### **12. UWaterloo Alumni Fights Crime with Geomatics**

<http://www.fes.uwaterloo.ca/geomatics/admissions/profiles/janicelee.html>

Janice Lee graduated from UW in 2005 with a degree in Geography and a Diploma of Excellence in Geographic Information Systems. She now works for the Durham Regional Police Service as a Crime Analyst. She works GIS and statistics to identifying areas of criminal activity and produce analytical reports for members to use in investigations and policing operations.

#### **13. Student's Guide to Making Sense in Geography**

<http://www.oupcanada.com/catalog/9780195431384.html>

The 4th edition of "Making Sense in Geography and Environmental Sciences A Student's Guide to Research and Writing" has been published by Oxford University Press. The book outlines the general principles of style, grammar, and usage, while covering such issues as how to prepare research proposals and reports, how to carry out lab and field work, and how to illustrate one's work. Co-authored by Canadian geographers David Knight and Dianne Draper, this edition has new material on evaluating Internet sources and avoiding plagiarism.

#### 14. WLU Geography Faculty 1955 to 2005

[http://www.wlu.ca/docsnpubs\\_detail.php?grp\\_id=149&doc\\_id=34777](http://www.wlu.ca/docsnpubs_detail.php?grp_id=149&doc_id=34777)

Geography has been a part of Wilfrid Laurier University since its earliest years. A few geography courses were offered already in the 1950s and students could get an honours degree in geography by transferring to the University of Western Ontario for their final two years. Dr. Helen Parsons has compiled a table listing the TWLU Geography Faculty from 1955 to 2005. An brief introduction to the departmental history compiled by Dr. Alfred Hecht is available at [http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp\\_id=149&p=12575](http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=149&p=12575)

#### 15. Geographer of the Week: Steven Tufts, York University

<http://www.yorku.ca/geograph/Profiles/Tufts.htm>

Steven Tufts is recognized for his role in working with community groups to convince the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) that large scale retail, as proposed by SmartCentres and Toronto Film Studios, was not appropriate for Eastern Avenue in Leslieville. The 58-day hearing lasted from May to October 2008, and the decision of the OMB Board was made public on March 4, 2009. The City Institute at York University was involved in the case via two expert witnesses who represented the interests of East Toronto Community Coalition, Steven Tufts as an economic geographer and Ute Lehrer from the Faculty of Environmental Studies. For details of the OMB ruling see: <http://www.insidetoronto.com/article/64752>

#### 16. Mémoires de maîtrise et thèses de doctorat: Université de Montréal

<http://www.geog.umontreal.ca/recherches/memoiresthese/index.html>

Amiel, Magali. 2008. Opérateur-réseau et approche relationnelle : l'industrie du fret aérien au Canada. Doctorat, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Claude Comtois et Brian Slack codirecteur.

Aron, Alina. 2008. Gouvernance de la biodiversité et développement local: Le Parc National Torres del Paine en Patagonie chilienne. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directrice de recherche: Thora Martina Herrmann.

Benmehrez, Malia. 2008. Titre: Jeu des acteurs et rôle du pouvoir dans la résolution des conflits associés aux milieux humides. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Pierre André.

Brodeur, Julie. 2008. Études des moteurs de développement en Chine rurale et ethnique. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Peter Foggin.

Cloutier-Hurteau, Benoît. 2009. Rôle des microorganismes sur la spéciation du CU, ZN et Al dans la rhizosphère de sols forestiers. Doctorat, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: François Courchesne et Sébastien Sauvé codirecteur.

Cloutier, Marie-Soleil. 2008. Les accidents de la route impliquant des enfants piétons. Analyse spatiale des risques potentiels et des risques perçus pour une meilleure prévention. Doctorat, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Jean-Pierre Thouez et Philippe Apparcio codirecteur.

Costina, Mircea. 2008. L'influence de l'anthropisation sur la répartition géographique du Condor des Andes (*Vultur gryphus* L.) dans le Parc National Torres del Paine en Patagonie chilienne. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Thora Martina Herrmann.

Côté, Simon-Olivier. 2008. Le développement durable et la démocratie participative : une étude de cas du réseautage de la société civile au Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Christopher. R. Bryant.

Derome, Marie-Catherine. 2008. Étude psychosociale du parachèvement de l'autoroute 15 et l'échangeur Jean-Leman : analyse des acteurs et définition des enjeux psychosociaux. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeurs de recherche: Pierre André et Claude Marois.

Desrochers, Rachel. 2008. Le transport ferroviaire canadien et ses pratiques environnementales. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeurs de recherche: Claude Comtois et Brian Slack codirecteur.

El Moussafir, Mohamed Jamil. 2008. L'apport de l'analyse texturale A la classification d'une scène urbaine à partir des images spot 5. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: François Cavayas.

Gates, Caroline. 2008. Détermination des seuils optimaux de texture pour la validation d'un prototype d'automatisation de recensement des espaces vacants. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: François Cavayas.

Gratton, Olivier. 2008. Souveraineté alimentaire et commerce équitable dans les villages de l'état mexicain de Oaxaca. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeurs de recherche: Patricia Martin et Pierre André.

Gingras, Nathalie. 2008. Le cycle biogéochimique du manganèse dans un écosystème forestier/ par Nathalie Gingras. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: François Courchesne.

Hobeila, Joël. 2008. Développement et évaluation de méthodes d'isolation des spores de champignons contenues dans l'eau des rivières. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeurs de recherche: Paul Comtois, François Courchesne et André Roy.

Leung, Pui Yan. 2008. Évaluation des gaz à effet de serre à l'échelle d'un quartier. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Pierre André.

Obiang Nguema, Ange-Bernard. 2008. Analyse des préoccupations des participants aux quatre audiences publiques portant sur des projets d'aménagement de parcs éoliens en Gaspésie. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Pierre André.

Pelletier, Sébastien. 2008. Adaptation de l'industrie du recyclage de navires dans une perspective de développement durable; le cas des chantiers asiatiques. Maitrises, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Claude Comtois.

Proulx, Raphaël. 2008. Structure et dynamique des écosystèmes forestiers par l'imagerie, à de multiples échelles temporelles et spatiales. Doctorat, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directrice de recherche: Lael Parrott.

Robertson, Mélanie. 2008. Développement local et démocratie en marche : analyse d'un projet d'équité sociale en Indonésie. Doctorat, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal. Directeur de recherche: Rodolphe De Koninck.

Thérien, Julie. 2008. Identification des éléments morphologiques du lit dans les cours d'eau de montagne. Directeur de recherche: André Roy.

## 17. Other "Geographical" News

### **Eduroam: Access the Internet Securely at Other Canadian Universities**

<https://wiki.bc.net/atl-conf/display/CANEDUROAM/Canada+Eduroam+Participating+Institutions>

If you are travelling to any one of more than 10 participating Canadian institutions, including Carleton, Western, UBC and others, your home university NetID and password will give you secure wireless Internet access when you are on those campuses. The Canada eduroam wiki provides a full list of participating member sites.

### **IGU Commission on Geographical Information Science C04.13 NEWSLETTER 1/2009**

[http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/~igu-cmgs/newsletters/igu/other/Commission\\_C04\\_13\\_newsletter\\_1-2009.pdf](http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/~igu-cmgs/newsletters/igu/other/Commission_C04_13_newsletter_1-2009.pdf)

The mission of the Commission on Geographic Information Science (GISc) is to advance the study of geographical information science internationally, and to enhance the role and contributions of geographers in the development of Geographic Information Science and of Geographic Information Science in the development of geography. In this newsletter, in addition to details of conferences, details of the members of the in-coming steering committee and what the Commission's objectives are for the next four years are outlined.

### **The Wild Side: Letting Scientists Off the Leash**

<http://judson.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/02/10/guest-column-letting-scientists-off-the-leash/?scp=1&sq=prof%20funding&st=cse>

Science at its most interesting is provocative, surprising, counter-intuitive and difficult to plan — and those are very difficult values to institutionalize in an organization or bureaucracy of any size. As we consider the monumental challenges facing our generation and look to science for solutions, it would behoove us to remember that it is almost impossible to predict where the next great discoveries will be made — and thus we should invest broadly and let scientists off their leashes.

### **Public Safety Canada Research Fellowships in Honour of Stuart Nesbitt White**

<https://iuno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=934&oth=0005052009>

These awards are available for PhD students who have completed their coursework and are conducting research in the area of Emergency Management. This includes work in the areas of one or more of the four pillars of Emergency Management; mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Studies focused on the all hazards approach with regard to EM are encouraged, with cross disciplinary / multi-disciplinary studies in these areas preferred. Preferred disciplines include regional planning, environmental studies, and geography.

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