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1. Trent U's Jim Buttle Involved in Water Quality Study of Urban Ponds

<http://www.trentu.ca/newsDetails.aspx?Channel=%2fChannels%2fAdmissions+Content&WorkflowItem>

A group of Trent University researchers, including Dr. Jim Buttle from the Department of Geography, will receive \$515,500 over three years from NSERC to study the water quality and efficacy of urban ponds. Since the 1970's urban ponds have been extensively incorporated into commercial and residential development; Toronto, for example, now has 700 that cost approximately \$1 million each.

2. Queen's Geographers Donate Textbooks to "Books For Africa"

<http://www.booksforafrica.org/>

Books For Africa collects, sorts, ships, and distribute books to children in Africa. Since 1988, *Books For Africa* has shipped over 20 million high-quality text and library books to 45 African countries. The Queen's University Geography Department was recently acknowledged for the donation of textbooks that were included in a shipment to Africa last year.

3. Adjunct UNBC Geographer Featured in "Scientific American"

http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/faculty_member_news.html

Adjunct UNBC Geography professor Fredy Peccerelli is featured in the 23 March 2009 issue of *Scientific American*. One day last spring, Fredy Peccerelli found himself conducting an unusual exercise: correlating

the dates of major massacres during Guatemala's civil war to the play schedule of the New York Yankees in the 1980s.

4. UNBC Geographer Catherine Nolan Receives WDCAG Teaching Award

http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/faculty_member_news.html

Dr. Catherine Nolin received the J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence from the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers at the March 2009 meeting hosted by Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, BC. WDCAG Awards @ <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcacg/awards.html>

5. AAG Honours Canadian Geographers Audrey Kobayashi and David Ley

<http://www.aag.org/>

At the recent Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers Meeting in Las Vegas, geographers Audrey Kobayashi (Queen's University) was presented with the *Lifetime Achievement Award* and David Ley (University of British Columbia) was awarded the *Distinguished Scholar Honors*.

6. ESRI Canada Honours World Renowned Arctic Explorer

<http://www.directionsmag.com/press.releases/index.php?duty=Show&id=30442&trv=1>

Robert Abram Bartlett (1875-1946) was a Newfoundland Arctic Explorer whose many accomplishments remain unparalleled in the history of Arctic exploration. He spent over 50 years mapping and exploring the waters of the Far North and led over 40 expeditions to the Arctic, more than anyone before or since. ESRI Canada is proud to take part in the commemoration of a Canadian hero who has made such significant advances in the field of geography.

7. Nipissing University Undergraduate Student Receives Leadership Award

<http://www.nugget.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1486303>

Matthew Morris is currently in his 3rd year of the Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Political Science at Nipissing University. From August to December 2008, he was engaged in an internship program for Students for International Development where he volunteered with the African Rural Development Movement in Ghana. While there he helped build a local library with funds raised by his student network at Nipissing. For these efforts, he was awarded the Dave Marshall Leadership Award.

8. Lakehead U Graduate Andrew Brown Receives Dr. Randy Gregg Award

http://www.universitysport.ca/e/story_detail.cfm?id=14150

Andrew Brown of the Lakehead Thunderwolves received the Dr. Randy Gregg award (Outstanding Student Athlete). Andrew graduated with an Honours Degree in Geography in 2007-2008 and achieved CIS Academic All-Canadian status. The Lakehead Thunderwolves team captain was the team's sixth best scorer this season and has an extensive list of volunteering experiences.

9. UNBC Geographer Kevin Hall Leaves for 14th Antarctica Expedition

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On March 30th, UNBC Geography Professor Kevin Hall leaves for his 14th Antarctic expedition, leaving by sea from Cape Town for a 5-7 day voyage through the Roaring Forties and the Filthy Fifties. During the expedition, Dr. Hall will be reconsidering the glacial sedimentology of an area he first investigated 35 years ago — when there was still an ice cap on the island.

10. U Calgary Announces Winners of 46th Annual Geography Conference

<http://www.geog.ucalgary.ca/index.cfm?page=announcements&style=1&this=105>

Winners of awards at the 46th Annual Geography Conference included: Julia Linke (Ph.D. Candidate) for Graduate Student Academic Excellence; Alexander Watts (M.Sc. Student) Graduate Student Teaching Excellence; Scott Bennet and Ryan Reynolds for Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Contributions to Departmental Community Life; and Scott Bennet, Yohannes Bizuneh, Irene Egbulefu, Ryan Reynolds and Tracy Wyman for Best Poster Presentation.

11. UNBC Geographers Greg Halseth and Neil Hanlon Recognized

<http://www.unbc.ca/nmp/research.html>

Drs. Greg Halseth and Neil Hanlon are recognized for their research collaborations with the Northern Medical Program on critical health research.

12. RMC Geographer Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk Explores Ukraine in Chicago

<http://www.brama.com/calendar/caldisplay.pl?1235048071>

Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk explores how the Anglo-Saxon world has viewed Ukraine and its history in the early-mid 20th century and how these views continue to color perceptions of Ukraine and its rocky road toward integration with Europe. Dr. Luciuk is professor of political geography in the Department of Politics and Economics at the Royal Military College of Canada, in Kingston.

13. WDCAG 2009 AGM at Vancouver Island University

http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/nanaimonewsbulletin/news/40987244.html

With climate change, unprecedented demographic changes, looming energy shortages and a suffering economy all converging, today is one of the scariest and most exciting times in human history. How we fare and how we deal with change will mostly fall on the shoulders of students in the university ranks and during the 51st annual conference of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers, keynote speaker Thomas Homer-Dixon let students from across Canada, Oregon and Washington State know of their responsibility.

14. Geographer of the Week: Luisa Veronis, University of Ottawa

<http://www.geography.uottawa.ca/prof/lveronis.htm>

Luisa Veronis is a social geographer concerned with questions of social and spatial inequality, the experiences of marginalized groups, and social justice in the city. Her research and teaching interests address issues of globalization, transnationalism, citizenship and governance. More specifically, her recent work on the social and political participation of Latin American immigrants in Toronto untangles the complex linkages between immigrant struggles for citizenship in Canada and the formation of transnational communities and identities. Prior to joining the University of Ottawa in July 2006, Luisa completed her Ph.D. and M.A. in Geography at the University of Toronto; she holds a B.A. in Anthropology from McGill University.

15. Other “Geographical” News

ESRI Canada honours achievements of world renowned arctic explorer

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within only 150 miles. ESRI Canada is proud to take part in the commemoration of a Canadian hero who has made such significant advances in the field of geography.

Trends in Canada's Environment

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/indicateurs-indicators/>

Environment Canada has released the fourth annual results of the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI) Initiative. CESI is produced in partnership with Health Canada and Statistics Canada, and supported by provincial and territorial contributions. The CESI initiative provides indicators on three issues of concern: air quality, water quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Canada's performance is also compared with that of other selected countries

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