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1. Carleton Helps Launch First Community Online Atlas of the Arctic

<http://www2.carleton.ca/newsroom/news-releases/carleton-helps-launch-first-community-online-atlas>

The atlas was "the culmination of years of work and collaboration by many dedicated people," says Dr. Fraser Taylor, Distinguished Research Professor and Director of the GCRC in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton. The atlas includes an interactive map of Inuktitut place names in the Arctic Bay region, with voicing from local Inuktitut speakers.

2. Labrador Post-Doc Awarded to Dr. Johanna Wolf

http://today.mun.ca/rss/readmore.php?news_id=4535

The Big Land now has its own postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Wolf brings an interdisciplinary approach to the study of climate and environmental change and adaptation and a wealth of research experience from previous community studies in British Columbia, United Kingdom and Scandinavia. Her work will build on the climate change adaptation work of Dr. Trevor Bell of Memorial University's geography department, which has already started in Labrador.

3. Queen's Geographers Co-Edit Book on "Emotion, Place and Culture"

http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&lang=cy&calcTitle=1&pageSubject=320&title_id=977

Co-edited by three Queen's faculty members Mick Smith (Philosophy, Environmental Studies), Joyce Davidson (Geography, Women's Studies), Laura Cameron (Geography) along with Liz Bondi of the University of Edinburgh, the book is published by Ashgate. It was stimulated by the Emotional Geographies Conference held at Queen's in May 2006.

4. SSHRC Research Awards at the University of Toronto

<http://www.sshrc.ca/>

Six faculty members in the Department of Geography and Programme in Planning at the University of Toronto recently received SSHRC awards: Deb McGregor - Traditional Knowledge, Aboriginal Peoples and Water Governance in Ontario; Katharine Rankin - Landscapes of Democracy: The Cultural Politics of Governance in Nepal; Matt Farish - Modernization and Social Science in the Cold War Canadian North; Deb Cowen - Securing systems? Supply Chains, Logistic Space, and the Rebordering of Security; Jim Dunn - Building a "Healthy" Community Through Design? Social mix, new urbanism and participatory governance in the new Regent Park; and, Robert Lewis - Placing People in Order to Govern Colonial Cities: Calcutta and Bombay, 1881-1921.

5. Carleton U's Steve Prashker Receives Professional Achievement Award

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

Steve Prashker has been the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies field course and practicum co-ordinator for about 15 years. Dr. Prashker, who is also tirelessly active in recruitment and promotional activities for his department, was recognized in a recent university ceremony with a Professional Achievement Award.

6. SFU Geographer Jeremy Venditti Receives CFI Funds for River Research

http://www.sfu.ca/pamr/media_releases/media_releases_archives/media_04070901.html

SFU geographer Jeremy Venditti is spending his days in Mission mapping the velocity of the Fraser River. Venditti received CFI funds to support equipment for high-resolution, high frequency, velocity field mapping in his lab. - data that will help him better understand the makeup and dynamics of the river's bottom.

7. Trent U Celebrates Susan Wurtele's CAG Award for Teaching Excellence

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

On a snowy April afternoon, the Great Hall in Champlain College was buzzing with excitement and celebration as Trent faculty, staff, students and friends gathered to honour eight outstanding teachers. Among those recognized was Susan Wurtele who won the CAG Award for Teaching Excellence.

8. University of Saskatchewan Awards Inaugural James A. Pooler Award

<http://www.arts.usask.ca/news/news.php?newsid=989>

Jo-Anne Dillon (Dean, College of Arts & Science) was presented with the inaugural James A. Pooler Award in recognition of her proactive leadership and support in rebuilding the Regional and Urban Planning (RUP) program. The award was established a tribute to Mr. Pooler for his long and valuable contribution to the program in his role as an active member and Chair of the RUP committee.

9. WLU Offers Yukon-Based Ecosystem-Based Management Course

<http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/Yukon%20Course/2009/yukonfieldcourse.htm>

This intensive four week course in June/July 2009 offers an opportunity to learn about ecosystem-based

management of wildlife, protected areas, economic development, and cultural heritage in a spectacular natural and cultural environment. The course will be led by WLU's Dr. Scott Slocombe, with guest speakers from governments, agencies and non-governmental organizations in the region. The course will be based in Whitehorse, Haines Junction and at the Arctic Institute of North America's Kluane Lake Research Station.

10. Northwest College Offers Kitlope Field School with Geography Credits

<http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/Kitlope/Overview.cfm>

Northwest Community College is offering, in partnership with Alcan and the Na na kila Institute, the Kitlope Field School summer program. The Kitlope Field School is a University Credit program that delivers fully transferable Anthropology and Geography university credit courses in an engaging and experiential format - combining classroom with intensive experiential learning. Students learn of traditional ecological knowledge and plant medical and food usages, and of the rich cultural history and landscape. At night students participate in a sharing circle led by Elders and Chiefs.

11. McMaster MIEH Researchers Book on "Sense of Place, Health and Quality of Life"

http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&calcTitle=1&title_id=9968&edition_id=11174

Geographers John Eyles and Allison Williams of the McMaster Institute of Environment & Health at McMaster University have edited a collection of essays from a variety of disciplines to aid in understanding the links between sense of place and health. Understanding these links is a vitally important part of examining what determines health status and how social and psychological responses to local resources affect quality of life more generally.

12. Rural and Urban Planners at a Premium in Saskatchewan

<http://www.arts.usask.ca/news/news.php?newsid=752>

Saskatchewan's unprecedented economic boom has exposed a glaring shortfall in rural and urban planners. Planners are needed throughout the province and in communities of all sizes – not just Saskatoon and Regina. Students in the Regional and Urban Planning program, who study a combination of geography, agriculture, economics, civil engineering, sociology and political studies, will play a key role in the province.

13. UBC Geography Student Vandecasteyen on Vancouver City Kayaking

<http://www.thestar.com/article/611204>

You depart Toronto on a day when a snowstorm has doused the city and you arrive in British Columbia to perfect sunshine. Ryan Vandecasteyen, a second-year geography student at the University of British Columbia who works at Eco Marine on Granville Island, says "You can kayak here year-round. It's not the rain that's a problem with kayaking here. It's really more of a mist most times in Vancouver, not a pounding rain."

14. Geographer of the Week: Geradline Jordan, Trinity Western University

<http://www.twu.ca/academics/faculty/profiles/jordan-geraldine.html>

Dr. Geradline Jordan is an Assistant Professor of Geography at Trinity Western University. Geradline completed her Honours BSc at Lakehead University, her MSc at the University of Victoria, and her PhD at Simon Fraser University. Her research interests are in the area of GIS and landscape ecology.

15. Top Downloaded “The Canadian Geographer” Articles in 2008

Downloads	Article	Author	Issue
416	The imprints of tourism on Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico	John Everitt, Bryan H. Massam, Rosa M. Chávez-Dagostino, Rodrigo Espinosa Sánchez, Edmundo Andrade Romo	52:1
346	Ghettos in Canada's cities? Racial segregation, ethnic enclaves and poverty concentration in Canadian urban areas	R. Alan Walks, Larry S. Bourne	50:3
290	The restructuring of the Spanish salted fish market	Knut Bjørn Lindkvist, Lorena Gallart-Jornet, Mai Cecilie Stabell	52:1
258	The evolving quality of trade between Canada and the United States	Martin A. Andresen	52:1
226	Transnational geographies: Indian immigration to Canada	Margaret Walton-Roberts	47:3
216	Dealing with globalisation at the regional and local level: the case of contemporary containerization	Robert J. McCalla, Brian Slack, Claude Comtois	48:4
210	Feminist geography, the 'everyday', and global relations: hidden spaces of place-making	Isabel Dyck	49:3
209	'It feels like being Deaf is normal': an exploration into the complexities of defining D/deafness and young D/deaf people's identities	Tracey Skelton, Gill Valentine	47:4
202	Protected areas in Canada: decade of change	Philip Dearden, Jessica Dempsey	48:2
191	Intimate colonialisms: the material and experienced places of British Columbia's residential schools	Sarah De Leeuw	51:3

16. Other “Geographical” News

Ottawa Professor Fired Over Perfect Grades

<http://www.nationalpost.com/most-popular/story.html?id=1465352>

The University of Ottawa has fired its controversial physics professor, Denis Rancourt. He was suspended in December after he attracted national attention for his teaching methods, including giving a grade of A-plus to every student in an advanced physics class.

Hiring freezes raise issues for PhDs in the job market

<http://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-sense/>

Not surprisingly, the economic downfall is hitting universities hard. In higher ed one of the most common strategies to weather this storm seems to be to implement hiring freezes. A gloomy prospect for PhDs waiting to land their first position.

Swiss Clean Mountain Initiative

<https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1116-1751-52-02>

Uncomfortable with the growing numbers of bird droppings defacing the Alps, Swiss officials are launching a new volunteer organization that will clean and maintain the mountains. The Association of Mountain Cleaners is committed to maintaining Switzerland's pristine wilderness and will use brooms, brushes and water to remove any unsightly bird droppings from the mountain landscape.

Ice-free Arctic Ocean Possible In 30 Years, Not 90 As Previously Estimated

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/04/090402143752.htm>

A nearly ice-free Arctic Ocean in the summer may happen three times sooner than scientists have estimated. New research says the Arctic might lose most of its ice cover in summer in as few as 30 years instead of the end of the century.

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