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1. UVic's Denise Cloutier-Fisher on Being Happy, Healthy and Old

<http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/release.php?display=release&id=1020>

Denise Cloutier-Fisher of the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria is participating on a panel focused on healthy aging. She will present her research aimed at understanding the assets of and barriers to age-friendly communities, and discuss how more supportive environments can be developed for aging populations during her talk entitled "Age-friendly communities: What have we learned?"

2. Queen's Geographer Heather Hall on Creativity and Innovation in Northern Communities

<http://www.saultstar.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1517495>

Northern Ontario is at a disadvantage when it comes to being noticed economically, said **Heather Hall**, a PhD in candidate in geography at Queen's University. Universities and researchers are most often located in large cities and tend to study "essentially what's in our backyard," she said. "When you look at the statistics comparing various economic variables, etc., often peripheral cities and regions end up at the bottom, creating a perception that these places are not creative or innovative."

3. McGill's Rhemtulla on Regrowing Forests to Provide Climate Change Help

http://www.mcgill.ca/newsroom/news/item/?item_id=105977

A new study shows that allowing cleared forest to grow back can help cut down carbon dioxide emissions. Temperate forests in eastern North America are storing only part of their historic carbon sequestration potential. "There's quite a lot of potential for the future," said **Jeanine Rhemtulla**, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Geography at McGill and lead author of a study published in this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. See: <http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2009/04/03/0810076106.abstract>

4. McMaster Students Receives R. Edward Munn Ontario Graduate Scholarship

<http://www.socsci.mcmaster.ca/sociology/emplibary/Other-Aid-2005-6.pdf>

The School of Geography & Earth Sciences at McMaster University has announced that MSc candidates **Nagissa Mahmoudi** and **Maricris Marinas** were awarded 'The R. Edward Munn Ontario Graduate Scholarship'. The scholarship was established in 2003 by Dr. R. Edward Munn (Class of '41) to contribute to the funding of Ontario Graduate Scholars at McMaster University.

5. SFU's Nadine Schuurman on Pedestrian-Injury Hot-Spots in Vancouver

<http://www.theprovince.com/know/1476432/story.html>

The Province told readers that cars are more likely to hit a pedestrian in the Downtown Eastside than anywhere else in Vancouver. "A recent study led by Simon Fraser University assistant geography professor **Nadine Schuurman** and Dr. Morad Hameed, a trauma surgeon at the University of B.C. . . . found the Downtown Eastside had the two highest-ranked pedestrian-injury hot-spots in the entire city."

6. McMaster University's Bruce Newbold on Immigrant Tooth Care

<http://www.canada.com/Health/Years+poor+dentistry+take+toll+many+immigrants/1482017/story>

A low priority in some homelands, tooth care then often becomes an unaffordable extra in Canada. Immigrants were more likely to visit for restorative treatment and native-born Canadians for preventive care, including braces, says McMaster University geography professor **Bruce Newbold**. "That could be due to a lack of services in the region of origin or a lack of prior dental education," Newbold says.

7. SSHRC Research Awards at Simon Fraser University

<http://www.sfu.ca/geography/>

Five faculty in Geography at Simon Fraser University have recently received SSHRC research grants. The titles of the projects reveal the richness and diversity of interests in the department: **Nick Blomley**: "Property, Liberty, and the First Nations Treaty Process"; **Paul Kingsbury**: "Enjoying Ethnic Diversity? Multicultural Consumption, Cultural Politics, and Emotional Geographies"; **Geoff Mann**: "Monetary Policy on Uneven Terrain: The Geography of Inflation-Targeting in Canada"; **Eugene McCann**: "A Social Geography of Drug Consumption Facilities: Global Networks and Urban Policy"; **Nadine Schuurman**: "Using Web 2.0 to Develop and Implement a Geographic Injury Monitoring Protocol in Low and Medium Income Countries".

8. UWO Geographer Issac Luginaah Named Western Faculty Scholar

<http://geography.ssc.uwo.ca/faculty/luginaahi/>

Dr. Isaac Luginaah of the UWO Department of Geography has been recognized as one of Western's Faculty Scholars. The award was established "to honour and celebrate outstanding scholarly achievements at a critical point in the career of a faculty member at Western."

9. Concordia Geographers Hold Sustainability Research Event

http://gpe.concordia.ca/Sustainability_Research_Event.pdf

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, graduate students of the Research Group Seminar in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment presented "Perspectives on Sustainability: Current Research at Concordia". The event began with a keynote address by Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dean of the John Molson School of Business, followed a student poster from multiple disciplines.

10. Arctic Coastal and Near-Shore Dynamics Project at U Calgary

<http://www.geog.ucalgary.ca/index.cfm?page=thisresearch&this=8>

The Arctic Coastal and Near-Shore Dynamics Project is a collaborative research undertaking involving the Departments of Geography and Geomatics Engineering of the University of Calgary, Geologic Survey of Canada, Geodetic Survey of Canada, ChevronTexaco, Shell, Imperial Oil, and a number of smaller local companies. The goal is to provide detailed knowledge on the geomorphic and geotechnical conditions and processes that operate at the margin of the Mackenzie Delta in the Northwest Territories.

11. Jeff Masuda Joins the U Manitoba Department of Environment and Geography

<http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/environment/departments/geography/535.htm>

Dr. Jeff Masuda is joining the University of Manitoba Department of Environment and Geography in the position of Human Health and Geography. Dr. Masuda was previously a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Population Health Promotion Research, at the University of British Columbia.

2. UNBC Geography Grad Works as Aquaculture GIS & Licensing Officer

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

Garnet Whyte (BSc Geography '01) is an Aquaculture GIS and Licensing Officer with Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Garnet provides GIS training of other staff, aids in mapping licensing applications, and offers field work services to the Environmental Monitoring Program Team. Additionally, Garnet is involved in the Climate Change Hazard Assessment and manages the Aquaculture Mapping Website.

13. SSHRC Special Call Awards at Memorial University

<http://www.mun.ca/geog/about/about.php>

Memorial University's Geography Department is pleased to greet its spring arrivals, courtesy of the recent SSHRCC special call competition results announced last week. Proud parents and co-parents from the department include: **Ratana Chuenpagdee** and **Rodolphe Devillers**, Canadian Environmental Issues: Research Development Grant ("Reconceptualizing Ecosystem Complexity"); **Josh Lepawsky**, Canadian Environmental Issues -- Research Grant, ("Blurred Borders: Mapping Canada's Role in the International Trade and Traffic of Electronic Waste"); **Kelly Vodden**, Canadian Environmental Issues -- Dissemination Grant ("Using Local Knowledge to Manage Coastal Environments of Newfoundland"); **Arn Keeling**, Northern Communities: Towards Social and Economic Prosperity -- Research Grant ("Abandoned Mines in Northern Canada: Historical Consequences and

Mitigation of Current Impacts”). We’re looking forward to seeing our new arrivals grow and flourish!

14. Geographer of the Week: Jacqueline Binyamin, University of Winnipeg

<http://geograph.uwinnipeg.ca/binyamin.html>

Dr. Jacqueline Binyamin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Winnipeg. Dr. Binyamin completed her B.Sc.(Mosul), M.Sc. (Reading), and Ph.D.(McMaster) prior to teaching climatology and meteorology in the department. Her research interests are focused on radiation climatology and climate models; surface-atmosphere interactions and boundary layer processes; coupled climate processes using numerical modelling and observations; and, human impacts on climate and potential feedbacks.

15. “Geographical Humour”:

<http://www.sfu.ca/geography/gallery/VideoGallery.html#whatis>

SFU Geography invites you to view an (amusing) reflection on "Geography: What in the World is it?"

16. Other “Geographical” News

Canadians Talk Climate Change at the University of Calgary

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/news/april2009/climatechange>

A team of researchers from the University of Calgary's Faculty of Communication and Culture will organize Canada's participation in the world's first global citizen consultation on climate change. With funding of \$270,000 from SSHRC, Dr. Edna Einsiedel, Dr. Gwendolyn Blue and Jennifer Medlock will bring 100 Canadian citizens to Calgary to take part in the Danish-led initiative, World Wide Views on Global Warming (WWViews).

CalPhotos

<http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/>

CalPhotos has been on the web since 1995 and was one of the first online image databases specializing in natural history subjects. The database currently contains 202,644 digital images of plants, animals, and other natural history subjects, along with descriptive information including scientific and common names, location and dates of photos, and other information provided by the person or organization that contributed the photos.

Glaciers continue to disappear

www.swissinfo.org

Eighty-two of 88 glaciers measured in Switzerland between 2007 and 2008 reduced in length, according to scientists at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Although the winter of 2007 was one of the snowiest ever, this was cancelled out by a hot summer. The Gorner Glacier alone shrank by 290 metres.

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