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1. McMaster U's Pavlos Kanaroglou on Hamilton's Geography and Transportation Network
<http://www.thespec.com/News/Business/article/556084>

Hamilton is uniquely positioned to be a hub for the convergence of road, rail, marine and air transportation, said Pavlos Kanaroglou, a geography professor at Mac. Few cities have all the components in place and fewer still lie less than an hour away from the country's biggest city in one direction, a U.S. border crossing in another and within the heaviest populated area of Canada. The spillover of benefits would extend beyond the Hamilton-Niagara region and into Toronto and Quebec.

2. Queen's Research to Promote, Welcoming, Sustainable Communities
http://qnc.queensu.ca/story_loader.php?id=49f7537d3700c

Two Queen's researchers are contributing to a \$1-million province-wide study to improve services for new immigrants and to promote positive, inclusive communities in small and medium-sized cities and towns across Ontario. Geography Professor Audrey Kobayashi is a co-Principal Investigator of the project which partners 16 Ontario universities with local leaders and community organizations, municipal governments, school boards, and provincial and federal leaders.

3. SFU Geography Professor Geoff Mann Grabs Two Book Awards

http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/news/story_04300916.shtml

Assistant geography professor Geoff Mann has won awards from both the American Association of Political Science (AAPA) and the American Sociological Association (ASA) for his book, *Our Daily Bread: Wages, Workers, and the Political Economy of the American West*. The book details how wages are critical to creating social hierarchies of race, gender and citizenship. The AAPA gave Mann its 2008 Michael Harrington award for best new political science publication. The ASA honoured him with its 2008 Paul Sweezy prize for best book in the Marxist tradition.

4. Dr. David Ley Appointed as Head of UBC Geography

<http://www.geog.ubc.ca/department/news.html>

Dr. David Ley has agreed to serve as Head of the UBC Department of Geography from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012. Ley is a highly respected geographer and researcher, Fellow of the Royal Society, a Trudeau Fellow, and a Canada Research Chair in Urbanization and Cultural Diversity. Considering also his key involvement with the Metropolis Project.

5. McMaster's Chris McGuire Selected as ESRI Student of Year

<http://www.esri.com/industries/university/edc/index.html>

Chris McGuire from the School of Geography & Earth Sciences at McMaster University was selected as student of the year by the ESRI Education Development Centre. The EDC program provides recognition and special status to university departments that have exemplary programs focused on educating students to design and develop GIS applications using ESRI's ArcGIS desktop or server technology.

6. St. Mary's University Renewal Links Geography Department

<http://www.smu.ca/newsreleases/2009/09-04-30.html>

Saint Mary's University will immediately proceed with \$22.3 million in infrastructure improvements. The modernization and renovation will see the Burke Building, which houses the Geography Department linked to the McNally, Science and Library buildings by the University's new Atrium.

7. Eugene McCann awarded SFU Excellence in Teaching Award

http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/news/story_04300918.shtml

SFU Associate Professor of Geography, Eugene McCann, has been awarded an SFU Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008. This prestigious award is presented to three faculty members each year, based on a university committee's evaluation of each nominee's teaching record and philosophy, student evaluations, and letters of reference from former students.

8. Patrick Forest Awarded SSHRC Post-Doc Fellowship at McGill University

<http://dickey.dartmouth.edu/content/blogcategory/21/74/>

Patrick Forest was awarded a two-year SSHRC Post-doctoral Fellowship to be held at McGill University (Sept. 2009), once he finishes his Fellowship at the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College. Patrick recently edited a book, the first of its kind in French entirely dedicated to the interdisciplinary interface between geography and law with contributions drawn from European, North American and Australian authors. Forest, Patrick (dir.) 2009. *Géographie du droit. Épistémologie, développement et perspectives*. Presses de l'Université Laval. Collection Dikè. 286 p.

9. Geography Teacher Embarks on Trip to Canadian Arctic

http://www.presspubs.com/articles/2009/04/28/quad_community_press/news/doc49f708c70987480071

Centennial High School social studies teacher Chris Ripken is getting an opportunity to explore above the Arctic Circle. Ripken said before departing to Nunavut that "I'm a geography teacher and I try to live what I teach."

10. New Trent University President - Geographer - Steven Franklin

<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1538285>

While Franklin doesn't officially start his presidency until July 1, after getting the job he returned to Canada in February from his sabbatical in Australia so he could better prepare for the presidency. Franklin was raised in Aurora, graduated from Kingsville District High School and completed a masters degree in physical geography and a Ph. D in remote sensing at the University of Waterloo. He worked at the University of Waterloo, Memorial University and the University of Calgary before heading to the University of Saskatchewan, where he served as professor, department chairman, associate dean of research and special assistant to the provost.

11. Queen's Geographer Warren Mabee has Concerns About Biofuel

http://bioenergy.checkbiotech.org/news/biofuel_area_farmers_asked_grow_crops_energy

At a recent Queen's University workshop at Queen's University experts explained how agricultural biomass -- crops grown to be used as fuel -- will become a mainstay of farming and energy production in Ontario. But Warren Mabee, an assistant professor in policy studies and geography at Queen's University, expressed concerns about moving land from food to fuel production. Recent studies, said Mabee, show the combination of climate change and increases in biofuel production leads inevitably to an "increase in hungry people around the world."

12. U Winnipeg's Buhay says Alaskan Eruption Causing Longer Manitoba Sunsets

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/basking-in-an-alaskan-afterglow-43022682.html>

If you've noticed more vivid sunsets in the last week or so, you have a volcanic eruption in Alaska to thank. University of Winnipeg geography professor Bill Buhay says regular eruptions of Alaska's Mount Redoubt since mid-March have resulted in fine dust particles spewing high into the atmosphere, producing longer-lasting, wider sunsets than normal. "We get what's called an afterglow," he said.

13. UBC Geographer Luna Vives Awarded Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

<http://www.geog.ubc.ca/people/index.php?action=2&cat=graduate&memberID=800256>

Ms Luna Vives, a PhD candidate in the UBC Geography Department has been awarded a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship. These new awards are administered by CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC; and were introduced with the explicit aim to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies and leadership skills.

14. Geographer of the Week: Darryl Carlyle-Moses, Thompson Rivers University

http://www.tru.ca/arts/geography/faculty/Darryl_Carlyle-Moses.html

Dr. Darryl Carlyle-Moses is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Thompson Rivers University. Carlyle-Moses completed his Hon.BSc, MSc, and PhD degrees at the University of Toronto, and has been at TRU since 2004. His principal research interests lie in the field of forest and agricultural hydro-meteorology, with currently projects examining the impacts of forest disturbance and subsequent regeneration on canopy interception loss, forest floor water storage and evaporation.

15. Other “Geographical” News

SSHRC Dialogue

<http://www.sshrc.ca/newsletter/2009spring-printemps.asp>

The latest expanded issue of *Dialogue*—SSHRC's quarterly newsletter can now be downloaded.

Arctic Communities Challenged When Temperature Rises

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/04/090428154831.htm>

A wide range of challenges are facing people in the Arctic regions as the climate warms up twice as fast as the global average. People in Tuktoyaktuk in Northern Canada, who have seen their coastlines eroding for a long time, may see erosion happen faster due to warming temperatures and stronger storms. The International Polar Year research project «Community Adaptation and Vulnerability in the Arctic Regions» (CAVIAR) aims to compare case studies across all eight Arctic countries and expand knowledge about adaptation and vulnerability to climatic and other changes.

Southern Glaciers Grow Out Of Step With North

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/04/090430144535.htm>

The vast majority of the world's glaciers are retreating as the planet gets warmer. But a few, including ones south of the equator, in South America and New Zealand, are inching forward. A new study in the journal *Science* puts this enigma in perspective; for the last 7,000 years New Zealand's largest glaciers have often moved out of step with glaciers in the northern hemisphere, pointing to strong regional variations in climate.

16. Some not so “Geographical” News

Official Canadian Temperature Conversion Chart

<http://geography.about.com/library/misc/blhumor13.htm>

50° Fahrenheit (10° C): New Yorkers try to turn on the heat; Canadians plant gardens.

35° Fahrenheit (1.6° C): Italian Cars won't start; Canadians drive with the windows down

-60° Fahrenheit (-51° C): Mt. St. Helens freezes; Canadian Girl Guides sell cookies door-to-door.

-460° Fahrenheit (-273° C): Absolute zero; all atomic motion stops; Canadians start saying "cold, eh?"

-500° Fahrenheit (-295° C): Hell freezes over; The Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup.

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