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Université de Montréal dans le National Geographic, des cartes ont été tirées de l'Atlas consacré précisément à Singapour, dont les auteurs sont Rodolphe De Koninck, Julie Drolet et Marc Girard: Dans le numéro de janvier 2010 du National Geographic Magazine, un article est consacré à Singapour, sous le titre de The Singapore Solution. Bien en évidence dans cet article, on trouve une [page de cartes](#) tirées de l'Atlas consacré précisément à Singapour, que Julie Drolet, Marc Girard et Rodolphe DeKoninck ont publié en 2008. La référence à l'atlas est indiquée au bas de la dernière page de l'article. [Voir l'article](#)

Geography Student Honours Theses @ Laurentian University: The Geography Department at Laurentian University has compiled a list of Honours Theses completed in the department over the last 38 years. The list begins with the paper by D.A. Dire in 1971 entitled *The Evolution of Rural Farmland Use in the Town of Coniston* and ends with the paper completed in 2009 by P. Thibert-Leduc titled "Le délogement du sol sur deux versants dans la région du Grand Sudbury en relation avec les activités humaines historiques et présents". [LU Student Honours Theses](#)

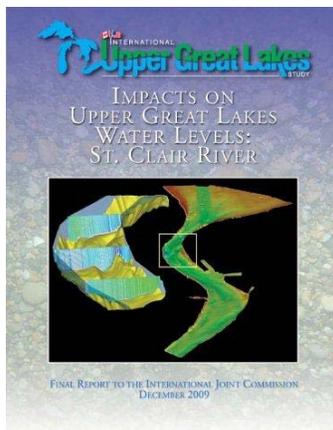
University of Toronto Mississauga Geography Moves into Renovated Space: Two academic departments and a number of administrative offices will be in new digs in renovated space in the South Building. The social science departments of geography and sociology as well as the offices of the vice-president and principal, chief administrative officer, dean and vice-principal (academic), and campus police will move into a renovated South Building third-floor wing, formerly occupied by the U of T Mississauga library. The renovated space includes 79 private academic and administrative offices, conference and colloquia rooms, dedicated space for student academic societies, graduate student work space, staff and student lounges, computer labs and numerous skylights that brighten the interior. [UTM Geography News](#)



UWO's Joy Parr Publishes Book on *Sensing Changes: Technologies, Environments, and the Everyday, 1953-2003*: Dr. Joy Parr, Canada Research Chair in Technology, Culture and Risk in the Department of Geography at Western has just published a book: *Sensing Changes: Technologies, Environments, and the Everyday, 1953-2003*. It examines how mega-projects, such as dams and nuclear power plants, and other regulatory and technology changes have forced people to transform their lives – to radically change their sense of place and their way of life. A companion website can be accessed at: <http://megaprojects.uwo.ca>. Further information on the book can be found at [UBC Press](#).

UBC's Michele Koppes on Shrinking of the Third Pole: The Himalayas have been referred to as the Third Pole. These glaciers supply the rivers that feed half the world's population. All published scientific studies show that the Himalayan glaciers have shrunk in the past century. Michele Koppes from the Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia notes that "what is desperately needed is a concerted effort to measure change at a number of glaciers around the region, across political boundaries, where the data collected can be standardized and shared so that a full picture of the fate of the Himalayan glaciers can be understood by all the countries affected". [The Wall Street Journal](#)

U Calgary PhD Student Adam McLane Awarded ESRI Scholarship: Adam McLane is a first year PhD student in the Department of Geography and is studying the integration of remote sensing, GIS and complex systems in forest ecology and wildlife management applications with his co-supervisors Dr. Danielle Marceau and Dr. Greg McDermid. Adam has several years of experience using the ESRI suite of products to perform spatial analysis in his research area, and has published numerous papers that utilize the functionality of GIS and remote sensing. [UC Geography](#)



UWO's Peter Ashmore Examines Water Level Impacts on St. Clair River: Professor Peter Ashmore, a geomorphologist in the Department of Geography at Western, along with Professor Marcelo Garcia from the University of Illinois, coordinated the work of several geoscientists and engineers from Canadian and U.S. universities and government agencies analyzing erosion and sediment transport in the St. Clair River, as part of the IJC-International Upper Great Lakes Study. The final study report, (Dr. Ashmore was lead author of Chapter 4), identifies a combination of factors affecting lake levels, dominated by hydro-climatic fluctuations and trends, but concludes that erosion in the St Clair River is not a significant concern. The full report can be found @ <http://www.iugls.org/>. [IUGLS Press Release](#)

Dawson College's Richard Soare Suggest Martian Landscape Resembles Earth: Early Martian history may have involved more water on the planet's surface. Images captured by a camera on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance mission show a series of depressions around parts of the planet's equator. Richard Soare, a physical geographer at Dawson College in Canada agrees that the images do bear a strong resemblance to terrestrial thermokarst regions. He told physicsworld.com that very little has been written about permafrost degradation on Mars during this early period of Mars history. "This work provides a substantial first step in this direction," he says. [physicsworld.com](#)

U Winnipeg Geography Congratulates Dr. Salah Hathout on His Retirement: Dr. Salah Hathout has retired from the Department of Geography at the University of Winnipeg. Dr. Hathout taught Remote Sensing and Aerial Photography for 32 years. He was also the director of the Remote Sensing Certificate Program. [UW Geography](#)

Queen's John Holmes Comments on Impact of New Jobs in Auto Industry: Queen's geography professor John Holmes comments on what the recent announcement that as many as 1,000 jobs may be recreated at the GM plant in Oshawa, Ontario means for both the Canadian automobile industry and the overall economy. "This is encouraging news for the Ontario auto industry when coupled with other recent announcements by Toyota in Woodstock and CAMI expanding production in Ingersoll," says Professor Holmes. "It means that a corner seems to have been turned after the disastrous loss of jobs in the Ontario auto sector over the last three years. [Queen's News Centre](#)

Geographer of the Week: Dr. Reuben S. Rose-Redwood, University of Victoria

Dr. [Reuben Rose-Redwood](#) joined the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria in 2009 as an Assistant Professor. He teaches courses in urban, social, and cultural geography, and his research interests include the historical geography of cities; the spatial politics of memory and place-making; cultural landscape studies; critical social theory; science and technology studies; and the history of geographical thought. His recent publications explore the historical geographies of street and house numbering as strategies of spatial governance, the cultural politics of street naming, and the genealogy of the grid settlement pattern. Professor Rose-Redwood has a longstanding interest in the historical geography of New York City. His research on the Manhattan grid plan has been featured in the New York Times as well as on the Discovery Channel and History Channel. He was recently awarded the John W. Kluge Fellowship to conduct research at the U.S. Library of Congress on the history of street addressing in the United States. [UVic Geography](#)

Other “Geographical” News

Parks Canada Planning Newfoundland and Labrador Moose Cull: Parks Canada is planning to cull moose in two of Newfoundland and Labrador's parks in order to save the region's trees. More than 5,000 moose that live in the boundaries of Gros Morne are destroying the park's trees. Moose aren't native to Newfoundland but wildlife officials estimate that since they were introduced more than a century ago, their population has grown to 100,000 animals. [CBC News](#)

Penn State Geographers Learn that People Like Living in Mobile Homes: People living in Pennsylvania mobile homes say they like their residences just fine despite the social stigma, a survey indicates. Penn State University geographers who carried out a mail survey in 12 rural Pennsylvania counties found that mobile home residents were "overwhelmingly satisfied" with their housing choice, the researchers said in a release. [UPI.com](#)

UC Davis Researchers Identify Autism Clusters in California: Researchers at UC Davis have identified 10 locations in California where the incidence of autism is higher than surrounding areas in the same region. This is the first time that anyone has looked at the geography of autism births in California in order to see whether there might be some local patches of elevated environmental risk. Most of the areas or clusters, however, are in locations where parents have higher-than-average levels of educational attainment. Because children with more educated parents are more likely to be diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, one need look no further for a cause, the authors say. [EurekAlert!](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



DFO Rules Gleaning Lobster from Beach Illegal: Officials from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans were on the beaches of western P.E.I. Wednesday warning people not to take home lobster washed up on the shore. A few hundred lobsters were swept ashore in a storm surge on the weekend, caught up in thick bundles of seaweed. The seafood bounty had some people on the beaches near Tignish and Kildare combing the beach for dinner. [CBC News](#)

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