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Laurentian's Randy Dirszowsky Receives Support for Erosion Studies in Northern Ontario: John Milloy, Ontario's minister of Research and Innovation, announced that Laurentian University Geography professor Randy Dirszowsky and his 15-person research team will receive \$59,709 to study soil erosion and sediment redistribution on Northern Ontario's Boreal Shield landscape. Laurentian was recently ranked the sixth-fastest growing research university in Canada. [The Sudbury Star](#)

UNBC Geography Alumnus (2004) James Adamson in Haiti: The UNBC Geography Program is pleased to share this update from James Adamson (UNBC BSc Geography 2004) who is a Chicago based geologist / geomorphologist who has been working in Haiti doing water exploration work for the past several years. James was in Haiti during the earthquake disaster to drill water wells on La Gonave, and was out on a boat when the quake hit - about 30 miles NW of Port-au-Prince. James' family indicates that he is okay and was working with Haiti Outreach last week to help with relief efforts. [UNBC Geography Alumni News](#)

Queen's Geographer Beverly Mullings Feels Canada and World Slow to Respond to Haiti: Amid growing concerns Haitians are dying daily before humanitarian aid arrives, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said it's "unfair" to suggest the response to the earthquake has been slow or inadequate. "My sense is the (Canadian) government in particular has dragged its feet," said Caribbean scholar Beverley Mullings, a Queen's University professor, who blamed Canada's "wait-and-see" posture early in the earthquake aftermath. Mullings said there is growing concern that security is trumping disbursement of humanitarian aid. [The Toronto Star](#)

Past CAG President Marie Sanderson to Receive Honorary Degree from University of Toronto: Marie Sanderson, the University of Toronto's first female geography graduate and the first Canadian woman to become a full professor in geography, will receive an honorary degree from the University of Toronto in 2010. Each year, U of T confers honorary degrees on a number of people whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide inspiration and leadership to the graduates of the university, and who bring honour and distinction to the institution. The honorees attend convocation to receive their degrees and address their fellow graduates. [News @ the UT](#)

Alberta Glaciers, an Endangered Attraction Says U Calgary Geographer Sean Marshall: Much of Alberta's Rocky Mountain glaciers will melt away by 2100, turning white rivers of ice into rock and earth-brown landscapes, according to new research from the University of Calgary. "It's a bit bleak for the glaciers, I must say," said climate change specialist [Shawn Marshall](#). Marshall and a team of researchers predict there will be an 82 per cent decline in the volume of Alberta glaciers by 2100 -- using 2005 as a base year. Smaller and lower-elevation glaciers will fade away relatively quickly. The Columbia Icefield, due to its massive size, will survive the century, he said. [Ottawa Citizen](#) | [Calgary Herald](#) | [Global News](#) |

UBC Geography Newsletter, January 2010: Highlights Martin Müller who joined the department as a Visiting Scholar from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland and Lelia Harris. Lelia is a new Geographer who recently arrived on campus as an assistant professor, with joint appointments in the Institute for Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (IRES), and the Center for Women's and Gender Studies (CWAGs, both in the College for Interdisciplinary Studies). She received her PhD from the geography program at the University of Minnesota and has interest in development, political ecology, water politics and governance, and social difference/ inequality--particularly in Turkey and the Middle East. The featured geographer in this issue is Merje Kuuz and included is a sabbatical story from Philippe Le Billon. [UBC Geog Newsletter Jan 2010](#)

Correction, Valerie Preston does not work for Simon Fraser University: It was reported in the last issue of GeogNews that Valerie had left York University for the heights of Burnaby. Valerie would like to assure readers of the digest that this is not true, as well as to indicate that she was not quoted accurately in the newspaper article referred to. [Valerie Preston@YorkU](#)

Laurentian University's Certificate in Applied Geography: Applied geographers use geographical knowledge and skills to form solutions to spatial problems. The courses that constitute the Certificate in Applied Geography provide students with both relevant training and general education. The Certificate equips the student with marketable skills by providing a solid background in: cartography, quantitative methods, air photo interpretation, remote sensing and geographical information systems (GIS). Knowledge of these skills can accrue into numerous public and private sector employment opportunities including: resource management, natural environment conservation, regional/urban land use planning and marketing analysis. [Certificate in Applied Geography](#)

Geographers of the Week:



Who are these intrepid Canadian geographers?

Other "Geographical" News

Digital Maps Reveal Hidden Geographies of Sex and Religion: A group of three geographers who research internet map data did an exhaustive study of user-generated markers on Google maps. One of their most recent results is a map showing the prevalence of words associated with different religions. Then the researchers added in places where there were markers that had the word "sex" in them. You get a nice view of sexy places and religious places. And then there's a map showing placemarkers with the word "strip club" in them. Of course Vegas leads the way. [lo9](#)

Glaciers discovered in 'cursed' mountains of Albania: A team of geographers from The University of Manchester have discovered a group of glaciers in one of Europe's most inhospitable places. They were following up Dr Hughes' 2006 expedition, funded by the Royal Geographical Society, to a nearby spot in Montenegro researching features carved into the landscape by past glaciers. But they got more than they bargained for when they stumbled upon the real thing - a glacier which was until that point completely undiscovered. In 2009, they found four more in Albania. [University of Manchester](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



Only on a university campus can you guess which one?

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