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**U Toronto PhD Graduate Appointed Co-ordinator of Crime Prevention Council:** The City of Thunder Bay has announced the appointment of Amy Siciliano as Coordinator of the newly forming Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council. Originally from Thunder Bay, Ms. Siciliano recently completed her PhD in Human Geography from the University of Toronto. Her research focused on crime and neighbourhood segregation, gang-related violence, crime prevention and harm reduction.  
[NetNewsledger.com](http://NetNewsledger.com)

**U Montreal's Patricia Martin Describes Most of Mexico as Safe for Canadian Tourists:** The death of another Canadian in Mexico may further stain the country's safety record, but experts agree it probably won't prevent Canadian tourists from flocking south in record numbers. The death of another Canadian in Mexico may further stain the country's safety record, but experts agree it probably won't prevent Canadian tourists from flocking south in record numbers. [Montreal Gazette](#)

**Glaciological Measurements by Trent U Geography Dept Point to Climate Change:** Research conducted by Trent University faculty and students for the past three decades has contributed to a national collaboration that reveals climate change in the shrinking of glaciers, as published by Statistics Canada in an article entitled, "Trends in Glacier Mass Balance for Six Canadian glaciers," available in EnviroStats, (Fall 2010, Vol. 4. No.3), from the [key resource module](#) of the Statistics Canada website [www.statscan.gc.ca](http://www.statscan.gc.ca). [Trent U Daily News](#)

**UBC's Karen Bakker Offered CRC:** Karen Bakker has been offered a 5-year (renewable) Canada Research Chair beginning January 1, 2011. Karen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, and Director of the [Program on Water Governance](#) at the University of British Columbia ([www.watgovernance.ca](http://www.watgovernance.ca)). My primary research interests span political economy, political ecology, environmental studies, development studies, and resource and environmental management. I conduct research in both the 'developing' and 'developed' world, and consequently have an interest in debates over postcolonialism and development. [Homepage](#)

**UWO Graduate Students Create GPS Based Treasure Hunting Game:** Richard Sadler, Matthew Maltby, and Martin Healy, graduate students in Jason Gilliland's [Human Environments and Analysis Laboratory](#) (HEAL) in the Department of Geography created a GPS based treasure hunting game to get local kids interested in geography for World Town Planning Day. The geocaching course was set up around the Children's Museum of London and extended down the Thames River trail.

**McMaster U's 'The Spotlight' Highlights Geography and Earth Sciences":** The Spotlight is an online series focused on the people, research, and events in the Faculty of Science at McMaster University. [Geography and Earth Sciences](#)

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**Vancouver Island U's Don Alexander on Fifth Annual Urban Issues Film Festival:** The fifth annual Urban Issues Film Festival featured short and full-length films focusing on initiatives happening around the world. "This year we're focusing on urban revitalization," said Don Alexander, a geography professor at VIU and co-organizer of the event. Alexander hopes that community leaders from Nanaimo take some ideas from the festival and apply them to the city's downtown. He said the heart and soul of downtown Nanaimo is the unique and specialized businesses, which need more support if downtown revitalization is to continue. [Nanaimo Bulletin](#)

**UBC's Jamie Peck on Struggling with the Creative Class:** Jamie Peck talks with ScienceWatch.com and answers a few questions about this month's Fast Moving Fronts paper in the field of Social Sciences. The paper presented a no-holds-barred critique of an influential thesis in urban studies and urban policymaking—that the fortunes of cities around the world are increasingly tied to the preferences, movements, and lifestyle choices of an elite group of "creative class" workers. [Science Watch](#)

**WLU Geography's Geohorizons Fall 2010 Newsletter:** The newsletter announces a celebration of the department's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2011, includes pictures from the GC/ES399 fall 2010 field camp, a message from the graduate geography association, an item on 'environmental change and governance in coastal and marine systems' by Derek Armitage, a note on a "GIS-based approach to projecting responses of sugar maples to climate change in Ontario" by Daniel Lamonwah, a report from the IPY-OSC Conference by Jennifer Fresque, an item on tourism entrepreneurship by Barbara Carmichael, and suggestions on 'what's the answer' by Bruce Young. [GeoHorizons Fall 2010](#)

**Graduate Students Spend Summer in Mud with St. Mary's U's Danika van Proosdij:** For some Saint Mary's University students the classroom is muddy, and rubber boots and waterproof clothing are part of the dress code. That's the case for Ben Lemieux and Jennie Graham who spent the past summer immersed in Nova Scotia's vital and sensitive marshlands, both academically and physically, as part of their restoration work with CBWES. " This is really exciting for me." Lemieux, a recent Saint Mary's Bachelor of Science graduate with honours in geography and a major in biology, is helping to develop a protocol for using low-altitude photography to monitor marsh recovery after restoration under the direction of Dr. Danika van Proosdij at Saint Mary's University. [SMU Media Release](#)

**U Windor's Maria Cioppa and Alan Trenhaile Discover Clues about Point Pelee Erosion:** Several years ago Maria Cioppa was visiting Point Pelee National Park when she came across what seemed like unusual bands of red and black sediment on the east beach. The earth and environmental sciences professor soon learned they contained higher than normal levels of magnetic material. Along with colleague Alan Trenhaile, Dr. Cioppa is now hoping more knowledge about that magnetite might be used to prevent further erosion of Canada's southernmost point. [UW News](#)

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### **U Waterloo Geography Graduates in the News:**

David Brushey (BES '97, Geography) new executive director of [Muskoka Futures](#).

Jaime Crowley (BA '08, Geography) part of the [Smober Up project](#) webisodes.

Paul Emerson (BES '75, Geography) leaves his post as CAO of [Grand River Conservation Authority](#).

Jeff Lederer (BES '92, Geography) wins excellence in education award from [CMHC](#).

David Kruis (BES '94, Geography) of [Metranome](#) partners with the [Stratford Shakespeare Festival](#).

Ed Piva (BES '00, Geography), uses [rap music](#) to help Grade 8 students with science.

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## Geographer of the Week: Dr. Heidi Webber, Bishops University

Dr. [Heidi Webber](#) is an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Studies and Geography at Bishop's University. Dr. Webber teaches GIS, Resource Management, Physical Geography and Environmental Studies in the Department. Her research investigates improvements to irrigated food production in Central Asia in response to the Aral Sea Crisis and growing food insecurity in the region. She has conducted field research in Uzbekistan looking at water savings and improvements in water use efficiency for food crops. Other greenhouse and modeling studies investigated crop response to soil salinity and regulated deficit irrigation.

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New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



Christian Suteanu. 2010. [Detrended fluctuation analysis of daily atmospheric surface temperature records in Atlantic Canada](#). The Canadian Geographer. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2010.00323.x

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### Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

S. Friesinger and P. Bernatchez. 2010. [Perceptions of Gulf of St. Lawrence coastal communities confronting environmental change: Hazards and adaptation, Québec, Canada](#). Ocean & Coastal Management 53(11):669-678.

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### Other “Geographical” News

**UCLA’s Glen MacDonald on B.C.’s Impending Wet Winter:** The director of the UCLA Institute of the Environment, geographer Glen MacDonald, is a leading authority on climate change and water scarcity. La Niña could exacerbate the drought in the U.S. Southwest, whereas it’s likely to lead to a sharp increase in moisture this winter in B.C., according to MacDonald. “I think there is a chance of a 40-percent-above-normal precipitation,” he suggested. [Straight.com](#)

**Regional Differences in Water Reservoir Glaciers:** Glaciers of large mountain regions contribute, to some extent considerably, to the water supply of certain populated areas. However, in a recent study it has been shown that there are important regional differences. The incentive of the study was the widespread discussion about the impact of climate change on water availability in highly populated regions. [NAS Proceedings](#)

**Labrador Caribou Plan Devastating:** A new conservation plan aimed at saving a dwindling caribou herd in Labrador will have devastating consequences, outfitters say. The Newfoundland and Labrador government this week cancelled the commercial hunt of the George River herd, after a new census showed that its population had dropped by more than 90 per cent in 17 years. [CBC News](#)

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**Some not so “Geographical” News**



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