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Memorial U's Norm Catto on Newfoundland One-Stop Data Shop: Norm Catto at Memorial University said "Making a list of who has done work or putting data in one place could be very valuable". For instance, it could pinpoint where to spend money on upgrading infrastructure or identify areas where there is a need to stockpile supplies because they could be cut off in a severe storm — as the Burin and Bonavista peninsulas were in hurricane Igor. Climate, he pointed out affects so many different things such as transportation, agriculture, the fishery to wildlife — it's hard to get a handle on the ramifications of change. [The Weekend Telegraph](#)

Wilfrid Laurier U's Ken Hewitt on Behaviour of Karakoram's glaciers: An important portion of the Himalaya's glacier cover is currently stable and, thanks to an insulating layer of debris, may be even growing, a new study finds. The new findings are consistent with what Kenneth Hewitt of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, has observed, and point to the fact "that the picture of climate change effects in high Asia is much more complicated than most people realize." Indeed, for much of the past century Karakoram's glaciers were in retreat. A 2005 paper by Hewitt described a turnaround that commenced only in the late 1990s. [ScienceNews](#)

Carleton U's Sophie Tamas Wins International Institute of Qualitative Methodology's Dissertation Award: Sophie Tamas has won the International Institute of Qualitative Methodology's Dissertation Award. Sophie completed her PhD at Carleton University, where her dissertation research used arts-based, feminist, postmodern, collaborative methods to explore how (or if) survivors represent and recover from trauma. She has just joined the Department of Geography at Queen's University to work with Joyce Davidson as a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow. Her current research on sites of memory work and builds on her doctoral examination of the aftermath of spousal abuse. A book based on her dissertation (*Playing the Survivor*) is forthcoming with Left Coast Press.

U of Toronto's Yuhong He Awarded CFI Grant: Thirty-two U of T researchers have won \$6.4 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) for projects ranging from drug discovery to the physiology of trees. Included was [Yuhong He](#), an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Toronto Mississauga, who was awarded \$161,181 for a remote sensing and spatial ecosystem modelling laboratory. [News @ UT](#)

U Western Ontario's Gordon McBean Receives Order of Ontario: Gordon McBean, Department of Geography at the University of Western Ontario was invested the the Order of Ontario at a ceremony to held on Jan. 27 at Queen's Park. Gordon is a leading scientist and authority on climate change and natural disasters. He and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with environmental activist Al Gore. [UWO Campus Digest](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Hilary Ferguson and Thembela Kepe. 2011. [Smallholder farmer participation in local and regional food aid procurement: Assessing the benefits and challenges in southwestern Uganda](#). International Development Planning Review 33(1):27-48.

Lea Berrang-Ford, James D. Ford, and Jaclyn Paterson. 2011. [Are we adapting to climate change?](#) Global Environmental Change 21(1):25-33.

Nadine Heck, Philip Dearden, Adrian McDonald, Steve Carver. 2011. [Stakeholder opinions on the assessment of MPA effectiveness and their interests to participate at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Canada](#). Environmental Management. DOI: 10.1007/s00267-010-9609-9

Hester Jiskoot. 2011. [Long-runout rockslide on glacier at Tsar Mountain, Canadian Rocky Mountains: potential triggers, seismic and glaciological implications](#). Earth Surface Processes and Landforms 36(2):203-216.

Denise Neilsen, Guy Duke, Bill Taylor, Jim Byrne, Stefan Kienzle, and Ted Van der Gulik, 2010. [Development and verification of daily gridded climate surfaces in the Okanagan Basin of British Columbia](#). Canadian Water Resources Journal 35(2).

Bram Noble. 2010. [Cumulative environmental effects and the tyranny of small decisions: Towards meaningful cumulative effects assessment and management](#). Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute. Occasional Paper Series No 8. University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C.

Laurel Pentelowa and Daniel J. Scott. 2011. [Aviation's inclusion in international climate policy regimes: Implications for the Caribbean tourism industry](#). Journal of Air Transport Management. doi:10.1016/j.jairtraman.2010.12.010

A. Séjourné, F. Costard, J. Gargani, R.J. Soare, A. Fedorov and C. Marmo. 2011. [Scalloped depressions and small-sized polygons in Western Utopia Planitia, Mars: a new formation hypothesis](#). Planetary and Space Science. doi:10.1016/j.pss.2011.01.007

R. Smith, S. Shahidinejad, D. Blair and E.L. Bibeau. 2011. [Characterization of urban commuter driving profiles to optimize battery size in light-duty plug-in electric vehicles](#). Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment. doi:10.1016/j.trd.2010.09.001

Jon F. Tunnicliffe and Michael Church. 2011. [Scale variation of post-glacial sediment yield in Chilliwack Valley, British Columbia](#). Earth Surface Processes and Landforms 36(2):229-243.

Geographer of the Week: Dr. Jackie P, Dawson, University of Guelph

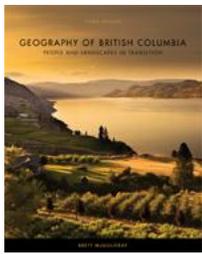
Dr. [Jackie P, Dawson](#) is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph. Jackie completed her PhD at the University of Waterloo and currently holds an Adjunct Professorship in the School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism at Lakehead University. Her main research interests involve examining the human dimensions of global change within the tourism and transportation sectors but with a focus on community and stakeholder vulnerability. She uses a variety of interdisciplinary approaches and am involved with several collaborations which bring together multiple perspectives in order to comprehensively examine social-environmental problems.

Dawson, J. Stewart, E.J. Lemelin, H. and Scott, D. 2010. [The carbon cost of polar bear viewing tourism in Churchill, Canada](#). Journal of Sustainable Tourism 18(3):319-336.

Stewart, E. Tivy, A., Howell, S.E.L. and Dawson, J. 2010. [Cruise tourism and sea ice in Canada's Hudson Bay region](#). Arctic 63(1):57-66.

New Books

Brett McGillivray. 2010. [Geography of British Columbia](#), Third Edition. UBC Press.



In this fully updated edition Brett McGillivray adopts primarily a thematic rather than a regional approach. Beginning with a regional overview and introduction to geographic concepts, he moves to discuss the physical processes that produced a spectacular variety of mountains, lakes, fjords, forests, and minerals. His thematic exploration traces the province's historical geography, including First Nations ways of life, colonization, Asian immigration, and the bitter history of institutionalized racism. Detailed accounts of the province's economic geography -- forestry, fisheries, metal mining, energy supply and demand, agriculture, water, and tourism -- culminate in a discussion of contemporary issues such as urbanization, economic development, and resource management. This edition is enhanced by new and updated figures, graphs, and maps and by new discussions, including how globalization, climate change, and recession are influencing the province and its people.

Other "Geographical" News

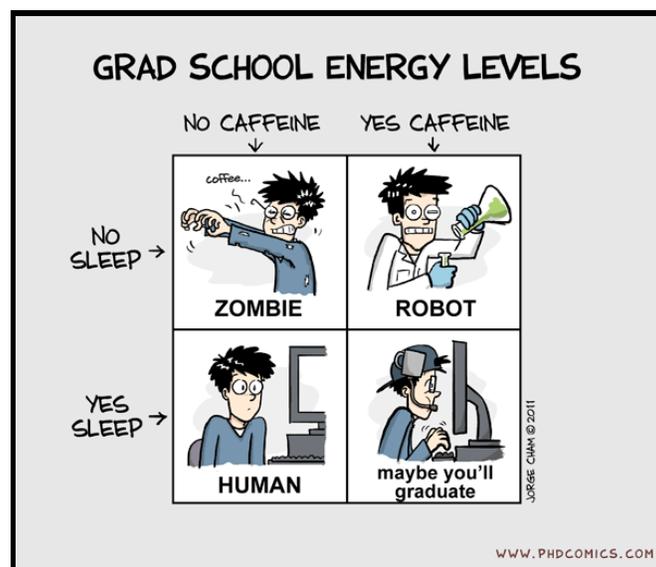
Unconventional Minor in Works at UCSB: Beginning next quarter, UCSB will introduce a new academic minor in spatial studies — the assessment of people or things using their geographical location in order to identify patterns and trends. The minor combines a range of academics including art, humanities, science and engineering to contextualize spatial thinking and reasoning. Its introduction was announced last Tuesday during a ThinkSpatial forum led by geography professor Mike Goodchild and spatial studies Director Don Janelle. [Daily News](#)

Geography of World Cultures: Despite the supposedly homogenizing effects of globalization, people continue to be joined together and divided asunder by the languages they speak, the religions they follow, and the ethnic identities to which they belong. Such cultural features all have specific geographies, tied to particular places. The purpose of this map-intensive course is to explore the locational dynamics of the world's languages, religions, and ethnic groupings. The course explores the historical forces that have generated cultural diversity, and examines the processes of contemporary transformation. [Free Podcast by Stanford Continuing Studies Program](#)

The Beauty of Maps: Seeing Art in Cartography: The site features five of the world's most beautiful historical maps, five of the most ambitious and fascinating digital ones available today, and video highlights that explore the stories and cultural contexts behind these maps. From Psalter's cartography circa 1260 to a map of today's global data exchange to a colorful NASA map of the dark side of the moon, the site is a treasure trove of cartographic fascination. The effort is part *The Map as Art*, part Strange Maps, part essential education for the age of location. [Brain Picking](#)

Hotter Summers May Actually Slow Down Flow of Glaciers: Hotter summers may not be as catastrophic for the Greenland ice sheet as previously feared. A letter published in *Nature* explains how increased melting in warmer years causes the internal drainage system of the ice sheet to 'adapt' and accommodate more melt-water, without speeding up the flow of ice toward the oceans. The findings have important implications for future assessments of global sea level rise. [ScienceDaily](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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