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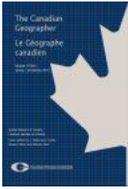
Nigel Waters New Editor of *Cartographica*: Nigel Waters received a BA with First Class Honours from Cambridge University in 1972 and an MA and PhD from the University of Western Ontario in 1973 and 1977, respectively. He began his academic career at the University of Calgary in 1975, retiring as Full Professor in 2007. Since that time he has been employed as Full Professor in the Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, where he also directs the Center of Excellence in Geographic Information Science. From 1979 to 1984 he was editor of the BC Geographical Series. He has research interests in GIS and its application to spatial analysis, transportation planning and safety, medical geography, habitat modelling, electoral geography, and crime mapping. In fall 2010 he was the Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecturer at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

UBC's Michael Church to Receive Mel Marcus Distinguished Career Award from the Association of American Geographers: Dr. Michael Church has been named this year's recipient of the Mel Marcus Distinguished Career Award by the Association of American Geographers-Geomorphology Specialty Group. The award will be conferred on April 13th in Seattle, site of this year's annual Association meeting. [Past Marcus Winners](#)



Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers, 2011 Annual Meeting: The Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University is hosting the [WDCAG 2011 conference](#), March 10-12, 2011. The theme of the WDCAG 2011 conference is Habitat for Diversity. It was proposed by an undergraduate student in the Department of Geography at SFU, and was adopted as the theme as it is thought to characterize many contemporary aspects of the discipline. Habitats are places that are inhabited by particular species, while diversity has numerous interpretations ranging from biodiversity (or species richness) to an expression of variety. The full WDCAG conference programme and abstract is available for downloading at [WDCAG2011](#).

New in *The Canadian Geographer* /*Le Géographe canadien*



Catherine Jean Nash. 2011. [Trans experiences in lesbian and queer space](#). *The Canadian Geographer* /*Le Géographe canadien*. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2010.00337.x

Michael A. Wulder, Joanne C. White, and Nicholas C. Coops. 2011. [Fragmentation regimes of Canada's forests](#). *The Canadian Geographer* /*Le Géographe canadien*. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2010.00335.x

Claire Halpern, and Clare J. A. Mitchell. [Can a preservationist ideology halt the process of creative destruction? Evidence from Salt Spring Island, British Columbia](#). *The Canadian Geographer* /*Le Géographe canadien*. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2010.00333.x

Dragos Simandan. 2011. [Kinds of environments—a framework for reflecting on the possible contours of a better world](#). *The Canadian Geographer* /*Le Géographe canadien*. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2010.00334.x



Geographer of the Week: Dr. Emilie Cameron, Carleton University

Dr. [Emilie Cameron](#) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University. Emilie completed her BA at UBC; an MA at Royal Holloway, University of London; and, her PhD at Queen's University. Her research is grounded in the Central Canadian Arctic, where she has examined the materiality of stories and the ways in which stories order geographies of race, nature, political mobilization, and resource extraction in the region. Her current research focuses more directly on mineral exploration and extraction. She is particularly interested in how mining interweaves with economic development initiatives, international investment flows, territorial governance issues, and Inuit self-determination in contemporary Nunavut. Working with partners at the University of British Columbia and Memorial University, she is part of a larger project examining the ways in which industrial mineral economies have transformed social, environmental, economic, and cultural geographies in the Canadian North.

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Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Jim Buttle. 2011. [Streamflow response to headwater reforestation in the Ganaraska River basin, southern Ontario](#). Canada. Hydrological Processes. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.8061

Geoff Hill and Greg Henry. 2011. [Responses of High Arctic wet sedge tundra to climate warming since 1980](#). Global Change Biology 17(1):276-287.

T. A. Jones, Lori D. Daniels and S.R. Powell. 2011. [Abundance and function of large woody debris in small, headwater streams in the Rocky Mountain foothills of Alberta, Canada](#). River Research and Applications 27(3): 297-311.

Joyce Lundberg and Donald A. McFarlane. 2011. [Subaerial freshwater phosphatic stromatolites in Deer Cave, Sarawak — A unique geobiological cave formation](#). Geomorphology 128(1-2):57-72.

Adam J. McLane, Christina Semeniuk, Gregory J. McDermid, and Danielle J. Marceau. 2011. [The role of agent-based models in wildlife ecology and management](#). Ecological Modelling. doi:10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2011.01.020

Michael Ripmeester. 2011. [Missing memories, missing spaces: The Missing Plaques Project and Toronto's public past](#). City, Culture and Society. doi:10.1016/j.ccs.2011.01.002

Margaret Walton-Roberts. 2011. [Immigration, trade and 'ethnic surplus value': a critique of Indo-Canadian transnational networks](#). Global Networks. DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-0374.2011.00318.x

Eric Sheppard and Trevor Barnes. 2011. [Can error statistical theory include everything that matters?](#) Progress on Human Geography. doi: 10.1177/0309132510390872

New Book:

Jennifer Hyndman. 2011. [Dual Disasters: Humanitarian Aid After the 2004 Tsunami](#). Kumarian Press



Dual Disasters describes what happens when “man-made” and “natural” disasters meet. Focusing specifically on Indonesia and Sri Lanka, countries that had complex emergencies long before the tsunami arrived, Hyndman shows how the storm’s arrival shifted the goals of international aid, altered relations between and within states and accelerated or slowed peacebuilding efforts. With updated comments on the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the book guides readers through the multifaceted forces at work in modern humanitarian disasters. [Q&A with Author Jennifer Hyndman](#)

Other “Geographical” News

Cartographier les Incidences des Changements Climatiques sur l'Humain: Un doctorant de l'Université McGill à Montréal vient de réaliser une grande première : cartographier l'incidence des changements climatiques sur les populations humaines. La mappemonde révèle que les habitants des régions les moins responsables risquent de subir le plus ces modifications. Après les migrations des espèces végétales et animales, c'est maintenant les migrations humaines qui intéressent les chercheurs. Particulièrement Jason Samson, doctorant au département de sciences des ressources naturelles de l'Université McGill à Montréal. A l'heure actuelle, l'équipe travaille sur des données récoltées auprès de 97% de la population mondiale. Cette étude vise à fournir des prédictions jusqu'à 2050. [Maxisciences](#)

Mountain Legacy Project: The [Mountain Legacy Project](#) is run by an interdisciplinary research team based in the Visualization Lab at the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. Project team members investigate landscape ecology, ecological restoration, and social perspectives on the mountainous landscapes of western Canada through repeat photography and archival research. [YouTube to MLP](#)

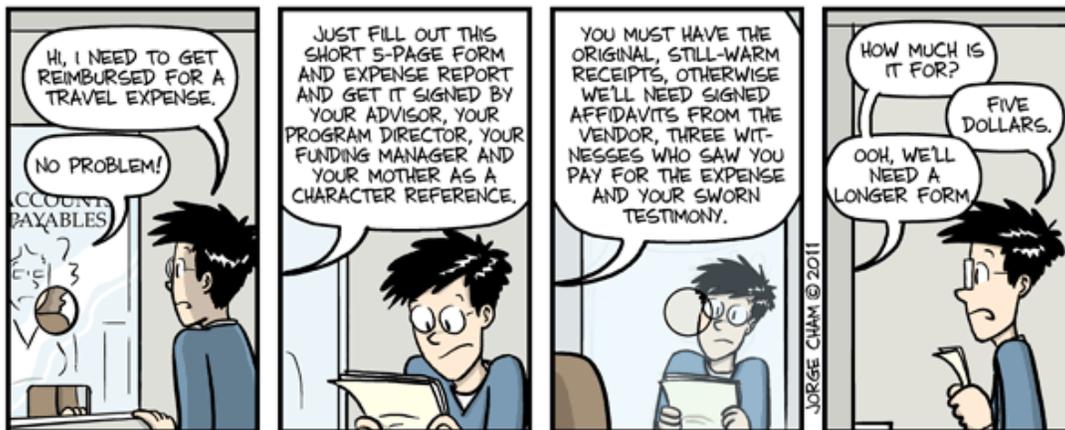
Polluted Snow Causes Early Runoff, Stronger Monsoons in Asia: Researchers found that soot landing on snow on the massive Tibetan Plateau can do more to alter snowmelt and monsoon weather patterns in Asia than carbon dioxide and soot in the air. Soot on snow causes the plateau's annual glacial melt to happen sooner each year, causing farmers below it to have less water for their crops in the summer. In a domino effect, the melting then prods two of the region's monsoon systems to become stronger over India and China. [EurekAlert!](#) | [Science Daily](#)

Mapping Food Deserts: Two Michigan State University professors have developed interactive maps that offer a visual perspective of urban food deserts. By using GIS technology, they are showing, rather than simply telling, how urban residents are losing access to fresh produce and balanced nutrition. They found that many supermarkets have closed their stores that serve urban areas and have moved to the suburbs. They also showed that Michigan's state capital is a model for what's happening to food environments around the country. [EuerkAlert!](#)

World Bank App for Development: The World Bank is stepping up to the new media plate by asking concerned app developers to bring out their innovative software applications that "move us a step closer toward solving some of the world's most pressing problems." On the site, visitors can look over all of the apps that have been submitted as part of this initiative, and they are all quite interesting. They include "Food Factor", which gives users a quick visual reference of global food security, and "Forecasting the MDGs", which lets users learn which countries are likely to achieve the Millennium Development Goals established by the World Bank. [World Bank](#)

First the Buffalo, then the Bluefin Tuna: The Mismanagement of our Natural Resources: The prairies were littered with the skulls of bison during the waning days of the Buffalo hunt. There had been, at a time, some 50 to 60 million of the woolly beasts roaming the plains of North America. Even in the 1870s there were reports of herds that would take days to pass. Yet by the early 1880s the prairie bison were on the brink of extinction. During the U.N.'s 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, Canada joined Japan in blocking a U.S.-backed proposal to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna, which the World Wildlife Fund warns will be "functionally extinct" in the next three years. [CG Compass Blog](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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