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McGill U's Navin Ramankutty has Grim Food for Thought: When McGill geography professor Navin Ramankutty looks at a map, he sees the past, but also imagines the future, one where there is plenty of good, nutritious food for everyone on the planet. "We have a vision of what we want the world to look like in 2050, but how do we get from here to there?" asked Ramankutty. As one of the professors affiliated with McGill's fledgling program in Sustainability, Science and Society, he encourages students to examine global problems like poverty, climate change and safe drinking water and search for solutions that are ethical and scientifically and economically sound. [The Montreal Gazette](#)

UVic's Stephen Cross on Sea Farming, Naturally: It's an ancient concept with real relevance today. Over 5,000 years ago, Chinese manuscripts detailed the cultivation of carp and shrimp in ponds. This venerable example of polyculture fish farming has spawned a modern multispecies system called sustainable ecological aquaculture. At his research facility on pristine Kyuquot Sound, along the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, UVic geographer Stephen Cross, brings together commercially viable species in a fashion that "mimics the way nature functions." Cross' concept has garnered interest from around the world, and he plans to build his own commercial production system and use it as a showcase for others. "Whether and how it might be incorporated into existing systems is yet to be seen," he says. "We are, however, designing infrastructure (for) such an evolution." Page 21 in [UVic's Torch](#)

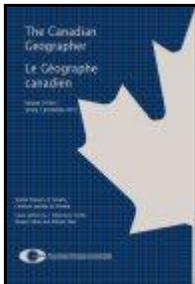
Trent U's Graham Cogley on Vatican's Report on Climate Change: Graham Cogley, geography professor with Trent University, agreed that the 2007 prediction that Himalayan glaciers might disappear by 2035 was flat wrong -- but not the current claims. "It is a dire prediction to say that mountain glaciers are 'lethally vulnerable' to climatic change, but it is literally and unquestionably correct," he told [FoxNews.com](#).

McMaster Alumni IMPACT Award for UVic's Michael Hayes: On June 2, the McMaster Alumni Association will recognize the achievements of alumni who inspire with their dedication and service to others, their success within their chosen fields and their creativity and innovation. Among the people to be honoured is [Michael Hayes](#). Michael joined the faculty at the University of Victoria in July, 2010 as the inaugural Director of Health Education and Research. Prior to coming to UVic, he spent 22 years at Simon Fraser University in the Department of Geography and, in 2004, as a founding member of the Faculty of Health Sciences. He was co-founding editor of the journal Health and Place. At UVic, he has appointments in the School of Public Health and Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development, in the Division of Medical Sciences, in addition to his appointment in the Department of Geography. [McMaster Impact Award](#)

Carleton U's Michael Pisaric on Ecological Impacts on Canada's Arctic coastline: By studying growth rings from coastal shrubs and lake sediments in the Mackenzie Delta region of the Northwest Territories – the scene of a widespread and ecologically destructive storm surge in 1999 – researchers have discovered that the impact salt-water surges are having is unprecedented in the 1,000-year history of the lake. "This had been predicted by all the models and now we have empirical evidence," says team co-leader Michael Pisaric, a geography professor at Carleton. The Inuvialuit, who live in the northwest Arctic, identified that a major surge had occurred in 1999, and assisted with field work. [Physorg.com](#) | [Carleton Newsroom](#)

UVic's Phil Dearden Signatory to Report Asking Ottawa to Protect Oceans: Canada is falling badly behind other western countries in protecting its oceans, says a group of top Canadian marine scientists who are calling on the federal government to take action. "Canada is way behind many other western countries, such as Australia and New Zealand, in protecting its marine ecosystems," said Philip Dearden, University of Victoria geography professor and one of the signatories to the report. "In our report, we offer concrete ways in which Canada can become one of the world's leaders in ocean conservation," he said. [Calgary Herald](#) | [Montreal Gazette](#)

New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



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Markus Meuronen. 2011. [Casino State: Legalized Gambling in Canada edited by James F. Cosgrave and Thomas R. Klassen](#). The Canadian Geographer 55(2):266-267.

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Geographer of the Week: Dr. Jamie Linton, Queen's University

Dr. [Jamie Linton](#) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Queen's University and a Fellow, Queen's Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy. Jamie came to Queen's in 2007, shortly after completing a PhD in Geography at Carleton University. His first academic discipline was political science, in which I earned an M.A. at the University of Western Ontario. Since coming to Queen's he continued to focus his research and teaching on the social dimensions of water. His current research projects include an elaboration of the concept of the 'hydro-social cycle' and its relevance to processes of water governance, an exploration of the idea of water as a social opportunity and its relevance to water policy in Canada, and an investigation of how the concept of water as a cultural product applies to water issues in First Nations communities in Canada.

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Yonas Dibike, Terry Prowse, Rajesh Shrestha and Roxanne Ahmed. 2011. [Observed trends and future projections of precipitation and air temperature in the Lake Winnipeg watershed](#). *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. doi:10.1016/j.jglr.2011.04.005

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Tammy L. Elliott and Gregory H. R. Henry. 2011. [Effects of simulated grazing in ungrazed wet sedge tundra in the High Arctic](#). *Arctic, Antarctic, and Alpine Research* 43(2):198-206. 2011

Rachel V. Herron and Mark W. Skinner. 2011. [Farmwomen's emotional geographies of care: a view from rural Ontario](#). *Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*. DOI:10.1080/0966369X.2011.572432

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P.M. Teillet, X. Ren, and A.M. Smith. 2011. [Suitability of rangeland terrain for satellite remote sensing calibration](#). Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing. Doi:10.5589/m10-074

Peter W. Williams and Alison M. Gill. 2011. [Blending amenity migrants with locals in host destinations: 'residential tourism' in British Columbia](#). In: Gross, Michael J (Editor). CAUTHE 2011 National Conference: Tourism : Creating a Brilliant Blend. Adelaide, S. A.: University of South Australia. School of Management, 2011: 1369-1373.

2011 Canadian Association of Geographers National Conference

The Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) is holding its national conference at the University of Calgary May 31 through June 4. The theme of "Our Heritage, Our Future" also celebrates the UofC Geography Department's 50th anniversary. During the conference, there will be four lectures open to the public.

June 1 (Wednesday) 12:30-1:30 in ICT121: Kevin Van Tighem, Superintendent of Banff National Park, will speak on the heritage of parks.

June 1 (Wednesday) 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MacEwan Ballroom: Dr. Briony Penn will deliver the annual CAG Wiley Lecture entitled "Guerrilla Geography: Defending Place for a Living or the renaissance of 100-Mile Geographers.

June 2 (Thursday) 12:30-1:30 in ICT121: Dr. Paul Johnston, Mount Royal University, will speak on "Old rocks, New Thoughts: Reinterpreting the Burgess Shale"

June 3 (Friday) 12:30-1:30 in ICT121: Steven Bigras will speak on the Canadian Government's Northern Scientific Training Program, which is also celebrating 50 years of service.

[University of Calgary Events](#)

Other "Geographical" News

Rockcliffe Student on Top of the World for Geo Challenge: Alexander Cohen has the whole world almost in the palm of his hand. The grade 10 Ashbury College student recently won first place in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge (also known as the Geo Challenge), which is a program run by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Now, the avid traveller and geography whiz will be taking off to represent the country at the international competition in late July. The top three finalists in this year's challenge then jockeyed for position on the three-person Canadian team competing at the 2011 National Geographic World Championship. Held every two years, the world championship is staged by the National Geographic Society of Washington, DC. Canada has done well in past world championships: gold in 2009, bronze in 2007, silver in 2001, silver in 1999, gold in 1997, and bronze in 1995. [Ottawa East EMC](#)

MAP: Major tropical storms in Canada: CBCNews presents a map showing the major tropical storms that have hit the East Coast over the past decade. You can click and icon and learn more about each storm and the impact it had. [MAP](#)

Meeting the Demand for Qualified Geography Teachers; Geography education leaders from around the world will converge on Portland, Oregon this August to address the critical need for geography education in the United States at the 2011 National Conference on Geographic Education: Going Green for Geography. Geography teachers, professors, students, and professionals from around the world will converge on Portland, Oregon this August 4-7 for the 2011 National Conference on Geographic Education to discuss the critical need for geography education and best practices for preparing teachers to meet the demands of this expanding field. The 2011 conference will feature special sessions offered by Google, the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers and ESRI. [2011 National Conference on Geographic Education](#)

Moby-Duck: Tracking Thousands of Bath Toys Lost at Sea: On January 10, 1992, a container ship from Hong Kong was en route to Tacoma, Washington, when it hit very rough seas just south of the Aleutian Islands. Twelve of its containers were lost overboard, and at least one broke open, spilling its cargo of 28,800 bath toys into the choppy water. Thirteen years later, Donovan Hohn decided to find out what happened to those yellow ducks, red beavers, blue turtles and green frogs. The ducks make their first appearance on land not long after the spill, when hundreds of them were spotted off the shore in Sitka, Alaska, in 1993. Some of the toys then followed the currents along the Gulf of Alaska and washed up in British Columbia. Others made it as far south as Washington and Oregon. But most of them continued out towards the Aleutians and, Hohn speculates, a few would have likely slipped through the Bering Strait and up into the Arctic. [CBC Books](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News

UVic Geographers Relive “the Cornett wall”: In the early '70s there was a group of mostly Geography students who were certainly the most “social” of the social sciences. Students who have had classes in the Cornett know what a puzzle the building was and still is. It was decided to add another obstacle to the puzzle: a wall. In the dark on Sunday evening, April 1, 1973, a group was dispatched to the Commons Block residences. Cinder blocks, still warm from being used as a barbeque for the residents, were loaded into an old Cortina and brought to the southwest corner of the Cornett. From there, they were carried up to the Geography grad student office on the second floor. Another group was sent to the McPherson Library where a new extension was being built. Two bags of masonry cement were absconded. The cinder blocks were moved, using office chairs, from the second floor up the elevator to the third floor building site. The walls and floor were protected by newspapers to minimize damage and allow an easy cleanup. The mortar was mixed in waste paper baskets in the Geography staff room and brought up. The wall was constructed with great geographical engineering skills. Posters were added for a camouflaging effect. The next day, it's rumoured an Economics professor came out of his office reading a paper and ran smack dab into the wall. This may have been fitting as he is the one who is also rumoured to have uttered the famous phrase “the school spirit at UVic is dead.” The Economic students took great umbrage to where the wall was placed in the narrowest corridor in the building. They believed they had been blasphemed and retaliated by placing plastic sheeting, approximately 50 to 100 pounds of manure, followed by at least 5 pounds of odorous chicken manure in front of the Geography Department offices. [The Wall](#) | [The wall, a slide story](#) |

GeogNews Archives: <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/geognews/geognews.html>
