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Independent Geographer Laurent Giugni Joins the Ranks of Stanford Who's Who: [Laurent Giugni](#) has been accepted among the prestigious ranks of Stanford Who's Who as a result of his remarkable professional career. As an independent Geographer and Earth Observation Communications Advisor for the past 15 years, Laurent has routinely exhibited the passion, vision and dedication necessary to be considered among the best. Mr. Giugni provides consultation and guidance to companies using remote sensory systems as well as geographic services. During his collegiate career, Laurent earned a Master's degree in Science, Geography and Remote Sensing from the University of Montreal. He is a member of the Canadian Geographic Association and the Quebec Remote Sensory Association. [Stanford Who's Who](#)

UBCO Master's Student Jason Drury at Hunger and Social Justice Film Festival: The public is invited to join the Kelowna Community Food Bank and the Okanagan Institute for an interesting evening of short films documenting local hunger, food insecurity and social justice. An informative discussion is also planned as local film makers Jason Drury and Marc Arellano will provide insight and answer questions between screenings. Drury is a master's student at UBCO, enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program. As a human geographer, he is focused on the way we think and talk about the places we live and play, and how those places are given meaning. His research includes diverse topics from parks and protected areas, wilderness, food security, and most recently, the "touristed" landscape of the Okanagan. [Kelowna Capital News](#)

Royalties to Support Scholarship in Department of Geography at Memorial University: Royalties from a new book published by St. John's Flanker Press will enhance the Captain James Cook Scholarship in the Department of Geography. [John Guy of Bristol and Newfoundland: His Life, Times and Legacy](#) by the late Dr. Alan F. Williams, was launched earlier this month. For more than three decades, Dr. Williams assembled a manuscript detailing the life of John Guy, one of the province's most significant historic figures. Sadly, Dr. Williams passed away before the editorial process could be completed. Enter Dr. Gordon Handcock and Dr. Ches Sanger, professors emeriti in the Department of Geography and former students and colleagues of Dr. Williams. It was Dr. Williams' wife Sally who made the decision to donate the book's royalties to the Capt. James Cook Scholarship fund. [Today at MUN](#)

UWO Geography Alumnus Quoted in The Globe and Mail: Mark Fieder, current President and Managing Director of Avison Young's Ontario Division was quoted in the Business Section of May 17th's Globe and Mail about the need to provide an office space balance to retain older employees and attracting new ones. Mark received his BA from the Department of Geography, Urban Development Program at Western in 1984. [Globe and Mail](#)

UVic's Reuben Rose-Redwood on Salish Sea Change: Salmon were plentiful in the waters off the coast of British Columbia when Bert Webber was a child, but as the Canadian-born marine biologist grew older, he saw fewer and fewer fish return. This prompted him to try to protect the Strait of Georgia, the Juan de Fuca Strait and Puget Sound. "The renaming of the Salish Sea is one of the most significant changes to the world's geographic map in the last decade," says University of Victoria geography professor Reuben Rose-Redwood, because it creates a new transnational space which emphasizes the cultural significance of the longstanding indigenous presence in the region. [Canadian Geographic](#)

U Guelph Geography Offers Major in Environmental Geoscience and Geomatics: Students in this degree program combine two fields of study; geoscience and geomatics. Geoscience is concerned with the natural and human-induced forces shaping the surface of our planet. Geomatics, the science involving spatial analysis using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and satellite imagery, is a core component of the rapidly growing information sector worldwide. Graduates of this program can meet the [academic requirements](#) for eligibility in the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO). [Program Details](#)

UQTR présentation des résultats d'activités de fin d'études: Vendredi le 01 avril 2011, 8 étudiants de géographie de la cohorte « stage2010 » ont présenté les résultats de leurs travaux réalisés durant l'été dernier. Dans le présent cas, les présentations portaient sur : (1) la création et la gestion d'une cartothèque numérique (Hydro-Québec), (2) l'intégration d'outils favorisant des déplacements « vert » des employés d'entreprises trifluviennes (Vire Vert), (3) l'acquisition de données relatives à la qualité de l'eau de puits en Mauricie (Caractérisation des eaux souterraines de la Mauricie), (4) la caractérisation de la perception des habitants vis-à-vis des scénarios d'évolution de leur paysage (Paysage Maskoutain, révéler, mettre en valeur, requalifier), (5) la vérification d'installations sanitaires et conformités avec le règlement Q-2, R.8 (Groupe de concertation du bassin de la rivière Bécancour), (6) la création de modèles numériques d'altitude de haute précision pour l'aide au nivellement et au drainage en milieu agricole (Proformen Inc.), (7) l'analyse de la variabilité des débits extrêmes de rivières avec débits contrôlés (activité de recherche du professeur Assani), (8) la caractérisation végétale et pédologique au Nunavik (projet de recherche des professeures Saint-Laurent et Lesvesque). [Présentations de Stages UQTR](#)

Brandon U Geography Practicum Program: The Department of Geography offers an Introductory Practicum in Geography (38:366) for students in their third year of study and an Advanced Practicum in Geography (38:466) for fourth year students. The intent of the practicum is to provide students with the opportunity to acquire hands-on, "real world" experience in an area of applied human or physical geography. Each practicum is worth 3 credit hours, is normally completed within a period of 100 days, and need not coincide with the Universities academic calendar. The project or work to be done is arranged between the student and sponsoring agency in consultation with a faculty supervisor. [Practicum Program](#)

U Alberta Graduate Reveals Canada's Arctic Glaciers and Ice Caps Losing Water at an Alarming Rate: The work of Alex Gardner has revealed some alarming evidence that Canada's Arctic glaciers and ice caps have lost nearly as much water as there is in Lake Erie. Gardner, a former student of Earth and atmospheric science professor Martin Sharp, spent six years monitoring Arctic ice and found that in 2009 the ice-loss rate was four times larger than estimated by NASA for the mid- to late-1990s. The measurements Gardner and his colleagues made on the ice and with satellites show the rate of ice loss "sharply increased" between 2004 and 2009, with ice loss increasing to as much as 93 cubic kilometres a year. "Even though these Canadian glaciers and ice caps are small compared to the huge ice sheets, they play a significant role in sea level rise," says Gardner. [UA ExpressNews](#)

U Ottawa Geographers Eric Crighton and Robert McLeman Receive Excellence in Education

Prize: Geography Professors [Eric Crighton](#) and [Robert McLeman](#) were named recipients of the Excellence in Education Prize. The annual prize recognizes educators of exceptional quality. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding teaching while maintaining a solid research program. Each of the prize winners receives \$7,000 to be used for research on innovative teaching development, up to an additional \$3,000 for supplementary duties associated with teaching development, as well as a plaque. [Excellence in Education Prizes](#)

U Windsor's Alan Trenhaile Shows Magnetic Materials Hold 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. 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. The focus of their work is on the east beach, which provides a natural buffer between Lake Erie and the point's inland marsh. [Taking Action](#)

U Regina Geography Student Selected for New CFIB and Scotiabank Internship in Public Policy and Entrepreneurship:

In a joint initiative sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and Scotiabank, Jason Penner, has been chosen for the inaugural CFIB and Scotiabank Internship in Public Policy and Entrepreneurship. Jason Mr. Penner is in his fourth year of study at the University of Regina and is working towards a Combined Economics and Geography undergraduate degree through the Co-operative Education Program. [Canadian Business](#)

Geographer of the Week: Dr. Robin Roth, York University

Dr. [Robin Roth](#) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at York University. Robin completed her BA Hons (Geography) at the University of Victoria and her PhD (Geography) at Clark University. Her research interests include the political ecology of conservation with a particular focus on mountain environments of Asia, rural livelihood change, indigenous knowledge and spatiality, integrated social-ecological analysis and park-people conflicts. Robin's current project investigates the ways in which rural residents in highland Thailand, both individually and collectively, use emerging markets to reorganize their livelihoods in response to protected area establishment and explores the implications for social equity and environmental conservation.

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Recent Theses and Dissertations

Gregory McQuat. 2011. Feature Extraction Workflows for Urban Mobile-Terrestrial LiDAR Data. Unpublished MSc thesis. Department of Geography, Queen's University. Supervisors: Dr. Rob Harrap (Geology) and Dr. Paul Treitz.

Jie Yu. 2011. Home Care Utilization Patterns among the Elderly Population: A Case Study of Ontario, Canada. Unpublished MA thesis. Department of Geography, Queen's University. Supervisor: Dr. Mark Rosenberg.

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Jennifer Hyndman and Wenona Giles. 2011. [Waiting for what? The feminization of asylum in protracted situations](#). *Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* 18(3):361-379.

Catherine Nolin, Anisa Zehtab-Martin and Greg Halseth. 2011. [Hidden avenues of \(im\)migration: Experiences of mail-order brides in northern BC](#). *Our Diverse Cities*, Volume 8, Spring (British Columbia). Ottawa: Metropolis Project of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 132-141.

Catherine Nolin and Jacqui Stephens. 2010. ["We have to protect the investors": 'Development' & Canadian mining companies in Guatemala](#). *Journal of Rural and Community Development* 5(2):37-70.

Eugene McCann. 2011. [Veritable inventions: cities, policies and assemblage](#). *Area*. DOI:10.1111/j.1475-4762.2011.01011.x

Allison M. Williams, Jeanette A. Eby, Valorie A. Crooks, Kelli Stajduhar, Melissa Giesbrecht, Mirjana Vuksan, Robin Cohen, Kevin Brazil, and Diane Allan. 2011. [Canada's Compassionate Care Benefit: Is it an adequate public health response to addressing the issue of caregiver burden in end-of-life care?](#) *BMC Public Health* 11:335. doi:10.1186/1471-2458-11-335

Other "Geographical" News

NSERC - Increasing Women's Participation in Science and Engineering: In November 2010, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, in partnership with Engineers Canada and Research In Motion, brought together leaders from academia and the private sector with policy makers and students to tackle key issues related to increasing women's participation in science and engineering. At the summit, expert panellists shared innovative ideas and solutions aimed at improving current processes and implementing new ones that will further promote women's participation in these important fields. Recommendations that surfaced during the summit are summarized in the [Report on Summit Outcomes](#)

Impacts to Rock Glaciers and Periglacial Environments by El Pachón (Xstrata): Set to begin production in 2012, Xstrata's El Pachón project in the southwestern region of San Juan Province of Argentina impacts or potentially impacts over 200 glaciers including many active rock glaciers in arid mountainous regions of the Andes, all at or within a very short distance of the project site. El Pachón also directly impacts or places at risk extensive periglacial environments which makes up approximately 20% of the project's stipulated area. As many as 60 rock glaciers in the El Pachón vicinity appear to have been left off of the geomorphological survey found in Xstrata's 2008 Environmental Impact Assessment. According to this report at least a dozen rock glaciers are at severe risk from the El Pachón project, while the remaining 200+ are close enough to merit in depth study to gauge El Pachón's impact and whether El Pachón is complying with provincial² and national laws protecting rock glaciers and periglacial environments. [CEDHA Special Report](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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