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**Bruins Goalie Cuts U Manitoba Geography Class after Surprise Call-up from Jets:** There are many clever and unique ways to ditch class -- it's almost a science unto itself -- but Joe Caligiuri may have just earned a spot on the dean's list with one of the most unusual excuses of all time. (Note to his professor: it's all legit, too). 'Hey Joe, I know you have that geography class today, but the Jets are on the line and they need a goaltender...' And so it went Tuesday morning for Caligiuri, the 22-year-old star goaltender with the University of Manitoba Bisons who got a call asking if he'd be available to work at practice, as veteran Chris Mason had to leave to be with his expectant wife. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

**York U Phd Candidate David Hugill Granted Fulbright Student Award:** David Hugill, a PhD candidate at York University, has been granted a Fulbright Student Award to study geography at the University of Minnesota. Hugill will be spending nine months, starting in September, conducting research for his project "Urban Indiginity and the Neoliberal City: Winnipeg and Minneapolis in Comparative Context." The Fulbright program is an educational movement based on the principle of scholarly exchange between the United States and other countries. The [Fulbright program](#) is one of the world's premier academic exchange programs. With the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and the United States Department of State, the Canada-US Fulbright Program offers academic exchanges and intellectual opportunity. [York News](#)

**UNBC's Greg Halseth on Future of Forest Economy for BC Communities:** Forest industry leaders join UNBC professor Greg Halseth to present information and data they have collected related to the evolving forest economy in British Columbia. Their work has been directed by a question posed by Mr. Barber: "In a province of rich natural resource endowments, what burdens or benefits will we leave for future generations?" In their presentation, they suggest that opportunities will emerge from small-scale, community-based operations that encourage a diversified and integrated approach to utilizing forest resources. [UNBC News Media Resource](#)

**UNBC's Zoe Meletis and Graduate Student Nick Ehlers Research in Costa Rica has Implications for BC Tourism Development:** UNBC Natural Resources and Environmental Studies graduate student Nick Ehlers and his supervisor, Geography professor Zoe Meletis, recently conducted the fieldwork for the first interdisciplinary study of motor boat use and its impact on Tortuguero, Costa Rica, a village economically dependent upon ecotourism. "I see connections between Costa Rican tourism development and tourism development in BC in that both must learn to manage the resources that tourists come to see, without depleting their attractive environments," says Dr. Meletis. "For example, the recent proposed building of resort-style lodges on the Juan de Fuca trail on Vancouver Island is not unlike what currently exists in many Costa Rican destinations. I think we can achieve greater sustainability through studying developments and outcomes abroad." [UNBC News Media Resource](#)

**Concordia U's Norma Rantisi on Montreal's Mile End Chic Study:** A neighbourhood's raw, edgy atmosphere is an essential feature in attracting designers, according to new research. The study focused on Mile End, a multicultural district just north of downtown Montreal, long envied for its staple bagel shops and often depicted as the epicentre of all things Jewish by the late Canadian novelist, Mordecai Richler. "The Mile End has grown in such a way that people of all walks of life rub shoulders in its third spaces," says first author Norma Rantisi, a professor in Concordia's Department of Geography, Planning and Environment. "Bodies, mass and matter collide there, producing a vibrancy that fosters creativity." [Physorg.com](#)

**U Guelph's Evan Fraser and Canada's Lack of National School Meals Program:** Geography Prof. Evan Fraser was quoted in a weekend Globe and Mail article about Canada's lack of a national school meals program and the need for a cultural shift in thinking when it comes to food. Fraser is the author of the book *Empires of Food: Feast, Famine and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations*, which looks at how and why human culture depends on food, what happens when a culture runs out of it and what can be expected in years to come. He holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Human Security. [The Globe and Mail](#)

**York U's Ranu Basu on Calls for New School Funding Model:** As school closure encroaches upon Peterborough, Ontario, York geographer Ranu Basu called for a new funding model to keep schools open. She said that schools often provide more services than education, and the network of connections those kinds of programs spring from take many years and lots of resources to cultivate and are lost when a school closes its doors. [ArthuRBlog](#)

**McGill U's Navin Ramankutty's Global Plan for Sustainable Agriculture:** A team of researchers has come up with a plan to double the world's food production while reducing the environmental impacts of agriculture. By combining information gathered from crop records and satellite images from around the world, they created new models of agricultural systems and their environmental impacts that are truly global in scope. McGill geography professor Navin Ramankutty credits the collaboration between researchers for achieving such important results. "Lots of other scholars and thinkers have proposed solutions to global food and environmental problems. But they were often fragmented, only looking at one aspect of the problem at one time. And they often lacked the specifics and numbers to back them up. This is the first time that such a wide range of data has been brought together under one common framework, and it has allowed us to see some clear patterns." [McGill University News](#) | [ScienceDaily](#) | [CBC News](#) | [Macleans.ca](#)

**WLU's Brent Wolfe Participates in NSERC Discovery Frontiers Northern Earth System Program:** Laurier Professor Brent Wolfe, who holds an NSERC Northern Research Chair, is one of 15 leading Canadian Arctic researchers who have been awarded \$4 million over the next five years under the Discovery Frontiers Northern Earth System program. The team's project – Arctic Development and Adaptation to Permafrost in Transition – is being led by Warwick Vincent, a professor at Université Laval. Wolfe will collaborate to determine the effects of hydrological change on greenhouse gas emission rates of thermokarst lakes. "This is an incredible opportunity to launch leading-edge collaborative and transformative research in permafrost science," said Wolfe, who is an associate professor in Laurier's Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. [WLU Headlines](#)

**York U's Lucia Lo on TIEDIE Report:** Lucia Lo York University was interviewed on August 23, 2011 by OMNI TV News upon the release of a report ([Language Use in the Workplace for Immigrants in Toronto](#)) by TIEDI (Toronto Immigrant Employment Data Initiative), a project funded by a SSHRC Knowledge Impact in Society grant. An excerpt of the interview is now on the TIEDI website which also contains newspaper interviews with other members of the Geography Department such as Philip Kelly and Steven Tufts. [TIEDI Media Archive](#)

**Memorial U's Ratana Chuenpagdee Canada Research Chair Renewed:** Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee, professor in the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts, has been renewed as the Canada Research Chair in natural resource sustainability and community development. Her research, focused primarily on fisheries and coastal issues, is helping to develop an appropriate governance system for resource management that corresponds with the values, principles and viewpoints of all relevant stakeholders, including local fishers, community members and policy makers. [MUN Today](#)

**UVic Geography Co-op Students Work Terms with the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team:** [Amanda Evans](#) has almost finished her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies and Geography, with a Diploma in Restoration of Natural Systems. Over the summer, she helped prepare GOERTS recently published restoration guide, [Restoring British Columbia's Garry Oak Ecosystems: Principles and Practices](#); conducted site surveys and helped develop a restoration plan for a new park in View Royal; and did mapping, monitoring, and other field work for restoration sites. [Dawn Fizzard](#) recently returned to school to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies and Geography. Over the summer, Dawn took the [Bring Back the Bluebirds](#) project to a whole new level, creating community outreach materials and updated monitoring information, while working with landowners and conservation partners to build bluebird nestboxes and place them in suitable habitat in time for the Western Bluebird re-introduction next spring. [GOERT 2011 Summer Students](#)

**Concordia U's Zachary Patterson Awarded Canada Research Chair:** Zachary Patterson, a professor in the Concordia Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, obtained the Canada Research Chair in Transportation Land-use Interactions and Regional Sustainability (Tier 2). He plans to employ computer models to better understand — and predict — the relationship between urban transportation and commercial and residential land-use. [EuerkaAlert!](#)

**York U's Philip Kelly CFHSS Big Thinking Lecturer:** Philip Kelly from York University will be the guest speaker at the next CFHSS's (Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences) Big Thinking Lecture in Ottawa on Thursday October 20, 2011. The prestigious Big Thinking series aims at raising awareness of social sciences and humanities research among MPs, Senators, parliamentary staff, senior policy makers and the media. The title of Dr. Kelly's lecture is [Generation Next: Social Mobility of the Children of Immigrants](#).

**UNBC's Kevin Hall Honoured with Election as 'Fellow of the Society of South African Geographers':** UNBC Geography Professor Dr. Kevin Hall has been Elected a 'Fellow of the Society of South African Geographers' (FSSAG) - only the 2nd to be given to a non-South African University academic. In total, since 1970, there have been 24 Fellows elected "for outstanding and sustained scholarly contributions. [Hall Homepage](#)

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New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



Suzanne E. Mills, 2011. [Restructuring in the forest sector and the re-shaping of women's work identities](#). The Canadian Geographer. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2011.00387.x

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### Recent Theses and Dissertations

Andrea Bartsch. 2011. [Co-culturing green sea urchins, \*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis\*, with blue mussels, \*Mytilus edulis\*, to control biofouling at an integrated multi-trophic aquaculture site](#). Unpublished MSc thesis. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Stephen F. Cross.

Constance A. Chapman. 2011. [Turbulent airflow, Reynolds stress, and sand transport response over a vegetated foredune](#). University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Ian Walker.

Scott J. Ketcheson. 2011. [An evaluation of the water balance and moisture dynamics within Sphagnum mosses following the restoration \(rewetting\) of an abandoned block-cut bog](#). Unpublished MS thesis. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. Supervisor: Jonathan Price.

Melanie P. Mamoser. 2011. [Towards ecosystem-based management of shellfish aquaculture in British Columbia, Canada: An industry perspective](#). Unpublished MSc thesis. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Rosaline Canessa.

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Kathryn Morrison. 2011. [Mapping and modeling British Columbia's food self-sufficiency](#). Unpublished MSc thesis. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Trisalyn A. Nelson and Aleck S. Ostry.

Benjamin P. Stewart. 2011. [Quantifying grizzly bear habitat selection in a human disturbed landscape](#). Unpublished MS thesis. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Trisalyn A. Nelson.

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## Other "Geographical" News

**Kamloops Maps Urban Bear Sightings:** A new online map is giving people in Kamloops a way to keep tabs on bears making their way into the city. The map shows all bear sightings reported to conservation officers over the past two weeks, as well as the food sources that lured the animals into the city. Kamloops Bear Aware coordinator Tristan Hopkins says people are surprised when they see how far into town the bears have wandered. The map shows clusters of bear sightings in the Aberdeen area, and also around the city's downtown. "When I talk to them they don't really believe when I say there are bears in a certain area, but looking at the map it really gives them a good idea of how careful they need to be in some areas." [CBC News](#)

**Canada and B.C. Announce Proposed Boundary for Consultation for Southern Strait of Georgia Conservation Area Reserve:** Today, the Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, announced with the Honourable Terry Lake, British Columbia's Minister of Environment, that the governments of Canada and British Columbia have agreed on a proposed boundary for a national marine conservation area reserve in the southern Strait of Georgia also known as the Salish Sea. The proposed area extends from the southern tip of Gabriola Island to Saanich Inlet and Cordova Bay, just north of Victoria. The Government of British Columbia has agreed to transfer administration of the seabed to the federal government if a national marine conservation area reserve is established. [BC News Release](#)

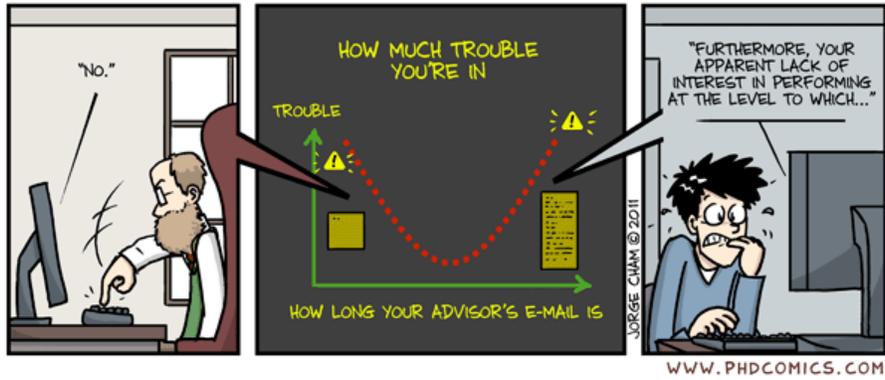
**Royal Museum for Central Africa - Natural Sciences Collection:** Founded in 1898, and located in Belgium, this museum is dedicated to Africa and "plays an active role in the sustainable development of Africa and aspires to be a centre for collaboration and reflection on today's Africa and the challenges it faces." The [Natural Sciences Collection](#) of the Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA) is available only in English and is meant to be used as primary material for researchers. The collection is divided up between "Biology" and "Earth Sciences". Visitors will find the "African Geographic Pictures" under the Earth Sciences link to be interesting, as they provide the ability to search the collection or browse by feature or country. It should be noted that the stated master themes of all of the images are "sustainability in agriculture and forestry", "hazardous geomorphic events" and physical and human geography. If in the "African Geographic Pictures" section, visitors search by country and choose Ethiopia, for instance, 598 images will come up, and about one fifth of them are agriculture-related. [RMCA](#)

**Massive Cornwall Rockfall Captured on Video:** It looks a little like something from a slightly rough and ready disaster film. In fact it is a piece of Cornwall tumbling into the Atlantic Ocean, caught by a cameraman apparently out for a clifftop walk. The footage of tens of thousands of tonnes of rock crashing into the sea has been [posted on YouTube](#) and is attracting the interest from around the world. It is not that such falls are particularly rare but it is uncommon for such clear footage to be captured. [The Guardian](#)

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**Some not so "Geographical" News**



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