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Carleton U PhD Graduate May Chazan Honoured With Prestigious SSHRC Postdoctoral Prize: May Chazan was presented with the \$10,000 Postdoctoral prize for the most outstanding postdoctoral applicant in Canada. Chazan graduated with her PhD during the morning Convocation ceremony on Nov. 12, 2011. She will draw on her outstanding Carleton graduate research to continue her postdoctoral with Mark Hunter at the Department of Geography and Program in Planning at the University of Toronto. [Carleton News](#) | [SSHRC News](#)

U Toronto's Harald Bathelt and Ben Spigel Comment on how Industries Can Innovate and Prosper: The global economic downturn hit North America's manufacturing cities particularly hard, leading some analysts to call for policies that shift our economy away from traditional manufacturing toward high-tech service jobs of the creative economy. Others suggest that the manufacturing sector would underperform in innovation. These viewpoints are short-sighted and underestimate the potential of such industries. [The Toronto Star](#)

U Victoria MSc Student Rheannon Brooks Awarded Prize at World Open Science Conference: Rheannon Brooks recently presented a poster paper based on her MSc thesis work at the Open Science Conference of the World Climate Research Program in Denver, Colorado. Her poster was recognized as being "outstanding" and as such she received a WCRP Outstanding Poster certificate. Moreover, her poster was recognized as one of the top five scientific contributions for the entire conference by early-career scientists and students. For this she received another certificate and an iPad. [UVic Geography News](#)

U Toronto's Don Boyes Elected Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society: Don Boyle, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography and & Program in Planning was recently elected as a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society. The Society's [College of Fellows](#) is comprised of around 200 individuals who act as the voting body of the Society. Fellows are elected for life, and are expected to contribute to the activities of the Society or to the objectives and programs of the Society. [Boyles Webpage](#)

Canadian Geographer Helped Find Path to Top of the World: A largely unheralded Canadian geographer should be remembered as a central figure in the quest to conquer Mount Everest. Oliver Wheeler was an Ottawa-born soldier-surveyor who would be knighted for his military mapping achievements in India during the Second World War. But in 1921, during a trail-blazing expedition to Everest led by the famed but ill-fated British climber George Mallory, the young Canadian topographer identified the crucial pass to the 'North Col' that today serves as the principal gateway to the roof of the world. [Vancouver Sun](#) | [Windsor Star](#)

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Other "Geographical" News

Canada Centre for Remote Sensing Presented with 2011 William T. Pecora Achievement Award:

The Canada Centre for Remote Sensing was recognized for advancing the understanding of Earth over a period of 40 years through the development of important technologies and innovative applications at the Pecora 18 Symposium. The centre contributed substantially to the success of global remote-sensing technology through partnerships with many different groups, domestically and internationally. As a national remote-sensing program, the centre served as a model for numerous other countries where visiting scientists learned advanced remote-sensing science and how to organize a national remote-sensing program. [CNBC News](#)

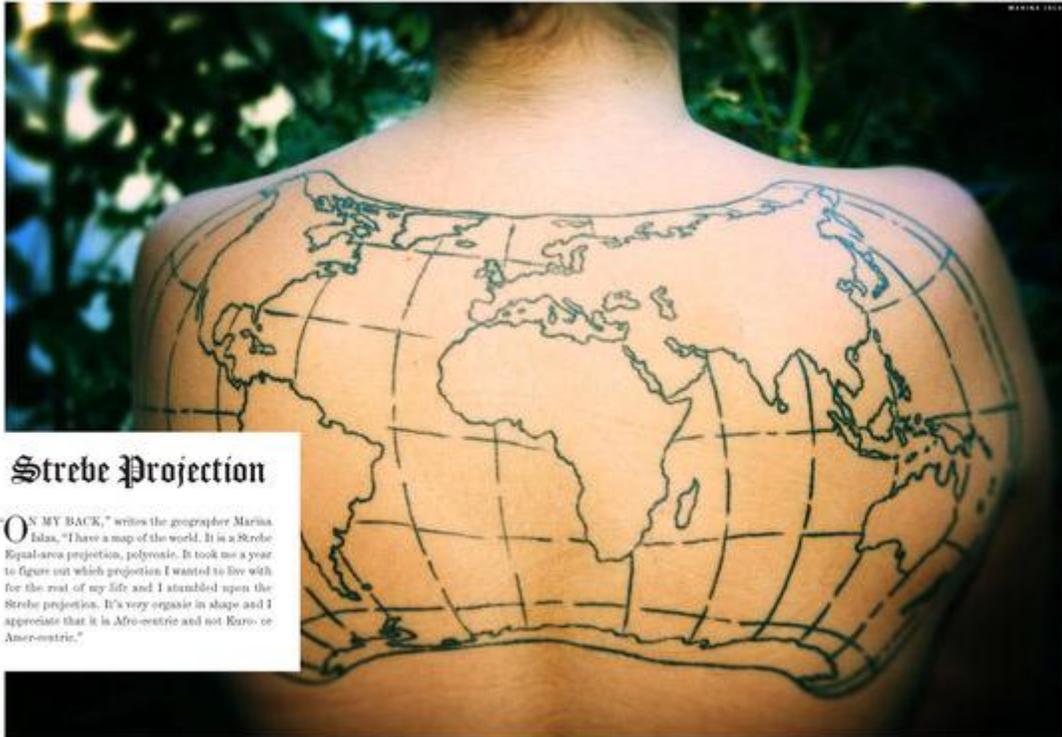
Richer Canadians Emit Far More Greenhouse Gases: A new study says the richest 20 per cent of Canadian households spew almost twice — 1.8 times — the greenhouse-gas emissions of the country's lowest income-earners. The study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives finds household carbon footprints increase with income and concludes that reduction policies must reflect that inequality. The report's author, economist Marc Lee, says the rich can reduce emissions — taking steps like cutting air travel and investing in home energy efficiency — more easily than low-income families, without affecting basic needs. [CBC News](#)

Minister Peter Kent Receives Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Gold Medal: The Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, received the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Gold Medal, its highest honour, recognizing the Harper Government's leadership role in the expansion and preservation of the Nahanni National Park Reserve. "I am honoured to accept this Gold Medal on behalf of our government," said Minister Kent. "Nahanni is one of the crown jewels of our national parks system and our government's recent expansion of the park has been hailed as one of the greatest conservation achievements of our generation." The Medal, first bestowed in 1972, provides an opportunity for the Society to recognize a particular achievement by one or more individuals in the general field of geography or a significant national or international event. [EIN Presswire](#)

Historical B.C. Newspapers Digitized by UBC Library: For the first time, more than 45,000 pages chronicling B.C.'s storied past are available online following the completion of a British Columbia Historical Newspapers Project. The University of British Columbia project, led by the UBC Library's Digital Initiatives unit and generously supported by a private family foundation, features digitized versions of 24 historical papers from around the province. The newspapers, which range from the Abbotsford Post to the Phoenix Pioneer, date from 1865 to 1924. All are available for [free online viewing](#).

Waterscapes in Britain and Scotland: The Waterscape website is the official British waterways leisure destination. It is "for people who care about Britain's canals and rivers" and it offers up information on canalside attractions, suggestions for walking around the canal towpaths, and materials on volunteering opportunities. First-time visitors can get started by clicking on the "Canals & Rivers" section. Here they will find a clickable map of Scotland and Britain where they can learn more about the waterways in each region. Moving along, the "Things to Do" area includes detailed leisure guides for boaters, fishers, cyclists, and avid walkers. For those who are interested in these waterways, the site also contains a "Features & Articles" area that includes longer pieces on the history of the different canals and rivers throughout the country. [Waterscapes](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



Strebe Projection “On my back,” write geographer Marina Islas, “I have a map of the world. It is a Strebe equal-area projection, polyconic. It took me a year to figure out which projection I wanted to live with for the rest of my life and I stumbled upon the Strebe projection. It’s very organic in shape and I appreciate that it is Afro-centric and not Euro- or Amer-centric.” [The New York Times](#)

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