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**U Windsor's William Anderson Assess Economic Impact Windsor-Essex Parkway:** A study at the University of Windsor is looking into the economic impact the \$1.4-billion Windsor-Essex Parkway project will have on the region. For the past year and a half, William Anderson, political science professor and economic geographer, has led a team in preparatory work for the comprehensive economic assessment. Anderson said it is rare to study a development from its inception all the way through to the years following its completion. "What really fascinated me about this and what attracted me to do this project was the fact that there's always the idea that you're going to build these things and it's going to create jobs, but the actual information on which that it's based is fairly limited," Anderson said. Anderson was recruited to the University of Windsor by the provincial government in 2008 to fill the position as Ontario research chair in crossborder transportation. He founded and is the current director of the Cross-Border Transportation Centre at the university which is being used by the research group to conduct the study. [The Windsor Star](#)

**UVic's Aleck Ostry on the 'Huge' health gaps Between B.C.'s North and South regions:** A University of Victoria project that maps wellness indicators across B.C. highlights startling health gaps between people living in northern and southern parts of the province. "The differences are huge," Aleck Ostry, professor of geography, said. "They're as big as the differences between Canada and Mexico." "The healthiest regions in the province really are in the Lower Mainland and Victoria," he said. "These are extremely healthy parts of the province and, again, this is because this is where the province's wealth and educational resources are stacked. The wealthier you are, usually the healthier you are." Ostry noted that northern regions fare poorly on measures of food security, which includes access to fresh fruit and vegetables. B.C. moved several years ago to tackle the problem by subsidizing the transfer of fresh produce to the area, he said. [The Vancouver Sun](#)

**UBC Okanagan's Lawrence Berg Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ACME:** Lawrence Berg is co-founder of ACME – An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies, which is now celebrating its 10th year anniversary. ACME is an online international academic journal for critical analyses of the social, the spatial and the political. The journal's purpose is to provide a forum for the publication of critical work about space in the social sciences. Berg, co-director of the Centre for Social, Spatial and Economic Justice and a faculty member in Community, Culture and Global Studies with the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus, says "the journal has a focus on critical theory in human geography, it is published in five languages, and it is free to anyone with access to the Internet." "The people accessing the journal online are from more than 160 different countries," says Berg. The website for the journal now receives more than 220,000 visits and 140,000 article downloads per year. Funding for the journal is currently provided by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council; with the money being used to fund UBC PhD student Levi Gahman to work as the assistant editor for the journal.

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**U Trent's Peter Adams Awarded Order of Ontario:** Trent University professor emeritus, Dr. Peter Adams was one of 27 recipients of the Order of Ontario. The Order of Ontario is the province's highest official honour. It recognizes any current or former long-time resident of Ontario who has demonstrated a high level of individual excellence and achievement in any field benefiting the people of the Ontario or anywhere in the world. announced on January 20, 2012. Professor Adams was the founder of the Department of Geography at Trent University. He was chair in that Department from 1968-1977 and remained a professor while also serving as dean of Graduate Studies, associate dean of Science, and associate vice-president, 1977-1987. [Trent Daily News](#)

**Memorial U's Arn Keeling Examines Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic:** A new international network of scholars examining the prospects and problems of resource development in the Arctic held its first meeting in Yellowknife. As part of the network, Memorial geographer Arn Keeling and historian John Sandlos (recently cross-appointed in geography)—who together co-direct the Abandoned Mines in Northern Canada project—offered their perspectives on the environmental, economic and social issues related to northern development. For Memorial geography, participation in this network should lead to more opportunities for student funding and expanded research network linking the Canadian Arctic with circumpolar scholarship. Keeling and Sandlos recently posted a funded [graduate student opportunity](#). [MUN News](#)

**York U's Nina Hewitt Takes Stock of the Assisted Migration Debate:** In the face of climate change, does it make sense to use assisted migration techniques to save various species of plants, trees and animals? The answer seemed relatively simple a few years ago, but it is an increasingly controversial issue, says postdoctoral fellow and lecturer Nina Hewitt of York's Department of Geography. Hewitt is the lead author on "[Taking Stock of the Assisted Migration Debate](#)", an article that synthesizes the debate. "Assisted migration is a policy that says we need to take a proactive kind of hands-on approach and help species that are slow-moving to achieve these northward or altitudinal migrations as climate belts shift, with climate change occurring at very rapid rates, beyond the species' normal dispersal and colonization abilities. This will be further complicated by the difficulties of migration across human-dominated landscape," says Hewitt. [Y File](#) (Corrected links)

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**U Calgary's Department of Geography Launches Professional Development Series:** The Department of Geography at the University of Calgary is launching a new professional development series. The first presentation is focused on providing students with career tips in Geography; providing suggestions on resumes, job applications, networking, and more. Mryka Hall-Beyer is hosting the event, University of Calgary geography graduates Dmetri Berko, Professional Contingency Recruiter, DMA Canada Consulting, and Brett Wiens, Land GIS Coordinator, Cenovus Energy Ltd, scheduled to provide their personal insights. [Hire Me. Geography](#)

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## Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Thomas A. Fox, Thomas E. Barchyn and Chris H. Hugenholtz. 2012. [Successes of soil conservation in the Canadian Prairies highlighted by a historical decline in blowing dust](#). Environmental Research Letters 7(1). doi:10.1088/1748-9326/7/1/014008

Michelle A. Hanson, Olav B. Lian and John J. Clague. 2012. [The sequence and timing of large late Pleistocene floods from glacial Lake Missoula](#). Quaternary Science Reviews 31:67-81.

Robert Humphries, Jeremy G. Venditti, Leonard S. Sklar and John K. Wooster. 2012. [Experimental evidence for the effect of hydrographs on sediment pulse dynamics in gravel-bedded rivers](#). Water Resources Research 48, W01533. doi:10.1029/2011WR010419

Mark Hunter. 2012. [Geography and critical development studies](#). Annals of the Association of American. DOI:10.1080/00045608.2011.650538

David Olefeldt and Nigel T. Roulet. 2012. [Effects of permafrost and hydrology on the composition and transport of dissolved organic carbon in a subarctic peatland complex](#). Journal of Geophysical Research 117, G01005. doi:10.1029/2011JG001819

Stephanie A. Prince, Elizabeth A. Kristjansson, Katherine Russell, Jean-Michel Billette, Michael C. Sawada, Amira Ali, Mark S. Tremblay and Denis Prud'homme. 2012. [Relationships between neighborhoods, physical activity, and obesity: a multilevel analysis of a large Canadian city](#). Epidemiology. doi:10.1038/oby.2011.392

Katharine N. Rankin. 2012. [Subalterneity, ethnography, and praxis](#). Annals of the Association of American Geographers. DOI:10.1080/00045608.2011.650542

Yunne-Jai Shin, Alida Bundy, Lynne J. Shannon, Julia L. Blanchard, Ratana Chuenpagdee, Marta Coll, Ben Knight, Christopher Lynam, Gerjan Piet and Anthony J. Richardson, et al. 2012. [Global in scope and regionally rich: an IndiSeas workshop helps shape the future of marine ecosystem indicators](#). Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries. DOI: 10.1007/s11160-012-9252-z

Dragos Simandan. 2012. [The logical status of applied geographical reasoning](#). The Geographical Journal 178(1):9-12.

Andrea L. Smith, Nina Hewitt, Nicole Klenk, Dawn R. Bazely, Norman Yan, Stepan Wood, Irene Henriques, James I. MacLellan and Carla Lipsig-Mummé. 2012. [Effects of climate change on the distribution of invasive alien species in Canada: a knowledge synthesis of range change projections in a warming world](#). Environmental Reviews. doi:10.1139/a11-020

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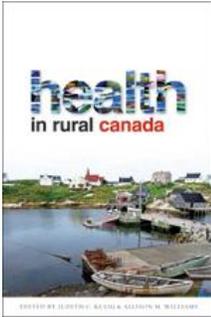
## 2012 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers

Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) and University of Waterloo (UW) are jointly hosting the Canadian Association of Geographers' (CAG) 2012 annual conference and meeting, May 28-June 2, 2012. [Call for Abstracts and Special Sessions](#)

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## New Book

Judith C. Kulig and Allison M. Williams. 2011. [Health in Rural Canada](#). UBC Press.



Health research in Canada has mostly focused on urban areas, often overlooking the unique issues faced by Canadians living in rural and remote areas. This volume provides the first comprehensive overview of the state of rural health and health care in Canada, from coast to coast and in northern communities. The contributors bring insights and methodologies from nursing, social work, geography, epidemiology, and sociology and from community-based research to a full spectrum of topics: health literacy, rural health care delivery and training, Aboriginal health, web-based services and their application, rural palliative care, and rural health research and policy. Combined with a general overview of how rural services are structured and funded within the Canadian health care system, these diverse explorations of health and place highlight three key themes: rural places matter to health, rural places are unique, and rural places are dynamic. Wide-ranging and multifaceted, *Health in Rural Canada* offers researchers and policy-makers, students and practitioners a valuable resource for understanding the special, ever-changing needs of rural communities.

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## Other “Geographical” News

**Cracking Open the Scientific Process:** For centuries, science has progressed through research done in private, then submitted to journals to be reviewed by peers and published for the benefit of other researchers and the public at large. But to many, the longevity of that process is nothing to celebrate. The system is hidebound, expensive and elitist, they say. Peer review can take months, journal subscriptions can be prohibitively costly, and a handful of gatekeepers limit the flow of information. Advocates for “open science” say science can accomplish much more, much faster, in an environment of friction-free collaboration over the Internet. And despite a host of obstacles, including the skepticism of many established scientists, their ideas are gaining traction. [The New York Times](#)

**What Do I Do Now? Laboratory Tales from Teaching Assistants:** These “TA Tales” place a premium on teaching cases, which provide “an incomplete story in which an unresolved problem is presented and left for the reader or discussants to analyze and propose reasonable action.” Visitors will find well over 50 teaching cases, including “Cell Phone-Turn Off?”, “Chemistry”, “Doctor’s Note”, and “Early Dismissal”. The cases cover a myriad of topics, including plagiarism, classroom etiquette, and other allegorical tales of the classroom experience. [TA Tales](#)

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**Some not so "Geographical" News**



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