



GeogNews

News Digest of the Canadian Association of Geographers

No. 170, April 16, 2012

Compiled by Dan Smith [<cag@geog.uvic.ca>](mailto:cag@geog.uvic.ca)

Latest Issue of gLoeb Xpress, Newsletter of the Carleton University Department of Geography & Environmental Studies: The latest issue of gLoeb Xpress describes how DGES contributes to Carleton Community Engagement Initiative; highlights DGES Alumnus, Alette Willis's award-winning children's novel; notes that recent PhD graduate Carol Hunsberger has accepted a SSHRC PDF in The Hague; describes how DGES students examined permafrost along the Dempster Highway; and much more. The lead item describes how Derek Smith is mapping Mayan Landscapes, asking "If Mayan elders of the Yucatan region of Mexico were to write a geography textbook, what would it look like? While there might be many similarities with the Canadian counterpart, there would undoubtedly be many differences as well. This is in essence, one of the central themes of a new research project funded by SSHRC's new Insight program. While considerable research has been done on the cosmovision of the ancient Maya by archaeologists, this project seeks to understand how contemporary Mayan people conceptualize the landscapes surrounding their villages, using a participatory mapping approach. It seeks to understand geography from a Mayan point of view, and to compare this interpretation with the "official" cartographies of the state. [gLoeb Xpress](#)

UNBC Geography Faculty Member Fredy Peccerelli to Receive ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism: UNBC Geography Adjunct faculty member Fredy Peccerelli (Executive Director of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation) - Fundación Antropología Forense Guatemala – will receive the Second ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism along with Kate Doyle of the National Security Archive – an award of \$100,000. The citation indicates that "Peccerelli is an innovative forensic anthropologist whose work has been instrumental to the first-ever conviction of Guatemalan military forces for crimes against humanity." The award ceremony for this major human rights activism award will take place on May 13th at the Museum of the City of New York. See [ALBA](#)

UVic's Trislain Nelson Presented with Faculty of Social Sciences Research Award: The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Victoria has recognized the research accomplishments by [Trislain Nelson](#) of the Department of Geography by presenting her with a 2012 Research Excellence Award. Dr. Nelson leads the Spatial Pattern Analysis & Research (SPAR) Laboratory, where the focus is on addressing spatially explicit research questions. SPAR develops and applies spatial and spatial-temporal analysis methods to a variety of problems in natural and human environments. Research themes include: understanding large area spread and dispersal of mountain pine beetles, characterizing wildlife habitat use, building surveillance systems for zoonotic disease, developing spatial methods for mobile data, and quantifying the spatial-temporal patterns of regional environmental processes such as fire and precipitation. [FSS Award Presentation](#)

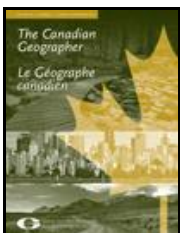
New UNBC Geography Adjunct Faculty Member José Pablo Baraybar: The UNBC Geography Program has a new Adjunct Faculty Member in José Pablo Baraybar. José Pablo is Executive Director of the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team / el Equipo Peruano de Antropología Forense (EPAF) which is a non-profit organization that promotes the right to truth, justice, and guarantees of non-repetition in cases of forced disappearance and extrajudicial execution. He sends word from: (1) Bungoma, Kenya where the EPAF is starting a new project in the area and in partnership with Western Kenya Human Rights Watch to assist in recording gross Human Rights violations in the area of Mount Elgon; and (2) Somaliland where the EPAF signed an unprecedented MOU with the Government of Somaliland related to training of the Somaliland War Crimes Commission.

SFU's Valerie Crooks on British Columbians Traveling for Medical Treatment: When Robert Stuart Smith's left knee gave out, the busy realtor had no time to wait a year or two for surgery to replace the 72-year-old joint. Rather than putting his life on hold and adding his name to a wait list, the White Rock resident took his business abroad and outsourced the surgery to India. There is little or no research about how many Canadians travel abroad for medical procedures, the impact of medical tourism on our health-care system, or the effect on destination countries, says Simon Fraser University associate professor of geography Valerie Crooks. Crooks has spent four years trying to determine the real cost of medical tourism through her SFU Medical Tourism Research Group. "I think people would be surprised to know that people are choosing to go abroad for medical care more often than they'd think," said Crooks. The government doesn't track medical tourists, which leaves researchers and policy-makers in the dark. And although shopping abroad for medical care is perfectly legal, Crooks is concerned with its consequences. She cites concerns about the safety of blood supplies, incomplete medical records and the risk of flight following surgeries. There can also be pressure on the health system in patients' home countries to provide follow-up care, especially in the case of organ transplants, and some patients have returned to Canada with hospital-acquired superbugs. [The Province](#)

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Christina Tennant. 2012. [Nine Decades of Glacier Change in the Canadian Rocky Mountains](#). MSc Natural Resources & Environmental Studies (Geography), UNBC. Supervisor: Dr. Brian Menounos

New in [The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien](#)



Julia Christensen. 2012. [Telling stories: Exploring research storytelling as a meaningful approach to knowledge mobilization with Indigenous research collaborators and diverse audiences in community-based participatory research](#). Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00417.x

James D. Ford and Tristan Pearce. 2012. [Climate change vulnerability and adaptation research focusing on the Inuit subsistence sector in Canada: Directions for future research](#). Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00418.x

Bryan S. R. Grimwood, Nancy C. Doubleday, Gita J. Ljubicic, Shawn G. Donaldson and Sylvie Blangy. 2012. [Engaged acclimatization: Towards responsible community-based participatory research in Nunavut](#). Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00416.x

Rhonda Koster, Kirstine Baccar and R. Harvey Lemelin. 2012. [Moving from research ON, to research WITH and FOR Indigenous communities: A critical reflection on community-based participatory research](#). Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00428.x

Monica E. Mulrennan, Rodney Mark and Colin H. Scott. 2012. [Revamping community-based conservation through participatory research](#). Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00415.x

Other “Geographical” News

App Camp - the ESA App Developer Lab: From 18 to 22 June 2012, the European Space Agency (ESA) will be holding its first App Camp event at its ESRIN facilities in Frascati (near Rome), Italy. The goal of the App Camp is to promote the development of mobile applications that facilitate the use of Earth observation data on smartphones - particularly data from ESA's and the European Union's ambitious and joint Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) programme. Experience in integrating this type of data, however, is not necessary to participate in the App Camp. See: [App Develop Lab](#)

Digitized Glacier Data Reports Back to 1895: In collaboration with the library of the Department of Geography, University of Zurich, Switzerland, all data reports by the World Glacier Monitoring Service (and its predecessor organizations) such as 'Les Variations Priodiques des Glaciers' as well as the 'Fluctuations of Glaciers' and the 'Glacier Mass Balance Bulletin' series. Optical Character Recognition software was convert the scanned image files into searchable text documents. All reports back to 1895 are now available in PDF-format and ready for [download](#).

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Guy E.J. Faulkner, Ron N. Buliung, Jennifer Lay and Michelle Stone. 2012. [The school run: Exploring carpooling as an intervention option in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area \(GTHA\), Canada](#). Transport Policy 21:134–140.

Godwin Arku, Isaac Luginaah and Paul Mkandawire. 2012. ["You either pay more advance rent or you move out": Landlords/ladies' and tenants' dilemmas in the low-income housing market in Accra, Ghana](#). Urban Studies. doi: 10.1177/0042098012437748

Trevor J. Barnes. 2012. [Chapter Two: A short cultural history of Anglo-American economic geography: Bodies, books, machines, and places](#). In: Encounters and Engagements between Economic and Cultural Geography GeoJournal Library 104:19-37.

- Christine Bonnin and Sarah Turner. 2012. [At what price rice? Food security, livelihood vulnerability, and state interventions in upland northern Vietnam](#). *Geoforum* 43(1):95-105.
- T.J. Coulthard and M. J. Van De Wiel. 2012. [Modelling river history and evolution](#). *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A* 370:2123-2142.
- Bhuwan Devkota, Douglas Dudycha and Jean Andrey. 2012. [Planning for non-motorized travel in rural Nepal: a role for geographic information systems](#). *Journal of Transport Geography*. doi.org/10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2012.03.007
- Sean T. Doherty and Paul Oh. 2012. [A multi-sensor monitoring system of human physiology and daily activities](#). *Telemedicine and e-Health* 18(3):185-192.
- Greg Halseth, C. Helm and D. Price. 2011. [The Rural Care Needs Index: A potential tool for 'have-not' communities](#). *Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine* 16(4):134-136.
- Chris Hopkinson, Tim Collins, Axel Anderson, John Pomeroy and Ian Spooner. 2012. [Spatial snow depth assessment using LiDAR transect samples and public GIS data layers in the Elbow River watershed, Alberta](#). *Canadian Water Resources Journal*. 10.4296/cwrj3702893
- Daniel W. Harrington, Kathi Wilson, Scott Bell, Nazeem Muhajarine and Jesse Ruthart. 2012. [Realizing Neighbourhood Potential? The role of the availability of health care services on contact with a primary care physician](#). *Health & Place*. doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2012.03.011
- G. Jost, R. Dan Moore, Brian Menounos and Roger Wheate. 2012. [Quantifying the contribution of glacier runoff to streamflow in the Columbia River Basin, Canada](#). *Hydrology and Earth System Science* 16:849-860.
- Nader Keshta, Amin Elshorbagy and Sean Carey. 2012. [Impacts of climate change on soil moisture and evapotranspiration in reconstructed watersheds in northern Alberta, Canada](#). *Hydrological Processes* 26(9):1321-1331.
- Deborah Leslie. 2012. [Chapter 5. Gender, commodity chains and everyday life](#). In: *Encounters and Engagements between Economic and Cultural Geography* *GeoJournal Library* 104:65-78.
- Lucia Lo and Lu Wang. 2012. [Chapter 6. Economic rationality, ethnic identity, and the geographies of consumption](#). In: *Encounters and Engagements between Economic and Cultural Geography* *GeoJournal Library* 104:79-101.
- Philip N. Owens, William H. Blake, Tim R. Giles and Neil D. Williams. 2012. [Determining the effects of wildfire on sediment sources using 137Cs and unsupported 210Pb: the role of landscape disturbances and driving forces](#). *Journal of Soils and Sediments*. DOI: 10.1007/s11368-012-0497-x
- Laura J. Shillington. 2012. [Right to food, right to the city: Household urban agriculture, and sacionatural metabolism in Managua, Nicaragua](#). *Geoforum*. doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2012.02.006
- Sarah Turner. 2012. [Making a living the Hmong way: an actor-oriented livelihoods approach to everyday politics and resistance in upland Vietnam](#). *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 102(2):403-422.
-

Sarah Turner and Laura Schoenberger. 2012. [Street vendor livelihoods and everyday politics in Hanoi, Vietnam: the seeds of a diverse economy?](#) Urban Studies 49(5):1027-1044.

Some not so “Geographical” News



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