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UBC's Trevor Barnes Recipient of the 2012 Dean of Arts Award: The Dean of Arts Award, sponsored by Taylor Jordan Chafetz since 1997, is awarded annually to a faculty member in recognition of exceptional contributions. Professor Trevor Barnes in the UBC Department of Geography has been named the recipient of the Dean of Arts Award for 2012. Professor Barnes is one of the world's leading economic geographers whose cumulative impact on the discipline has "effectively redefined the field itself". Professor Barnes has made his career at UBC, where he has made unparalleled contributions to research and learning communities across the Faculty and campus. The award is named in honour of a Professor Emeritus, or Emerita, who has made significant contributions to the Faculty. This year the award is given in honour of Olav Slaymaker, formerly of the Department of Geography. [Award Citation](#)

U Toronto's Ron Buliung Comments on the War on the Streets of Toronto - Motorists vs. Cyclists: Toronto Mayor Rob Ford cruised to victory a year-and-a-half ago pledging to end what he dubbed "The war on the car." He argued that bike lanes were taking away space for automobiles. Since Ford came into office, Toronto hasn't just stopped putting in bike lanes; it has started removing some of them. Last year, the Toronto city council voted to remove three bike lanes. Nobody says, 'Well, hey we're killing people at twice the rate of Vancouver. Shouldn't we try to think of making these streets a little bit safer?' University of Toronto Cities Centre Research Associate Professor Ron Buliung contributed this op-ed about cycling in Toronto, following on a recent interview for Public Radio International's The World, [War on the Streets of Toronto: Motorists vs. Cyclists](#). TCAT's newsletter features his piece There will always be more to do, but that's not the same as saying that nothing has been done! | [tcat](#)

Université de Montréal's Daniel Fortier on Role Resolute Play in Arctic Exploration: Daniel Fortier, a geographer at Université de Montréal's says: "It's incredible! All our research work fits into this warehouse." It is July 2011 and we are at Resolute Bay, on Cornwallis Island on the 75th parallel. Fortier, an Arctic specialist, is making his final preparations before setting out with a team from the province of Quebec for Ward Hunt island. Resolute Bay, an Inuit village in Nunavut territory, is on the edge of the mythical Northwest Passage and home to a key component in the Canadian government's Polar Continental Shelf Programme, a facility that has been providing logistic support to Arctic science for 54 years. It takes care of the material side of research projects in an area reaching from the border with Alaska to the Arctic Circle. It is here that expeditions start and finish. [Guardian Weekly](#)

Trent U's Roger Picton Commemorates Ottawa Heritage: Trent University urban geographer Roger Picton recently gave a keynote presentation at a public event hosted by Ottawa Heritage commemorating the 50th anniversary of the [LeBreton Flats expropriations](#).

UVic's Reuben Rose-Redwood on Success of City Naming Rights: In Canada cash-strapped municipal governments are increasingly looking to corporate sponsors to buy the naming rights to buildings, arenas and even garbage cans. Winnipeg has taken it to a new level entirely with Sponsor Winnipeg, a program offering naming rights to every ambulance, parking structure, defibrillator and dog park in town. Earlier this month, Victoria city councillors voted down Marianne Alto's sponsorship plan. The proposal is not dead, it is just being sent around for "public engagement" before being put back before councillors. It is "peanuts compared to the amount that larger cities receive for comparable event centres," said Reuben Rose-Redwood, a University of Victoria geographer leading a campaign against Ms. Alto's policy. Ottawa has 800,000 people and no shortage of appealing buildings to name, yet the city's sponsorship program optimistically expects to take in \$12.7-million over three years – less than 0.0016% of the city's \$2.5 billion annual budget. [National Post](#)

U Waterloo Geography Without Borders Celebration: On May 31, 2012, Alumni, students, faculty, and staff to kick off Geography's 50th year, featuring brief presentations by Waterloo faculty members, photos from the past five decades and an interactive map tracking where Waterloo geographers have lived, worked, and travelled. Geographers with UW connections are invited to help build a 50th Anniversary photo album by sending pictures of your Waterloo memories. Photos will be on display at the event and posted in the GEM 50th photo album on the Waterloo Environment Alumni [Facebook page](#). [Geography Without Borders](#)

U Western's Peter Ashmore Receives 2012 IAGLR Chandler-Misener Award: Peter Ashmore of the Department of Geography at Western University was presented with the Chandler-Misener Award by the International Association for Great Lakes Research. The award is presented annually to the author of the peer-reviewed paper in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. Papers are evaluated on originality, contribution, and presentation. Peter was presented with this award based on his paper entitled "[Bed morphology, flow structure, and sediment transport at the outlet of Lake Huron and in the upper St. Clair River](#)" which appeared in the journal in 2011. [Chandler-Misener Award](#)

McMaster U's Lily DeMiglio Presented with Best Oral Paper Award: Lily DeMiglio, a PhD candidate in the School of Geography & Earth Sciences at McMaster University, won the Award for Best Oral Paper at the [Hospice Palliative Care Ontario 2012 Conference](#), April 29 - May 2nd, held in Richmond Hill. Lily's paper, entitled "Shared care: the barriers encountered by community-based palliative care teams in Ontario, Canada", described how a 3-I framework was applied to explore the impacts of the healthcare system, motivations of stakeholders and values of stakeholders and information/research on community-based palliative care teams in Ontario. Based on the perspectives of team members and key-informants, it is suggested that palliative care teams experience socio-political barriers in an effort to establish shared care in the community setting.

U Waterloo Geospatial Centre Opens: The University of Waterloo Map Library closed its doors in mid-April after many years in the Environment 1 building. With its move to the Dana Porter Library, it remains committed to providing "great cartographic and GIS services for campus," but under a new name and with expanded resources. "The move is an extremely exciting time for us," says Eva Dodsworth, the Library's Geospatial Data Services Librarian and Coordinator of the new Geospatial Centre. "The Geospatial Centre brings our most valued collections closer together. We will be offering a better service – more GIS computer stations, and even a break-out room specifically for group instruction. We envision a warm and inviting map and GIS hub – a place for historical map lovers, air photo analysts, visual researchers, and for students, faculty, and staff who wish to learn and use digital maps and GIS technology." [news@your library](#)

York U Geography Alumni Lecture Series: McMaster Professor Emeritus Ming-Ko Woo on "Modern Myths in Northern Science" - [click here](#) for a video of this engaging presentation.

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Shauna Bloom. 2012. [Local food promotional initiatives in southwestern Ontario: Linking composition, purpose and producer engagement](#). PhD dissertation. University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. Supervisor: John Smithers.

Heather Haines. 2012. Changes in the hydrological regime in the Upper Bow and Upper Athabasca Watersheds during the 20th Century. MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Brian Luckman.

Tatiana Hrytsak. 2012. Alluvial cover dynamics in a semi-alluvial channel: a case study of Medway Creek, London, ON". MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Peter Ashmore.

Matthew Maltby. 2012. Case studies of personal exposure to PM25 during children's school journeys and cyclists's morning commutes in London, Ontario, Canada. MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Jason Gilliland.

Denver Nixon. 2012. Sensing commute spaces and automobilized places by foot, bike and car in Vancouver, BC. PhD thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Joy Parr.

Julia Orlova. 2012. Surface water and groundwater contributions to streamflow in the Hudson Bay Lowlands". MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Brian Branfireun.

Erin Pratley. 2012. "A Case Study Comparison of Direct Selling Alternative Food Networks in Belo Horizonte, Brazil and Toronto, Canada". PhD thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Belinda Dodson.

Emma Reid. 2011. The formation of small-scale glacial flutes: a case study of the Castle Creek forefield, Cariboo Mountains, BC". MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Brian Luckman.

Que Ren. 2012. [Fuzzy logic-based digital soil mapping in the Laurel Creek Conservation Area, Waterloo, Ontario](#). MSc thesis. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. Supervisor: Jonathan Li.

Nina Sampson. 2011. The use of geomorphic principles in natural channel design: the state of river restoration practice in southern Ontario". MSc thesis. Western University, London. Supervisor: Dr. Peter Ashmore.

Ryan Snider. 2012. [Land Tenure, Ecotourism, and Sustainable Livelihoods: 'Living on the Edge' of the Greater Maasai Mara, Kenya](#). PhD dissertation. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. Supervisor: Geoff Wall.

R.G.D. Davidson-Arnott, B.O. Bauer, I.J. Walker, P.A. Hesp, J. Ollerhead and C. Chapman. 2012. [High-frequency sediment transport responses on a vegetated foredune](#). Earth Surface Processes and Landforms. DOI: 10.1002/esp.3275

Norman K. Jones. 2012. [The influence of recent climate change on wine regions in Quebec, Canada](#). Journal of Wine Research. DOI:10.1080/09571264.2012.678933

Antoni G. Lewkowicz, Philip P. Bonnaventure, Sharon I. Smith and Zoé Kuntz. 2012. [Spatial and thermal characteristics of mountain permafrost, northwest Canada](#). Geografiska Annaler: Series A, Physical Geography. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-0459.2012.00462.x

Jamie Peck and Adam Tickell. 2012. [Apparitions of neoliberalism: revisiting 'Jungle law breaks out'](#). Area 44(2):245-249.

Sierra Pope, Luke Copland and Derek Mueller. 2012. [Loss of multiyear landfast sea ice from Yelverton Bay, Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, Canada](#). Arctic, Antarctic, and Alpine Research 44(2):210-221

Andrew J. Trant, John D. Jacobs and Trudy Sable. 2012. [Teaching and learning about climate change with Innu Environmental Guardians](#). Polar Geography. DOI:10.1080/1088937X.2012.682229

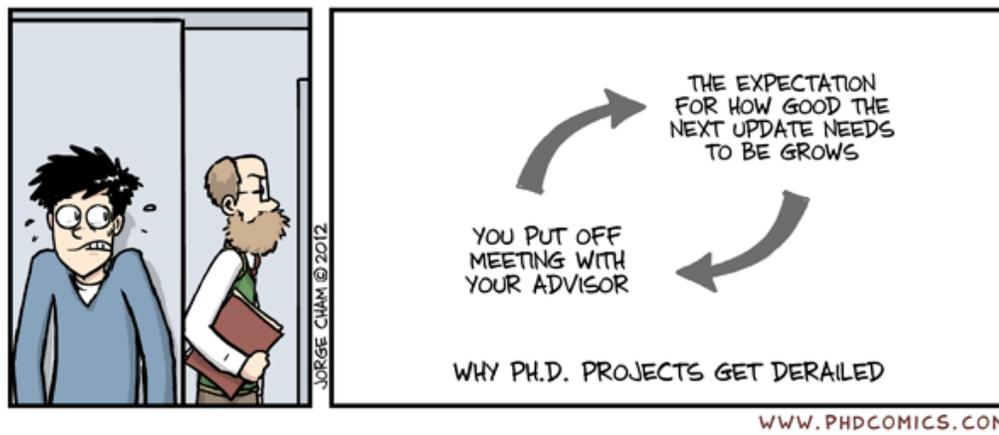
Other “Geographical” News

Federal Funding Cuts Threaten Arctic Research: In response to the federal budgets cuts, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has ended a funding program that helps keep these and other research facilities across Canada operational. A total of 37 organizations have been informed that the Major Resources Support program that NSERC administers will no longer be taking applications. The NSERC program supported the Kluane Research Station, the Centre for Northern Studies out of Laval, Que., the research icebreaker CCGS Amundsen, the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory on Ellesmere Island and several other Arctic base stations and analytical facilities. It was one of a number of federal initiatives implemented to focus attention on developments in the north. In response to questions officials at NSERC stated that the decision was necessary because the council is losing \$15 million this year and \$30 million next year to federal budget cuts. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Colorblind Assistant: The Colorblind Assistant program helps those persons with visual recognition problems navigate a range of websites, regardless of the font, color, and so on. This program instantly picks the color of the type from the mouse pointer, providing users with a written name of the color, along with other key data, such as RGB values and bar graphs, brightness and saturation. This particular version is compatible with Windows XP, Vista, or 7. [Download Colorblind Assistant](#)

GIS4Geomorphology.com: orphometric indices are powerful tools for investigating effects of active tectonics and climate change on mountainous landscapes. The tutorials provided on this site are aimed at the graduate student in the Geosciences whose research involves DEMs, mountainous landscapes and watersheds. The site contains a growing list of ArcGIS and R tutorials. [GIS4Geomorphology](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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