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U Toronto's Larry Bourne to be Awarded International Geographical Union's Lauréat d'honneur: Larry Bourne, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography & Program in Planning at the University of Toronto, has been named as the International Geographical Union's Lauréat d'honneur for his many contributions to urban geography, and the IGU. The award will be announced and conferred at the Closing Ceremony of the IGU Congress in Cologne, Germany on 30 August 2012. The Lauréat d'honneur was established in 1976 to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography and environmental research.

Recent Carleton U MSc Graduate Timothy Ensom Featured in GoGeomatics: Timothy Ensom is a recent graduate of Department of Geography & Environmental Studies Master of Science program at Carleton University. Tim talks about his academic background and his new career as a hydrologist working in Edmonton. Tim's research, supervised by Dr. Chris Burn, examined the thermal regime of Mackenzie Delta surface waters and their control on regional permafrost configuration. [GoGeomatics](#)

U Waterloo Geography Bob Ryerson Alumnus Receives Canada's Highest Remote Sensing Honour: When University of Waterloo alumnus Dr. Robert "Bob" Ryerson stepped up to the podium to accept the 2012 Canadian Remote Sensing Society (CRSS) Gold Medal Award for his "pioneering contributions and leadership" he was being honoured for the fact that since earning his PhD in Geography from the Faculty of Environmental Studies in 1975 he has helped elevate the importance of remote sensing here in Canada and around the world. In his varied career since leaving Waterloo, Ryerson has contributed to that leadership, working as a scientist, marketer, policy developer, government and industry executive, entrepreneur, investor, business broker and consultant. Here in Canada, Ryerson has done important work on crop area estimation. Abroad, he's managed radar-related field work in Africa and even helped the Thai government set up data access policies. "And we did that with the full approval of the military – in the middle of a coup," Ryerson says. [UW Environment News](#)

Carleton U DGES MA students Help to Advance Just Foods Project: Carleton University Department of Geography & Environmental Studies (DGES) MA Candidates, Meaghan Kenny, Chris Bisson, and Sarah M.L. Walker recently completed a SSHRC-funded participatory action research "intervention" with Just Food Ottawa. Supervised by Dr. Patricia Ballamingie and Dr. Peter Andree, the research is part of a province-wide project, Building Regional Food Hubs in Ontario: Fostering linked-up thinking and practice through sustainable food systems(2011-2012) [led by PI, Alison Blay-Palmer (Wilfred Laurier University)]. Amongst other things, these dedicated interns helped to advance [Just Food's](#) Community Food and Sustainable Agriculture Hub project.

Carleton U DGES MA Student Meaghan Kenney Wins Awesome Award: Meaghan Kenny, MA student in Carleton University Department of Geography & Environmental Studies (DGES), recently won the July Awesome Ottawa Award for her work with the Karen Community Farm Project. The Karen are one of the largest ethnic minority groups of Burma, and have been persecuted for decades,” explains Meaghan. In 2006, the Canadian government announced that it would accept 3000 Karen refugees, over a two-year period, for re-settlement in Canada. Community volunteers have worked since the arrival of the first group of Karen in 2006 to establish a place for them to farm. The award from Awesome Ottawa will allow the purchase of much-needed supplies and tools for the farm, such as fencing (to keep the deer and groundhogs out), row covers (to keep the insects off), a wheelbarrow, and rain barrels. [Awesome Ottawa Foundation](#)

Carleton U’s Patricia Ballamingie Recognized at Capital Educators’ Awards: [Patricia Ballamingie](#), an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies was one of the finalists from Carleton University for the Capital Educator’s Award, was awarded a certificate of recognition at the EduGala held the Ottawa Network for Education. [gLoeb Express](#)

York U Geography Welcomes Drs. Min-Jung Kwak and Tristan Sturm: Dr. Min-Jung Kwak and Dr. Tristan Sturm have joined the Department of Geography as full time faculty members. Dr. Kwak obtained her PhD from UBC and her research interests are on urban transnationalism, immigrant entrepreneurship, and education migration. Dr. Sturm’s PhD is from UCLA. A cultural and political geographer, his primary interests are critical geopolitics and the political economy of development. [York Geography](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Matthew J. Burke, Tracy A. Brennand and Andrew J. Perkins. 2012. [Evolution of the subglacial hydrologic system beneath the rapidly decaying Cordilleran Ice Sheet caused by ice-dammed lake drainage: implications for meltwater-induced ice acceleration](#). Quaternary Science Reviews 50:125–140.

C. Champagne, A.A. Berg, H. McNairn, G. Drewitt and T. Huffman. 2012. [Evaluation of soil moisture extremes for agricultural productivity in the Canadian prairies](#). Agricultural and Forest Meteorology 165:1–11.

Hufeng Chen, Ming Cheng, Jonathan Li and Yinsheng Liu. 2012. [An iterative terrain recovery approach to automated DTM generation from airborne LiDAR point clouds](#). International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences, Volume XXXIX-B4, 2012 XXII ISPRS Congress, 25 August – 01 September 2012, Melbourne, Australia. 363-368.

Michael Fritz, Ulrike Herzschuh, Sebastian Wetterich, Hugues Lantuit, Gregory P. De Pascale, Wayne H. Pollard and Lutz Schirmer. 2012. [Late glacial and Holocene sedimentation, vegetation, and climate history from easternmost Beringia \(northern Yukon Territory, Canada\)](#). Quaternary Research. doi.org/10.1016/j.yqres.2012.07.007

H. Damon Matthews, Susan Solomon and Raymond Pierrehumbert. 2012. [Cumulative carbon as a policy framework for achieving climate stabilization](#). Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A 370:4365-4379.

Ryan J. MacDonald, James M. Byrne, Sarah Boon and Stefan W. Kienzle. 2012. [Modelling the potential impacts of climate change on snowpack in the North Saskatchewan River watershed, Alberta](#). Water Resources Management. DOI: 10.1007/s11269-012-0016-2

Eugene McCann and Kevin Ward. 2012. [Policy assemblages, mobilities and mutations: toward a multidisciplinary conversation](#). Political Studies Review 10:325–332.

Simon Springer. 2012. [Anarchism! What geography still ought to be](#). Antipode. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-8330.2012.01034.x

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Jessica Laura Fitterer. 2012. [Modelling British Columbia's ecosystems and avian richness using landscape-scale indirect indicators of biodiversity](#). Unpublished MSc thesis. Department of Geography, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Supervisor: Trisalyn Nelson.

Other “Geographical” News

Old Maps Layered on Google Maps: Where Were You in High School Geography? Over the course of history, territories have been redrawn, new places have been discovered, and countries have been named and renamed. But what does Indonesia, for instance, look like now compared to what it was in 1801? The [David Rumsey historical map collection](#) gives you that perspective, by layering old maps over the current view of Google Maps. Check out what Montreal looked like in 1815. [Gizmodo](#)

The Geography of America's Music Scenes: To better understand the geography of music in America, Charlotta Mellander analyzed Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on the concentration of musicians and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis stats on music and recording industry business establishments, and combined the results into a Metro Music Index. [The Atlantic Cities](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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