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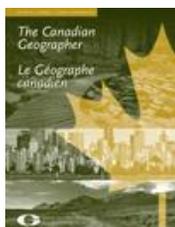
U Guelph's Barry Smits on Factoring Changing Climate into Business Decisions: "If you're in business it makes sense to check your susceptibility to the changing climate and find a way, if it makes sense, of factoring it into your business decisions," said Barry Smits, Canada Research Chair in Global Environmental Change at the University of Guelph, referring to the woes faced by prairie farmers and British Columbia timber companies. "The whole industry in B.C. has had to adjust its whole practice of harvesting and processing and marketing because climate change allowed the pine beetle to spread rapidly and devastate the entire pine forest, and also now (in) Alberta." "In B.C. it was a reactive adaptation, because they didn't see it coming or plan for it, whereas in Alberta some of the companies there are searching hard for things they can do in advance to address this." On the other hand, global warming may prove a boon for Ontario and Nova Scotia winemakers who are experimenting with grape varieties that "historically wouldn't really be successful here," Smits said. [Toronto Star](#)

UVic's Denise Cloutier Focuses Research on Long-Care Health Systems: Denise Cloutier (Geography) and Margaret J. Penning (Sociology), and their team will examine how older adults transition through the long-term care system. The project is co-funded by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. "This project addresses very important contemporary health care issues such as how to provide services that will meet the evolving needs of aging individuals as they transition through the health care continuum from home to hospital or residential care," said Dr. Penning. "A clearer understanding of these patterns and their predictors is critical for the quality of life of older adults and their families and affects health policy decision-making at all levels," added Dr. Cloutier. The project is among 27 projects recently funded through CIHR's Partnerships for Health System Improvement program. The program supports teams of researchers and health care decision makers that work together to develop and implement solutions to health care challenges. [UVic Media Release](#)

U Guelph's Evan Fraser Comments on Drought Conditions and Impact on Food Prices: University of Guelph professor Evan Fraser continues to be called upon for comment on the drought conditions in eastern Canada and the potential impact on food prices and Canadian consumers. Fraser, Department of Geography, was quoted in a [Globe and Mail story](#) about the effects of weather in the United States on commodity prices. He had an op-ed piece published in the [Ottawa Citizen](#) and was featured on CBC Radio's [The Current](#). He was also quoted, along with his colleague Ben Bradshaw, in a July 24 article in [The Globe and Mail](#). Fraser joined U of G in fall 2010 as the Canada Research Chair in Global Human Security. He co-wrote the book [Empires of Food: Feast, Famine and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations](#) about how and why human culture depends on food, what happens when a culture runs out of it and our likely future.

Western University Geographers Author Position Statement on Active Transportation: The Middlesex-London Health Unit recently released [HEALTHY CITY/Active London](#), a position statement on Active Transportation that was co-authored by Dr. Jason Gilliland, Associate Professor, Douglas Rivet, PhD Student and Stephen Fitzpatrick, MA Student all from the Department of Geography and the [Human Environments Analysis Laboratory](#) (HEAL) at Western University, with collaboration from the Health Unit staff. Active Transportation is defined as any form of human-powered transportation including, but not limited to, walking, cycling, and skateboarding. HEALTHY CITY / Active London is the MLHU's formal submission to ReTHINK London, the year-long community conversation about the future of London that will influence the direction of the City of London's revised Official Plan. HEALTHY CITY / Active London was the subject of a news conference at the MLHU on August 10, and was reported on by CTV News, 98.1 Free FM, The London Free Press, London Community News, and other local media.

New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



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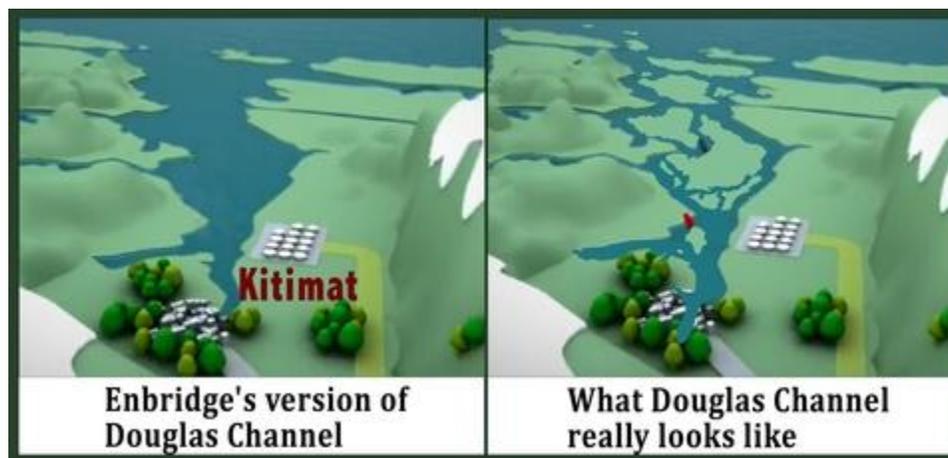
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Other “Geographical” News

Where in the world? It happens all the time: You stop in to visit a professor and are told he or she is out of town, at a conference, or on sabbatical. Did you ever wonder exactly where they were or what they were doing? Until now, unless you caught the prof before they headed out the door, that information could be hard to come by. A new interactive map developed at the University of Calgary Faculty of Education may answer many of those questions. Intended to highlight locations around the globe where faculty members in the Faculty of Education have recently been or are currently carrying out research activities, the map also takes note of academics and administrators visiting from outside of Alberta. [Where in the World](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



[How Enbridge erased BC islands](#)

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