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Mount Allison U's Colin Laroque Presented with AAU Teaching Award: The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) announced that one of the winners of the AAU's regional awards for excellence in teaching and educational leadership is Dr. Colin Laroque, Department of Geography and Environment, Mount Allison University. Colin is receiving the 2012 AAU Distinguished Teaching Award in recognition of his outstanding teaching over a number of years. The [AAU](#) represents the 16 universities in Atlantic Canada and the University of the West Indies. The AAU is an advocate for the important role Atlantic universities play in preparing future leaders of our communities, in path-breaking research and innovation and in contributing to the economic prosperity and quality of life of the Atlantic region. [AAU News Release](#) | [MTA News](#) | [Sackville Tribune Post](#) |

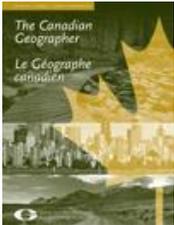
An Ill Wind Good News for Memorial Geographers: More than a week later, the destruction from Tropical Storm/Hurricane Leslie is still being felt across Newfoundland and Labrador's capital city. The debris is piled high in St. John's Bowring Park and Bannerman Park is littered with uprooted trees. But geographers Dr. Trevor Bell and Maggie Danek from the Department of Geography have benefitted from these unexpected windfalls. The pair have spent the last 12 months studying the potential of whether or not old downtown trees can preserve annual records of environmental lead pollution in St. John's as part of the ongoing LeadNL project. Dr. Bell is the principal investigator of LeadNL. [Today.MUN.CA](#)

For UVic's Ken Josephson Mapping is About Visualizing Connections: After nearly four decades working as a cartographer, in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria since 1981 and eight years prior to that with the federal government, Ken Josephson is hesitant to even refer to his work as "mapping." Instead, he sees it as an empowerment tool for community engagement and a way to open up stories and give voice to those who otherwise might not get heard. Josephson works in communications and community mapping in the geography department. Much of what he does is create the visual representations used for public-engagement and community-consultation processes. Through the graphics he provides, people are able to make connections they might not otherwise see or think of or remember, and thus they're prompted to share key information and intriguing stories that become part of the community record. "It's a research methodology for gathering information and re-presenting it," Josephson says. "We've seen maps used to visually start documenting, to kickstart the brainstorming for planning and visioning, to build and move toward consensus much earlier." [The Ring](#)

UBC's Derek Gregory Awarded Internationalen Wissenschaftspreis der Deutschen Geographie: [Derek Gregory](#), Department of Geography of the University of British Columbia, has been awarded the inaugural Internationalen Wissenschaftspreis der Deutschen Geographie (International Science Award of German Geography).

UBC's Jamie Peck Appointed as a Distinguished Scholar in Residence: The [Peter Wall Distinguished Scholars in Residence Award](#) is available to UBC Faculty members to spend one year in residence at the Peter Wall Institute, in a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment.

New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)

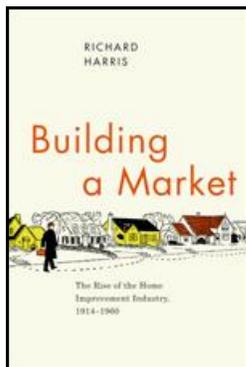


Sébastien Caquard, Daniel Naud et Rodolphe Gonzalès. 2012. [Esquisses géographiques des récits cinématographiques Canadiens contemporains](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00443.x

Teresa Scassa. 2012. [Legal issues with volunteered geographic information](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-0064.2012.00444.x

New Books

Richard Harris.2012. [The Rise of the Home Improvement Industry, 1914-1960](#). The University of Chicago Press. 448 p.



Each year, North Americans spend as much money fixing up their homes as they do buying new ones. This obsession with improving our dwellings has given rise to a multibillion-dollar industry that includes countless books, consumer magazines, a cable television network, and thousands of home improvement stores. Building a Market charts the rise of the home improvement industry in the United States and Canada from the end of World War I into the late 1950s. Drawing on the insights of business, social, and urban historians, and making use of a wide range of documentary sources, Richard Harris shows how the middle-class preference for home ownership first emerged in the 1920s—and how manufacturers, retailers, and the federal government combined to establish the massive home improvement market and a pervasive culture of Do-It-Yourself.

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

- Abdullah BaMasoud and Mary-Louise Byrne. 2012. [The impact of low ice cover on shoreline recession: A case study from Western Point Pelee, Canada](#). *Geomorphology* 173–174:141–148.
- Sara Barron, Glenis Canete, Jeff Carmichael, David Flanders, Ellen Pond, Stephen Sheppard and Kristi Tatebe. 2012. [A climate change adaptation planning process for low-lying, communities vulnerable to sea level rise](#). *Sustainability* 4(9):2176-2208.
- Bethany Coulthard, Dan J. Smith and Terri Lacourse. 2012. [Dendroglaciological investigations of mid-to late-Holocene glacial activity in the Mt. Waddington area, British Columbia Coast Mountains, Canada](#). *The Holocene*. doi: 10.1177/0959683612455537
- Aristithes G. Doumouras, David Gomez, Barbara Haas, Donald M. Boyes and Avery B. Nathens. 2012. [Comparing methodologies for evaluating emergency medical services ground transport access to time-critical emergency services: a case study using trauma center care](#). *Academic Emergency Medicine* 19(9):E1099–E1108.
- Elah Feder, Jennifer Robinson and Sarah Wakefield. 2012. [Persistence of change: fume hood campaign lessons](#). *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education* 13(4): 338-353.
- W. J. Greenwood and Jim M. Buttle. 2012. [Effects of reforestation on near-surface saturated hydraulic conductivity in a managed forest landscape, southern Ontario, Canada](#). *Ecohydrology*. DOI:10.1002/eco.1320
- Mohammadreza Jelokhani-Niaraki et Jacek Malczewski. 2012. [A Web 3.0-driven collaborative multicriteria spatial decision support system](#). *Cybergeog. European Journal of Geography*.
- Suzan L. Lapp, Jeannine-Marie St. Jacques, David J. Sauchyn, and Jessica R. Vanstone. 2012. [Forcing of hydroclimatic variability in the northwestern Great Plains since AD 1406](#). *Quaternary International*. doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2012.09.011
- Christopher J. Lemieux, Paul F.J. Eagles, D. Scott Slocombe, Sean T. Doherty, Susan J. Elliott and Steven E. Mock. 2012. [Human health and well-being motivations and benefits associated with protected area experiences: an opportunity for transforming policy and management in Canada](#). *PARKS: the International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation*, 18(1): 71-86.
- Julia Linke and Greg J. McDermid. 2012. [Monitoring landscape change in multi-use west-central Alberta, Canada using the disturbance-inventory framework](#). *Remote Sensing of Environment* 125: 112-124.
- Dan P. McCarthy and Nicole Henry. 2012. [Measurement of growth in the lichen *Rhizocarpon geographicum* using a new photographic technique](#). *The Lichenologist* 44(5):679-693.
- Natalie Oswin. 2012. [The queer time of creative urbanism: Family, futurity and global city Singapore](#). *Environment and Planning A* 44: 1624-1640.
- Joanna Petrusek MacDonald, Sherilee L. Harper, Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, Victoria L. Edge, and the Rigolet Inuit Community Government. 2012. [A necessary voice: Climate change and lived experiences](#)

[of youth in Rigolet, Nunatsiavut, Canada](#). Global Environmental Change. doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2012.07.010

Murray D. Rice, Sean Tierney, Sean O'Hagan, Donald Lyons, Milford B. Green. 2012. [Knowledge, influence, and firm-level change: A geographic analysis of board membership associated with Canada's growing and declining businesses](#). Geoforum 43(5):959-968.

Jillian Strauss, Luis Miranda-Moreno, Dan Crouse, Mark S. Goldberg, Nancy A. Ross and Marianne Hatzopoulou. 2012. [Investigating the link between cyclist volumes and air pollution along bicycle facilities in a dense urban core](#). Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment 17(8):619–625.

Cristian Suteanu and Mioara Manda. 2012. [Surface air temperature in the Canadian Arctic: scaling and pattern change](#). Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics. doi:10.1007/s00703-012-0206-8

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Chad Walker. 2012. ["Winds of Change": Explaining Support for Wind Energy Developments in Ontario, Canada, Explaining Support For Wind Energy](#). Master of Arts, Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. Supervisor: Jamie Baxter

Other "Geographical" News

How Google Earth Changed the World: Google Earth looks like a traditional atlas". "Its homepage is an image of the world, and then you drill down through the layers. It mimics the history of cartography. The most significant difference between Google Earth and its predecessors is the lack of geographers involved in its creation and maintenance. Google's top "Geospatial Technologist" is Ed Parsons, a former chief technology officer at Ordnance Survey. But almost all the other people who work on the application are tech professionals. They even resist describing Google Earth as a map." "Geography as a discipline has no involvement with what's going on online," says Brotton a professor of Renaissance studies at Queen Mary, University of London. "Geographers are concerned because, for instance, they don't know if or how these maps are being peer-reviewed." [The Independent](#)

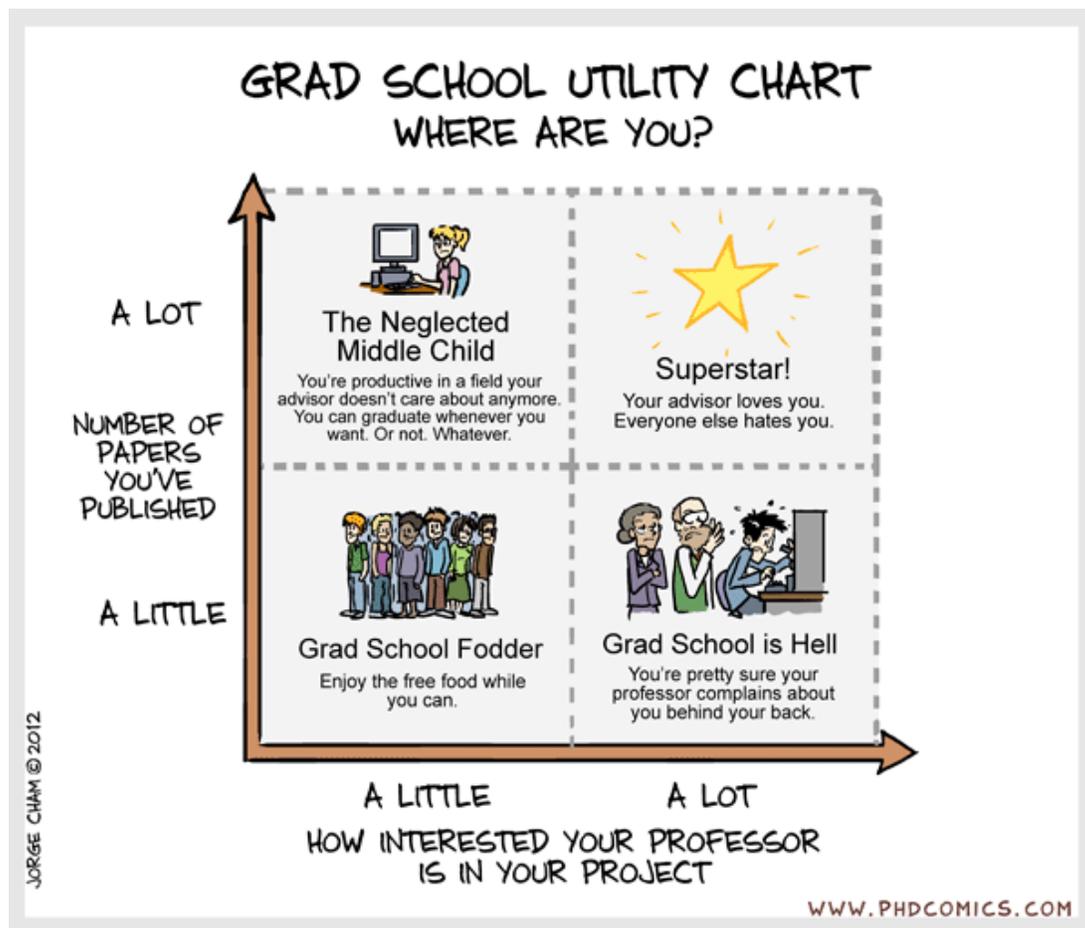
Mapping Our Memories: The Atlas of the Great Irish Famine is one of the most comprehensive studies of the greatest catastrophe in modern Irish history. The Great Irish Famine (1845-52) is seen not only as the most defining event in modern history but as the greatest natural disaster of the modern age. As many as 1m people died of starvation and famine-induced diseases. The terror that faced those who died during the Famine defies description. [Irish Examiner](#)

How 'Geography' Informs The Fate Of The World: To understand many of the worlds triumphs, tragedies and conflicts, according to geopolitical analyst Robert Kaplan, look no further than a map. In his book The Revenge of Geography, Kaplan argues that geography is not just important to understanding world affairs — it's central to understanding where we've been and where we're going. Kaplan uses this framework to look ahead and speculate about how geography will inform the future development and relations of countries like the United States, China and Iran. [NPR Books](#)

North America's Rocky Mountains Affect Norway's Climate: Both the Gulf Stream and the Norwegian Sea have a major impact on Norway's climate. However, it turns out that weather conditions are also influenced by geographical elements from much farther away. The Rocky Mountains, for instance, play a major role in weather in Norway. [ScienceDaily](#)

Himalayan Glaciers: Climate Change, Water Resources, and Water Security: Scientific evidence shows that most glaciers in South Asia's Hindu Kush Himalayan region are retreating, but the consequences for the region's water supply are unclear. *Himalayan Glaciers: Climate Change, Water Resources, and Water Security* makes recommendations and explains that changes in the availability of water resources could play an increasing role in political tensions, especially if existing water management institutions do not better account for the social, economic, and ecological complexities of the region. [Read this Book Online, Free](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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