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24th Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers, October 19-21, 2012: The 24th AGM of the Atlantic Division of the CAG was held at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS. There were 114 attendees at the 24th Annual Meeting, a new record for attendance. Oral presentations numbered 46, requiring four sets of three concurrent sessions, along with 22 poster presentations. The meeting began on Friday evening with a reception at the SMU Faculty Lounge. After presentations were completed on Saturday, the Annual Business meeting was held. Guy Vincent was elected as Treasurer for a new term. A resolution was passed to invite Dalhousie University to join the annual rotations for holding the annual meeting. The student presentation awards were announced, and the Stuart Semple Award to presented to [Karyn Butler](#), Department of Geography, Memorial University. [ACAG 24th](#)

U Calgary's Shawn Marshall Examining How Fast Canada's Glaciers are Shrinking: University of Calgary's Shawn Marshall is are trying to figure out how fast the glaciers are shrinking and what that means for our future water supply. "What I hope to do with this research... is to ... get awareness out there, try to push people to think a little bit and get them to internalize some concern precautionary principle about how the planet is changing and to realize this is real, not theoretical — it's really happening." The Athabasca Glacier is 5 km long and 1 km wide. Marshall said most glaciers shrink by about 20 m every year. "[We're] just trying to document and measure and understand these glaciers, to put numbers on rates of retreat [to] see how much water comes off glaciers and what that means for the Bow River, for the North Saskatchewan River," said Marshall. [CBC News](#) | [Vancouver Sun](#)

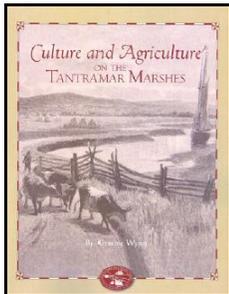
McGill U Graduate Student Gillian Gregory Receives Theo Hills Memorial Fund Support: Theo Hills (1925-2002) served McGill as a Professor of Geography from 1950 until his retirement in 1992. He was a pioneer in the study of sustainability and the developing world. To commemorate his substantial contribution, the Theo L. Hills Memorial Fund was established to support graduate student field-work research in developing areas. In 2012, Gillian Gregory received support from the fund to look at the relationships between rural-urban migration, aquatic resource management, and possibilities for conservation in the Peruvian Amazon. Gillian expects to be working in two study communities surrounding the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, as well as urban centres in and beyond the Amazon. [Theo L. Hills Memorial Fund](#)

UBC Geographer Newsletter, October 2012: The October 2012 issue of the UBC Geography Department newsletter features: PhD student Alan Grove who spent this past summer in Iqaluit, and provides graduate student profiles of Lawrence Bird, Salome Buglass, Nick Byrne, Matt Chemos, Dan Cohen, Kathryn De Rego, Ashley Dudill, Jessica Hallenbeck, Leonora King, Kyle Loewen, Lucy MacKenzie, Adam Mahoney, Elanna Nolan, Alex Pysklywec, Christopher Quick, David West and Qinran Yang. [UBC Geographer](#)

U Regina's Dave Sauchyn Helps Conclude International Climate Change Conference: The University of Regina, in partnership with the United Nations Water for Life Decade in Canada and the University of Texas in Austin has concluded a successful climate change conference in Banff, Alberta. University of Regina geography professor Dave Sauchyn, spoke about the effects of climate on water in Western Canada over the past one-thousand years. "The changes have been dramatic," said Sauchyn. "People should be concerned because it will impact the lives of millions in so many different ways." [U Regina News Release](#)

New Book

Graeme Wynn. [Culture and Agriculture on the Tantramar Marshes](#). Tantramar Heritage Trust, Inc.



The book *Culture & Agriculture on the Tantramar Marshes* by Dr. Graeme Wynn, a revised and updated thesis, is a fascinating look at agriculture from the Acadian era through the early years of the British resettlement of the Tantramar. Dr. Wynn is a professor of Geography at the University of British Columbia, who has written extensively on the history and geography of the Atlantic provinces.

Graeme Wynn's analysis of 18th century agriculture on the Tantramar is "as careful an analysis of that period," as there is. "No one else has combed the records with such care and provided so balanced an assessment of how the agricultural production of Acadian farmers up to the 1750s compared to their successors on these marshes under British resettlement." This publication includes "a complete reproduction" of an MA research paper submitted to the University of Toronto in 1969, and a "new introduction with its own extensive notes and bibliography — a small book within a book" that offers "a seasoned assessment of the scholarship that has developed across the decades since...[that] will be as valuable...as the thesis for which it sets the context."



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Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

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Mark W. Rosenberg. 2012. [Some thoughts on governance, health and water](#). Human Evolution 27:1-4.

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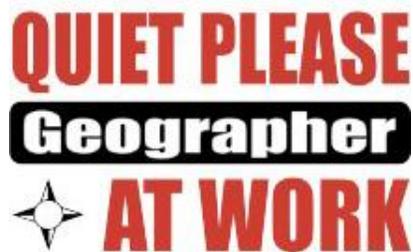
Other "Geographical" News

B.C.'s Free Textbooks Plan Needs a Closer Look: This week, the B.C. government announced its plan to make free textbooks available to its students. This is one of those concoctions that smells delicious until you get a bit closer. And then it seems half baked. And then you realize it might even have been a recipe for disaster all along. [Macleans.ca](#)

Evidence of Viking Outpost Found in Canada: For the past 50 years—since the discovery of a thousand-year-old Viking way station in Newfoundland—archaeologists and amateur historians have combed North America's east coast searching for traces of Viking visitors. While digging in the ruins of a centuries-old building on Baffin Island, far above the Arctic Circle, a team led by Sutherland, adjunct professor of archaeology at Memorial University in Newfoundland and a research fellow at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, found some very intriguing whetstones. Wear grooves in the blade-sharpening tools bear traces of copper alloys such as bronze—materials known to have been made by Viking metalsmiths but unknown among the Arctic's native inhabitants. Taken together with her earlier discoveries, Sutherland's new findings further strengthen the case for a Viking camp on Baffin Island. "While her evidence was compelling before, I find it convincing now," said James Tuck, professor emeritus of archaeology, also at Memorial University. [National Geographic Daily News](#)

Earthquake Scientists Sentenced to 6 Years: Six Italian scientists and a government official were sentenced to six years in jail on Monday for multiple manslaughter in a watershed ruling that found them guilty of underestimating the risks of a killer earthquake in 2009. They were also ordered to pay more than nine million euros (almost \$12 million) in damages to survivors in the devastated medieval town of L'Aquila in a case that has sparked outrage in the international science community. [DiscoveryNews](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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