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Two Mount Allison professors appointed fellows of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society: Mike Fox and Brad Walters, have been appointed fellows of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS). They join another top Atlantic Canadian geographer, Mount Allison's Colin Laroque who was appointed a fellow in 2007. Fox is an award winning teacher and researcher in transportation issues, geographic education, technology in schools, and community-based planning issues. Walters has also won awards for his teaching and research and was recognized by the RCGS for his public advocacy work on behalf of science and the environment. In his research, Walters studies the interactions between people, trees, and forests in the tropics and he has written extensively on issues of methodology in human-environment research. [MTA News](#)

Algoma U Cartographic Research Centre and residential schools map: The Residential Schools Interactive Map is being built as a "Healing and Reconciliation through Education" resource as we work together to address the impacts of Canada's Residential Schools. The map is being made remotely and in a separate location from the Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre, the Atlas host. The Map includes information and resources on Residential Schools in the United States where similar policies were employed and where addressing the impacts is also just beginning; and, it offers a portal into a world of internet-based resources that can be used for information sharing and education, public and private. After almost one year of development from its early conception phase, the Residential Schools map is beginning to form into a space with contacts and opportunities for networking on the Schools and related issues. [Residential School Map](#)

UBC's David Ley reports Vancouver's middle class shrinking and poverty spreading: Except for pockets of rich in the west and poor in the Downtown Eastside, Vancouver was home to middle class folks in the 1970s. But fast forward to 2010 and a starkly different city emerges. The middle class shrunk to 53% from 71%, more people are rich or poor, neighbourhoods gentrified and poverty shifted east along the rapid transit line, according to UBC geographer David Ley's research on disparity in Metro Vancouver. "It's a real suburbanization of poverty," Ley said. "I don't think our public image of cities has quite caught up with that." His report looks at the average income in different census tracts to see if it falls above, at or below the city's average. By 2005 more neighbourhoods in the west were rich while the poor – traditionally concentrated in the inner city – were priced out of the centre and moved along the SkyTrain to South Burnaby and North Surrey. [Metro](#)

UBC Geographer visits the Geography flume lab: The most recent issue of the UBC Geography newsletter features a visit to “The Mountain Channel Hydraulics Experimental Laboratory”, a report on water security public lectures sponsored by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, features on Tim Oke who received the International Association for Urban Climate’s (IAUC’s) Founder’s Prize and Andreas Christen, who was elected to the Board of the IAUC. Andreas coordinates the Urban Flux Network, which networks research groups measuring the exchange of energy, water, greenhouse gases and aerosols in cities. [UBC Geographer Vol 8\(2\)](#)

Brock Geographers visit local school to talk about careers in Geography: Faculty members from Brock Geography Department, including Mike Pisaric, Mike Ripmeester and J. Childs, visited St. Francis Catholic Secondary School to talk to a Grade 9 Geography class during “Careers Week” at the school. The trio showed photos and talked about their research interests as well as the diversity of career options available to students in geography. [News Around Campus](#)

Memorial U MA Graduate Amy Tucker in Spotlight: Amy Tucker graduated with a Master of Arts in Geography last year. Her main job in her current position as a Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator at the Leslie Harris Centre for Regional Policy and Development is to connect Memorial with the province. She helps discover project ideas from outside of the university and matches those opportunities with people at the university, creating practical projects that can help shape public policy and support regional development. Amy credits her Geography degrees for her “broad understanding of different research areas in the social and natural sciences, as well as the ability to learn and understand new ideas quickly.” She also noted that her graduate studies “made me a more rounded person.” [Memorial Geography Graduate Spotlight](#)

UBC Geography Launches Professionals Leadership Network: UBC Geography’s Professionals Leadership Network (PLN) is a new in the department. It arose from a desire by student and the department to become more involved in the community. The PLN is a volunteer-based program. It maintains an exclusive membership individual nominations and it plays an important role in building relationships. In today’s market, these links between researchers, students and industry, have become critical to the success of individuals in Geography. All parties to benefit from these network relationships: the students gain insight into industry practices and what the profession would expect of them, the faculty benefit from research and information exchanges, while the professionals see first-hand what direction research and technology is heading in their respective fields. [PLN Bulletin, Autumn 2012](#)

Vancouver Island U’s Pamela Shaw keynote speaker at SRHIDRO-III Regional Seminar: Pamela Shaw, Department of Geography, was a keynote speaker at SRHIDRO-III Regional Seminar on Water Management in Brazil in October 2012, and a member of the conference scientific committee. Her visit provided an opportunity to expand links with IF Fluminense and to expand partnerships in research and student exchanges. Pamela has research interests in retail geography, community-based participatory research, and adaptive co-management focused on estuarine environments. She is an elected Council Member for the Planning Institute of BC, Chair of PIBC’s Education Committee, and Chair of the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographer’s Education Committee. [VIU Faculty](#)

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Luigi Giuseppe Sulmona. 2012. [“Trade with security” : how Canada and the Netherlands relocated state frontiers through civil aviation networks](#). Unpublished PhD dissertation. Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia. Supervisor: David W. Edgington.

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Martina Demuro, Lee J. Arnold, Duane G. Froese and Richard G. Roberts. 2012. [OSL dating of loess bracketing Sheep Creek tephra beds, northwest Canada: dim and problematic single-grain OSL characteristics and their effect on multi-grain age estimates](#). Quaternary Geochronology. dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quageo.2012.11.003

X. Fang, J.W. Pomeroy, C.R. Ellis, M.K. MacDonald, C.M. DeBeer and T. Brown. 2012. [Multi-variable evaluation of hydrological model predictions for a headwater basin in the Canadian Rocky Mountains](#). Hydrology and Earth System Science Discussions 9:12825–12877.

Robert Gilbert and Joseph R. Desloges. 2012. [Late glacial and Holocene sedimentary environments of Quesnel Lake, British Columbia](#). Geomorphology 179:186–196.

Alan Walks. 2012. [Canada's housing bubble story: Mortgage securitization, the state, and the global financial crisis](#). International Journal of Urban and Regional Research. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-2427.2012.01184.x

Other “Geographical” News

How to survive the paper review process: Having one’s research judged by others can be a validating, empowering process. We hold the reviews up to the light and bask in their glory. We reminisce about them over a celebratory dinner and go to sleep that night with a smile on our face. Unfortunately, review processes can also be bewildering, traumatic, and disempowering experiences. [Wiley Asia Blog](#)

Students prefer good lectures over the latest technology in class: University students prefer the “old school” approach of an engaging lecture over the use of the latest technological bells and whistles in the classroom. That was a finding in a recent study of the perceptions of students and professors in Quebec on the use of information and communications technologies in higher learning. “Students are old school – they want lectures. They want to listen to a professor who’s engaging, who’s intellectually stimulating and who delivers the content to them”. [University Affairs](#)

Despite progress, gender still an issue in university research: A newly released report says despite significant progress in the representation of women in the university research ranks, there are still gender equity challenges that must be overcome. Relying only on the passage of time, the study warned, will not be enough to ensure parity. [Western News](#)

Trucking across the border: If you are interested in logistics, cross border trade and how much it actually costs to do business with our largest trading partner, you may want to read a new report from the Economic Analysis Branch of Statistics Canada. Despite the elimination of tariff barriers between Canada and the United States, the volume of trade between the two countries has been less than would be expected if tariffs were the sole impediment to trade. Read more in [Trucking Across the Border](#).

Tourist's album of Japan: If you are looking to explore Japan in the year 1909 this collection from the University of Vermont Libraries' Center for Digital Initiatives brings together the photo album compiled by Katherine Wolcott and her uncle, Robert Hull Fleming. The collection contains nearly 40 leaves of collected items which depict daily life, landscapes, and pictures of the countryside. [Tourist Album](#)

Turning stumps into trees traps carbon and revitalizes village: Forester Tony Rinaudo saw potential in the hundreds of thousands of tree stumps left on the Ethiopian landscape from years of deforestation. Using a technique called coppicing, in which a grower encourages a tree stump to grow offshoots, Rinaudo initiated the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration program, engaging local cooperatives of farmers to split up the landscape into parcels for coppicing and pruning trees. Six years later the land has sprung back to life. [Scientific American](#)

As Indian growth soars, child hunger persists: A report last month noted that India remained home to more than a fourth of the world's hungry, 230 million people in all. More surprising, though, another report found that "serious" rates of hunger persisted across Indian states that had posted enviable rates of economic growth in recent years. [New York Times](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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