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U Toronto's Susannah Bunce named Professor of the Year 2012-2013: As the school year comes to an end, the Underground has selected the recipients for the third annual Professors of the Year awards. Nominated by students and selected by the Underground editors, the list of professors is comprised of hard working and dedicated professionals. This year identified Susannah Bunce (geography) for excellence in the field of teaching and research. Professor Susannah Bunce teaches in the geography and city studies department. Her research interests lie in urban geography studies, specifically on the scale of neighbourhoods. She has taught at UTSC since 2008. Bunce has authored several papers on sustainability and the importance of green urban growth. Bunce appreciates the strong sense of social activism on this campus. As a professor, she likes using a more active form of education. "I focus on experiential learning," Bunce says. "My goal is to have students learn not just in the classroom, but also getting out of the classroom. So I try to encourage a lot of field trips." She also has a service learning course in which students are placed into local social service organizations. Bunce likes to bring her own research into the classroom and she sees teaching and research as extensions of one another. Bunce believes that knowledge is meant to be shared and that "the university is about education and students learning about what's happening in the world." [The Underground](#)

UBC's Daniel Hiebert predicts whites to become the minority in Metro Vancouver by 2031: Whites will be a distinct visible minority in Metro Vancouver in less than two decades, according to a new report. After being an overwhelming majority in Metro Vancouver up until the 1980s, whites will make up only two out of five residents by the year 2031, according to projections done for Citizenship and Immigration Canada. University of British Columbia geographer Daniel Hiebert also predicts that ethnic groups in Metro will increasingly concentrate in neighbourhood enclaves, creating a degree of racial segregation paralleled only by blacks and whites in major U.S. cities. The rate of immigration into Metro Vancouver will continue to be so rapid that, by 2031, only one out of four residents of the region will have grandparents who lived in Canada. "There is no European city with anything like this demographic structure, nor will there be in 2031," writes Hiebert, who, as co-director of research and policy forum Metropolis B.C., has travelled the world studying immigration patterns. Hiebert's analysis of census data forecasts the largest ethnic group in Metro Vancouver will be Chinese, followed by South Asians, Filipinos, Koreans and West Asians (such as Iranians). [Vancouver Sun](#) | [Calgary Herald](#)

U Victoria's Denise Cloutier speaks with CBC Radio: Denise Cloutier, Department of Geography and Centre on Aging at the University of Victoria, recently spoke with host Gregor Craigie on CBC Radio's "On the Island" about her research into transitions from the home environment to institutional settings for older adults and their families, the subject of her recent [Café Scientifique presentation](#).

U Winnipeg's John Lehr focuses on differences among Hutterites in book: Although authored by two cultural geographers, this book goes far beyond that discipline. More than one-third consists of the regulations, translated from German, the Schmiedeleut Hutterite elders have written down over time. More useful to the general reader is the book's listing of all of North America's current Hutterite colonies, given in alphabetical order by group (Schmiedeleut, Dariusleut and Lehrerleut) and by province and state. It adds up to 397 colonies, or about 40,000 individuals. Authors Yossi Katz and John Lehr point out, however, that birth rates among Hutterites have significantly decreased, to the extent that defections from the colonies now cancel out natural increase among the Schmiedeleut. The authors, the former an Israeli, the latter a University of Winnipeg professor, claim that previous studies on the Hutterites regarded these people "as a monolithic body." They, by contrast, also point out the differences that exist between the three leut groups. They argue that, since the Schmiedeleut have recently split up, we can now speak of four groups of Hutterites. What they call "Schmiedeleut -- Group One" includes those less than half of the Schmiedeleut who continue to follow their innovative church leader, Rev. Jacob Kleinsasser. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

U Toronto's alumnus Anna Labetski wins a 2013 Cressy Award: Anna Labetski, Woodsworth College, Faculty of Arts and Science, has been awarded a 2013 Cressy Award. The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards were established in 1994 by the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) and the Division of University Advancement in order to recognize students who have made outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their college, faculty or school, or to the university as a whole. [UT Cressy Award](#)

Western U's Beth Nanni (MSc 2010) reports on health and environmental costs of coal power in Alberta: Beth Nanni (MSc 2010) is a co-author on a [report](#) on the health and environmental costs of coal power in Alberta. Alberta burns more coal for electricity than the rest of Canada combined. In 2012, it generated 64 per cent of its electricity by burning coal. Unfortunately, coal produces more pollution than any other source of electricity, including air contaminants such as sulphur dioxide and mercury that pose serious health risks to Albertans, as well as greenhouse gasses that have major implications for climate change and the health of future generations. Beth is an Environmental Program Specialist for The Lung Association of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. [Global Edmonton](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Augusto Pérez Albertia, Alberto Gomes, Alan Trenhaile, Maria Oliveirad and Jesus Horacioe. 2013. [Correlating river terrace remnants using an Equotip hardness tester: an example from the Miño River, northwestern Iberian Peninsula](#). Geomorphology. doi.org/10.1016/j.geomorph.2013.03.017

Pascale M. Biron, Guérolé Choné, Thomas Buffin-Bélanger, Sylvio Demers and Taylor Olsen. 2013. [Improvement of streams hydro-geomorphological assessment using LiDAR DEMs](#). Earth Surface Processes and Landforms. DOI: 10.1002/esp.3425

Courtney Fidler and Bram F. Noble. 2013. [Advancing regional strategic environmental assessment in Canada's Western Arctic: Implementation opportunities and challenges](#). Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management. DOI: 10.1142/S1464333213500075

Colin P.R. McCarter and Jonathan S. Price. 2013. [The hydrology of the Bois-des-Bel bog peatland restoration: 10 years post-restoration](#). Ecological Engineering. doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoleng.2013.02.003

Other “Geographical” News

Referencing practices in physical geography: How well do we cite what we write? Accurate citation practices are important, from both an ethical and a scientific point of view. Using an easily reproducible, previously published method, we assess citation accuracy in 120 articles published in the first half of 2011 and listed under ‘Physical Geography’ in Thomson Reuters’ ISI Web of Knowledge Science Citation Index. Our results indicate that at least 19% of citations in physical geography do not provide clear support for the statements they are meant to support. These results are in line with previously published findings for ‘field-orientated’ sciences. We propose that both authors and editors help remedy this problem, by employing more rigorous writing and editing practices. [Progress in Physical Geography](#)

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