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Western U's Department of Geography at ESRI Canada User Conference: Western's Department of Geography was well represented this week at the ESRI Canada User Conference in London, Ontario. Michael Clark, Steve Fitzpatrick, Don Lafreniere, Lucie Richard, and Doug Rivet of the Human Environments Analysis Laboratory (HEAL) gave presentations outlining the collaborative work the lab is engaged in with local planners, municipal policy makers, and health professionals. A summary of the presentations can be found at theheal.ca

U Waterloo Faculty of Environment to present honorary degree to Ian Burton: At the University of Waterloo Faculty of Environment's convocation ceremony on Tuesday, June 11, Ian Burton will receive an honorary doctor of environmental studies and deliver an address. Burton has been one of the most influential scholars on issues related to hazard management and climate change. He was among the first to recognize that mitigation of hazard loss was a scientific issue, but also required a thorough understanding of how humans perceive and respond to uncertainty in their environment. He holds a BA and MA in Geography from the University of Birmingham, and a PhD in Geography from the University of Chicago. [U Waterloo Daily Bulletin](#)

Memorial U Geography hosts Graduate Student Symposium: Memorial University geography graduate students recently discussed their research plans in the annual Geography Graduate Student Symposium. Each year, students in their first year present a research proposal to the faculty and their peers, in a single-day event that captures the diversity of interests within the geography department. This year's event included presentations on: long-range sea level reconstructions for eastern Baffin Island (Beth Cowan); cold water coral habitat in a relatively undisturbed region of the Flemish cap (Lara Miles); identifying historic spruce budworm infestations with tree-core analyses (Dan Myers); the biocultural impact of mining on youth in Nunavut (Roshni Caputo-Nimbark); the sustainability of Toronto's electronic waste network(s) (Tamara Tukhareli); and, community resilience and identity in a mining town (Janelle Skeard). [Memorial Geography News](#)

Western U's Gordon McBean on coping with weird weather: The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering hosted the Bacon and Eggheads Breakfast on Thursday, April 18th. This series strives to bring together Parliamentarians and experts in the field of science and engineering to provide unbiased insight to scientific topics, within a non-partisan forum. Dr. Gordon McBean, from the Geography Department at Western University, gave a presentation titled "Reducing Risks, Gaining Benefits – Coping with Weird Weather in a Changing Climate". To obtain a copy of the presentation [click here](#).

Memorial U's Geography major Sarah Halliday awarded fellowship in advancement: Geography major Sarah Halliday was recently named one of only two nationwide recipients of the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Fellows in Advancement for 2013-14. She will be working with Memorial's Office of Alumni Affairs and Development and the Division of Marketing and Communications for the one year, following her upcoming convocation. "I am looking forward to joining the Advancement team, an organization that prides itself on enhancing student life and education by relieving some of the financial burden off of Memorial students," said Sarah. "I first became interested in advancement, specifically fundraising, through my involvement with Rotaract, a group consisting of young professionals who complete service and fundraising projects to help the betterment of humanity," explained Sarah. "Through my involvement I see the generosity of many who help make our efforts a success." Sarah credits Geography for some of her success. "Geography has helped me in so many aspects of my life. The discipline is all encompassing and provides a holistic outlook on things. Most importantly it taught me how to think critically." She added, "This diverse education gives me an understanding of the cultural and social issues existing in different regions; tools I hope to bring to the field of advancement at MUN." [Memorial Geography News](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Brandon Heung, Laurens Bakker, Margaret G. Schmidt and Suzana Dragičević. 2013. [Modelling the dynamics of soil redistribution induced by sheet erosion using the Universal Soil Loss Equation and cellular automata](#). *Geoderma* 202-203:112-126.

Y.E. Martina, E.A. Johnson and O. Chaikina. 2013. [Interplay between field observations and numerical modeling to understand temporal pulsing of tree root throw processes, Canadian Rockies, Canada](#). *Geomorphology*. doi.org/10.1016/j.geomorph.2013.04.017

Josefine Lenz, Michael Fritz, Lutz Schirrmeister, Hugues Lantuit, Matthew J. Wooller, Wayne H. Pollard and Sebastian Wetterich. 2013. [Periglacial landscape dynamics in the western Canadian Arctic: Results from a thermokarst lake record on a push moraine \(Herschel Island, Yukon Territory\)](#). *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*. doi.org/10.1016/j.palaeo.2013.04.009

W. George Lovell. 2013. [The archive that never was: State terror and historical memory in Guatemala](#). *Geographical Review* 103:199–209.

Joyce Lundberg, Rudolf Musil and Martin Sabolc. 2013. [Sedimentary history of Za Hájovnou Cave \(Moravia, Czech Republic\): A unique Middle Pleistocene palaeontological site](#). *Quaternary International*. doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2013.04.006

Geraldine Pratt and Caleb Johnston. 2013. [Staging testimony in Nanay](#). *Geographical Review* 103:288–303.

Juanita Sundberg. 2013. [Prayer and promise along the migrant trail](#). *Geographical Review* 103:230–233.

A. Vershinin, V. Zemtsov, N. Inishev, Y. Korotkova and R. Kostaschuk. 2013. [Gravel dunes generated during ice-jam floods, Tom River, Western Siberia](#). VLIZ Special Publication.

Other “Geographical” News

Blended learning in an Introductory Physical Geography course: This calls into question whether the collaborative learning of the face-to-face lab session has any effect on student performance if similar instructional support is given to those in an asynchronous online laboratory version of the course. [The Digital Professor](#)

New generation soil property maps for Africa: A new type of soil property maps for Africa has been launched by ISRIC – World Soil Information in Wageningen, Netherlands. The maps are freely accessible. [ScienceDaily](#)

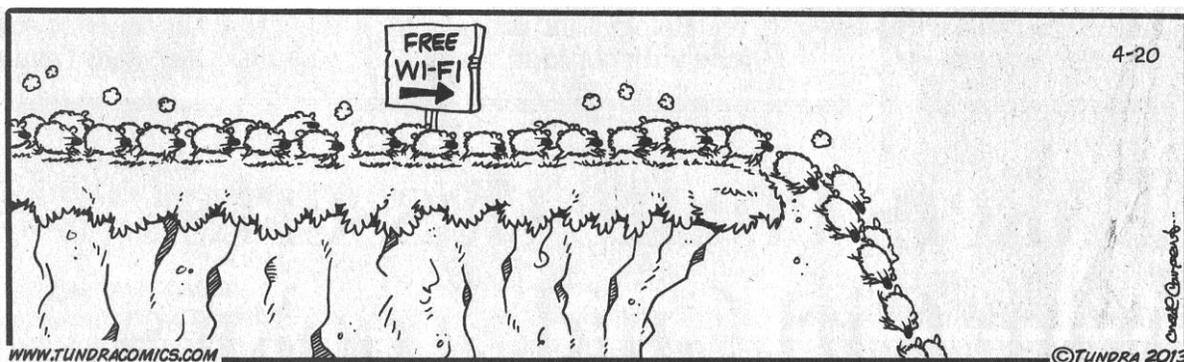
University recruitment: one fifth of students say social media doesn't work: Universities still have a way to go to ensure that their social media presence is seen as a credible source of information for prospective students. [The Guardian](#)

Academic writing: why no 'me' in PhD? The PhD is a lonely pursuit. Ask anyone who has ever done one and they will tell you that there is a lot of "me time" during your years of research. It requires a lot of reading and writing, critical thinking, coming up with ideas, then throwing those ideas into the trash and coming up with new, and hopefully, better ones. There's no way around it, the process requires isolation. [The Guardian](#)

How to determine authorship order quantitatively: Determining authorship and the order of authorship in scientific papers, in modern interdisciplinary and interinstitutional science, has become complex at a legal and ethical level. This article proposes a quantitative and qualitative model to determine authorship within a scientific, ethical and legal frame. [Inicio 2012](#)

Open access: four ways it could enhance academic freedom: The power of funding alone should not be enough to override academic freedom nor does open access automatically skew the world of scholarship. [The Guardian](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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