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Western U's Jason Gilliland thinks about cars on shelves: In an effort to keep up with the latest parking technology, city staff want London to allow stacked parking.. "It's a real space saver," city planner John Fleming said. "It's something that exists in other municipalities, but we haven't seen it used in London yet and the zoning bylaws haven't caught up to the new technology that exists out there." It makes perfect sense for the city to be ready for such requests, said Jason Gilliland, Western University's director of urban development. "I don't see a big demand for it and I don't think you'll see a big rush to do it because it's costly, but I see absolutely no reason why not to allow it in the official plan," he said. "I think it makes sense in New York or Chicago or other big cities," he said. "I don't see a real need here, but it's always a good thing to make accommodations." [London Free Press](#)

U British Columbia Department of Geography awarded 2012/13 Peter Larkin Award: The Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia has been awarded the 2012/13 Peter Larkin Award. This annual award is given to a graduate/post baccalaureate program or department that has had a significant positive impact on student life and student development at UBC. [Peter Larkin Award](#)

Memorial U Geog 3907 students celebrate end of semester with a potluck: Students in Geography 3907: Globalizing Food Systems finished the semester with a class potluck featuring foods from near and far. From toutons and molasses to guacamole, the students each contributed a dish to share. Some of the recipes were taken from the class cookbook put together earlier in the term as part of a project about food and culture. The course, which focuses on the geography of food, is being taught by PhD candidate Kristen Lowitt this semester. Students were introduced to a range of issues related to a global food system, as well as several alternative approaches such as local food, fair trade, community food security, and organic agriculture. Many students commented that the course made them think about food in ways they hadn't before, such as considering where the food they purchase at the supermarket comes from, what a fair trade label means, or what contributes to inequities in access to food. [Memorial Geography News](#)

Ryerson U Geographic Analysis student Michael Morrish receives leadership award: Geographic Analysis student Michael Morrish, a recipient of the Dennis Mock Student Leadership Award 2013. The Dennis Mock Student Leadership Award recognizes a student who has made outstanding voluntary extracurricular contributions to their Program Department. [Dennis Mock Awards 2013](#)

Trent U Geography presents 2013 Founder's Prize to Ethan MacDonald: Honours BSc student Ethan MacDonald was awarded the 2013 Founder's Prize, with the presentation in early April. The prize was established in recognition of the founders of the Trent University Geography Department, Professors Peter Adams and Fred Helleiner. It is awarded to the best "all round" Geography major or joint-major entering the honours year. [Trent Geography Awards](#)

McMaster U's Allison Williams awarded Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chair: The Canadian Institutes of Health Research has awarded a Chair to Allison Williams, an associate professor in geography and earth sciences and Chair in Gender, Work and Health – Implementation Systems, will investigate how workplaces can better accommodate employees who act as caregivers at home. Williams will analyze best practices for caregiver-employee policies, including flextime, workplace/home options and extended leave opportunities. She will also investigate how to spread the news about the Compassionate Care Benefit, which provides up to eight weeks leave for full-time employees caring for a seriously ill family member. Musculoskeletal injuries, which affect the bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons, are the second largest economic burden in Canada. In 2000, such injuries resulted in \$18 million in indirect costs that often relate to being off work. Osteoporosis added another \$2 million a year. [McMaster Daily News](#)

Brock U's Alun Hughes awarded Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal: The Department of Geography at Brock University is offering congratulations to retired professor, Alun Hughes, for his 2013 award of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, for his writings in local history. As a consequence, the City of Thorold has declared Prof Hughes "Honorary Historian of Thorold." [News around Campus](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Carolyn J. Hatch. 2013. [Competitiveness by design: an institutionalist perspective on the resurgence of a 'mature' industry in a high wage economy.](#) Economic Geography. 89.

Cindy Rose-Redwood and Rueben Rose-Redwood. 2013. [Self-segregation or global mixing? Social interactions and the international student experience.](#) Journal of College Student Development.

Other "Geographical" News

Gender gap in Ontario university participation widening: University participation in Ontario has risen in the past decade, and the gender gap is also increasing, as women continue to enrol in university at much higher rates than men. The participation gap between men and women continued to grow over the period studied. By 2008, nearly 60% of Ontario females had attended university by age 21, compared to just 38.4% of males. [Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario](#)

Yukon College part of new BC Research and Innovation Network: Yukon College, the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and the Presidents of British Columbia Colleges (BC Colleges) representing 11 colleges in BC, announced the formal creation of a BC Applied Research and Innovation Network (BCARIN). BCARIN's mandate is to connect member institutions – their students and faculty – with business and community organizations who seek to solve 'real world' problems which demand skill in research and innovation. [Universities News](#)

Five hidden dangers of being a student: University sounds tame enough, but it's actually a dangerous place. I'm not talking about the obvious things either, like drinking way too much. I'm talking about the activities students think are innocent enough, but that can, surprisingly, lead to early graves, Macleans.ca

Climate change adaptation and mitigation. An action agenda for BC decision-makers: We wrote this Agenda to inform BC decision-makers about the necessary legislative and policy steps we believe need to be implemented to continue the province's leadership and innovation on climate action. Our research and knowledge outreach shows that provincial leadership in creating a level playing field for local governments is critical for continuing innovation over the next three years. Our conclusions are informed by MC3's 'state of the science', extensive social media outreach across the province, and our engagement with local government practitioners. [Pando](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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