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U Northern British Columbia's Sarah de Leeuw awarded Dorothy Livesay BC Book Prize: Sarah de Leeuw's recent (2012) book of poetry, *Geographies of a Lover*, was just awarded the Dorothy Livesay BC Book Prize. Drawing inspiration from such works as Pauline Réage's *The Story of O* and Marian Engel's *Bear*, poet Sarah de Leeuw uses the varied landscape of Canada—from the forests of North Vancouver through the Rocky Mountains, the prairies, and all the way to the Maritimes—to map the highs and lows of an explicit and raw sexual journey, from earliest infatuation to insatiable obsession and beyond. Sarah de Leeuw is a human geographer. She has a PhD in historical-cultural geography, and is currently an Assistant Professor with the Northern Medical Program at UNBC, the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. The Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize is awarded annually to a BC author for the best work of poetry. Dorothy Livesay, was a poet (b at Winnipeg 12 Oct 1909; d at Victoria 29 Dec 1996) and writer of journalism, short fiction, autobiography and literary criticism. Livesay is best known as a strong, sensitive poet dealing as capably with public and political issues as with personal and intimate emotion and reflection. [BC Book Prizes](#)

U Alberta geographers compile database to help Canada's rural communities plan for a sustainable future: A new database compiled by University of Alberta researchers helps Canada's rural communities make strategic decisions on how to survive, thrive and stay viable. The [Canadian Sustainability Plan Inventory](#) (CSPI) was developed by researchers Lars Hallstrom and Glen Hvenegaard in collaboration with several partners. Since its launch earlier this year, it has had 889 online hits—with 27 per cent of visitors returning for more information. "We received a lot of phone calls from municipal sustainability officers and administrators when we rolled out this database, saying it was a fantastic idea," said Hallstrom, director of the U of A's Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural communities. Drought, uneven crop prices and "urban brain drain" challenge the existence of rural communities, so having a solid plan that pinpoints what is truly important to a community—often from a wide-ranging vision—is crucial to making balanced municipal decisions when budgeting precious resources, said Hvenegaard, professor of environmental science and geography at [Augustana Campus](#). "Some rural communities are surviving on a thread, and sustainability plans provide an opportunity for people to envision the future. The reality is that they often don't have the next steps articulated within those plans," he said. [UAlberta News](#)

World University Rankings by subject - Canadian Geography: The recently released 2013 QS *World University Rankings by Subject* identified several Canadian university departments as international leaders in geography. Among the best (QS Rank: Overall Score) are the departments at the: University of British Columbia (10: 88.60); University of Toronto (13: 87.30); McGill University (39: 77.70); Queen's University (41: 77.40); Simon Fraser University (51-100); University of Waterloo (51-100); York University (51-100); Dalhousie University (101-150); University of Alberta (101-150); University of Calgary (101-150); University of Victoria (101-150); Carleton University (151-200); Laval University (151-200); Ryerson University (151-200); and, Western University (151-200). Launched in 2011, the annual QS World University Rankings by Subject is a comprehensive guide to a range of popular subject areas. Now in its 3rd year, the rankings series reveals the top 200 universities in the world for 30 individual subjects. [QS World Rankings by Geography](#)

Mount Allison student accepted to top European schools for urban/regional planning: Mount Allison University graduating environmental sciences student Giacomo Vecia has been accepted to master's programs at both the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Leeds as he works towards a career in urban and regional planning. "I originally came to Mount Allison with plans of becoming a surgeon" he says. His focus changed from medicine to planning after taking a course in planning processes with geography and environment professor Dr. Mike Fox and participating in Global Brigades during his first year. "I was fortunate to work in the triage clinic in Honduras for two days," says Vecia. "While I really enjoyed that experience, it also made me recognize the relationship between public health and urban planning and the potential that informed planning has to positively affect communities." [Mount Allison News](#)

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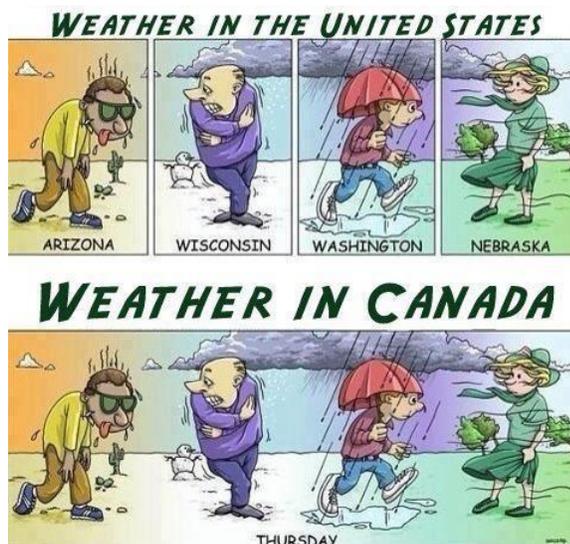
Search on for Lindbergh's lost French rivals off the coast of St. Pierre-et-Miquelon: Search teams using underwater sonar, scuba divers and new accounts will try to solve one of the great aviation mysteries of all time: What happened to the L'Oiseau Blanc, or White Bird, a 31-foot long cloth-and-wood biplane that vanished while trying to cross the Atlantic from Paris to New York in 1927. The disappearance of the plane and crew has been the subject of decades of speculation since two French World War I aces -- Charles Nungesser and Francois Coli -- took off from Le Bourget airfield north of Paris on the morning of May 8, 1927. In the decades since, reports have surfaced about bits of debris from L'Oiseau Blanc being found in northern Maine, Newfoundland or other parts of the Canadian coastline. In the past five years, however, French businessman and aviation enthusiast Bernard Decre has pursued the case with new zeal. After researching archival search records in France, Canada and the United States, Decre believes the aircraft went down just off the coast of St. Pierre-et-Miquelon, a French territory comprising several islands south of Newfoundland. [DNews](#)

Scholarly publishing should be set free – but not a free-for-all: Is the future of scientific production and scholarly publishing going to be "gold" or "green"? The choice is between the gold of money, and growth, or the green of environment and sustainability. In the case of scientific and scholarly publishing, the choice is both about mechanisms and about values. There are problems with both routes. Under gold, universities would still end up paying. Under green, there might be a delay before articles became freely available in open-source repositories, reducing the velocity of scientific progress. There might also be greater uncertainty about the status of articles. Which versions in the medley of Word documents and PDFs in hundreds of repositories were really the "final" ones? [The Guardian](#)

Alberta students are angry, but are they worse off? Last year, Quebec's students were angry when their government raised tuition. This year, after a cut of 7.3% in operating funding to universities and colleges, Alberta students are the ones marching against cuts. After Ontario's budget was tabled last week with a proposed increase in operating funding for post-secondary schools of roughly 2%, it's safe to say no province's universities have escaped austerity. A closer look shows that, despite the anger, Alberta students may be better off than most. [Macleans.ca](#)

Ontario students say jobs hurt academically: It is well known that many students are required to work in-study (while in school) to pay for post-secondary education. As the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance's recently released [Student Employment paper](#) points out, the in-study employment rate has gradually risen over time. Labour force participation rates for current university students have increased by more than 10 per cent since 1976. The survey indicates that only a minority of students would cite their in-study work experiences as beneficial from an academic perspective. The data show student employment may not be an academic hindrance for all, but it is for some. [Macleans.ca](#)

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