



News Digest of the Canadian Association of Geographers
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Memorial U's Joel Finnis predicts Newfoundland will warm up by 2 to 4 degrees by 2050: Climate projections released today suggest Newfoundland and Labrador will warm up by 2 to 4 degrees Celsius by 2050, increasing the likelihood of extreme storms. The study was developed by [Joel Finnis](#), who is a Climatologist & Professor of Geography at Memorial University. Finnis holds a PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences from the University of Colorado and is a leading expert in Canada on the downscaling of global climate projection models, for the application to smaller regions, such as Newfoundland and Labrador. He predicts rising temperatures will mean more extreme weather and variations of disease patterns carried by mosquitoes, for example. The study suggests more extreme precipitation and an overall increase in storm intensity. Provincial Environment Minister Tom Hedderson says climate change is a reality that will affect all economic sectors, including tourism and agriculture. He says it will affect how the province designs roads and culverts, and its emergency planning. He says the changes could also result in longer summers and shorter winters. [CTV News](#) | [CBCNews Here&Now](#)

UBC Derek Gregory's "The Nature of War": On May 29th, in the stunning setting of the Vancouver Aquarium, Dr. Derek Gregory (UBC Geography Professor and Distinguished Professor of the Peter Wall Institute) addressed a theatre full of individuals eager to listen to the widely acclaimed academic speak on his latest research. Dr. Gregory's lecture "The Nature of War" thoughtfully brought together poetry, prose, paintings and documentation from three case studies: the 'slimescapes' and mud of the Western Front in the First World War, the deserts of North-ern Africa during the Second World War, the 'jungle' of Vietnam in the 1960s and 70s. Dr. Gregory presented 'nature' not simply as a terrain over which conflicts rage, but as a medium through which they are conducted. The lecture and reception was hosted by the Peter Wall Institute. [UBC Geography Blog](#)

McMaster U geography graduand runs her way to academic, athletic success: Victoria Coates came to McMaster hoping she could do her best as a student and as an athlete, but not quite sure how she would do it. She certainly found a way, earning an impressive collection of the university's highest honours for athletics and academics. She graduates Friday in geography and political science, after a McMaster experience that has included top finishes as a runner in cross-country and track and superlative performance in her academic work. At Convocation, Coates received three major awards: the R.C. McIvor Medal, awarded for outstanding scholarship in Social Sciences, the Lloyd Reeds Prize and the E.S. Moore Prize, both for outstanding scholarship in Geography. [McMaster Daily News](#)

UBC Geography announces appointment of graduates Rosemary-Claire Collard and Pablo Mendez: Rosemary-Claire Collard has been appointed as an assistant professor (tenure track) in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University (in Montreal). Keep in touch with Rosemary's academic research on economic & animal geographies by visiting her [website](#). Pablo Mendez has been appointed as an assistant professor (tenure track) in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University (in Ottawa). Visit Pablo's [website](#) for more information on his research interests in urban geography, immigration and housing. [UBC Geography Blog](#)

McGill U's Renée Sieber teams up for SSHRC Partnership Grant: Prof. Renée Sieber, from the Department of Geography and the McGill School of Environment, heads the team behind How the Geospatial Web 2.0 is Reshaping Government-Citizen Interactions. The project seeks to untangle the much-hyped Geoweb, the new form of mapmaking created by "mashing" together the efforts of technology giants like Google and Apple, governments, and ordinary citizens. The project will investigate how geographic data contributed by citizens, made available by government and mapped with Geoweb tools, reshapes local government-citizen interactions. Over six years, the project will receive a total of \$2,552,984 in SSHRC funding and over \$3 million more in contributions from its 28 partners, which include some of Canada's largest cities, major universities, and the United States Geological Survey. SSHRC Partnership Grants fund collaborations between researchers and members of the private, public and not-for-profit sectors on issues of importance to advance our understanding of people and society. [McGill Reporter](#)

De Koninck, professeur à l'Université de Montréal, explique les causes et les conséquences l'accaparement des terres: Au cours des dix dernières années, l'accaparement des terres a connu une croissance dramatique. On a vendu illégalement quelque 67 millions d'hectares partout dans le monde, plus particulièrement en Afrique. Rodolphe De Koninck, professeur à l'Université de Montréal, nous explique les causes et les conséquences de ce phénomène. [YouTube](#)

UBC Geography wins grant to develop leadership network: The Department of Geography has won funding to develop and officially launch UBC Geography's Professionals Leadership Network (PLN) in 2013-2014. The Network's membership will include Department graduate students as well as government, industry, and NGO representatives. It aims to enhance alumni and community relations, provide relevant and integrated educational opportunities for graduates, foster knowledge exchange, and establish important research and community partnerships. Kate Castelo and Elanna Nolan (Geography PhD Candidate) have been hired to develop the Network's membership base and annual program. [UBC Geography Blog](#)

U Waterloo Geography and Environmental Management awards Aaron Thompson convocation prize: At the recent University of Waterloo Faculty of Environment convocation, the Department of Geography and Environmental Management presented Aaron Thompson with an award for distinguished academic achievement. [UW Environment](#) | [UW Convocation](#)

Geography @ Kwantlen Polytechnic University: The Department of Geography at Kwantlen offers diverse course offerings, focused undergraduate programs in the Arts and Sciences, and student-oriented faculty who are grounded in the application of geographic knowledge to contemporary problems. Sstudents synthesize information about natural and human environments, with particular attention to urban spaces and issues; they develop quantitative, qualitative, and computer mapping skills that enhance their ability to collect, interpret, and present information effectively. [Kwantlen Geography](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

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Denis Lacelle and Yurij K. Vasil'chuk. 2013. [Recent progress \(2007–2012\) in permafrost isotope geochemistry](#). Permafrost and Periglacial Processes 24:138–145.

A. Lamarre, G. Magnan, M. Garneau and É. Boucher. 2013. [A testate amoeba-based transfer function for paleohydrological reconstruction from boreal and subarctic peatlands in northeastern Canada](#). Quaternary International. .doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2013.05.054

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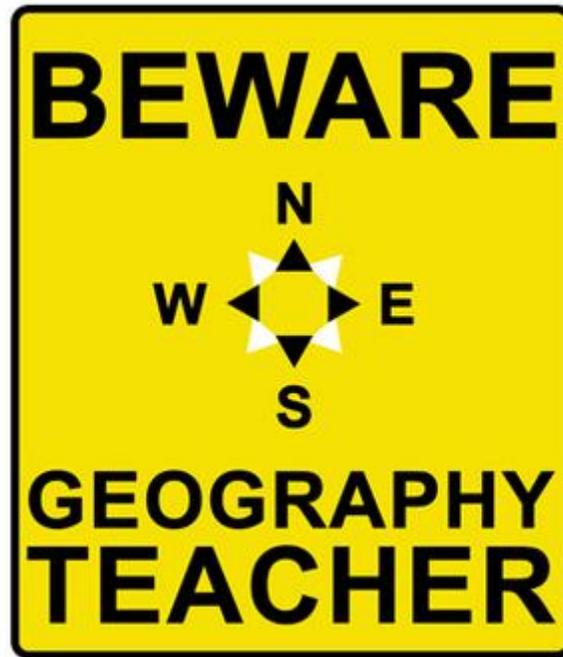
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Other “Geographical” News

University students prefer ‘practical’ programs: Areas of study generally considered more practical will welcome many more students this fall in Ontario according to new statistics from the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre. The total number of students who have graduated from Ontario secondary schools and confirmed that they will enroll full-time at Ontario universities this fall is up 3.2 per cent year over year. Arts is still the top choice with 24,982 confirmations, but that’s down 1.6 per cent. Science (15,636), engineering (6,926) and nursing (1,806) programs show strong growth, up 5.2, 6.7 and 5.0 per cent respectively. Combined, that’s roughly equal to the number entering arts. Macleans.ca

Some not so “Geographical” News



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