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Brandon University tourism study earns international award: Geographers at Brandon University have received international attention for their recent work into how rural communities can better market themselves as tourist destinations. Christopher Malcolm and Doug Ramsey presented their findings to the 6th Annual International Tourism Congress, held in Peniche, Portugal. Their study on the experiences of visitors to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden, MB, was selected Best Paper at the conference and will be published in the spring of 2014 in the publication *European Journal of Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation*. “Our research took a new path,” says Christopher Malcolm, Department of Geography. “The conference delegates were very interested in how we employed analyses developed for outdoor recreation management and classified visitors through their previous experiences and the context they bring to the activity.” Dr. Doug Ramsey, Department of Rural Development, adds, “The findings will help the Morden fossil museum identify how to create a more fulfilling, unique experience for visitors and give all rural communities a new way to measure and analyze visitors and attractions, to create distinct and marketable destination points.” Derrek Eberts, from BU’s Department of Geography, also presented a paper at the Portugal conference. [Brandon U News](#)

U Calgary undergraduate student finds hurricane-speed winds atop Nakiska’s Mount Allan: A University of Calgary geography student studying wind speeds atop a popular ski resort has found data that could, quite literally, blow you away. Geoff VanVeller says the weather station on top of Nakiska’s Mount Allan has recorded sustained wind speeds equivalent to a Category 3 hurricane. “Even though we do have these kinds of winds, they’re not quite frequent enough to issue warnings,” he said. The data collection is part of the third-year geography student’s undergraduate research project. So far, VanVeller said he’s noticed that the majority of high winds come from the southwest and occur between November and February. VanVeller will collect data until the end of 2013, then put together a paper on his findings. Associate professor Chris Hugenholtz, who is working with VanVeller on this project, said he’s impressed with VanVeller’s initiative. “He’s volunteered because he’s interested in research,” said Hugenholtz. “He doesn’t even get a credit necessarily for doing this.” [Calgary Herald](#)

Recent theses and dissertations

Brandi Newton. 2013. [Evaluating the distribution of water resources in Western Canada using a synoptic climatological approach](#). Unpublished MSc thesis. University of Victoria, Victoria. British Columbia. Supervisor: Terry Prowse.

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Alice Cohen and Karen Bakker. 2013. [The eco-scalar fix: rescaling environmental governance and the politics of ecological boundaries in Alberta, Canada](#). Environment and Planning D: Society and Space. doi:10.1068/d0813

Kathleen N. Deering, Melanie Rusch, Ofer Amram, Jill Chettiar, Paul Nguyen, Cindy X. Feng and Kate Shannon. 2013. [Piloting a 'spatial isolation' index: the built environment and sexual and drug use risks to sex workers](#). International Journal of Drug Policy.

Guillaume Fortin and Bernard Héту. 2013. [Estimating winter trends in climatic variables in the Chic-Chocs Mountains, Canada \(1970–2009\)](#). International Journal of Climatology. DOI:10.1002/joc.3895

Jan Franssen, Michel Lapointe and Pierre Magnan. 2013. [Geomorphic controls on fine sediment reinfiltration into salmonid spawning gravels and the implications for spawning habitat rehabilitation](#). Geomorphology.

Brian J. Hrac and Deborah Leslie. 2013. [Aesthetic labour in creative industries: the case of independent musicians in Toronto, Canada](#). Area. DOI: 10.1111/area.12062

Sarah McAuliffe, Jonathan Potts, Rosaline Canessa and Brian Baily. 2014. [Establishing attitudes and perceptions of recreational boat users based in the River Hamble Estuary, UK, towards Marine Conservation Zones](#). Marine Policy 45:98–107.

Sarah E. Peirce and J. B. Lindsay. 2013. [Characterizing ephemeral streams in a Southern Ontario Watershed using electrical resistance sensors](#). Hydrological Processes. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.10136

Wesley Van Wychen, David O. Burgess, Laurence Gray, Luke Copland, Martin Sharp, Julian A. Dowdeswell and Toby J. Benham. 2013. [Glacier velocities and dynamic ice discharge from the Queen Elizabeth Islands, Nunavut, Canada](#). Geophysical Research Letters. DOI:10.1002/2013GL058558

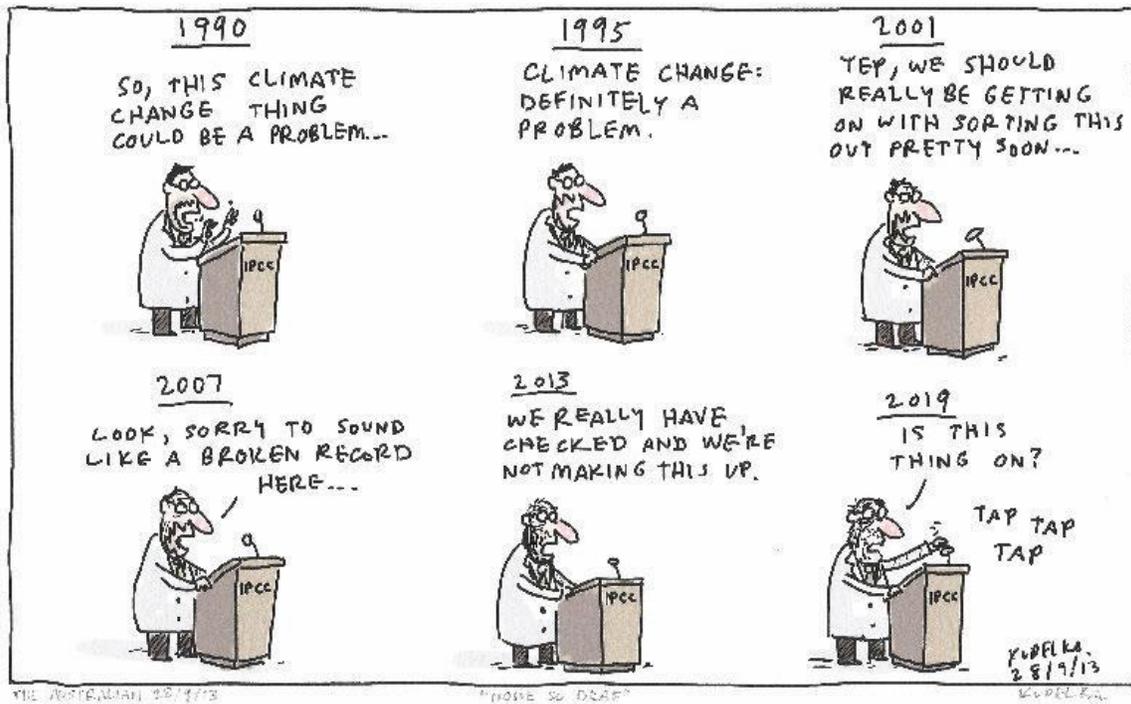
Chad Walker, Jamie Baxter and Danielle Ouellette. 2013. [Beyond rhetoric to understanding determinants of wind turbine support and conflict in two Ontario, Canada communities](#). Environment and Planning A. doi:10.1068/a130004p

Bing Xue, Bruce Mitchell, Yong Geng, Wanxia Ren, Katrin Müller, Zhixiao Ma, Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira, Tsuyoshi Fujita and Mario Tobias. 2014. [A review on China's pollutant emissions reduction assessment](#). Ecological Indicators 38:272–278.

Other “Geographical” News

The science of ice storms. Why the freeze was so fierce: Ice storms can arise whenever warm air forms a wedge between two layers of cold air – one high up in the atmosphere and one at the surface. Precipitation that begins as snow quickly turns to rain as it falls through the warm air. Then, as the raindrops re-enter the cold, they become supercooled, dipping below the freezing point even though they remain liquid. In such a state, droplets of water freeze on contact when they touch a surface, forming an icy glaze on roads, sidewalks and everything else. [Globe and Mail](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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