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Memorial U's Arn Keeling focuses on the social costs of northern development: Canada's North offers tremendous potential for development. But northern development often comes with significant social and environmental costs, particularly for Aboriginal communities. Memorial history professor John Sandlos and his research partner geographer Dr. Arn Keeling have spent the last several years researching old and abandoned mines in the north. The Toxic Legacies Project is their latest collaboration. A partnership among researchers at Memorial and Lakehead universities, the Goyatiko Language Society (a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Weledeh language) and Alternatives North (a Yellowknife environmental and social justice coalition), the SSHRC-funded project examines the history and legacy at Giant Mine. "It was a natural evolution from our project on abandoned mines in northern Canada," says Dr. Sandlos. "The Giant Mine story is ongoing as there is a current proposal to freeze the arsenic under Giant Mine forever. This raises similar issues to nuclear waste." One of these issues is how to communicate with future generations about the presence of dangerous waste. Today.MUN.ca

U Waterloo's Rob de Loë appointed Great Lakes Water Quality Board Canadian Co-Chair: The International Joint Commission (IJC) announced that Professor [Rob de Loë](#) has been appointed Canadian Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board. The IJC is a binational organization established by Canada and the United States to prevent and resolve disputes about the use and quality of boundary waters, and to advise respective governments on water resources issues. Dr. de Loë, Professor in the Department of Environment and Resource Studies and member of the Water Institute, is one of Canada's leading academics in water governance and policy. The Water Quality Board is the principal advisor to the IJC in reviewing and assessing progress in implementation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and in identifying emerging issues and approaches for preventing and resolving the complex challenges facing the Great Lakes. [Waterloo Environment](#)

Simon Fraser U 2014 Distinguished Lecture by Prof. Victoria Lawson, University of Washington: Victoria Lawson is Professor of Geography at the University of Washington (Seattle WA). She is co-founder of the Relational Poverty Network; Past-President of the Association of American Geographers (AAG); Marsha Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award winner; former Chair of the University of Washington's Department of Geography, a committed teacher and deeply engaged researcher. Her work draws on critical poverty studies and feminist care ethics to collaborate in building both alternative understandings of impoverishment and social alliances to address inequality. Lawson will be presenting her lecture entitled *Negotiating Poverty and Privilege: Middle Class Place-making and Poverty Politics* on Thursday, 20 March 2014, 3:30 pm. IRMACS Lecture Theatre (IRMACS Room 10900). [SFU Geography News](#)

Trent U's Mark Skinner featured as ZOOMING @50 PLUS: Trent University has called on one of the best in his field to lead its new Trent Centre for Aging and Society. Dr. Mark Skinner, an internationally-recognized health geographer and a Trent University geography professor, has been named the founding director of the centre, an innovative research initiative that draws on the university's reputation in interdisciplinary excellence to promote research and awareness of aging and old age. Areas of research include nursing, psychology, geography and culture. "As one of Trent's new flagship research initiatives, the Trent Centre for Aging and Society provides us the opportunity to not only showcase and expand our multidisciplinary excellence in aging studies but also, and most importantly for me, provides the chance to contribute to the Peterborough community response to being labeled Canada's oldest municipality," says Dr. Skinner. Dr. Skinner is an expert in community-based research whose primary interests are aging rural communities and volunteer-based support for older people. Along with leading the new centre, he teaches courses in qualitative methods, health geography and rural community sustainability. He is also a member of the Peterborough Age-Friendly Community Plan Steering Committee and, later this year, will hold an invited research fellowship at the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology in Galway, Ireland. Dr. Skinner's work brings him and his students into close contact with the communities they study, ranging from Peterborough and the Kawarthas to other parts of rural Canada, France, Ireland and New Zealand. "Geographers need to go where the populations they are studying live," he says. "They have to go where the processes they are studying actually take place." myKawartha.com

Memorial U's Rodolphe Devillers argues marine protected areas not holding up: A Memorial University geography professor who is part of an international group of researchers says we need to rethink how marine protected areas (MPA) worldwide serve the interests of conservation. "The Canadians and the people in Newfoundland, we have to be open to this," said Rodolphe Devillers, lead author for the study undertaken by those researchers. "It's either we want to make the sacrifices safe in terms of access to parts of the water, or then we have to accept that we're not going to make no difference to conservation and that fish is slowly going to disappear." Approximately three per cent of the world's oceans have marine protection. In Canada, Devillers said that figure is at one per cent, but there is mounting international pressure to bring that number up to 10 per cent both globally and in Canada. When land is protected by park status, it is virtually unheard of for concessions to permit resource development. However, that's not always the case for MPAs, according to Devillers. "In parks, you cannot have a mining company come in and open a mine that excavates the ground. But in the ocean, most parks allow fishing." The study found MPAs are often placed in areas that surround ocean-related activity, be it fishing or oil and gas development. Devillers said that appears to also be the case in Canada. "The way DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) deals with that is very much like what we say in our paper happens everywhere." The Telegram

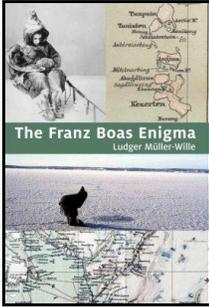
CAG 2014: Upcoming Deadlines

March 14, 2014 (Abstract Submission Deadline): For instructions on how to submit an abstract, please go to [abstract submission](#).

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New Book

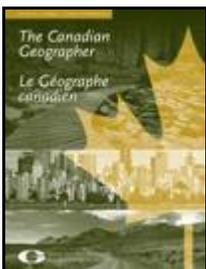
Ludger Müller-Wille. 2014. [The Franz Boas Enigma](#). Barka Books.



How did Franz Boas become the central founder of anthropology and a driving force promoting science in public life in North America? To answer this question, linguistic and cultural barriers must be overcome to grasp the importance of Boas's personal background and academic achievements as a German Jew. Müller-Wille asserts that the key is in his publications in German on Inuit and the Arctic as related to environmental, geographical, and ethnological questions. These writings have remained largely unknown and neglected in the English-speaking world, yet they represent his emerging scientific interpretations of Inuit culture and the Arctic. They also provide insight into the crucial period of Inuit history 130 years ago at a time of European and North American colonial expansion into their homeland.

Ludger Müller-Wille is a Montreal anthropologist and geographer who taught at McGill University for thirty years. Author and editor of books and articles on Franz Boas, he has conducted extensive research in the Arctic and Subarctic among Sámi and Finns in Finland and Inuit, Dene, and Naskapi in Canada. Ludger Müller-Wille is also author of [Inuit and Whalers on Baffin Island through German Eyes, Wilhelm Weike's Arctic Journal and Letters \(1883-84\)](#).

New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



Mathilde Plassart and Richard Shearmur. 2014. [SFIC et innovation : Les dynamiques géographiques de l'innovation à Québec / KIBS and innovation: The geographic dynamics of innovation in Quebec](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/cag.12068

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Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Nathan James Bennett, Philip Dearden and Ana María Peredo. 2014. [Vulnerability to multiple stressors in coastal communities: a study of the Andaman coast of Thailand](#). *Climate and Development*. DOI:10.1080/17565529.2014.886993

Pablo Bose and Elizabeth Lunstrum. 2014. [Introduction environmentally induced displacement and forced migration](#). *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*.

K. Wayne Forsythe and Grant McCartney. 2014. [Investigating forest disturbance using Landsat data in the Nagagamis Central Plateau, Ontario, Canada](#). *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information* 3:254-273. DOI:10.3390/ijgi3010254

J.M. Lavery, J. Kurek, K.M. Rühland, C.A. Gillis, M.F.J. Pisaric and J.P. Smol. 2014. [Exploring the environmental context of recent *Didymosphenia geminata* proliferation in Gaspésie, Quebec, using paleolimnology](#). *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*. DOI:10.1139/cjfas-2013-0442

Catherine J. Nash and Kath Browne. 2014. [Best for society? Transnational opposition to sexual and gender equalities in Canada and Great Britain](#). *Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*. DOI:10.1080/0966369X.2014.885893

Ali Sarhadi, Richard Kelly and Reza Modarres. 2014. [Snow water equivalent time series forecasting in Ontario, Canada, in link to large atmospheric circulations](#). *Hydrological Processes*. DOI:10.1002/hyp.10184

Other “Geographical” News

'Rock Snot' infestation in eastern Canada caused by climate change: A pesky species of algae — sometimes called "rock snot" due to the way its tendrils attach to rocks in waterways — is infiltrating parts of eastern Canada due to global warming and not accidental introductions from humans tromping around, [DNews](#)

How do you improve your chances of getting an academic job? The more I look at job adverts, the more aware I am that I need a long-term strategy to really improve my chances of getting an academic job. At the moment, writing articles and networking are at the top of my list. Neither is going to happen overnight, though, and I'm arming myself with patience as I juggle my part-time non-academic work with the essential activities of the young academic's life. [The Guardian](#)

Quebec ruling supports confidentiality of researchers' interviews: A recent ruling by a Quebec superior court has major ramifications for researchers who offer confidentiality to people they interview for their research. The decision means that researcher-participant communication is privileged when deemed appropriate by a judge, even though, in Canadian law, the relationship is not automatically privileged the way that a doctor-patient or lawyer-client relationship is. [University Affairs](#)

Drought, fires impact ability of Amazon to hold carbon dioxide: Fires in the Amazon could jeopardize the forest's ability to soak up carbon dioxide emissions even as deforestation there slows down, according to a Penn State geographer. [Penn State News](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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