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**Carleton Doctoral Graduate Tracey Lauriault one of Ireland's top 100 Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths:** Tracey Lauriault is included in Silicon Republic's 2014 100 top women in science, technology, engineering and maths. Lauriault is a post-doctoral researcher at the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA), working as part of the ERC-funded Programmable City Project. She was a postdoctoral fellow and a graduate student at Carleton's Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre (GCRC) from 2002-2013. "It is a great honour to be in the company of this fantastic group of women, and I look forward to continue to be actively engaged in the work of critically discussing open data, big data and data infrastructures as part of the Programmable City Project with Rob Kitchin," said Lauriault. "It is also thanks to Fraser Taylor and the team at the GCRC for providing the training ground for me to be able to do this work." "Tracey is to be congratulated on this well-deserved recognition of her ongoing work," said Killam Award-winner Fraser Taylor, distinguished research professor and director of the GCRC. "She continues to be a valuable member of the research team at the GCRC from her new base in Ireland." Her research involves data, infrastructures and geographical imaginations and spatial data infrastructures. [Carleton Newsroom](#)

**Geoff McBoyle: Waterloo's "Swiss Army Knife":** U Waterloo's Geoff McBoyle is set to retire from university life after a 45-year career. A climatologist who specializes in the impact of climate change on tourism, McBoyle joined the Department of Geography and Environmental Management in 1969 as an assistant professor. He gained a reputation as an effective and engaging educator, and in 1989 he received one of the first Distinguished Teacher Awards handed out by the University. In 1993 McBoyle received the Service to the Profession Award from the Ontario Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers in 1993. The US National Council for Geographic Education granted McBoyle the University Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award in 1994, and the Canadian Association of Geographers gave him the Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004. A strong believer in co-op, he set up two co-op programs at the university, in Geography and Environment and Business. [U Waterloo Daily Bulletin](#)

**Brandon U map collection on the move:** A collection with more than 10,000 high definition maps is being moved into the John E. Robbins Library at Brandon University (BU), allowing for greater public access. The John Langton Tyman Map Library contains atlases and topographic maps of Manitoba and Canada, as well as maps from around the world. The map library is named in honour of John Tyman, who established the Department of Geography at Brandon University in 1962. “This collection is a great addition to our BU Library,” says Braaksma, “and we are pleased to make it available to our extended community.” [Brandon U News](#)

**SFU PhD Sarah Hunt graduate aims to improve First Nation women’s lives:** Sarah Hunt was a precocious force when she started her studies at the University of Victoria at the age of 17. Hunt embarked on a social-justice and scholastic journey that culminated in a prestigious award last week. She received a Governor General’s gold medal with her doctorate in geography from Simon Fraser University — an honour given to the top two PhD graduates. Her thesis investigated “the dynamics of law, violence and space through the frequently unheard perspectives of indigenous people working to address violence in communities across B.C.” In it, she explored the healing and empowering possibilities of restoring indigenous justice models. Hunt’s supervisor, Nicholas Blomley, described her as “a truly engaged — in the fullest and most important meaning of the term — and brilliant young woman connecting to the communities in which she has been doing meaningful and extraordinarily challenging work.” Hunt isn’t much for talking about her accolades, but recognizes the importance of indigenous role models in higher education. “I had no idea this could even be a career,” she said. “But I had so many people who believed in me along the way and encouraged me to move forward”. [Times Colonist](#)

**U Saskatchewan Indigenous planning text wins national award:** A community planning textbook that grew out of an international collaboration begun at the College of Arts & Science has received a national award from the Canadian Institute of Planners. Reclaiming Indigenous Planning (McGill-Queen’s University Press) was honoured with the Planning Publications Award of Merit in the CIP’s [2014 Awards for Planning Excellence](#). The book was coedited by two U of S faculty members—[Ryan Walker](#) (associate professor of Regional and Urban Planning) and David Natcher (director of the ILMI and associate member of the Department of Geography and Planning and Department of Archaeology and Anthropology)—along with Ted Jojola of the University of New Mexico. [Reclaiming Indigenous Planning](#), explains Walker, is about providing a snapshot of current academic thought in the growing field of Indigenous planning. From the perspectives of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous authors, the book examines cultural approaches taken to community planning by Indigenous groups around the world. “Prior to resettlement by people of European descent, ... Indigenous communities were doing their own community planning and had their own institutions of governance and their own processes for engaging their people for future-seeking endeavours,” says Walker. Those processes are now reemerging, he continues. “It’s breaking back through an area of practice that for the last hundred-plus years has been really overwhelmed by a planning tradition that derives from Britain.” [USaskatchewan Geography News](#)

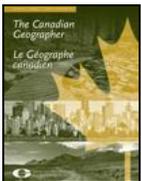
**Canadian Astronaut Jeremy Hansen visits Memorial University Geography Department:** The Department of Geography was lucky to have Major Jeremy Hansen, a new astronaut with the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), visit and give a talk on June 6; the visit was co-sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (Newfoundland Branch) and the MUN Department of Geography. As a highlight of his talk, Major Jeremy Hansen answered the question, “how one can become an astronaut.” He went over the type of training that aspiring astronauts need in order to prepare to go to space, and how their work contributes to the advancement of science and earth observation. Part of the training that Major Hensen underwent was fieldwork in the arctic, and remote cave exploration in Italy. The training astronauts are placed in difficult situations to prepare them for the unique environment that they will encounter in space. [MUN Geography News](#)

**BSc Major in Geoscience is now offered at Vancouver Island University:** A [BSc Major in Geoscience](#) is currently offered at VIU as of March 28, 2013. This BSc Major in Geoscience is jointly offered by the Earth Science Department and the [Geography Department](#). Students who complete the requirements for the BSc Major also have the option of satisfying the academic component of APEGBC and becoming a Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo). All geoscientists practicing in a professional capacity in BC are regulated by APEGBC. Registration as a Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) requires: a degree in geoscience, specific courses to satisfy the academic component, supervised work experience and the satisfactory completion of a professional practice exam. VIU offers all the courses needed to satisfy the academic requirements for registration as a Professional Geoscientist in the 'Environmental Geoscience' stream, and offers all the courses, except one, required to satisfy the 'Geology' stream'. [VIU Geography News](#)

**U Toronto PhD graduate John Paul Catungal studies role of straight allies in gay politics:** U of T's John Paul Catungal, who just graduated with a PhD in Geography this month, will be watching WorldPride from afar. Awarded a Governor General's Gold Medal for his dissertation, *For Us, By Us: Political Geographies of Race, Sexuality and Health in the Work of Ethno-Specific AIDS Service Organizations in Toronto*, the Killam Honorary Fellow has already headed to the University of British Columbia to start new research examining the role of straight allies in contemporary queer politics. Writer Dominic Ali caught up with him to learn more. *What advice do you have for current PhD students?* "Try to be involved in the social and political life of the university. There are a lot of student-run organizations (course unions, student clubs, the Graduate Students Union), and they offer many activities and opportunities. Take advantage of them, and give back by being involved! I had such a great time on the executive of the Graduate Students Union and also as co-chair of the GSU's Queer Caucus and an active organizer with Qu(e)rying Religion. Being involved in these organizations definitely made grad school a more fun and rewarding experience." [U of T News](#)

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New in [The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien](#)



Stephen P. Meyer. 2014. [A spatial assessment of dentist supply in Ontario, Canada](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/cag.12103

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### Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Alison Blay-Palmer, Irena Knezevic and Andrew Spring. 2014. [Seeking common ground for food system transformation](#). Dialogues in Human Geography 4:185-189.

Roger Hayter. 2014. [Recognizing \(geographic\) limits/alternatives to neoliberalism](#). Dialogues in Human Geography 4:150-153.

Chris Huggins. 2014. [Control Grabbing' and small-scale agricultural intensification: emerging patterns of state-facilitated 'agricultural investment' in Rwanda](#). Journal of Peasant Studies. DOI:10.1080/03066150.2014.910765

Simon Springer. 2014. [Neoliberalism in denial](#). Dialogues in Human Geography 4:154-160.

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### Other “Geographical” News

**Earlier snowmelt prompting earlier breeding of Arctic birds:** Biologists have found that migratory birds that breed in Arctic Alaska are initiating nests earlier in the spring, and that snowmelt occurring earlier in the season is a big reason why. [ScienceDaily](#)

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### Some not so “Geographical” News



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