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**Carleton U's Fraser Taylor receives 2014 Killam Award:** Distinguished DGES researcher Fraser Taylor has received a coveted Killam Prize worth \$100,000, the Canada Council for the Arts. Taylor, a Distinguished Research Professor and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, introduced the new discipline of cybercartography to the world, with its capacity to illuminate socio-economic issues. In Canada, and around the world, his cybercartographic atlases have delivered new perspectives and a way to comprehend complex issues such as trade and economic patterns, international development and the risk of homelessness. "This is the first time the Killam Prize has been awarded to a cartographer and I am proud to see the discipline recognized for its important contributions," said Taylor. "I share this honour with my team and I look forward to continuing our research on cybercartography." Taylor recently co-edited the book, *Developments in the Theory and Practice of Cybercartography: Applications and Indigenous Mapping* and he continues to apply his expertise with Inuit and First Nations communities in Canada. He is actively engaged in the new United Nations Initiative on Geospatial Information Management, which seeks to address key global challenges through more effective use of global geospatial information. [Carleton DGES News](#)

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**U British Columbia's Olav Slaymaker appointed to Order of Canada:** UBC geography professor emeritus [Olav Slaymaker](#) was appointed to Order of Canada on Boxing Day. The Order of Canada was created in 1967 to honour outstanding achievement. [Straight.com](#) | [Vancouver Sun](#)

**Carleton U PhD Pascale Roy-Leveille** recently defended her PhD thesis and will be taking up a position as Assistant Professor of Geography at Laurentian University on January 1st, 2015. [DGES News](#)

**U Montreal's Rodolphe de Koninck** on produit assez de nourriture sur Terre pour nourrir tout le monde. [Radio-Canada](#)

**U Ottawa alumnus Gilles Rivard** (MA Geography '85) has been awarded the Operational Service Medal – HUMANITAS. This medal aims to recognize those who serve in or provide support to overseas

humanitarian operations under dangerous circumstances. Mr. Rivard received this Medal for his service during a mission in Haiti following the earthquake of January 2010. [U Ottawa News](#)

**Concordia U COHDS post-doctoral fellow Julie Perrone** hired by VIA rail to participate in all history-related initiatives. [Concordia News](#)

**U Alberta's Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa** with the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta has teamed up with Bernie Kollman, IBM's vice-president of the Public Sector, Alberta. The result is some monitoring that is world wide and may help predict future environmental events. [CHED 630](#)

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[Canadian Association of Geographers \(CAG\) 2015 annual conference and meetings](#) will be held at Simon Fraser University, June 1-5, 2015. This celebration of Geographic Diversity and Dialogue will take place in Simon Fraser's downtown locations, principally at Harbour Centre and the (adjacent) Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

The conference begins with an icebreaker event on Monday evening, has oral presentations, posters and special events from Tuesday to Friday, and field trips throughout the conference. The John Wiley Presentation will be delivered by Professor Andrew J. Weaver, a leading authority on global climate change and the first Green Party member of British Columbia's Legislative assembly.

Following the AGM, the banquet will be held on Thursday, June 4th in the Stanley Park Pavilion.

For more info, please visit CAG2015 home page, <http://www.sfu.ca/cag2015.html>

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### **Recent Theses and Dissertations**

Jennifer A. Fresque-Baxter. 2014. ['Water Is Life': Exploring the relationship between place identity, water and adaptive capacity in Fort Resolution, Northwest Territories, Canada](#). PhD dissertation. Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario. Supervisor: Derek Armitage.

Pascale Roy-Leveille. 2014. Permafrost and thermokarst lakes in the Old Crow Flats, northern Yukon, Canada. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. Carleton University. Ottawa, Ontario. Supervisor: Chris Burn.

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## Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

- Maxime Boivin, Thomas Buffin-Bélanger and Hervé Piégay. 2014. [The raft of the Saint-Jean River, Gaspé \(Québec, Canada\): A dynamic feature trapping most of the wood transported from the catchment](#). *Geomorphology*. DOI:10.1016/j.geomorph.2014.12.015
- K. Calvert and W. Mabee. 2015. [More solar farms or more bioenergy crops? Mapping and assessing potential land-use conflicts among renewable energy technologies in eastern Ontario, Canada](#). *Applied Geography* 56:209–221.
- Dan Cohen. 2014. [Grounding mobile policies: Ah hoc networks and the creative city in Bandung, Indonesia](#). *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*. DOI:10.1111/sjtg.12090
- Simon Dalby 2014. [Environmental geopolitics in the Twenty First Century](#). *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 39:3-16.
- Toshichika Iizumi and Navin Ramankutty. 2014. [How do weather and climate influence cropping area and intensity?](#) *Global Food Security*. DOI:10.1016/j.gfs.2014.11.003
- Alan Kasprak, Joseph M. Wheaton, Peter E. Ashmore, James W. Hensleigh and Sarah Peirce. 2014. [The relationship between particle travel distance and channel morphology: results from physical models of braided rivers](#). *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*. DOI: 10.1002/2014JF003310
- Dori Kovanen and Olav Slaymaker. 2014. [The paraglacial geomorphology of the Fraser Lowland, southwest British Columbia and northwest Washington](#). *Geomorphology*. DOI:10.1016/j.geomorph.2014.12.021
- Alison Mountz. 2014. [Political geography II. Islands and archipelagos](#). *Progress in Human Geography*. DOI:10.1177/0309132514560958
- Greg Oulahan. 2014. [Flood insurance in Canada: Implications for flood management and residential vulnerability to flood hazards](#). *Environmental Management*. DOI:10.1007/s00267-014-0416-6
- Chris T. Perry, Robert S. Steneck, Gary N. Murphy, Paul S. Kench, Evan N. Edinger, Scott G. Smithers and Peter J. Mumby. 2014. [Regional-scale dominance of non-framework building corals on Caribbean reefs affects carbonate production and future reef growth](#). *Global Change Biology*. DOI:10.1111/gcb.12792
- Andrea C. Voit, Richard J. Hebda, Julien M.J. Racca, Ian R. Walker, Uta Raeder and Markus L. Heinrichs. 2014. [Post-glacial diatom-inferred aquatic changes in Sicamous Creek Lake, British Columbia, Canada](#). *Revue des sciences de l'eau / Journal of Water Science* 27:233-256.
- Chad Walker, Jamie Baxter, Isaac Mason, Isaax Luginaah and Danielle Ouellette. 2014. [Wind energy development and perceived real estate values in Ontario, Canada](#). *AIMS Energy* 2: 424-442.
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## Other “Geographical” News

**Arctic Monkeying: Contrasting visions of Canada's northeast:** Paris in the 18th century was the hotbed of scientific cartography. But the shape of the Earth's continents was only as definite as the next explorer's tall tales. Clans of cartographers bitterly quarreled over how to map the newly discovered lands, and how to fill in the blanks. This quartet of maps on a single sheet is a fossilized reminder of that disputatious era – and an early example of comparative cartography. [Big Think](#)

**Idaho a medical destination for Canadian boomers:** Most of the patients who come into Northwest Specialty Hospital in Post Falls, Idaho are from the local area. But a Canadian flag that links to a list of procedures with some of the longest wait times north of the border. But it feels more like the listing for a vacation package than a medical procedure. And included in each deal: a stay at the nearby luxury Coeur d'Alene Resort. “So the resort picks them up at the airport, them and their spouse, takes them to the hotel, puts them in a nice room overlooking the lake,” Rasmussen said. And while the spouse enjoys some spa time, the patient gets a new knee. [KPIU 88.5](#)

**Geographic literacy as critical as reading:** It is not unusual for college-level students to come to my classes without basic geographic knowledge. Although I would be among the last to argue that geography classes should be primarily concerned about memorization and location of place names, it is an essential set of foundational knowledge that one must possess in order to have an educated discussion. Some may dismiss the importance of such information by saying a quick Internet search can provide the details and instructors should focus instead on critical thinking, and I totally concur. But just as use of a calculator does not diminish the need to know basic math so one can make sense of what the calculator does for them, so it is that knowledge of where to find places is useful for a greater understanding of geographic processes. [Newark Advocate](#)

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## Some not so “Geographical” News



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