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U Victoria's Chris Darimont awarded CUFA BC 2015 'Early in Career Award': UFA BC's Distinguished Academic Award Adjudication Committee has announced that [Chris Dairmont](#) will receive the 2015 'Early in Career Award'. Chris is an interdisciplinary conservation scientist who applies natural and social science tools to confront conservation problems that are both conceptually interesting and acutely applied. Although Chris and his fledgling lab group have broad scholarly interests, they maintain three primary research domains: i) landscape ecology at the marine-terrestrial interface, ii) conservation biology of harvest management, and iii) conservation ethics. The wildlife and people of the central coast of British Columbia – an area popularly known as the Great Bear Rainforest – comprise a study system of particular interest. While this geographic focus invokes a strong sense of place, the research is designed to have a global reach. [CUFA BC](#)

Memorial U's Geography-Folklore Consuming Cultures Harlow Programme: The Departments of Geography and Folklore have a long-standing relationship in terms of offering courses at Memorial's Harlow campus in England. Chris Sharpe and Gerry Pocius have for many years offered the enormously popular English Cultural Landscape course, which has run for several decades. Charlie Mather and Diane Tye, from Geography and Folklore, have now teamed up to offer a new Harlow programme called Consuming Cultures. This programme brings together their respective teaching and research expertise in the area of food, economy and culture in what promises to be an amazing experience in England. When it comes to food, we don't always think of England as an ideal place to run a field school. Yet England's reputation for bland and tasteless food has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. These changes have come about in part through the rise of celebrity chefs like Jamie Oliver, as well as through dramatic changes in the retail landscape. There are five major supermarkets and they control as much as 90 percent of the retail market. This is a big change from 30 years ago when most food in England was sold through small retail outlets. England is also an excellent place to look at the changing history of food from Roman through to contemporary times. Charlie and Diane are in the process of putting together what promises to be an amazing field trip experience for 26 or so students who have registered for the programme from both St John's and Grenfell campuses. Field trips include visits to London's traditional fish and meat markets, brewery tours, a Medieval Banquet at the Tower of London, a tour of Tudor kitchens, visits to organic farms, and tours to London's open air food markets. [Memorial U Geography](#)

Queen's U's Stewart Fast and Warren Mabee on fragile Ontario wind energy plan: In the coming days, Ontario electricity officials will release new rules for host community engagement for wind energy companies seeking to build wind farms in the province. It marks a pivotal moment for a province that has lost the puck on this file but is trying hard to get it back. The problem is that there are six years of momentum and mistrust to reverse. Recent events suggest that it will not be an easy task. Under the new rules, wind companies that want to sell power to the province will have to competitively bid for the opportunity. Bids that include municipal council support and that can show agreements -- not only with landowners hosting turbines -- but also with all of their neighbours will be favoured. The proposal to favour bids with agreement of landowners abutting a turbine is not sitting well with developers. They worry this gives too much power to the "last man standing." It is likely that if such rules existed five years ago, dozens of wind energy projects in the province would not have proceeded. And that is the dilemma Ontario's electricity managers face: How to respect public involvement while still making effective development decisions? The province is hoping that the new rules for community engagement and setting up local advisory committees to participate in new regional energy planning discussions will return some control to the file. Officials desperately want to share the responsibility for selling the need for new, large generation plants. The hope is that by involving urban and rural municipalities as well as community leaders, the province will experience less wind energy opposition and also less lobbying for gas plant cancellations. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

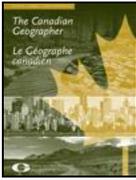
UNBC's Greg Halseth and Marleen Morris report on Prince George housing study: The available inventory isn't meeting the demand when it comes to housing in Prince George. During Monday night's meeting, city council heard from UNBC's Community Development Institute co-directors Greg Halseth and Marleen Morris regarding the results of a nearly 18-month process to conduct a housing need and demand study and complementary housing strategy framework. According to the study, housing stock and housing demand aren't aligning. The current housing stock is designed for large families, and the population has shifted to small families and empty nesters. The number of people over the age of 80 in Prince George increased by 71 per cent and the number of people between the ages of 65 and 79 increased by 51 per cent during the decade between 2001 and 2011, according to census information compiled in the study. During that same period, the number of school-age residents (up to the age of 15) decreased by 16 per cent. The Research identified a need for housing to hit specific target markets, such as workers travelling to and from industry jobs who are looking for low-maintenance accommodation; recent transplants from larger cities who are looking for new homes and modern design; executives looking for large homes on large rural lots; frequently travelling seniors who want secure, low-maintenance homes; students who want to live close to campus, service and transit; an older seniors who want an accessible home close to services and who may require on-site meals, personal care and transportation. [Prince George Citizen](#) | [MyPrinceGeorgeNow](#)



Concordia U announces Jessica Roda awarded SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship to work jointly under the supervision of Erica Lehrer at CEREV and the Canada Research Chair on Urban Heritage at UQÀM for the project "Beyond the stage: representing ethnic and religious minorities in Canadian urban spaces. The case of Jewish Culture Festivals." [Concordia U Geography](#)

Ryerson U's Eric Vaz's co-authored paper "[Modelling Innovation Support Systems for Regional Development - Analysis of Cluster Structures in Innovation in Portugal](#)" included in an online article collection featuring the most downloaded articles by Routledge Social Sciences journals in 2014..

New in The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien



Joel Finnis and Trevor Bell. 2015. [An analysis of recent observed climate trends and variability in Labrador](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/cag.12155

Roger M. Picton and Mark W. Skinner. 2015. [Community economic development and the rise of ethno-cultural entrepreneurialism in francophone Manitoba](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/cag.12143

Darlene Sanderson, Ian M. Picketts, Stephen J. Déry, Bryndel Fell, Sharolise Baker, Eddison Lee-Johnson and Monique Auger. 2015. [Climate change and water at Stellat'en First Nation, British Columbia, Canada: Insights from western science and traditional knowledge](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI: 10.1111/cag.12142

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Kean Birch and Matti Siemiatycki. 2015. [Neoliberalism and the geographies of marketization. The entangling of state and markets](#). Progress in Human Geography. DOI:10.1177/0309132515570512

Congsheng Fu, April L. James and Huaxia Yao. 2015. [Investigations of uncertainty in SWAT hydrologic simulations: a case study of a Canadian Shield catchment](#). Hydrological Processes. DOI:10.1002/hyp.10477

Greg Oulahan. 2015. [Flood insurance in Canada: Implications for flood management and residential vulnerability to flood hazards](#). Environmental Management 55:603-615.

Emily Schnebele, Burak F. Tanyu, Guido Cervone and Nigel M. Waters. 2015. [Review of remote sensing methodologies for pavement management and assessment](#). European Transport Research Review 7:7. DOI 10.1007/s12544-015-0156-6

Lana Sullivan, Laura Ryser and Greg Halseth. 2014. [Recognizing change, recognizing rural: The New Rural Economy and towards a new model of rural service](#). Journal of Rural and Community Development 9:219-245.

Other “Geographical” News

Blueberry River First Nations lawsuit threatens Site C, fracking in B.C.: The Blueberry River First Nations have launched a legal battle that could affect B.C.'s planned Site C hydroelectric dam, as well as oil and gas development both inside and outside the band's territory. The band has raised concerns about hydraulic fracturing - or fracking - for natural gas in their territory for more than a decade, but the B.C. government hasn't listened, said Yahey. [CBC News | British Columbia](#)

Geography as branding: How much of the geography of branding is inherent and earned, and how much is just pure image management? In other words, if we're paying more for a product because of geography, are we getting our money's worth? "Canadian Bacon" is interesting example of geographical branding. It's a popular item in the United States, and it may just be one of the few foods Americans associate with Canada. Yet no one in Canada ever refers to bacon as "Canadian bacon." The "Canadian bacon" Americans relish is round, processed, pre-sliced and smoked. However, true Canadian bacon is called peameal bacon. It has a layer of fat on one side, is cured in a briny solution – and is not smoked. It seems that back in the 19th century, there was a pork shortage in England. So the British started importing Canadian side bacon. When it arrived, they smoked it. Americans living in England enjoyed this bacon, and when they went back home, they began smoking their bacon - and calling it "Canadian bacon." Therefore, what Americans call "Canadian Bacon" isn't really Canadian at all. The geography makes it desirable, even if the truth is a bit... salty. [Terry O'Reilly on CBC Radio](#)

Canada's deadliest avalanche happened on March 4, 1910, in Rogers Pass: An abandoned railway line is all that remains at the summit of the Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park to mark the spot where 58 men lost their lives in what's believed to be Canada's deadliest avalanche. Workers were clearing snow from another avalanche that had buried the Canadian Pacific Railway line when another slide came roaring down the other side of the narrow valley with little warning. When it was over, 400 metres of track had been buried. A locomotive and plow had been hurled 15 metres and landed upside down. The wooden cars behind the locomotive were crushed. Many of the 58 dead were found standing upright, frozen in position. [CBC News | Calgary](#)

Six strategies to kickstart your academic writing: I've just finished two more pieces (this week), a conference paper and a journal article, that I needed to have done by the end of the week. I still have four additional pieces to write, and I'm working towards completing those (particularly because they are co-authored). But all this "writing-in-excess" made me ponder about my own strategies to kickstart my academic writing. I call this period "writing-in-excess" because normally I would write for 2 hours and stop worrying about what else I need to finish, because I had already done my writing for the day. Since I committed to complete more manuscripts, I have been writing well in excess of 2 hours a day. This has generated a different set of strategies than the ones I used to have. Here are some reflections on the topic. [Raul Pacheco-Vega, Understanding and solving intractable resource governance problems](#)

[Update on the WD-CAG meeting in Prince George](#)

As you may be aware, UNBC faculty has been on strike since Thursday March 5, 2015. The timing of this is unfortunate as final preparations are underway for the upcoming WD-CAG conference on March 13-14. Those planning to attend are advised that communication with conference organizers will be impossible for the duration of the strike.

Negotiations between faculty and administration are scheduled for the remainder of this week, and we are hopeful of a successful resolution in this time frame. If the strike continues past the weekend, however, our ability to host the conference will be severely undermined. In light of this, the Organizing Committee at UNBC has determined that, if the UNBC strike is not resolved by Monday March 9th at 4:00pm (Pacific Daylight Time), we will have to cancel the conference. In this case, notification will be sent via the Division's email list-serve by Tom Waldichuk (Thompson Rivers University), the WD-CAG President. Please note that, should we have to cancel the meeting, full refunds will be issued to those registered at that time for the conference and banquet.

Some not so “Geographical” News



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