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Western U's Philip Stooke's 38-year-old egg headed to U.S. Library of Congress: Philip Stooke has heard them all. That's 'egg'-cellent. You must have worked 'egg'-stra hard on that. It's 'egg'-ceptionally well done. But the Western Geography professor probably never 'egg'-spected the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to come calling for one of his whimsical creations – a 38-year-old egg painted as one of the moons of Mars. It was 1971 when an American spacecraft arrived at Mars and took the first up-close photographs of the Red Planet and its moons. “This was the first time we ever saw these irregular objects,” said Stooke, who was living Victoria, B.C., at the time. “Before that, people have been making maps of the Earth for thousands of years, and the moon and Mars for hundreds of years – the objects were always perfectly spherical. It raised a few questions for Stooke. To investigate, he made the moon – on an egg. Stooke designed the egg purely out of fun, but has since taken a strong interest in the moon’s valleys. When he made his way to Western in 1989, the egg made the cross-country trek as well. He kept it in an ironic sort of protective case – thanks to his wife. L’eggs, a popular 70’s brand of pantyhose, was sold in a unique, white plastic egg shell; that shell became Stooke’s official egg-carrying case. The egg has been part of his Social Science Centre office for the last 26 years, but shortly will be calling the Library of Congress home. The largest library in the world – home to 36 million books and printed materials, as well as more than 121 million maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints and drawings and other special collections – have requested Stooke donate his Phobos egg. “It’s been 38 years, so I’ll let them have it,” he said. “I’m getting to the stage of ‘What am I going to do with all this stuff when I retire?’ It’s not much to look at, but it was a fun process. It’s not very often you get a request from the Library of Congress. It was quite a surprise.” [Western News](#)

U British Columbia Geography 419 course involved with on-line survey of attitudes on urban coyotes in Vancouver: Do you have an opinion on urban coyotes in the City of Vancouver? Then you’re asked to participate in a five-minute, [on-line survey](#) gauging public attitudes on the species. The survey is a collaboration of Stanley Park Ecology Society’s Co-Existing with Coyotes program and a University of B.C. geography course project. A similar public survey was conducted in the mid-90s as part of a UBC master’s student thesis, and the results laid the foundation for an education-based coyote management program in the city. “Vancouver has changed and grown a lot in the past 20 years,” Dan Straker, coordinator of the society’s program, said in a statement. “Now is a great opportunity to take a fresh look at how attitudes towards this controversial species may have changed over time.”

U Winnipeg's Marc Vachon's interest in urban environments, their form and their underlying: At first glance, Marc Vachon's body of research appears to have a bit of everything – from lofty utopian visions to everyday realities of urban living. What unites each of these threads is a keen interest in urban environments, their form as well as their underlying meanings. Since joining the Department of Geography in 2001, Marc has been involved in numerous research projects, such as looking at the role played by rental agencies in gentrifying West Broadway and the architecture of downtown Winnipeg's parking structures. As editor of the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research* since 2008, Marc gets a firsthand look at emerging research on cities. He is currently working on an article looking at the state of urban food accessibility research in Canada and future directions for research, in addition to being a member of a research group on mobility and accessibility. [UWinnipeg Geography Spring 2015 Newsletter](#)

Memorial U geography graduate spotlight on Creighton Connolly, M.A.: Creighton Connolly graduated with a MA in Geography in 2012. He was recruited to the Geography Department by his advisor, Dr. Josh Lepawsky, to work on a project involving the mapping of international trade in electronic waste. As a student, Creighton received funding from a SSHRC grant for the project, baseline graduate support, and employment as a teaching assistant. His research was based in Singapore, where he investigated "the city-state's role in facilitating the international trade and traffic in electronic waste." Creighton is studying in the School of Environment, Education and Development (SEED) at the University of Manchester, where he is a Marie Currie Fellow and PhD candidate. His PhD research is in human geography, and he is working on a project (EU funded) that is focused on political ecology. His research project "examines the landscape political ecology of edible birds' nest harvesting in Malaysian cities, particularly in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Malacca and George Town (Penang)." Creighton attributes his experience at MUN for giving him the "skills, knowledge and confidence to conduct [his] PhD in a much more independent manner...giving him a significant advantage over many other PhD students in his department." Creighton observes that his opportunity to conduct extensive field research is not one that all master's students are lucky enough to experience. He values his Singapore-based research, "the memories and personal connections that [he] made...are ones that will stay with [him] for many years to come!" [Memorial Geography](#)

U Toronto's Andre Sorensen and Paul Hess on Scarborough transit options: A subway along McCowan Rd. doesn't come close to having the potential for intensification as building an LRT on Sheppard, says a U of T study. More kilometres, more stops and more transit within walking distance of homes and jobs — the advantages of LRT over the subway the city plans to build in Scarborough have been well documented. But the urban geography and development potential of the routes has been largely ignored, says the co-author of a [University of Toronto study](#) released Wednesday. The research suggests that the \$1-billion Sheppard LRT — already designed, approved and provincially funded — has the greatest development prospects among the various east-end transit proposals that have been floated in the past decade. "It could be in operation before either SmartTrack or the subway break ground," said Andre Sorensen, a professor in the department of human geography, who wrote the report with geography and planning professor Paul Hess. "By far the worst-case scenario," they write, would be to build the Scarborough subway on the city's initially approved route up McCowan Rd., within two kilometres of Mayor John Tory's SmartTrack. "It would be irresponsible to build this line as currently configured," says the report, titled [Choices for Scarborough, Transit, Walking and Intensification in Toronto's Inner Suburbs](#). Moving it farther east, away from the Stouffville GO tracks where SmartTrack trains would run, would probably add to the estimated \$3.6 billion cost of the Scarborough subway, said Sorensen. [Toronto Star](#)

U Waterloo's Jean Andrey nominated for position of dean in the Faculty of Environment: The Dean of Environment Nominating Committee, based on the information considered to date, unanimously recommended professor Jean Andrey for consideration by the constituency as the next dean of the Faculty of Environment for a five-year term beginning 1 July 2015. In August 2014 Andrey took over as interim dean replacing André Roy, who resigned to accept the position of Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University in Montreal. "I am honoured to be chosen by the Nominating Committee to lead the Faculty of Environment," said Andrey. "I look forward to working with the University and broader environmental community on this, our next chapter." As a professor in Geography and Environmental Management, Andrey is one of the longest-serving faculty members in Environment. She is the past president of the Canadian Association of Geographers and is highly regarded as a teacher and mentor to undergraduate and graduate students alike. [U Waterloo Environment](#)

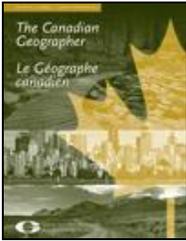
U Victoria's Phil Dearden and the human side of conservation: Philip Dearden has worked in Africa for 10 years and still doesn't call himself an African expert. But as Leader of the Marine Protected Areas Working Group for Canada's Ocean Management Research Network, co-author of *Parks and Protected Areas in Canada: Planning and Management*, and with more than 25 years' experience working in Southeast Asia, he is undoubtedly one of the world's leading minds in conservation. Here the University of Victoria Professor shares his passion for marine protected areas, community-based conservation and ecotourism. When asked what inspired him to get into conservation, Phil replied "I always wanted to be outdoors. Although I loved biology, I just didn't like being in the lab all the time. Geography offered that outdoor perspective and biogeography was a perfect marriage for me. My master's degree looked at the distribution of plant communities on different soil types. My PhD mentor said to me, 'Did you enjoy doing your master's?' and I said, 'Yeah, immensely.' And he said 'Do you think it helped the world at all?' I said, 'Well, no!' He introduced me to the idea that we should be looking at the most critical problems and how we can help with our skills. So I started applying my biogeographical and ecological skills to conservation." [Conservation Careers](#)

U Winnipeg Department of Geography Chair Review: In August 2014 the Department of Geography held a field course in Churchill. Seventeen students from Geography, Biology and Education along with Geography staff and faculty members spent 10 days at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre. Students did fieldwork, research, presentations and posters ranging from meteorology, urban and cultural studies, biogeography, geology and hydrology. Victoria Jonatanson and Drew Curtis have their results posted at the Assiniboine Zoo's Journey to Churchill exhibit. In September 2014, faculty and students attended the annual Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (PCAG) meeting at the Elkhorn Resort at Riding Mountain National Park. The Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Bill Rannie (retired in 2014) was admitted as a Fellow of United College. [U Winnipeg Geography Spring 2015 Newsletter](#)



U Waterloo geography student Andrew Wong was awarded a scholarship from the Education Foundation of Chinese Professionals Association of Canada at their annual award ceremony which acknowledges students of their academic achievements and community contributions. Andrew was recognized for a handful of initiatives including leading three Canadian and international youth delegations to attend the United Nations Summits and Climate Negotiations. [U Waterloo Environment](#)

New in The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien



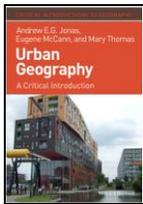
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Eric Vaz and Jamal Jokar Arsanjani. 2015. [Crowdsourced mapping of land use in urban dense environments: An assessment of Toronto](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI:10.1111/cag.12170

New Book

Andrew Jonas, Eugene McCann and Mary Thomas. 2015. [Urban Geography: A Critical Introduction](#). Wiley-Blackwell. ISBN: 978-1-4051-8979-8



Urban Geography a comprehensive introduction to a variety of issues relating to contemporary urban geography, including patterns and processes of urbanization, urban development, urban planning, and life experiences in modern cities.

- Reveals both the diversity of ordinary urban geographies and the networks, flows and relations which increasingly connect cities and urban spaces at the global scale
 - Uses the city as a lens for proposing and developing critical concepts which show how wider social processes, relations, and power structures are changing
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 - Shows readers how to develop critical perspectives on dominant neoliberal representations of the city and explore the great diversity of urban worlds
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Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

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Wanda Leung, Bram Noble, Jill Gunn and Jochen A.G. Jaeger. 2015. [A review of uncertainty research in impact assessment](#). Environmental Impact Assessment Review 50:116–123.

P.A. Moore and J. M. Waddington. 2015. [Modelling Sphagnum moisture stress in response to projected 21st century climate change](#). Hydrological Processes. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.10484

William J. Payne. 2015. [Death-squads contemplating queers as citizens: what Colombian paramilitaries are saying](#). Gender, Place & Culture. DOI:10.1080/0966369X.2015.1013442

Lianne Soller, Moshe Ben-Shoshan, Daniel W. Harrington, Megan Knoll, Joseph Fragapane, Lawrence Joseph, Yvan St. Pierre, Sebastien La Vieille, Kathi Wilson, Susan J. Elliott and Ann E. Clarke. 2015. [Prevalence and predictors of food allergy in Canada: a focus on vulnerable populations](#). The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice 3:42–49.

2015 Canadian Cartographers Association's President's Prize:

The CCA President's Prize recognizes excellence in student map design and production and is open to all post-secondary students who have completed and produced a cartographic project in the preceding school year. The 2015 President's Prize Competition will consist of two prizes of \$250, one for entries from college-level or CEGEP students, and one for entries from university-level students in the following category: A thematic map on any subject. The cartographic project will consist of a single map. There are no restrictions on size but the project must have been completed and produced during the school year preceding the competition. Each entry must be accompanied by a clear and succinct statement of design objectives that will weigh heavily in the judges' decision. Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity and overall effectiveness in communication as well as excellence in compilation, design, and layout.

Entries for 2015 are invited from all Canadian post-secondary students. All entries should be accompanied by an official entry form found on the website of the CCA: <http://cca-acc.org/about-us/awards-prizes-and-scholarships/>

For additional information contact: CCA President's Prize Competition, c/o Dr. William Crumplin, CCA Education Chair and Associate Professor, Program Coordinator and Academic Advisor Environmental Studies (English), School of the Environment, Laurentian University Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6

Other “Geographical” News

So you’re “not interested” in being Department Chair? Have you ever overheard (or been part of) this conversation? For some reason the issue of being Departmental Chair comes up – maybe the Chair position will soon be vacant at your institution, or maybe it just was, or maybe you’re just chatting about career trajectories in academia. And – stop me if you’ve heard this one – Dr. Y says “Oh, I’m not interested in being Chair”. So wait. If we aren’t “interested” in being Chairs, why do we do it? Well, in jest we often say that we’re just stupid, or that we run away slower than everybody else. (At least, most days we’re saying it in jest). So, it’s perfectly fine to say that you “aren’t interested” in being Chair (I’ve said it myself, before, after, and even during my service as Chair). Just realize that by saying it, you aren’t distinguishing yourself from any of your colleagues, and that your saying it has nothing at all to do with whether you should consider doing the job! Which, of course, you should. We all should. [Scientist Sees Squirrel](#)

Race and the affective geographies of Manitoba pork production: As increasing toxicity of Manitoba lakes garners public concern, the environmental impacts of pork producers have come under scrutiny. In this context, the Manitoba Pork Council launched *The Family Behind the Farm*, a series of advertisements and testimonials featuring pork producers and their families. We examine how this campaign operates affectively to distance the family farm from industrial pork production. Building upon geographical literature theorizing the relationship between race and affect, we argue that the campaign mobilizes pride in the family farm through heteronormative and racialized affects of intimacy, tradition, and intergenerational continuity. [Cairns et al. in *Antipode*](#)

Florida's not the only state where officials censored the term 'Climate Change': It may have seemed surprising when four former employees of Florida’s state Department of Environmental Protection said they were forbidden to use the words “climate change” and “global warming” in any official communications. But as it turns out, the alleged practice is not unusual — at least in states with governors who do not accept the scientific validity of human-caused climate change. In fact, two states were accused of implementing a very similar practice with their environmental conservation agencies last year. [Climate Progress](#)

Canada to spend billions on Arctic military equipment: As demand for the Arctic’s resource riches heats up, Canada is set to spend billions of dollars on new patrol ships, polar satellites, upgrading transport and providing winter gear for troops, among other expenditures. Topping the list are five new patrol ships for the Royal Canadian Navy, which will be outfitted with Lockheed Martin avionics at a cost of CAN \$3.5 billion (\$3.4 billion), as well as up to \$50 million in technical upgrades for the Air Force’s CC-138 transport aircraft. The first steel will be cut on the Royal Canadian Navy’s Arctic offshore patrol ships in September. Five ships will be constructed by Irving Shipbuilding of Canada, while Lockheed Martin is handling onboard combat systems. [RT News](#)

Nunavut schools look at standardizing Inuktitut writing system: Nunavut education minister Paul Quassa announced yesterday in the legislative assembly that the government is looking into using Roman orthography as the standard writing system for Inuktitut in schools across the territory. Inuktitut is commonly written across Nunavut in two different systems: syllabics, which uses a system of symbols adopted from Cree script, and Roman orthography, which uses the Roman alphabet used to write in English. Both systems enjoy official status in the territory, and are used more frequently depending on geographical location: syllabics in the east, orthography in the west. [CBC News| North](#)

Yukon's garden culture sprouts new roots at seed library: A new resource has sprouted up in Whitehorse for people who like to garden and those who would like to learn. An old microfilm cabinet is now home to a seed collection in Yukon's Energy, Mines and Resources library on the third floor of the Elijah Smith building downtown. Anna Pearson, EMR librarian, says the aim of the seed library is to create a community and culture of gardeners in the Yukon. [CBC News | North](#)

Some not so “Geographical” News



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