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U Northern British Columbia's Brian Menounos predicts Salmon Glacier will be gone in 90 years: According to a new scientific study, the Frank Mackie glacier complex, which includes the spectacular Salmon Glacier near Stewart, will have virtually disappeared between 2075 and 2100. Up around Stewart the recession of at least one glacier is easily apparent. According to City of Stewart administrator Tara Barker, the Bear Glacier which you see driving through the mountains on the highway into Stewart has shrunk dramatically. "Just in the last 10 years, everyone notices it used to come right up to the highway before there was the pool there," she said of the viewing area near town. As for the Salmon Glacier, she said the size of it would make melting less apparent. "What you see is just the toe of it," she said. "It's definitely one of the biggest attractions when people come for their first time, their first question is, "where is the Salmon Glacier?" According to the new projections, the answer in 100 years will be: it's gone. The research involved a contribution from UNBC geography professor and glacier change specialist Brian Menounos. "A lot of that is projected by us to undergo decline even under the more conservative emissions scenarios," said Menounos of the Salmon Glacier complex. [Terrace Standard](#)

U Toronto Mississauga "tree caching" trail leads graduate to employment: If you go into the woods around the U of T Mississauga you'll probably notice some shiny new tags on the trees. The business card-sized metal frames contain a laminated card with a QR code. Scan that code with an app on your smartphone, and you'll be taken to a web page packed with info about the tree, including a photo, identifying characteristics and more. Known as a "[tree caching](#)" trail, the tags are the work of Nimesha Basnayaka, a recent graduate of the environmental science and geography program at UTM. Basnayaka created and implemented a self-guided tour of the campus' trees as part of a recently wrapped year-long experiential learning internship with [Climate's Sake](#), an environmental education charity based in Mississauga. Over the past school year, Basnayaka worked with the UTM grounds division to identify and catalogue significant tree specimens. Fifty-four trees were initially identified, with 24 trees making the final list. "We tried to get as many species as possible to get an accurate representation of the species that are found on campus," Basnayaka says. "We included a white oak, located between IB and CCT, that's over a hundred years old, as well as the crabapple trees between Davis and Kaneff." Her internship landed the recent graduate a full-time job with Climate's Sake. Basnayaka says she learned a lot about tree species and also how to put her academic skills to practical work. Now an employee, Basnayaka will implement the "Planting for Change" program, working with schools across Ontario to plant trees and shrubs and measure the effects of climate change in the province. [UTM News](#)

Memorial U Geography's Trevor Bell featured in Luminus: "Looking North," the cover story for the [most recent Luminus](#), focuses on Memorial's research in the North. Trevor is featured in the article as the principal research partner for the Sakkijânginnatuk Nunalik: the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) for the Nunatsiavut Government. Trevor also wrote the Last Word for the Winter 2015 issue, titled "In Our Own Backyard," while on board the MV Nuliajuk - the Government of Nunavut (GN) fisheries research vessel. Trevor's photographs are featured throughout this issue, including the image on the cover. [MUN Geography News](#)

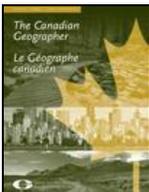


U Victoria's Dan Dan Shugar (Geography) spoke to CBC Radio One on May 10 about his discovery of a further landslide and flooding risk in Nepal after the April 25 earthquake in that country.

U Guelph welcomes Kirby Calvert as new Assistant Professor in Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change. At a critical time for efforts to mitigate global climate change, the Department of Geography is profoundly excited to offer their undergraduate and graduate students, not to mention Ontario's rapidly evolving energy sector, a specialist in energy transitions. [Guelph Geography News](#)

U British Columbia welcomes Jessica Dempsey as new Assistant Professor. Jessica writes: "I am delighted to return to UBC Geography in January, the institutional home of my graduate training (MA 2005, PhD 2011). My research and teaching focus on environmental politics of all shapes and sizes. For the last three years I've been fortunate to work with the students and faculty at the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria as an Assistant Professor. [UBC Geography News](#)

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



Linda J. Peake. 2015. [The Suzanne Mackenzie Memorial Lecture: Rethinking the politics of feminist knowledge production in Anglo-American geography](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI:10.1111/cag.12174

Recent Theses and Dissertations

Paula Loh. 2015. What is Wrong with this Picture?: Indigenous artists contest the 'place' of Indigenous People in Canada. MA thesis. Department of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Supervisor: Dr. Audrey Kobayashi.

Roselyn Salvador. 2015. Migrant workers and the Canadian Live-in Caregiver Program. MA thesis. Department of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Supervisor: Dr. Audrey Kobayashi.

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Thomas Armitage and Leah Levac. 2015. [Learning the development of community-engaged scholars through course-based learning: a student perspective](#). Engaged Scholar Journal: Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning 1:148-163.

Lindsay N K Davidson, Meg A Krawchuk and Nicholas K Dulvy. 2015. [Why have global shark and ray landings declined: improved management or overfishing?](#) Fish and Fisheries. DOI:10.1111/faf.12119

Joel Finnis, Atanu Sarkar and Mark C.J. Stoddart. 2015. [Bridging science and community knowledge? The complicating role of natural variability in perceptions of climate change](#). Global Environmental Change 32:1-10.

Kirsten Greer. 2015. [Zoogeography and imperial defence: Tracing the contours of the Nearctic region in the temperate North Atlantic, 1838–1880s](#). Geoforum. DOI:10.1016/j.geoforum.2015.03.006

Alan F. Halfena, Nicholas Lancaster and Stephen Wolfe. 2015. [Interpretations and common challenges of aeolian records from North American dune fields](#). Quaternary International. DOI:0.1016/j.quaint.2015.03.003

Jean Hugé, Nibedita Mukherjee, Camille Fertel, Jean-Philippe Waaub, Thomas Block, Tom Waas, Nico Koedam and Farid Dahdouh-Guebas. 2015. [Conceptualizing the effectiveness of sustainability assessment in development cooperation](#). Sustainability 7:5735-5751.

Lucia Lo and Carlos Teixeira. 2015. [Immigrants doing business in a mid-sized Canadian city: Challenges, opportunities, and local strategies in Kelowna, British Columbia](#). Growth and Change. DOI:10.1111/grow.12103

Yolande Pottie-Sherman and Rima Wilkes. 2015. [Visual media and the construction of the benign Canadian border on National Geographic's Border Security](#). Social & Cultural Geography. DOI:10.1080/14649365.2015.1042400.

Richard G. Roberts and Olav B. Lian. 2015. [Dating techniques: Illuminating the past](#). Nature 520:438-439.

Other “Geographical” News

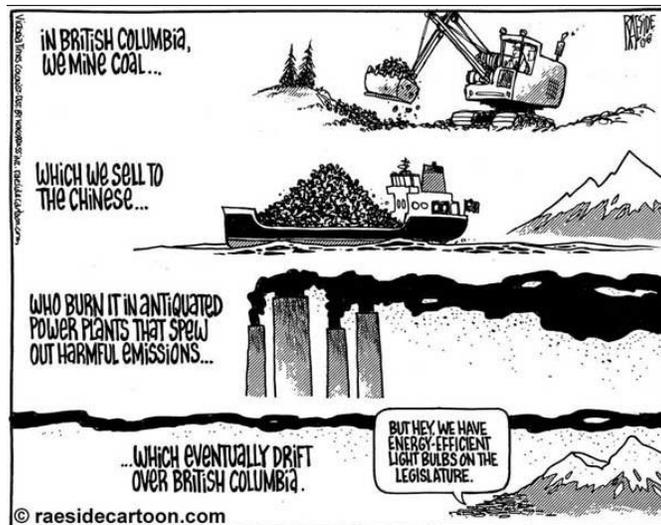
Are too many of our kids going to university? The debate is a crucial one for a variety of reasons. University education is expensive, both for the governments that fund undergraduate and graduate education and student financial aid, and for the individuals and families who cope with ever-rising tuition fees and related costs. It is fair to ask if the money is well spent. Given that the vast majority of students (supported by their parents) attending university do so because of their aspirations for a decent career and income, it is also legitimate to ask if the system is adequately preparing young adults for the contemporary workforce. (Spoiler alert: the answer is that, yes, there are jobs for graduates but that many positions offer low wages, temporary work and not the career track that young Canadians anticipated.) [National Post](#)

Cruise passenger UAVs to be banned in the Arctic and Antarctic: Two major associations representing tour operators in the Arctic and Antarctic have stated that they will not allow visitors to bring recreational Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) into the regions. The International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators and the Association of Cruise Operators have both announced that they will forbid their cruise passengers to use UAVs in the upcoming season, Maritime Executive reports. The popularity of the flight and camera systems has grown considerably in the last several years due to the fact that the devices are generally lightweight and inexpensive. Many tourists use the devices to capture photographs and videos of the surrounding landscapes. However, the operation of UAVs may lead to increased noise pollution, disturbances to wildlife and may interfere with scientific work. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

Caribou in British Columbia face extinction due to human development: Woodland Caribou populations across Canada have seen declines in recent years, but they've been particularly serious in areas where industrial development has invaded previously undisturbed wilderness habitat. These disturbances have also led to more predators entering the area and fewer places for the caribou to hide from them, resulting in a population of caribou at definite risk of extinction. [CBC Radio](#)

Crowdsourcing project seeks Albertans' help to find rare butterflies: Little is known about the many species of butterflies in Alberta, but a new crowdsourcing project is trying to change that. The goal of the Alberta Butterfly Roundup is to collect evidence of each known species. It's organized through the website E-Butterfly, where butterfly enthusiasts may submit photos or descriptions of sightings. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Some not so "Geographical" News



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