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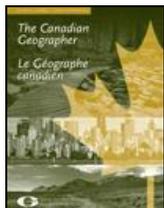
**Carleton U's Fran Klodawsky awarded the 2016 AAG Jan Monk Service Award:** This award is named in honour of past-President of the AAG, Jan Monk, and recognizes a geographer who has made an outstanding service contribution to women in geography and/or feminist geography. Nominated by many students and scholars, Professor Fran Klodawsky was chosen by The Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Specialty Group of the AAG for this award. The GPOW promotes geographic research and education on topics relating to women and gender. Dr. Klodawsky is a Full Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University. Her areas of expertise include: public policy and social inclusion/exclusion in cities, especially in relation to housing, and feminist perspectives on cities, on community organizing, on housing and on homelessness. Her work utilizes both quantitative and qualitative methods within a collaborative, community-based framework. Currently (June 2012-16), she is the Principal Investigator of a SSHRC funded project titled "Intersectionality in Practice: Feminist Theory and Urban Governance", and she also led a previous SSHRC funded study (May 2008-12), titled "Learning Through Difference". Fran Klodawsky is Secretary to the Board of Women in Cities International. She is also an Academic Advisor to the Steering Committee of City for All Women Initiative in Ottawa. [Carleton U Geography](#)

**Brandon University geography student earns prestigious award for Geographic Information Systems research:** A Brandon University (BU) science student has earned a significant scholarship due to her project on the use of Geographic Information Systems in wildlife management. Brandice Hollier, a Geography major, received an Esri Canada GIS Scholarship in the form of a \$900 cash award as well as \$6,000 worth of software, textbooks and online training, and free registration for one of the company's user conferences. In her project, Hollier compared several GIS methods for defining and analyzing the home ranges of animals, such as elk in Riding Mountain National Park and fish in a small lake in southwestern Manitoba. Hollier expects to graduate from BU this spring with an honours Bachelor of Science degree and an Environmental Studies concentration in Geography. [Brandon U News](#)

**U Waterloo welcomes Dr. Suzanne Kearns:** The Faculty of Environment has announced Dr. Suzanne Kearns, a Canadian pilot and renowned aviation academic and author, has accepted the position of Associate Professor. Based in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, she will teach aviation courses for both the Geography & Aviation and Science & Aviation programs, including AVIA 100: Introduction to Aviation and AVIA 310: Human Factors in Aviation. A commercially-licensed airplane and helicopter pilot, Dr. Kearns holds a Helicopter Flight Training diploma, a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science, a Master of Science degree in Human Factors and Systems Engineering, and a Ph.D. in Education. Dr. Kearns became fascinated with flight as a young child and began formal flight training at the age of 15. She soloed on her 16th birthday, and had her Private Pilot fixed- and rotary-wing certificates signed off on her 17th birthday. "Growing up, I had a laser-focus on becoming a pilot. I was involved with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets through my teenage years and spent most of my free time studying airplanes and then helicopters. The summer of my 16th year I lived out of a hangar at Buttonville airport, learning to fly helicopters, and also taking the occasional driving lesson (as I didn't yet have my driver's license)." As she continued her training and studies, her interests evolved and she now applies her experience toward academic study of aviation safety, education, and human factors. Prior to coming to Waterloo, Dr. Kearns was an Associate Professor at the University of Western Ontario. Her research explores aviation human factors, training methodologies, and teaching technology. She is the author Canadian Aviation (2009), e-Learning in Aviation (2010) and the recently published [Competency-Based Education in Aviation](#) (2016). [U Waterloo Environment](#)

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### New in [The Canadian Geographer](#)



Andrea Choi. 2016. [Equity, race, and whiteness in Canadian geography](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI:10.1111/cag.12266

Kate Maclean. 2016. [Sanity, "madness," and the academy](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI:10.1111/cag.12264

Kate Parizeau, Laura Shillington, Roberta Hawkins, Farhana Sultana, Alison Mountz, Beverley Mullings and Linda Peake. 2016. [Breaking the silence: A feminist call to action](#). The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien. DOI:10.1111/cag.12265

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**Queen's U's Audrey Kobayashi** who was presented with the AAG Presidential Achievement Award at the recent annual AAG Meeting held in San Francisco. The award was established by the AAG Council to recognize individuals who have made long-standing and distinguished contributions to the discipline of geography.

**U Guleph graduate student Patrick Padovan** had the winning poster at the recent TRIECA conference. For winning best student presentation, Patrick will get an all expenses paid trip to EICA's Environmental Connection Conference held in Atlanta next year. Lindsay Davis was a runner up for best poster. Students from across Ontario, were given the opportunity to present their stormwater management and/or erosion and sediment control research.

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### Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Erin M. Nicholls, Sean K. Carey, Elyn R. Humphreys, Matthew G. Clarke and Gordon B. Drewitt. 2016. [Multi-year water balance assessment of a newly constructed wetland, Fort McMurray, Alberta.](#)

Hydrological Processes. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.10881

Lila Fleming, Rashid Ansumana, Alfred Bockarie, Joel Alejandro, Umaru Bangura, David Jimmy, Nigel Waters, Heibatollah Baghi, David Stenger and Kathryn Jacobsen. 2016. [Inpatient healthcare provider bypassing by women and their children in urban Bo, Sierra Leone.](#) The Pan African Medical Journal 23:146. Doi:10.11604/pamj.2016.23.146.8706

E. Kwoil, J.G. Venditti, R.W. Bradley and C. Winter. 2016. [Flow structure and resistance over subaqueous high- and low-angle dunes.](#) Journal of Geophysical Research. Earth Surface. DOI:10.1002/2015JF003637View

Annie Lalancette. 2016. [Creeping in? Neoliberalism, indigenous realities and tropical rock lobster \(kaiar\) management in Torres Strait, Australia.](#) Marine Policy. DOI:10.1016/j.marpol.2016.02.020

Jean-Sébastien Landry and H. Damon Matthews. 2016). [Non-deforestation fire vs. fossil fuel combustion: the source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions affects the global carbon cycle and climate responses.](#) Biogeosciences 13, 2137–2149

David A. Reid, Marwan A. Hassan and William Floyd. 2016. [Reach-Scale Contributions of Road-Surface Sediment to the Honna River, Haida Gwaii, B.C.](#) Hydrological Processes. DOI:10.1002/hyp.10874

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### CWAG Student Paper Competition / Prix du meilleur article étudiant du CWAG

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This is a reminder that the deadline for the 2016 CWAG Student Paper Competition is fast approaching! The Canadian Women and Geography Study Group (CWAG) of the Canadian Association of Geographers invites submissions for its annual student paper competition. Paper entries must be based on research related to an aspect of feminist geography, broadly defined. The competition is open to any undergraduate, master's or Ph.D. student who has presented the paper at a regional meeting (ie. CAGONT, WDCAG, etc.) during the 2015-16 academic year or has plans to present the paper at the 2016 CAG meeting in Halifax. Entries should be submitted electronically, in either French or English, and must not exceed 5,000 words, including references and footnotes. The deadline for submissions is SUNDAY May 1st, 2016. Please send papers (and any questions) to the attention of the CWAG Chair at: [sara.koopman@gmail.com](mailto:sara.koopman@gmail.com)

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Le groupe canadien d'étude sur la géographie et les femmes (CWAG) de l'Association canadienne des géographes invite les candidatures pour son prix annuel du meilleur article étudiant. Les articles considérés pour ce prix traiteront d'une recherche en lien avec la géographie féministe largement définie. La compétition est ouverte aux étudiantes et étudiants au premier cycle ou aux cycles supérieurs ayant présenté cette recherche à une conférence régionale (par exemple le CAGONT, WDCAG, etc.) au cours de l'année 2015- 2016 ou comptant présenter cette recherche lors du congrès 2015 de l'ACG à Vancouver. Les articles doivent être soumis électroniquement, doivent être écrits en français ou en anglais, et ne doivent pas dépasser 5000 mots incluant les références et les notes de bas de page. La date de tombée pour soumettre un article est DIMANCHE le 1er mai 2016. SVP envoyez vos articles (ou toute question par rapport à cette compétition) à l'attention de la présidente du CWAG à : [sara.koopman@gmail.com](mailto:sara.koopman@gmail.com)

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### **Other "Geographical" News**

**Cool map shows where Canadian cities would 'fit' in Russia in terms of their climate:** Have you ever wondered what areas in Russia share a similar climate to regions here in Canada? Well, wonder no more. Reddit user "teiton1982" took the liberty of matching the climates of roughly 30 Russian regions, including towns and cities, with areas here in Canada and the United States on a map of Russia for subreddit MapPorn. The map shows that Ottawa's climate is a "good match" with Russian city Voronezh, which is on the western end of the country near Ukraine. Russia's capital, Moscow, however, shares a similar climate with Prince George, B.C. One of the southernmost cities on the map, Irkutsk, located just north of Mongolia, has average monthly temperatures and a Koppen classification that match Fort McMurray, Alta. Anadyr, the northernmost point marked on the map, shows Whale Cove, Nunavut as sharing similar climates. Island city Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk has a nearly identical climate to Gaspé, Que. [Yahoo News](#)

**Why Canada had so many UFO sightings last year:** Gilles Milot says 2015 was an especially busy year, and the numbers back him up. With 1,267 reported across the country, and almost a third of those coming from Quebec. Open-minded as he evidently is, Milot knows some of the claims, if not most, are hard to believe, and that skeptics need to be won over. For every Mulder, there are thousands of Scullys. One of the latter is Dr. Joe Schwarcz, at McGill University's Office of Science and Society. He says he believes in UFOs—inasmuch as we stick to the literal definition. "You could see something go by your window and it would be an unidentified flying object until you realize it was your neighbour's Frisbee," he says. "Most of the time it's just a strange cloud formation, or the reflection of light, a rocket launch, an unusual view of a planet, most likely Venus—or it could be outright fraud," he says. He admits that some incidents require deeper explanations. "But that doesn't mean it's an extraterrestrial spacecraft." [Vice](#)

**La Niña in the forecast after El Niño begins to fade:** As the strongest El Niño in nearly 20 years La Niña is the opposite of El Niño, which is characterized by warm waters in the tropical Pacific. La Niña brings with it unusually cool ocean temperatures. "The winds blow from a different direction. They blow from the eastern Pacific to the western Pacific, they take all that warm water with them and exposes the upwell cold water," said Dave Phillips, senior climatologist at Environment Canada. La Niña, however, might be less damaging than El Niño, which has been linked to serious crop damage, forest fires and flash floods. Phillips says in general, La Niña will bring a colder than normal winter. In B.C., he says there is a high probability that we can expect a more frigid winter. "A little cooler, a little bit more snow even on the streets of Vancouver," he said. [CBCNews | British Columbia](#)

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## Donna Williams (1961-2016)



Photo: Damaris Rose

### [2012 CAG Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business](#)

#### Citation

Donna Williams, Program Manager, Atlas of Canada and an active and dynamic member of both the CAG and the CCA for the past twenty-five years, is an ideal candidate to receive the 2012 CAG Service to Government Award for four distinct reasons.

First is her longstanding commitment to the National Atlas of Canada through both good and difficult times. She has made numerous and varied contributions to its development, reshaping and ongoing production; her leadership in rethinking the design and delivery of the Atlas to take advantage of new on-line possibilities led to an innovative user-centred design approach and ensured not only the survival of the Atlas project but its blossoming into a highly innovative pedagogical, outreach and reference tool. Some relevant examples are the *Northern Settlements* map and the Aging Population map for the 5th edition; her work with Tydac Systems, a private sector firm, to develop a prototype school atlas; and her oversight of the production of the module *The Territorial Evolution of Canada, 1867-1999*.

Second is her proactive engagement in re-conceptualizing the relationship between the Atlas and the Web, making both classic and innovative geographic data sets and concepts readily available, appealing and relevant to a wide variety of audiences in Canada and around the world. Some relevant examples include: her participation in the mid-1990s in strategic planning for the first online version of the Atlas (6th edition) and her organizing and overseeing of the newly formed Atlas of Canada project within the Geomatics for Connecting Canadians Program.

Third is her consistent and important engagement in diverse opportunities for bridge-building and mutual knowledge exchange between geographers in the academy and in the federal government (especially Natural Resources Canada and Industry Canada). Some relevant examples include: her support for the development of the National Atlas on Schoolnet – a joint Industry Canada/Natural

Resources Initiative; her work with the Canadian Council on Geographic Education to organize and run workshops with teachers to establish their needs for Schoolnet Atlas; her involvement in the Atlas portion of the organization committee for the 2006 GeoTech conference in Ottawa; and her participation as Research Associate at Carleton University's Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre.

Finally we want to highlight her persistent and dynamic commitment to examining and highlighting important gendered dimensions of various geographic and cartographic activities and issues, and drawing out their implications for professional practice and public policy. Some relevant examples include: her editorial activities for the Women and Geography Newsletter of the CAG; her key role as consultant to the ICA Task Force on Women in Cartography leading to joint authorship of *The Participation of Women in the International Cartographic Association: Report and Recommendations*; her preparation and leadership of two seminars on *Gender and Cartography: Experiences from Other Disciplines* in 1993 in Cologne/Kohn, Germany; her recent research activities pertaining to the gendering of spaces of competitive youth sport.

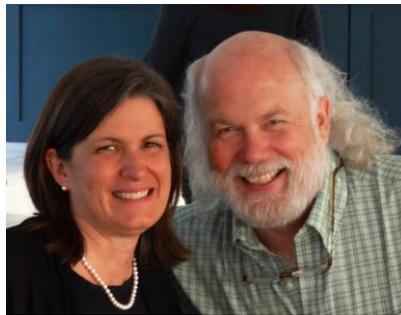


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