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Carleton U's Fraser Taylor receives funding for international partnership: Carleton University's Fraser Taylor, distinguished research professor and director of the [Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre](#) (GCR), has received funding from the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), to support work on encouraging environmentally responsible economic development. "We are the world's leading centre on cybercartography and the Nunaliit platform is a powerful open source platform used to build cybercartographic atlases. "These atlases allow communities to tell their own stories. A cybercartographic atlas is totally different from a conventional atlas and is a metaphor for all kinds of qualitative and quantitative information linked by location and presented in multimedia and multi-sensory form. Innovative community storytelling is at its heart." The project will install the Nunaliit Atlas Platform at CentroGeo, Infotec and Terra Peninsular and will train researchers, technical personnel and community members from Yuman communities, enabling them to document their traditional knowledge of the complex forest environment. The GCR is developing cell phone functionality for Nunaliit so that local people can input knowledge directly and use the atlas in their own communities. This will contribute to better outcomes for projects already under way at Terra Peninsular involving Indigenous knowledge of forest pests and their impact on environmental conservation in Baja California, including the impact on local economic activities and overall sustainability of the forest environment. [Carleton Newsroom](#)



U Fraser Valley's Lenore Newman to participate on independent B.C. committee with mandated to lead the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) through consultation with stakeholders and British Columbians. [B.C. Government News](#)

U Northern British Columbia Geography welcomes [Joseph Shea](#) in his new position as Assistant Professor of Environmental Geomatics.

U Calgary international; PhD geography student Aida Nciri is studying the nexus between energy systems, urban governance and climate change policy in Canada and France by comparing the construction of low-carbon systems near cities in Alberta with systems in Ile-de-France hat surrounds Paris. [UCalgary Faculty of Arts](#)

Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

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Other “Geographical” News

Vancouver Sea Level Rise StoryMap: The phenomenon known as “King Tide” has returned to Metro Vancouver, and it’s creating quite the stir on social media. The unusually high tides have already caused minor flooding in some low lying areas of the region. The City of Vancouver has asked residents to snap photos of the high tide event and submit them as a part of a program to plan ahead for rising sea levels due to climate change. Metro Vancouver residents have taken up the challenge, and have been sharing dramatic images across social media. [Vancouver Sea Level Rise StoryMap](#)

Some Not So “Geographical” News



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