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**CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT**

***Le paysage d'un géographe clopinant***

L'été dernier, un accident m'est arrivé en début de juillet devant un glacier isolé dans les montagnes côtières de la Colombie-Britannique qui a mis fin prématurément à ma sortie sur le terrain prévue depuis longtemps. La nuit tombait lorsque j'ai subi de multiples fractures aux os, et c'est pourquoi on m'a transporté d'urgence en hélicoptère seulement le lendemain. Cette opération de sauvetage s'est poursuivie à bord d'un camion en route vers un centre hospitalier dans une petite localité côtière pour recevoir un diagnostic et une confirmation selon laquelle une intervention chirurgicale était nécessaire. Vu que je devais retourner dans le sud de la province, on a mis une journée entière pour m'amener à l'aéroport le plus près pour prendre un vol à destination de Victoria. Après avoir patienté deux jours, je suis finalement passé sous le bistouri. Je me suis remis de mes fractures après deux mois de convalescence.

Cet accident m'a permis de passer tout le mois de juillet avec ma famille, ce que je n'avais pas fait depuis plus de vingt-cinq ans. En plus de cette expérience familiale inouïe, je me suis trouvé dans une situation de dépendance quasi-totale envers elle durant le premier mois de la période de convalescence. Deux mois plus tard et seulement quelques jours après que je me suis enfin débarrassé de mon plâtre airboot de haute technologie, je peux finalement commencer à réapprendre à marcher.

J'ai profité de la vague de canicule anormale qui a sévi à Victoria, une galerie ombragée dans ma cour arrière et une connexion internet sans fil à distance pour effectuer plusieurs travaux pour l'ACG. J'ai donc pu assurer la gestion quotidienne de la CAGList et la coordination de la liste de diffusion de l'ACG sans interruption. De plus, la publication hebdomadaire GeogNews a paru grâce à la collaboration de nombreuses personnes et l'investissement en temps pour naviguer sur le web afin de dénicher des nouvelles d'intérêt.

GeogNews est un recueil de nouvelles publié par l'ACG en format électronique et accessible par l'internet dont l'objectif est d'offrir un forum très large pour partager rapidement des informations sur les activités menées par les géographes canadiens. Ce fut un plaisir d'apprendre et de partager autant de nouvelles sur les page suivante...

**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

***The Landscape of a Hobbled Geographer***

A misadventure in front of a remote glacier in the British Columbia Coast Mountains this past summer prematurely ended my long-awaited field season in early July. Broken and fractured bones, and the lateness of the day, necessitated helicopter egress next day. This trip was followed by lengthy truck drive to a hospital in a small coastal community for diagnosis and confirmation that I needed to go south for surgery. An all day drive next day to a more airline connected city to catch a flight back to Victoria was followed by a couple of days of waiting my turn for surgery, and a further two months of mending bones held together by screws in a cast.

The outcome of my accident was that I ended up spending the month of July with my family for the first time in over twenty-five years. A bold experiment in family dynamics, bolstered by an almost total dependence continued...

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## **CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT**

activités et les réalisations de nos géographes. Ce témoignage montre à quel point notre discipline fait bonne figure dans les médias de masse. Il est clair que les conseils et connaissances transmis par les géographes canadiens sont très appréciés, même si, en tant que praticiens au sein de la communauté, nous ne valorisons pas toujours la contribution de notre discipline à l'avancement de la société.

La secrétaire en chef du comité exécutif de notre association, Valerie Shoffey, a profité de la période estival plus tranquille pour se consacrer aux travaux qui lui ont été confiés suite à notre rencontre générale annuelle. Ceux sur lesquels elle se penche présentement et dont je suis au courant sont : réviser la deuxième édition du dépliant de l'ACG qui sera distribué avec votre bulletin de nouvelles ce mois-ci; en collaboration avec notre fournisseur internet, modifier et améliorer la page d'accueil de l'ACG; et mettre au point et installer prochainement un système de vote par internet pour permettre aux membres de prendre part aux décisions qui influent sur leur association.

Je terminerai en espérant que vous avez passé un meilleur été que le mien.

Dan Smith

Président, Association canadienne des géographes

### ***IMPORTANT Inserts in this issue***

- **CAG Award - Nomination Cover Page**

Enclosed is the CAG award nomination cover page.

Please take a moment to look over this year's Call for Nominations on page 3 and consider whose efforts deserve national recognition.

[http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/award\\_coverpageE.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/award_coverpageE.pdf)

- **2010 CAG Travel Grant Application**

Enclosed is the 2010 CAG travel grant application. The CAG will provide travel grants to assist student members who are presenting papers/posters, to attend the **AGM 2010 in Regina**. Details can be found on page 10 under student ZONE d étudiant.

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- **CAG Brochure**

Enclosed is a copy of our new CAG brochure describing the benefits of CAG membership. Please use it to encourage your colleagues and students to join for 2010. Additional copies are available upon request at [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca) or a printable version online at [http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/CAG\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/CAG_brochure.pdf).

Don't forget to RENEW your own 2010 membership now online at [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/online\\_renewal.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/online_renewal.html)

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

upon their assistance for the first month of my post-surgery trials. Two months later and only a couple of days out of my high-tech airboot cast, I'm learning how to walk all over again.

With endless days of abnormally hot weather in Victoria, a shady deck and a hastily range extended wireless network, I was unexpectedly able to focus on a number of CAG services. Daily attention to CAGList activities allowed the CAG listserv to operate without interruptions. Thanks to contributions from a number of individuals and time spent web browsing sufficient news worthy items emerged to make weekly issues of GeogNews a reality.

GeogNews, the electronically-distributed and web-accessible news digest of the CAG, is intended to provide an enhanced forum for quickly sharing information about the activities of Canadian geographers. It has been delightful to learn and share so much about the activities and accomplishments of individual geographers. It has been a revelation to discover how prominently our discipline is portrayed in the mass media. The advice and insights that Canadian geographers offer is clearly deeply valued, even if as practitioners we don't collectively always appreciate the societal contribution made by our discipline.

The calmer waters of the summer months provide an opportunity for our association Executive Secretary, Valerie Shoffey, to focus attention on the tasks that fall to her after our annual general meeting. Included within the roster of activities that I know about are: revisions the second edition of the CAG brochure included with your newsletter this month; working with our web provider to totally revamp and improve the appearance of the CAG webpage; and, working to ensure that a web-based voting system is soon in place for the membership to fully participate in the decisions that impact your association.

I will close with the hope that your summer worked out a little better than mine.

Dan Smith

President, Canadian Association of Geographers

SEE OUR NEW WEBSITE at [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca)  
and

**RENEW your CAG Membership for 2010**

at [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/online\\_renewal.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/online_renewal.html)

*Membership period is from January 1 to December 31*  
To ensure on time receipt of the first issue of the Canadian Geographer for 2010 you must renew your CAG 2010 membership by January 15, 2010.

## Prix de l'ACG 2010-Appel de Candidatures

*Veillez prendre un moment au regard de cette appel de candidatures et considérez les quels de vos collègues méritent l'identification nationale.*

### ***Le prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie***

Ce prix vise à souligner le travail exceptionnel accompli en géographie par un membre de l'ACG pour des contributions soutenues pendant plusieurs années ou une contribution majeure. \*

### ***Le prix pour services rendus à la profession de géographe***

Ce prix est décerné en reconnaissance de plusieurs années de services professionnels exceptionnels à un membre de l'ACG chargé de la formation universitaire des géographes, au titulaire d'un poste de nature administrative ou autre dans la fonction publique, à un cadre de société savante ou à quiconque a grandement contribué à l'avancement et à l'exercice de la profession de géographe au Canada. \*

### ***Le prix de géographie au service du gouvernement ou des affaires***

Pour reconnaître l'importance primordiale de l'excellence de la géographie au service du gouvernement ou du monde des affaires, l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) décerne ce prix à quelqu'un qui a réalisé d'importants projets pour le secteur public ou privé. Le candidat doit s'être illustré par la mise au point ou l'application de techniques ou d'instruments géographiques utilisés au service du gouvernement ou du monde des affaires, ou avoir plusieurs réalisations en géographie au service du gouvernement ou du monde des affaires à son actif. \*

### ***Le prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie***

Pour reconnaître l'importance primordiale de l'excellence des professeurs de géographie, l'ACG décerne ce prix à un membre de l'ACG qui enseigne dans un établissement reconnu, que ce soit une université, un collège, un cégep ou une école secondaire. Le candidat doit être au moins professeur à temps plein ou à temps partiel, chargé d'enseigner un cours d'une année et être le premier responsable de l'organisation et de la présentation de la matière en classe cours. Normalement, le candidat est un professeur qui s'est illustré dans des cours suivis par un effectif restreint ou nombreux, à différents niveaux du curriculum universitaire, depuis plusieurs années dans l'établissement qui propose sa candidature. \*

\*Pour les noms des anciens lauréats voir notre site web à [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca) ou l'annuaire de l'ACG.

Voir la page suivante pour les modalités de mise en candidature...

## 2010 CAG Awards - Call for Nominations

*Please take a moment to look over this year's Call for Nominations and consider whose efforts deserve national recognition.*

### ***Award For Scholarly Distinction In Geography***

The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the CAG for outstanding scholarly work in geography either in the form of sustained contributions over a number of years or as a single major research contribution. \*

### ***Award for Service to the Profession of Geography***

This award is intended to recognize a member of the CAG for exceptional professional service over a period of years - for example, in the university training of geographers, in administration or similar activities in the public service, as an officer of a learned society, or in such other ways as have significantly advanced the profession and practice of geography in Canada. \*

### ***Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business***

Established in 1997 in recognition of the primary importance of excellence in geography in the service of government or business, the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) offers this award to someone who has carried out major work for or in the public or private sector. Normally a nominee would have distinguished himself or herself through the development or application of geographic techniques or tools used in the service of government or business or has a record of achievement for geography in the service of government or business over a long period of time. \*

### ***Award For Excellence In Teaching Geography***

In recognition of the primary importance of teaching excellence in geographic education, the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) offers, since 1997, this award to a member of the CAG who teaches in a recognized university, college, CEGEP or high school. At a minimum, a nominee must be the member of the teaching staff, full or part-time, hired to teach a course in any one year, who has primary responsibility for organizing and presenting course material. Normally, a nominee would be a member of the teaching staff, who has distinguished herself or himself in courses with small and large enrolments, at different levels of instruction, over several years of teaching in the nominating institution. \*

\*For a list of former recipients see our website at [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca) or the CAG Directory.

See the following page for nomination procedures...

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## Modalités de mise en candidature

### *Admissibilité*

Le candidat ou la candidate doit être un membre en règle de l'ACG, à l'exception du prix de géographie au service du gouvernement ou des affaires. Les candidats qui ont contribué à l'avancement de la géographie canadienne mais qui ne sont pas canadiens peuvent aussi déposer leur dossier de candidature.

### *Mise en candidature*

Une lettre de mise en candidature distincte doit être présentée pour chacun des prix. Chaque mise en candidature doit être accompagnée d'une page couverture inclus ici ou qui peut être téléchargée du site web de l'ACG en format pdf. Cette page doit être signée par cinq membres de l'ACG ou, dans le cas du prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie, par cinq étudiants ou collègues de travail. Si cela pose trop de problèmes, les noms des cinq personnes proposant la candidature peuvent être ajoutés au formulaire à condition que chacune d'entre elles fait parvenir un courriel au secrétariat de l'ACG confirmant son appui.

La lettre de mise en candidature doit préciser la catégorie du prix, fournir une brève justification de la candidature et être jointe d'une version électronique récente du curriculum vitae. Seulement une lettre de mise en candidature sera acceptée. Des pièces justificatives incomplètes et illisibles compromettent les chances du candidat et ne peuvent que nuire à l'étude de son dossier. La lettre, le curriculum vitae ainsi que les documents d'accompagnement d'une longueur maximale de trente-cinq pages au total peuvent être envoyés en pièces attachées par courriel électronique.

Les candidatures refusées à leur première année d'admissibilité seront retenues pour deux années consécutives. Dans ce cas, seule la copie originale de la mise en candidature est requise, mais le candidat est invité à mettre son dossier à jour en faisant parvenir les informations complémentaires avant la date d'échéance de l'année suivante. Un maximum de deux prix sont remis par année dans chaque catégorie.

La page de couverture devrait être transmis par télécopieur au (514) 398-7437 ou par la poste à l'adresse ci-dessous ou les noms des cinq personnes proposant la candidature peuvent être ajoutés au formulaire à condition que chacune d'entre elles faire parvenir un courriel au bureau de l'ACG confirmant son appui.

Les mises en candidature doivent parvenir par courriel à [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca) avant le 31 janvier 2010.

Comité des prix de l'ACG  
Département de géographie, Université McGill  
805 rue Sherbrooke O, Bureau 425  
Montréal QC H3A 2K6

## Nominations procedures of the CAG Awards

### *Eligibility*

The nominee must be a current member of the CAG, EXCEPT in the case of the Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business. Nominees may include non-Canadians who have made significant contributions to Canadian geography

### *Nominations*

A separate letter of nomination must be submitted for each award. Each nomination must include the nomination cover page which is enclosed in this issue or may be downloaded from the CAG website as a pdf file. The nomination cover page must be signed by five CAG members or, in the case of the Award For Excellence In Teaching Geography, by five students or co-workers. If this is impractical, the names of the five nominators may be printed on the cover page provided that each nominator's support is confirmed by an e-mail sent to the CAG office.

The letter of nomination/support must indicate the category of award, provide a succinct rationale for the nomination, and be accompanied by an electronic version of a current curriculum vitae. Only one letter of nomination/support from the chief nominator will be accepted. Failure to provide such supporting evidence in complete and legible form is a disservice to the candidate and prejudices a fair and comprehensive assessment of the nomination. The letter, curriculum vitae and any other supporting materials to a maximum of 35 pages total should be sent as an e-mail attachment.

Unsuccessful nominations will be retained and reconsidered for two additional years. In such cases, a new nomination is not required, however, additional information from the nominator is welcome provided that it is submitted prior to the next year's deadline. Up to two awards may be made in each category annually.

The cover page should be faxed to (514) 398-7437 or mailed to the address below or the names of the five nominators may be printed on the cover page provided that each nominator's support is confirmed by an e-mail sent to the CAG office.

Nominations must be received electronically at [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca) by January 31, 2010.  
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Dept of Geography, McGill University  
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page couverture de candidature pour le Prix de l'ACG

[http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/award\\_coverpageF.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/award_coverpageF.pdf)

**Le prix Julian M. Szeicz  
pour réalisations en début de carrière**

Le prix Julian M. Szeicz rend hommage à la mémoire et aux réalisations du Dr Julian M. Szeicz (1965-1998).

L'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) décerne ce prix annuellement pour récompenser une contribution à la recherche et l'excellence d'un géographe canadien en début de carrière. Le prix a pour but de favoriser les études en géographie sur le Canada et de reconnaître le travail des nouveaux géographes. Voir [www.cag-acg.ca/fr/js\\_award\\_recipients.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/fr/js_award_recipients.html) pour la liste des lauréats.

**Critères** - Ce prix est destiné à un jeune chercheur qui possède un dossier de réalisations en recherche et qui fait preuve d'excellence en matière de géographie canadienne. Il s'agit entre autres d'un travail de synthèse ou d'une étude régionale, d'une innovation conceptuelle, d'un avancement important en recherche dans un sous-domaine spécialisé de la géographie ou encore de la mise au point d'une technique.

Le lauréat du prix doit être :

- membre de l'Association canadienne des géographes avant la date de la mise en candidature ;
- citoyen canadien ou résident permanent ;
- en voie d'obtention d'un doctorat dans les huit prochaines années mais ayant des résultats remarquables au niveau de la maîtrise ou du baccalauréat, et ce, en date du 31 décembre de l'année de la remise du prix.

**Processus de sélection** - Le Comité des prix de l'Association canadienne des géographes fait part de ses recommandations au comité exécutif de l'ACG.

**Mise en candidature** - Une lettre d'appui présentant la personne qui dépose sa candidature est signée par deux membres de l'ACG et acheminée au président du Comité des prix de l'ACG. Elle devrait indiquer la contribution à la recherche du candidat et expliquer pourquoi elle est importante. Le dossier de candidature devra comporter la lettre d'appui, le curriculum vitae du candidat et les documents d'accompagnement d'une longueur maximale de trente pages. Il peut être envoyé en pièces attachées par courrier électronique à l'adresse suivante : [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca) avant le 31 janvier 2010.

**Prix** - Une plaque est remise au lauréat du prix Julian M. Szeicz lors du congrès annuel de l'ACG qui prendra en charge tous ses frais de déplacement et de séjour.

**The Julian M. Szeicz Award  
for Early Career Achievement**

The Julian M. Szeicz Award honours the memory and achievement of Dr. Julian M. Szeicz (1965-1998).

The award is presented annually by the Canadian Association of Geographers in recognition of research achievement and career potential by a Canadian geographer at an early career stage. The purpose of the award is to foster the development of geographical studies of Canada and to provide recognition of recently established geographical practitioners. See the list of award recipients.

**Criteria** - The award recognizes research achievement and career potential in Canadian geography. This may take the form of an original synthesis or regional study, a conceptual development, a significant research advance in a subfield of geography, or the development of a technique.

The recipient of the award must be:

- A member of the Canadian Association of Geographers, prior to the time of nomination;
- A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- Within eight years of graduation, normally from a PhD, but in exceptional circumstances from a Master's or Bachelor's programme, on December 31 of the year of the award.

**Adjudication** - Recommendations for the award are made to the Executive of the Canadian Association of Geographers by the CAG Awards Committee.

**Nominations** - Nominations are to be made in a letter to the Chair of the CAG Awards Committee, signed by two members of the CAG. The letter of support should identify the nominee's research achievement and explain why it is considered significant. The letter of support, nominee's current curriculum vitae and supporting materials to a maximum of thirty pages should be sent as an e-mail attachment to the CAG office at [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca) by the 31st of January 2010.

**The Award** - The Julian M. Szeicz Award is recorded on a plaque and the award winner is invited, expenses paid, to attend the Annual Meeting of the CAG, to receive the award.

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For a list of previous award winners see/  
Pour les noms des anciens lauréats voir  
[http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/js\\_award\\_recipients.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/js_award_recipients.html)

**Le prix Starkey-Robinson  
de la recherche supérieure sur le Canada**

Le prix Starkey-Robinson reconnaît la valeur de la recherche supérieure de grande qualité qui contribue à l'avancement des connaissances sur la géographie du Canada. Le Comité des prix de l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) décerne ce prix. Les conditions d'admissibilité pour recevoir ce prix sont la réalisation d'une thèse ou d'un travail de recherche équivalent de deuxième ou de troisième cycle dans une université canadienne au cours des deux dernières années.

L'ACG accepte UNE SEULE candidature par département de géographie offrant un programme d'études supérieures.

Le directeur du département ou le responsable des études supérieures devrait soumettre les dossiers de candidature au bureau de l'ACG avant le 31 janvier, 2010. Le dossier de candidature devra comprendre un court résumé du sujet de recherche et des principales conclusions (pas plus de deux pages). Il devra également expliquer en quoi ce travail est pertinent pour la recherche en géographie du Canada. On peut joindre au dossier de candidature un résumé d'une page de la thèse et un extrait de la thèse d'une longueur maximale de huit pages. Veuillez faire parvenir le dossier de candidature ainsi que les documents d'accompagnement par courrier électronique à l'adresse suivante : [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca).

Il s'agit d'un prix en argent. La somme de 500 \$ sera remise en un seul versement. Le Comité exécutif de l'ACG décide périodiquement du nombre et de la valeur des prix décernés. Le Comité des prix peut reporter d'un an la remise d'un prix.

**The Starkey-Robinson Award  
for Graduate Research on Canada**

The Starkey-Robinson Award gives recognition to high quality graduate research that furthers understanding of the geography of Canada. The Award is adjudicated annually by the Awards Committee of the CAG. Eligibility for the Award is based on the completion of a thesis or comparable work at the Masters or Doctoral level at a Canadian University within the preceding 2 years.

The CAG will accept ONE nomination for the Award from each Geography department with a graduate program.

Nominations for the Award should be submitted to the CAG Office by Departmental Chairs or Graduate Supervisors by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Each nomination should include a brief statement (maximum two pages) outlining the topic and findings of the work and explaining its significance for the geography of Canada. An extract from the thesis (or equivalent) of a maximum of eight pages may be attached to the nomination. Each nomination and accompanying documents must be submitted electronically to [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca).

The Award is a cash prize, currently a single award of \$500. The number and value of awards made annually will be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee of the CAG. In any year, the Awards Committee may decline to make an award.

The list of previous recipients is available at [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/sr\\_award\\_recipients.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/sr_award_recipients.html)

**The Wiley-Blackwell  
New Scholar Publication Award**

The Canadian Association of Geographers is pleased to announce the newly revised 2010 Wiley-Blackwell New Scholar Publication Award.

This award recognizes excellence in research by a new scholar and encourages new scholars to participate fully in the Association's activities by establishing The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien as a priority outlet for their research. The Wiley-Blackwell New Scholar Award is a biennial prize of \$1,000 for the best paper by a new scholar in the preceding two volumes. Any article appearing in Volumes 52 or 53 of The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien that is authored or first authored by a new scholar will be considered.

An application is not required for this award; however, new scholars are responsible to identify themselves to the editor to ensure that their eligibility is recognized and that their work is considered for the award. New scholar contributors to Volumes 52 or 53 of The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe canadien are asked to contact the editor by January 1, 2010: [tcg.editor@cag-acg.ca](mailto:tcg.editor@cag-acg.ca).

Eligibility criteria for new scholars and details of the adjudication process are available on the Canadian Association of Geographers website ([http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/new\\_scholar\\_award.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/new_scholar_award.html)).

**Bourse Commémorative d'excellence  
Robin P. Armstrong  
pour les Études Autochtones**

La bourse commémorative d'excellence Robin P. Armstrong a pour objectif de reconnaître et de promouvoir l'excellence en recherche appliquée sur les Autochtones du Canada. Cette bourse commémore la précieuse contribution de Robin P. Armstrong aux recherches sur les questions autochtones menées au sein du gouvernement canadien et de l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG). La récompense en argent provient d'un fonds institué à la mémoire de Robin Armstrong grâce à des dons de la famille Armstrong, d'autres personnes, du ministère des Affaires indiennes et de Statistique Canada.

La Bourse commémorative d'excellence Robin P. Armstrong pour les études autochtones est décernée par l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG), Statistique Canada et Affaires indiennes et du Nord Canada à un étudiant titulaire d'un diplôme en géographie ou les études autochtones ayant rédigé un mémoire de maîtrise ou une thèse de doctorat sur un sujet autochtone. Le nom du lauréat est révélé à l'occasion du congrès annuel de l'ACG.

Cette bourse a été créée dans le but de :

- reconnaître et promouvoir l'excellence en recherche appliquée sur les Autochtones du Canada;
- commémorer la contribution de Robin P. Armstrong à la mise en œuvre et à la promotion de l'excellence en matière de recherche géographique et d'analyse quantitative sur les questions autochtones au sein du gouvernement canadien et de l'ACG, et sa participation à la fondation du Groupe de travail sur les peuples autochtones (formerly le groupe de spécialistes sur les Autochtones canadiens) de l'ACG.

La bourse comprend :

- une récompense 1,000 \$, selon les sommes dont dispose le fonds commémoratif Robin P. Armstrong;
- la possibilité de présenter une communication à l'occasion d'une séance spéciale réservée au groupe de spécialistes sur les Autochtones canadiens durant la conférence de l'ACG (ou l'une des conférences régionales de l'ACG);
- la publication nationale de la communication (ou du résumé de celle-ci) dans le bulletin du Groupe de travail sur les peuples autochtones, sur le site Web de Statistique Canada et celui de l'ACG

Échéance : Les candidatures doivent être adressées par courrier électronique au plus tard le 31 décembre, 2009.

Pour admissibilité et comment poser sa candidature voir [http://www.cag-acg.ca/fr/robin\\_p\\_armstrong\\_award.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/fr/robin_p_armstrong_award.html)

**The Robin P. Armstrong  
Memorial Prize  
for Excellence in Native Studies**

The Armstrong Memorial Prize recognizes and promotes excellence in applied research on Canada's Aboriginal peoples. It was established to commemorate the contribution of Robin P. Armstrong to research on Aboriginal issues within the government of Canada and the CAG. The prize is drawn from a fund established in Robin Armstrong's memory with donations from the Armstrong family, individuals who wished to commemorate Robin in this way, the Department of Indian Affairs, and Statistics Canada.

The Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), Statistics Canada, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada award the Robin P. Armstrong Memorial Prize for Excellence in Native Studies to a graduate student in geography or native studies for the best Master's or Ph.D. thesis on an aboriginal topic.

This Award Was Established To:

- recognize and promote excellence in applied research on Canada's aboriginal peoples;
- commemorate the contribution of Robin P. Armstrong in undertaking and promoting excellence in geographical research and quantitative analysis on aboriginal issues within the government of Canada and the CAG, and in helping to found the Indigenous Peoples Working Group (formerly the Native Canadians Specialty Group) of the CAG.

The Prize Includes:

- a cash prize of \$1,000, based on the funds available in the Robin P. Armstrong Memorial Fund;
- an opportunity to present a paper during a special Indigenous Peoples Working Group session at the CAG conference (or one of the regional CAG conferences);
- nation-wide publication of the winner's name on the Statistics Canada and CAG Web sites

Deadline: Applications must be received by e-mail no later than December 31, 2009.

For details on eligibility and how to apply see [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/robin\\_p\\_armstrong\\_award.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/robin_p_armstrong_award.html)

**INTERACTIVE ATLAS OF CANADA**

Géostat ([www.geostat.ca/en/](http://www.geostat.ca/en/)) has developed an interactive Atlas of Canada that compares regions and cities, with sociodemographic data. To launch the Atlas, go to [www.geostat.ca/en/realisation/index.html](http://www.geostat.ca/en/realisation/index.html) .

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# Geography Awareness Week

November 16-20, 2009

## GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK AS AN AGENT FOR CHANGE IN CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Awareness Week program hosted by the Canadian Association of Geographers is receiving much recognition for its rapid rise to prominence. It is appropriate to quickly acknowledge, however, that many of its roots reside in the **Symposium on Projecting Geography in the Public Domain in Canada**.

The symposium was sponsored by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS), the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), and the Canadian Council on Geographic Education (CCGE). It was held as part of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in May, 2005. Five position papers were commissioned, and I presented the report, *Geography and the Media: Strengthening the Relationship*. All the position papers can be viewed at: [www.ccege.org/ccge/english/geoLiteracy/symposium\\_june2005.asp](http://www.ccege.org/ccge/english/geoLiteracy/symposium_june2005.asp)

While doing research for the media and geography report, the value of the symposium became very apparent to me. In brief, Canadian institutions, including universities, governments, businesses, and professional organizations needed to do a much better job of informing Canadians about the changing role of geography in the affairs of Canadian society. Further, they needed to significantly improve their communications to Canadians about advances in geographic knowledge, in geographic teaching and research methods and techniques, and in geographic information system (GIS) technology.

Coincidentally, as fate would have it, I retired from the University of Ottawa in June 2005. During that summer, I was heavily engaged in discussions about the symposium, and I was also receiving requests to continue my involvement in the mission of projecting geography in the public domain in Canada.

By the time of the May 2006 CAG meetings in Thunder Bay, it seemed to me that **Geography Awareness Week (GAW)** could be a very good means of projecting geography in the public domain in Canada. In search of sober second opinions, I had discussions with Chris Sharpe, president of the CAG, Bob Sharpe, president of CCGE, Louise Maffett, executive director of RCGS, and Stuart Semple who has a long record of involvement with the CAG, CCGE, and RCGS.

With their encouragement, I put together a very modest program for Geography Awareness Week 2006. The design plan was to promote Geography Awareness Week as part of GIS Day for 2006, and to create a much

more detailed plan of action to present to the CAG Executive at the CAG annual meeting in Saskatoon.

At its May 2007 Board meeting the CAG Executive approved the plan, and Canada's Geography Awareness Week program was underway for a full-scale launch in November. Just two years later, it has become one of the most widely recognized Geography Awareness Week programs in the world. Four features of the program are discussed here, and more can be found on the CAG website.

First, GAW in Canada is organized around **theme days**. In 2009 the theme days are Weather and Climate; Water; Energy; Transportation; and Food and Health. Each topic is of national interest, affects every Canadian every day, and involves many aspects of geography. The mission of Geography Awareness Week, November 16-20, is to illustrate how geographical factors shape and affect each of these critical aspects of life in Canada.

Second, GAW in Canada selects ten **Canadian websites** each year to tell the story about how geographical factors affect the theme day topics. To date 20 websites have been selected for each theme, and ten more will be selected for 2009. To visit the **Canadian websites** that do an excellent job of demonstrating how geographical factors affect the five topics of national, local, and personal interest, please go to: [http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/geography\\_week\\_2008.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/geography_week_2008.html)

Third, the **Applied Geography Showcase** was introduced in 2008, and continues for GAW 2009. This Showcase informs Canadians about the kinds of projects that geographers undertake for governments, businesses, and other enterprises. The reports that have been contributed to date can be viewed at: [www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/GAW/Applied\\_Geography\\_Showcase.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/GAW/Applied_Geography_Showcase.pdf)

Fourth, the **GeoSkills Showcase** was introduced in 2008, and continues for GAW 2009. This Showcase informs Canadians about the skills that geographers employ in education, government, business, entertainment, and recreation.

For illustrative purposes, twenty kinds of skills are identified in the GeoSkills Showcase for 2009, and each of them makes an important contribution to how we teach geography, learn about geography, do geographic research, and use geography in the workplace. And, I hasten to add, Table 1 is just a beginning, since there are other skills, and many ways to combine the skills.

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**Table 1. GeoSkills Identified for Canada's Geography Awareness Week 2009**

Cartography  
Digital imaging  
Geocaching games  
Geographic field methods  
Geographic research methods  
Geographic research techniques  
Geomatics  
Geomodelling  
Geoscience methodology  
Geostatistics  
GIS applications  
GIS fundamentals  
GIS principles  
GIS science  
GIS technology  
GPS applications  
Mapping systems and applications  
Remote sensing  
Spatial analysis  
Spatial decision support systems

The GeoSkills Showcase is an excellent means to communicate with Canadians and citizens of the world about the skills involved in being a geographer. To see the reports that have been contributed to date, please go to: [www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/GAW/GAW2009\\_GeoSkills.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/GAW/GAW2009_GeoSkills.pdf).

In addition, the **GeoSkills Showcase** makes important connections between geographic information systems (GIS) and geographic skills. Demonstrating how geographic skills contribute to GIS, and how GIS contributes to geographic skills, is a major goal of Geography Awareness Week, and the GeoSkills Showcase represents an innovative way to link geographical skills with GIS technology.

Readers are invited to visit the GeoSkills Sampler at regular intervals to see the new reports that discuss and demonstrate the significant achievements that are being made to more effectively combine advances in GIS technology with advances in the design, testing, and use of geographical skills.

To learn more about the Geography Awareness Week program of the Canadian Association of Geographers, go to [www.cag-acg.ca/en/geography\\_week](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/geography_week).

Dr. Barry Wellar, Director  
Geography Awareness Week  
Canadian Association of Geographers

### Communicating Earth Science to the Public

Increasingly many Earth science professionals deal with the public as part of their jobs. Earth scientists are also becoming more interested in sharing Earth science with the public to help them make informed decisions on societal issues that have a geoscience component. With a focus on community relations and outreach linked to fieldwork, exploration or education, the one-day "Communicating Earth Science to the Public" session that will be held at GeoCanada 2010 (May 10-13) in Calgary, will provide tools, tips, and techniques to successfully communicate science to a non-technical public including politicians, policy-makers, planners, community groups, the media, aboriginal groups, teachers, students and the general public.

Speakers and panels will explore different perspectives involved in communicating with various publics, and will look at innovative and proven approaches such as community activities, geotours, geoparks, outreach publications and links with museums. The session includes a half-day, hands-on workshop "Science with Impact" led by Let's Talk Science to prepare participants for outreach activities. The keynote speaker will be Iain Stewart from the BBC TV Series "Earth – the Power of the Planet." More at the GeoCanada 2010 website: <http://www.geocanada2010.ca/>. Or contact Eileen Van der Flier-Keller at [fkeller@uvic.ca](mailto:fkeller@uvic.ca).



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Please note that mailing details are sent to the publishers 6-8 weeks before an actual mailing so you may still receive hard copies for 6-8 weeks after the change has been made. To access any of our publications go to [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca), click on Publications, then the publication of your choice and follow the links.

You may also update your personal information, change of address etc. as well as renew your CAG membership ONLINE.

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**Demande de subvention de voyage 2010 pour assister aux congrès annuels de l'ACG**

Chaque année, le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada verse à notre association une subvention pour aider les membres étudiants de l'ACG qui sont citoyens ou résidents canadiens et qui présentent une communication, à assister au congrès annuel.

Pour être éligible les étudiants devez être membre pour année avant la réunion aussi bien que l'année l'où la réunion a lieu et leur communication doit avoir été acceptée et figurer au programme mais il n'est pas nécessaire que la preuve de l'acceptation soit établie jusqu'après la réunion.

La date limite de dépôt des demandes de subvention est fixée au **15 février, 2010**.

Pour être éligible les étudiants devez nous envoyer leur demande d'adhésion pour 2009 complété avec paiement avant le 30 décembre, 2009. Pour inscrire en 2009 utiliser le formulaire d'inscription pour 2009 à [http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/membership\\_2009.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/membership_2009.pdf).

La priorité sera accordée aux demandes de première fois. Puisqu'il n'est habituellement pas possible de satisfaire toutes les demandes, le montant octroyé dépendra du nombre de demandes et des distances à parcourir.

Un formulaire de demande de subvention de voyage est inclus dans cette Bulletin.

**Le renouvellement et le paiement en ligne de l'adhésion pour l'année 2010** sont maintenant disponibles. Pour renouveler votre adhésion, accédez à Mon Profil sur notre site Web à [www.cag-acg.ca/fr/online\\_renewal.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/fr/online_renewal.html). Vous devez utiliser Windows Explorer.

La période d'adhésion à l'ACG va du 1er janvier au 31 décembre.

***CAGLIST server - electronic mail distribution list***

You are NOT automatically entered on the CAGList server when you become a CAG member. To join go to <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist> and follow the instructions.

***GeogNews - News Digest***

You are invited to send your or your colleagues latest "geographical" awards, accomplishments, accolades, news releases, etc. for inclusion in forthcoming issues of GeogNews directly to [cag@geog.uvic.ca](mailto:cag@geog.uvic.ca)

**2010 Travel Grant to Attend the CAG Annual Meetings**

Each year the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada provides the Association with a grant to assist current CAG Student members who are Canadian citizens living in Canada or in other countries and non-Canadian CAG Student members who are residing in Canada who are presenting papers/posters, to attend the CAG Annual Meetings.

To be eligible students must have held CAG Student membership in the year prior to the meeting as well as the year in which the meeting takes place and their paper/poster must have been accepted. It is not necessary that proof of paper/poster acceptance be established until after the meeting.

The deadline for travel grant applications is the **15th of February 2010**.

All 2009 membership application forms plus payment must be received by Dec. 30, 2009 in order to qualify to apply for the travel grant. For copy of the 2009 membership application form go to the CAG website at [http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/membership\\_2009.pdf](http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/membership_2009.pdf).

In allocating these funds, priority will be given to first-time student member applicants. Since it is usually not possible to completely cover all the requests received, the amount of the grant will depend on the number of applicants and distance.

A copy of the Travel Grant application is included in this issue of the CAG Newsletter.

**CAG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2010  
(January to December)**

Online Renewal and Payment for the 2010 membership year is now available. You may also verify your current membership status and update your profile (personal information, change of address etc.). Login to My Profile at [www.cag-acg.ca/en/online\\_renewal.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/online_renewal.html). You must use Windows Explorer.

For those who have not yet renewed for 2009 and still wish to do so, you will find a PDF membership application form on our website at [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca) under MEMBERSHIP that can be printed and mailed with payment. CAG Membership period is from January 1 through December 31.



The Prairie Summit  
La sommet des Prairies  
Regina 2010  
June 1-5



<http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca>

*Annual meetings of the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Canadian Cartographic Association, the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group and the Canadian Remote Sensing Society*

*Les congrès annuel de l'Association Canadienne des Géographes, l'Association Canadienne de Cartographie, le Groupe Canadien de Recherche en Géomorphologie et la Société Canadienne de Télédétection*

The Department of Geography at the University of Regina invites you to participate in the first joint meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), the Canadian Cartographic Association (CCA), the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group (CGRG) and the Canadian Remote Sensing Society (CRSS). As the first joint meeting of these groups, the 2010 Prairie Summit promises to be a unique and special event. The symposium will provide a forum for sharing current research findings, and new research challenges and directions. We seek contributions presenting novel research in all aspects of cartography, geography, geomorphology, GIS and remote sensing.

We invite proposals for special-theme sessions focused on any topic of interest. We particularly encourage proposals that span cross-disciplinary themes of the sponsoring associations, for example climate change, H1N1, etc.

#### **Note the following deadlines**

- Special session proposals: February 1, 2010
- Abstract submission: March 1, 2010
- Author registration: April 1, 2010

(At least one author must register by the author registration dead-line to prevent their abstract from being removed)

All abstracts (in either English or French) of 200 words or fewer must be submitted electronically. For more details, please refer to the abstract submission instructions on the conference's website at <http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca>. Papers and posters may be presented in either English or French; however, simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Travel subsidies are available to students to attend the 2010 Prairie Summit. Please see <http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca> for details.

A very special part of the Prairie Summit will be field trips highlighting the unique human and physical geography of Regina, Moose Jaw, the Qu'Appelle Valley, the Avonlea Badlands, the Cypress Hills and the Great Sand Hills.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this special event!

<http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca>

Le Département de géographie de l'Université de Regina vous invite à vous joindre à la première rencontre commune de l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG), de l'Association canadienne de cartographie (ACC), du Groupe canadien de recherche en géomorphologie (GCRG) et de la Société canadienne de télédétection (SCT). Ce Sommet des Prairies 2010 promet donc d'être un événement exceptionnel et la tribune idéale pour partager les derniers résultats de recherche, les nouveaux défis et de nouvelles voies de recherche. Nous recherchons des communications présentant des recherches novatrices dans tous les aspects de la cartographie, la géographie, la géomorphologie, des GIS et de la télédétection.

Nous vous invitons à soumettre des propositions de séances thématiques portant sur tout sujet d'intérêt. Nous encourageons tout particulièrement les propositions abordant des thèmes transversaux des associations organisatrices comme par exemple, le changement climatique, H1N1 et autres.

#### **Dates limites importantes**

- les propositions de séances thématiques : 1<sup>er</sup> février 2010
- la soumission des résumés : 1<sup>er</sup> mars 2010
- l'inscription de l'auteur : 1<sup>er</sup> avril 2010

(Au moins un des auteurs doit s'inscrire avant cette date sous peine de voir le résumé soumis retiré)

Tout résumé, en français ou en anglais, de 200 mots maximum, doit être soumis par courrier électronique. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez vous référer aux directives fournies à ce sujet à <http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca>. Les communications et affiches peuvent être présentées en français ou en anglais, mais il faut noter qu'aucun service d'interprétation simultanée ne sera disponible lors du colloque.

Des subventions de voyage sont disponibles pour aider les étudiants à assister au Sommet des Prairies. Veuillez consulter <http://prairiesummit.uregina.ca>.

Des visites mettant en valeur la géographie humaine et physique exceptionnelle de Regina, Moose Jaw, de la vallée Qu'Appelle, des badlands d'Avonlea, des collines Cypress et des Great Sand Hills constitueront des temps forts du Sommet des Prairies.

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## OBITUARY

### **BIRCH, William, 1925-2009**

William Birch, former Professor and Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto, died on June 12, 2009.

He had a distinguished career in two capacities, first as a geographer and secondly as an academic leader with in higher education. His first academic post was lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Bristol. In 1960, he went to the USA to work in the Graduate School of Geography in Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts and in 1963 he was invited to become Professor and Chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto, Canada. In 1967 he returned to the United Kingdom to become Professor and Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Leeds. He was Vice-Chairman of the Social Science Research Council's Geography and Planning Committee, and President of the Institute of British Geographers in 1976-77. In 1975, William Birch was appointed Director of Bristol Polytechnic, not long after its foundation.

When he retired in 1986, he was much sought after and became a visiting Professor at the University of London's Institute of Education and later a visiting Professor at Bristol University. His final publication -The Challenge to Higher Education: reconciling responsibilities to scholarship and to society/ summed up his philosophy and provided the basis of a number of lecture tours all over the world.

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### **FOSTER, Harry**

Harry Foster, former Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria, died on August 15, 2009.

Dr Foster was born in Tunstall, Yorkshire, England where he was educated at the Hull Grammar School and University College London. While at university, he specialized in Geology and Geography, earning a B.Sc. in 1964 and a Ph.D. in 1968. He was a faculty member in the Department of Geography, University of Victoria, from 1967 to 2008. Last year he received his 40-year service commendation from the university.

Harry will be best remembered for his contributions to medical geography, where he developed many early concepts regarding the spatial distribution of diseases and environmental causality behind certain diseases long before such relationships were recognized. He wrote books on schizophrenia, Alzheimer's, AIDS and cancer, to name a few. He was also the series editor for the department's well known Western Geographical Series of book publications.

### **RABY, Steward 1940-2009**

Stewart Raby, 69, died suddenly in his Regina home on August 1, 2009.

Stewart was born in Ossett, Yorkshire, UK, and immigrated to Canada in 1965 to take up a career as a professor, a scholar, and a leading authority on First Nations' land claims.

Stewart prepared for life as a scholar by earning one degree from Oxford University and another from the University of Alberta, before earning his PhD in geography from the University of Wales at Swansea. New doctorate in hand he immigrated to Canada in 1965, teaching first at the University of Saskatchewan, then at the University of Windsor, and finally in Ottawa. While in Ottawa, Stewart was hired as a Senior Researcher for the 1969 Barber Commission inquiry into Indian land claims, and began his life's work. The Barber Commission job led to a staff position with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) in the early 1980s, where he served as Head Researcher on specific claims. Over the years, his work with FSIN was instrumental in the resolution of many important claims throughout Saskatchewan.

His legacy of scholastic service and commitment to social justice leaves the world better than he found it.

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### **WELSTED, John E., 1935-2009**

John Welsted, B.Sc (Bristol), M.Sc (McGill) Ph.D (Bristol), Professor Emeritus of Geography, Brandon University, was born in Norwich, England on December 6, 1935 and died suddenly in Victoria, B.C. on September 21, 2009.

He was a professor of Geography at Brandon University from 1965-1997. John loved teaching and writing, as is acknowledged by the many articles and research papers he has written. He retired with his wife Kathleen to Victoria where he spent some of the happiest times of his life. He loved living and walking by the ocean.

Apart from his family, two of John's greatest accomplishments were co-authoring the book "The Geography of Manitoba, its Land and its People" and recently writing the ebook "Manitoba from the Air."

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### **CAG COMMENTARY SERIES Submissions**

Submissions to the CAG Commentary Series (800 words max.) which address an issue of public interest from a geographical perspective are invited, in English or French, and should be sent to the editor at: [valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca](mailto:valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca).

Where material that has already appeared in the press is submitted, the author must ensure that permission has been obtained from the original publishers for the CAG to reprint their commentary.

Submission does not guarantee publication.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GEOGRAPHY

CAGLIST Job Postings Webpage can be found at <http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/jobs.htm>

**\*NEW**

### **\*CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies seeks applications from Physical Geographers for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning July 1st, 2010. Preference will be given to applicants demonstrating research and teaching interests in physical aspects of cold terrestrial regions and their environmental management. The ability to teach core undergraduate courses in physical geography, environmental studies and assessment, and research methods as well as contribute to the further development of collaborations with other environmental science units within and beyond Carleton University will be an asset.

Applicants must have completed their PhD in geography or a related discipline at the time of appointment, have a demonstrated potential to develop an externally funded research program leading to significant peer-reviewed publications, and contribute to the delivery and further development of undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the Department.

While initial salary is to some extent negotiable, it should be understood that this is an 'entry-level' position, and it has been budgeted accordingly. Carleton University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within its community as a source of excellence, cultural enrichment, and social strength. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our faculty and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to: Chair\_Geography@carleton.ca. Hard copies of applications, including a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio or other evidence of teaching performance, a summary statement of research interests and experience, and up to three publication reprints, should be sent to: Mike Brklacich, Professor and Chair  
Department of Geography & Environmental Studies  
Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6

Applicants are to arrange for three referees to submit letters of reference at the time of application. Applications and supporting documents sent by email will not be considered. Consideration of applications will

commence on 19 October 2009 and continue until the Search Committee has made a final decision.

### **\*CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, invites applications for one tenure-track appointment in the field of Community Planning and Development, with core interests in the social and cultural geography of cities and issues of social and environmental equity. The Department would welcome research in areas such as neighborhood development, inner-city revitalization, affordable housing, public space or food security. A PhD and a degree in planning or a closely related field is required. The successful candidate will be expected to teach a studio course.

Applications must consist of a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications, a statement of teaching philosophy/interests, a statement of research achievements, and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Candidates must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to: Dr. Norma Rantisi, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Montreal, QC H3G 1M8 [norma.rantisi@gmail.com](mailto:norma.rantisi@gmail.com)  
<http://gpe.concordia.ca/>

Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate filling this position, normally at the rank of Assistant Professor, for July 1, 2010. Unless otherwise stipulated in the descriptions on our website, candidates should have a PhD. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. All applications should reach departments no later than November 2, 2009. All inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Rantisi ([norma.rantisi@gmail.com](mailto:norma.rantisi@gmail.com)). For additional information, please visit our website at <http://artsandscience1.concordia.ca/>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. Concordia University is committed to employment equity.

### **\*CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

Concordia University's Faculty of Arts and Science is the third largest academic faculty in Canada. Home to 27 academic units, the Faculty is leading Concordia University in Montreal to the forefront of research and graduate education in Quebec and Canada.

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Recognized for innovative research in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences, the Faculty's Department of Geography, Planning and Environment invites applications for a Tier II Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Transportation-land Use Linkages for Regional Sustainability. This position is directly linked to priority areas in Concordia University's Strategic Research Plan (2008-12): <http://oor.concordia.ca/formsandreferencedocuments/strategicresearchplan/>

We seek a scholar eager to work collaboratively with a productive group of transportation researchers at Concordia as well as at the three other Montreal universities. The individual should have skills in quantitative and qualitative analyses that could include travel demand modeling or spatial analysis using GIS, social and institutional influences on physical processes, environmental impacts of transportation, and a commitment to formulating and analyzing policies which address problems such as sprawl and greenhouse gas emissions. Ideally, the candidate will be presently finishing post-doctoral work or already have a tenure-track position elsewhere. The Department is an inter-disciplinary unit with faculty members from the social and natural sciences, and graduate programs in Environmental Assessment and Geography, Urban and Environmental Studies.

The goal of the CRC program is to ensure that Canadian universities "achieve the highest levels of research excellence to become world-class research centres in the global, knowledge-based economy." Concordia University's academic culture celebrates research, creativity, and the transfer of knowledge in many ways that are ideal for today's innovation driven society. The strategic deployment of CRCs is an integral part of Concordia's overall plan to promote and develop its research enterprise.

In order to successfully compete for a CRC award, candidates are expected to have an outstanding and innovative research program, and the ability to attract excellent graduate students. Tier II CRCs will be "exceptional emerging researchers" who at an early phase of their careers (i.e. within 10 years of completing their PhD) have demonstrated the promise of a strong research profile and the potential to be leaders in their field.

Tier II CRCs are awarded for five years and are renewable once. These positions offer an attractive salary, an annual research stipend, reduced teaching loads, and the opportunity to apply for start-up infrastructure through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Leaders Opportunity Fund (LOF).

Applications must consist of a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications, a statement of teaching philosophy/interests, a statement of research achievements, and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Candidates must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to:

Dr. J. Zacharias, Hiring Committee Chair  
Department of Geography, Planning and Environment  
Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.  
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8  
[zachar@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:zachar@alcor.concordia.ca), <http://gpe.concordia.ca/>

The successful candidates for the CRC position will, in the first instance, be offered an unconditional tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, as appropriate. The candidate will be required to work with the department and the Faculty to prepare the formal CRC nomination according to the CRC program guidelines. The University will submit the nomination to the CRC Secretariat at the earliest opportunity.

This tenure-track position, linked to the CRC appointment, will begin 1 July 2010. The University will nominate the successful candidate to the CRC Secretariat at the earliest opportunity according to the guidelines of the CRC program. Candidates must have a completed PhD. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. All applications should reach departments no later than November 2, 2009. All inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. J. Zacharias ([zachar@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:zachar@alcor.concordia.ca)). For additional information, please visit our website at <http://artsandscience1.concordia.ca/>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. Concordia University is committed to employment equity.

#### **\*UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL**

Le département de géographie de l'université Laval désire combler un poste de professeur régulier en biogéographie. Description du poste

- Enseigner à tous les cycles en géographie.
- Démontrer une excellente capacité de recherche et développer un programme de recherche original dans l'étude des écosystèmes, surtout en régions froides. Une expertise en dendrochronologie sera considérée comme un atout.
- Encadrer des étudiantes et des étudiants à tous les cycles.
- Être actif dans les réseaux de recherche.

#### Critères de sélection

- Détenir, ou être sur le point d'obtenir, un doctorat en géographie ou dans une discipline ou un domaine connexe.
- Avoir d'excellentes aptitudes à la communication écrite et orale.
- Être capable d'enseigner en français.
- Avoir publié des articles scientifiques arbitrés dans des revues de bon calibre.

Conditions d'engagement et de traitement

- Salaire selon la convention collective en vigueur.

Candidature

- Date limite de dépôt des candidatures 15 novembre 2009
- Date d'entrée en fonction 1er juin 2010

Les personnes intéressées à poser leur candidature doivent faire parvenir un curriculum vitae et trois lettres de recommandation à :

Guy Mercier, directeur, Département de géographie  
Faculté de foresterie, de géographie et de géomatique  
Pavillon Abitibi-Price, local 3137  
Université Laval, Québec (Québec) CANADA G1V 0A6  
Guy.Mercier@ggr.ulaval.ca

En tant qu'employeur qui valorise la diversité au sein de son effectif, l'Université Laval invite toutes les personnes qualifiées à présenter leur candidature, en particulier les femmes, les membres de minorités visibles et ethniques, les autochtones et les personnes handicapées; la priorité sera toutefois accordée aux Canadiens ainsi qu'aux résidents permanents.

**\*MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

Applications are invited for a joint tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in the Department of Geography and the McGill School of Environment in Urban Ecology/Sustainability beginning on July 1, 2010. Urbanization is one of the primary processes responsible for global transformation of ecosystems and landscapes. Over half of the world's inhabitants now live in cities and the environmental footprint of urban areas extends well beyond the physical fraction of the Earth's surface they occupy. Cities themselves are complex ecosystems: they have inorganic and organic components; they provide habitat for distinct assemblages of species; they consume and transform energy and resources; they generate waste; and they are intricately connected to natural systems. At the same time, urbanization removes inhabitants from the immediate experience of supporting ecological systems making the concept of sustainability more virtual than visceral. As cities expand, their populations increasingly dwell in locations vulnerable to changes in the global environment and urban-based producers and consumers account overwhelmingly for the world's fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. A grand challenge of our times is to build knowledge of how urban places can be transformed to support human development in ways that sustain bio-physical environments, knowledge that is of critical importance given the current trajectory of global climate change.

The person who fills this position will conduct research that contributes to our understanding of how complex urban systems respond to, and in turn drive, environmental perturbations across scales from the local to global. The person would have expertise in ecology and sustainability, and in innovative approaches to achieving

a sustainable interface between the urban setting and the non-urban environment.

This position will provide an important addition for undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the School of Environment (<http://www.mcgill.ca/mse/>) and the Department of Geography (<http://www.geog.mcgill.ca/>), and has the potential to contribute to programs in Sustainability Science and Urban Systems. There would also be potential interactions with other Departments with interests in the environment, such as Biology, Natural Resource Sciences, and the School of Urban Planning.

Such a position would be consistent with the inter-disciplinary Environment theme elaborated in the McGill 'White Paper': [http://www.mcgill.ca/files/provost/Strengths\\_and\\_Aspirations\\_June\\_2006.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/files/provost/Strengths_and_Aspirations_June_2006.pdf) It is also consistent with the greater attention to 'sustainability' that has been adopted by McGill.

Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or expect to graduate by summer 2010, and have demonstrated excellence in research, teaching and communication. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate may be nominated for a Canada Research Chair in the NSERC area.

McGill University is committed to equity in employment and diversity. It welcomes applications from indigenous peoples, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities and others who may contribute to further diversification. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

Candidates should ensure that their curriculum vitae, statements of teaching specializations and research interests, up to three reprints, and letters from three referees are sent to the following address. The review of applications will begin November 1, 2009 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Dr. Tim Moore, Chair, Department of Geography  
Dr. Marilyn Scott, Director, McGill School of Environment  
McGill University, Room 705, 805 Sherbrooke St. West  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3A 2K6  
phone: 514 398-4112; fax: 514 398-7437; e-mail: [recruit.geog@mcgill.ca](mailto:recruit.geog@mcgill.ca)

**\* MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**

The Geography Department is seeking a human geographer with expertise in the human dimensions of climate change. The successful candidate will be expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels and should demonstrate commitment to excellence in teaching and research. Candidates should be engaged in an active

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research program. The position will normally commence July 1, 2010, subject to budgetary approval, and will be made at the rank of Assistant Professor.

The position normally requires a completed doctoral degree for the appointee to receive the rank of Assistant Professor and to be in a tenure-track position. (If a successful candidate has not completed an earned doctorate, he/she shall be appointed to a regular term, non-renewable three-year appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. If the candidate completes all the requirements for the doctorate during the first 24 months of the term appointment, he/she shall begin a tenure-track appointment following completion of the requirements of the degree).

Applicants can learn more about the Geography Department at [www.mun.ca/geog](http://www.mun.ca/geog). A current curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier and the names and addresses of three persons who can supply a letter of reference should accompany letters of application. Applications should be directed to:

Dr. Charles Mather, Department of Geography  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
St. John's, NL, Canada, A1B 3X9, Canada

Applications should reach the Head no later than Friday November 6, 2009. Applications should quote the following position number: VPA-GEOG-2009-001.

Memorial University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified women and men, visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority

#### **\*MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**

Position 1 - The Department of Earth Sciences invites applications for a tenure track faculty position which will commence January 1, 2010 subject to final budgetary approval.

The Department of Earth Sciences currently offers courses for the Bachelor of Science Degree Program. The department is seeking new faculty with a main focus on the skills and abilities to teach introductory and senior courses in GIS and Remote Sensing. The position will target individuals that also can teach in fields of physical geography such as Soil Geography, Biogeography and Geomorphology. Other areas of physical geography specializations will be considered. This position also requires that the applicant be able to teach introductory courses in the General Education Program, Cluster 1: Numeracy and Scientific Literacy.

New faculty is hired into one of two work patterns. The teaching/scholarship/service pattern has a focus on teaching with the requirement that the faculty member be involved in a research program as well as service to the Mount Royal community. The teaching/service pattern has a focus on teaching and

service only. There is an option to change work patterns after tenure.

The successful applicant must be qualified to teach introductory general education courses but will focus on senior courses in GIS and remote sensing and hiring will target individuals with the skills to create curriculum around these sub-disciplines at second, third and fourth year course levels.

A Ph. D. in geography or the appropriate area is required. Applicants interested in the research stream should have an established research program while those interested in the teaching/scholarship/service pattern should have the ability and intent to pursue a research program in teaching and scholarship.

Since opening in 1910, Mount Royal has embraced change in order to meet the needs of the people and community it serves. At Mount Royal students experience high quality education enhanced by smaller class sizes, personalized learning and a single-minded dedication to premier undergraduate learning. Mount Royal is known for its collegial working environment.

A complete dossier including curriculum vitae, the names and contact information for three (3) references, evidence of teaching excellence and, if the teaching/scholarship/service pattern is desirable, evidence of intent to pursue a research program should be submitted quoting competition #6247BA to:

Mount Royal University, Dept of Human Resources  
4825 Mount Royal Gate S.W., Calgary, Ab T3e 6k6  
Fax: 403.440.6629 / Email: [webapply@mtroyal.ca](mailto:webapply@mtroyal.ca)

For information, contact Dr. Barbara McNicol at 403.440.6175 or [bmcnicol@mtroyal.ca](mailto:bmcnicol@mtroyal.ca).

Applications must be sent to the address above. If applying by email, please send your résumé as an attachment, in either Microsoft Word format or RTF.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

#### **\*MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**

Position 2 - The Department of Earth Sciences invites applications for a tenure track faculty position which will commence August 15, 2010 subject to final budgetary approval.

The Department of Earth Sciences currently offers courses for the Bachelor of Science Degree Program and the Geology Major of the Bachelor of Science Degree Program. The department is seeking new faculty with a main focus on the skills and abilities to teach senior courses in Hydrogeology and Geomorphology. The position will target individuals that also can teach Introduction to Geology; Soil Sciences and; Geology Field Methods. Other areas of physical geography and geology specializations will be considered as long as the candidate can teach courses in hydrogeology and geomorphology.

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New faculty is hired into one of two work patterns. The teaching/scholarship/service pattern has a focus on teaching with the requirement that the faculty member be involved in a research program as well as service to the Mount Royal community. The teaching/service pattern has a focus on teaching and service only. There is an option to change work patterns after tenure.

A Ph. D. in earth science, geology or geography is required. Applicants interested in the research stream should have an established research program while those interested in the teaching/scholarship/service pattern should have the ability and intent to pursue a research program in teaching and scholarship.

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4825 Mount Royal Gate S.W., Calgary, Ab T3e 6k6  
Fax: 403.440.6629 / Email: webapply@mtroyal.ca

For information, contact Dr. Barbara McNicol at 403.440.6175 or bmcnicol@mtroyal.ca.

Applications must be sent to the address above. If applying by email, please send your résumé as an attachment, in either Microsoft Word format or RTF.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

#### **\*MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**

Position 3 - The Faculty of Science and Technology invites applications for a tenure track faculty position in General Science, to be housed in the Department of Earth Sciences, which will commence August 15, 2010 subject to final budgetary approval.

The Department of Earth Sciences currently offers courses for the Bachelor of Science Degree Program and the Geology Major of the Bachelor of Science Degree Program. The department is seeking new faculty with a main focus on the skills and abilities to teach courses for the general science population. We are particularly interested in individuals that can teach courses in both geology and geography. These courses require the ability to teach introductory and senior courses in at least three of the following areas: Biogeography; Weather and Climate; Natural Hazards and Disasters;

Environmental Geology: Minerals and Rocks; and/or; Geological History of Life. The ability to teach other courses in geology or geography and to teach courses in the General Education Program Cluster 1: Numeracy and Scientific Literacy will be considered an asset.

New faculty is hired into one of two work patterns. The teaching/scholarship/service pattern has a focus on teaching with the requirement that the faculty member be involved in a research program as well as service to the Mount Royal community. The teaching/service pattern has a focus on teaching and service only. There is an option to change work patterns after tenure.

A Ph. D. in earth science, geology or geography is required. Applicants interested in the research stream should have an established research program while those interested in the teaching/scholarship/service pattern should have the ability and intent to pursue a research program in teaching and scholarship.

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A complete dossier including curriculum vitae, the names and contact information for three (3) references, evidence of teaching excellence and, if the teaching/scholarship/service pattern is desirable, evidence of intent to pursue a research program should be submitted quoting competition #6245BA to:

Mount Royal University, Dept of Human Resources  
4825 Mount Royal Gate S.W., Calgary, Ab T3e 6k6  
Fax: 403.440.6629 / Email: webapply@mtroyal.ca

For information, contact Dr. Barbara McNicol at 403.440.6175 or bmcnicol@mtroyal.ca.

Applications must be sent to the address above. If applying by email, please send your résumé as an attachment, in either Microsoft Word format or RTF.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

#### **\*UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) invites applications for a Tier I Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the field of Water Policy. This opportunity is a joint initiative among three new interdisciplinary schools (School of Environment and Sustainability, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and School of Public Health) created at the U of S to foster growth in interdisciplinary and collaborative research and graduate training in areas of strategic importance to the institution.

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The Chair will provide leadership to the Schools by developing a prominent research and graduate student training program that addresses some major element(s) of water policy with a focus on freshwater resources, including but not limited to: water policy development or assessment; links of water policy to environmental and human health considerations; policy regarding sustainable water use, including water allocation and trans-boundary issues; links among energy policy/initiatives, climate change and water policy, or agriculture and water policy; policy concerning water valuation and trade; and policy in relation to national and international water governance, incl. multi-level governance structures. The Chair will also play an important role within larger, interdisciplinary water initiatives under development at the U of S.

The ideal candidate will have a PhD or equivalent qualification, be a nationally/internationally recognized scholar with a strong record of attracting competitively awarded research funding, and have experience or interest in developing interdisciplinary research partnerships and approaches. Applications are welcome from strong candidates in all fields related to water policy. The successful candidate will be appointed to a tenured or tenure-track position at the Associate or Full Professor level commensurate with qualifications within one or more of the three Schools. The Chair will be awarded for a seven-year period and is renewable.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is found.

For information about the University of Saskatchewan, please visit [www.usask.ca](http://www.usask.ca). For information about the three Schools, please visit [www.usask.ca/sens](http://www.usask.ca/sens), [www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca](http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca), & [www.usask.ca/sph](http://www.usask.ca/sph). Questions related to this CRC opportunity should be directed to Dr. Karsten Liber at [karsten.liber@usask.ca](mailto:karsten.liber@usask.ca).

The University of Saskatchewan is committed to employment equity, welcomes diversity in the workplace, and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

To be considered for this opportunity, please send your CV, a letter of introduction, the names of three referees, and a summary of your proposed research program and graduate training philosophy, in confidence, to: Dr. Karsten Liber, Acting Director  
School of Environment and Sustainability  
University of Saskatchewan  
Room 230, Law Building, 15 Campus Drive  
Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 5A6  
Fax: (306) 966-5900  
E-mail: [karsten.liber@usask.ca](mailto:karsten.liber@usask.ca)

#### **\*SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a tenure track faculty appointment in meteorology/climatology. We seek a physical scientist with research interests in atmospheric or climate science. Links to other branches of physical geography/earth system science, and the human impacts of climate change are desirable. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will begin September 1, 2010.

Simon Fraser University (SFU) is a public university in British Columbia, Canada with three campuses in Metro Vancouver. The main campus is in Burnaby, on top of Burnaby Mountain, with the other campuses located in Vancouver and Surrey. The Department of Geography is part of the newly created Faculty of Environment. For more information please visit [www.sfu.ca/geography](http://www.sfu.ca/geography).

Applicants must have completed a PhD by the time of appointment and should demonstrate a promise of excellence in research and effectiveness in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels in a Physical Geography Program. Prime teaching responsibilities will be to instruct a sequence of undergraduate courses in weather and climate and related graduate courses, and to provide research direction and graduate supervision in atmospheric/climate science. Ability to instruct in other undergraduate courses in the Physical Geography Program is an asset. The appointee will be responsible for establishing an externally funded research program in atmospheric/climate science.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching and research interests and career goals, and samples of publications.

Please send applications by mail or email to:  
Dr. Ilja Tromp-van Meerveld,  
Appointments Committee Chair,  
Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University  
8888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6 Canada  
or [ilja@sfu.ca](mailto:ilja@sfu.ca).

Candidates need to arrange for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to the Committee Chair under separate cover. Review of applications will commence Monday, November 16, 2009.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. However, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and, persons with disabilities.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competition will be collected. For further details see the Collection Notice: [http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty\\_Openings/Collection\\_Notice.html](http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html).

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## \*UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Environment and sustainability constitute an interdisciplinary area at The University of Western Ontario, with principal participation from the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Social Science. An ongoing major initiative is the establishment of a centre for research and teaching in environment and sustainability. The University of Western Ontario now invites applications or nominations for a senior-level faculty appointment as the first Director of the Centre for Environment and Sustainability (CES). The selected candidate will be appointed with tenure either as Professor or Associate Professor in an appropriate academic Department. The initial term of the Directorship will be for a period of 5 years. The starting date will be July 1, 2010 or thereafter.

The Faculty of Science (<http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>) is host Faculty for the Centre, and the Faculty of Engineering (<http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>) and the Faculty of Social Science (<http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>) are designated Participating Faculties. It is anticipated the appointment will be made in one of the departments in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, or Social Science. The Director will be expected to lead a vigorous and internationally competitive research program, to supervise graduate and undergraduate student research, and to participate in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels. In addition, a significant portion of effort will be directed to leading, developing, and administering the Centre for Environment and Sustainability. A description of the Centre, program details, and other information can be found on the CES web site (<http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>). The Director will be expected to coordinate and accelerate the development of comprehensive environment and sustainability programs in research, undergraduate education, and graduate studies at Western, to raise the profile of the Centre within Canada, and to advance the University's growth in internationalization by fostering collaborative international research and international student experiences in the area of environment and sustainability. Applications are invited from all interested and qualified individuals. The successful candidate must have an excellent research record in a relevant area and demonstrate the high level of vision, leadership and resourcefulness appropriate to the position of Director. Candidates should submit a statement of interest and intent, curriculum vitae, research plan, teaching dossier, and the names, addresses of at least three referees to: Professor David M. Wardlaw, Dean Faculty of Science, The University of Western Ontario London, Ontario N6A 5B7, Canada.

Consideration of applications will begin on November 15, 2009.

This position is subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates

are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

**“Job Opportunities in Geography”** for publication in the newsletter must be submitted to the editor at [cag@geog.mcgill.ca](mailto:cag@geog.mcgill.ca) (No formatting) by the deadlines listed on the back page of this newsletter. Inclusion is subject to availability of space. There is no charge to universities for this service.

**CAGLIST Job Postings Webpage** - To list your job on the webpage of the “CAGLIST Job Postings” send your copy directly to Dan Smith at [smith@uvic.ca](mailto:smith@uvic.ca) .

**CAGLIST Job Postings** - For a complete listings go to <http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/jobs.htm>

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE

Located at [www.cchrei.ca/ee](http://www.cchrei.ca/ee) *EnviroEmployment* features sixty environmental occupations, which allow users to explore job descriptions, education and skill requirements and working conditions of some of Canada's hottest environmental careers. The site is designed for experienced workers currently employed in the environment sector, experienced workers in other industries who have the transferable skills for the environment industry, and newcomers to Canada who have the credentials for a mid-career position within this industry. Guided through four career development steps: Self-Assessment, Career & Industry Research, Job Preparation and Professional Development, users can access the entire website free of charge.

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Other websites:

**John's Jobs for Geographers** is a list of sites compiled to give geography students a head-start in the world of online job searches:

<http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept2/faculty/newcomb/jji.shtml>

**Geography Jobs** is free to search and free to post announcements on. See [www.geogjobs.com/](http://www.geogjobs.com/)

**About.com** has over a page of annotated links to geography career websites:

<http://geography.about.com/od/careersingeography/a/jobsgeography.htm>

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As of 2009 the CAG Newsletter will be published four times per year instead of six./  
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## CAG COMMENTARY SERIES Submissions

Submissions to the CAG Commentary Series (800 words max.) which address an issue of public interest from a geographical perspective are invited, in English or French, and should be sent to the editor at: [cag@geog.mcgill.ca](mailto:cag@geog.mcgill.ca). Where material that has already appeared in the press is submitted, the author must ensure that permission has been obtained from the original publishers for the CAG to reprint their commentary. Submission does not guarantee publication.

## “JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GEOGRAPHY”

To list job opportunities in the newsletter your copy must be submitted electronically and according to the deadlines listed above (*NO formatting*) to the editor at [cag@geog.mcgill.ca](mailto:cag@geog.mcgill.ca). There is no charge to universities for this service, however inclusion is subject to availability of space. To list your job on the “CAGLIST Job Postings” webpage send your copy directly to Dan Smith at [smith@uvic.ca](mailto:smith@uvic.ca).

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