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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

Et si l'Association canadienne des géographes n'existait pas?

Tôt ou tard, chaque groupe de professionnels désireux de faire reconnaître sa profession ou simplement de bénéficier de l'expérience respective de ses membres tient à se réunir à intervalles réguliers et à former une association. (Watson, 1950)

Le 29 août 1950, un petit groupe de rêveurs géographes s'est réuni à Ottawa pour former une association. Quatre hommes de la Division de la géographie (Roman Gajda, Bernard Gutsell, Paul Laurendeau et Norman Nicholson) et quatre géographes du milieu universitaire (J. Lewis Robinson de UBC, Lloyd Reeds de McMaster, George Tatham de Toronto et Bogdan Zaborski de l'Université d'Ottawa) avaient décidé que le temps était venu de former une association ayant comme objet principal de « présenter et d'écouter des communications sérieuses en géographie et de rencontrer des collègues géographes. » Ainsi est née l'Association canadienne des géographes. La première réunion annuelle a eu lieu à l'Université McGill moins d'un an plus tard, les 30 et 31 mai 1951. Les 65 personnes inscrites ont adopté l'énoncé d'objectifs suivant¹ :

promouvoir l'utilisation et l'essor de la géographie au Canada en favorisant un échange d'idées entre géographes, en organisant des rencontres au cours desquelles les géographes peuvent discuter plusieurs aspects de la géographie et ses domaines connexes et en publiant des documents d'information et des documents techniques qui intéressent les géographes canadiens. L'Association doit également stimuler, orienter, influencer et encourager la recherche, l'exploration et l'enseignement de la géographie au Canada et faire en sorte

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What If There Were No CAG?

Sooner or later every group of professional people seeking recognition for their craft, or simply anxious to benefit from each other's experience, desires to draw together at regular intervals and to form an association. (Watson, 1950)

On 29 August, 1950 a small group of geographical dreamers got together in Ottawa to form an association. Four men from the Geographical Branch (Roman Gajda, Bernard Gutsell, Paul Laurendeau and Norman Nicholson), and four University-based geographers (J. Lewis Robinson from UBC, Lloyd Reeds from McMaster, George Tatham from Toronto and Bogdan Zaborski from the University of Ottawa) had decided that it was a propitious time to create an association, the principal purpose of which would be to “ present and hear serious papers on geography and meet fellow geographers”. And thus the Canadian Association of Geographers was born. The first annual meeting took place at McGill University less than a year later, on 30-31 May, 1951. The 65 registrants adopted the following statement of objectives:¹

to promote the use and development of geography in Canada by facilitating an exchange of ideas between geographers, by arranging meetings where geographers can discuss the several aspects of geography and its related fields and by publishing
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d'améliorer sa situation dans le secteur canadien de l'éducation. L'Association doit orienter les diplômés en géographie vers de nouveaux domaines d'emploi en géographie.

Les huit documents présentés lors de cette réunion ont constitué la base du premier numéro de *Le Géographe canadien*². La publication a paru une fois l'an jusqu'en 1957; elle ne contenait que le procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle ainsi que les documents présentés. Elle n'est presque jamais devenue plus que cela. En 1962, le rédacteur en chef a signalé qu'aucun document appréciable n'était en vue et que l'avenir de la revue était incertain. Heureusement, cette morne assertion s'est révélée sans fondement.

Chaque année, le Comité exécutif de l'Association est aux prises avec un ensemble de questions permanentes : que peut-on faire pour assurer au moins la stabilité, sinon la croissance du nombre des adhérents? Que peut-on faire pour appuyer l'enseignement de la géographie au Canada? Contribuons-nous suffisamment de « valeur ajoutée » à la vie des membres pour que notre existence soit encore justifiée? Malgré toute l'énergie déployée au cours des ans pour tenter de trouver des réponses satisfaisantes à ces questions et à d'autres, elles demeurent sans réponse. En modifiant de façon appropriée la question posée par l'ancien président de l'Association of American Geographers (AAG), Alexander Murphy³, qu'en serait-il sans ACG, je vous le demande? Il ne s'agit pas là d'une question inscrite à l'ordre du jour du Comité exécutif. Les gens qui ont si bien servi l'Association au fil des ans ont toujours fait l'hypothèse que son existence pouvait être tenue pour acquise. Cela est certes vrai de tous les membres du Comité exécutif que j'ai connus au cours des ans – l'ACG a toujours fait partie de leur vie professionnelle et sociale, et tous s'attendaient à qu'il en soit toujours ainsi. Toutefois, vu la menace qui pèse sur l'existence autonome de certains départements de géographie et que posent les changements dans la façon dont les universités sont administrées et les priorités établies, le cloisonnement grandissant de la discipline, l'insatisfaction de longue date parmi les praticiens de la géographie physique en plus de l'incapacité de l'Association de répondre à leurs besoins, la prolifération des réunions spéciales et le coût croissant des déplacements, il est peut-être opportun de réfléchir à la question.

Il importe de rappeler que la mission essentielle de l'ACG a toujours compris l'organisation d'une assemblée générale annuelle et la publication de travaux de recherche. Cependant, ces fonctions traditionnelles de l'Association sont-elles maintenant devenues des

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information and professional papers of interest to geographers in Canada. The Association will also assist in stimulating, guiding, influencing and encouraging geographical research, exploration and the teaching of geography in Canada and strive for the improvement of its status in Canadian education. It will provide direction for geography graduates to new fields of geographical employment.

The eight papers presented at the meeting formed the basis of issue number 1 of *The Canadian Geographer*.² It remained an annual publication until 1957, containing only the report on the annual general meeting and the papers presented. It almost never became more than that. In 1962 the Editor reported that no worthwhile papers were in sight and that the journal's future was in doubt. Fortunately his bleak assessment proved to be unfounded.

Every year the Executive Committee of the Association struggles with a set of perennial questions: what can be done to ensure at least stability, if not growth, in membership? What can we do to support geographical education in the country? Are we providing sufficient 'value added' to the lives of members that our continued existence is warranted? In spite of all the energy that has been expended over the years in trying to find satisfactory answers to these, and other questions, they remain unresolved. Making an appropriate modification to the question posed by former AAG President Alexander Murphy³ I will ask: what if there were no CAG? This is not a question that makes its way to the agenda of the Executive committee. The people who have served the Association so well over the years have always assumed that its existence could be taken for granted. That is certainly the case with all the Executive members I have known over the years – the CAG was always a part of their professional and social lives, and it was expected that it always would be. However, given the threat to the continued independent existence of some geography departments posed by changes in the way Universities are administered and priorities are chosen, the increasing compartmentalization of the discipline, the long-standing dissatisfaction among many physical geographers with a perceived inability of the Association to serve their needs, the proliferation of specialized meetings and the rising cost of travel, it may be a good time to reflect on this question.

It is important to remember that the core mission of the CAG has always included the organization of the annual general meeting and the publication of research. But have these traditional functions of the Association continued on page 13...

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR
Canada Research Chair (SSHRC Tier 2) in
Global Change and Tourism

Dr. Daniel Scott of the University of Waterloo was awarded a Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the area of Global Change and Tourism (March 2004). His CRC builds on the University of Waterloo's tradition of innovation and excellence in the areas of applied environmental management and tourism.

Tourism is a profound social force in modern society and an engine of the global economy, accounting for over 230 million jobs worldwide and an estimated 3.6% of the world's GDP in 2005, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council. In many developing nations, tourism is a core component of the economy and is seen as critical means of future economic development (i.e., pro-poor tourism). In Canada, Statistics Canada and Industry Canada estimate that the tourism sector is approximately equal to the agriculture sector in terms of GDP and employment, and is substantially larger than both our forestry and fishery sectors; facts that come as a surprise to many outside the tourism business and research communities. Furthermore, it is the goal of the Canadian Tourism Commission to expand our tourism sector by 30% by 2010, a growth scenario unthinkable in most other areas of the economy.

As events of the past few years have illustrated, the tourism industry is strongly affected by global processes, including globalization, environmental change, health threats, political reforms, terrorism, and advances in information and travel technologies. Like the International Geographical Union's Commission on the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change, the research program of this CRC adopts a broad perspective of global change that includes processes of change in the natural environment, and political and socio-economic systems. Understanding how this vitally important global industry may influence and be affected by global change is the aim of this research chair.

Dr. Scott's program of research has concentrated initially on different dimensions of global climate change through several funded projects in Canada and a number of international collaborations. The tourism industry is highly influenced by climate. For some destinations climate represents the central resource on which tourism is predicated, in others it is a major determinant of the length and quality of tourism seasons and the environmental resources that are the foundation for tourism (e.g., species habitat for ecotourism or snow cover for winter sports). The consequences of climate change for the global tourism industry are therefore thought to be profound. Recent studies produced through

this CRC have examined the vulnerability of major Canadian tourism segments (e.g., winter sports and nature-based tourism) and with international partners, sought to understand the implications for highly vulnerable destinations in developing nations (e.g., Small Island Developing States). Also with international partners, the research program has begun to examine the contribution of tourism to global greenhouse gas emissions and the implications of post-Kyoto climate change mitigation policies for tourism. Here the majority of discussions of sustainable tourism still concentrate on local scale impacts and do not account for the travel phase (i.e., 'take only pictures and leave only footprints' ... but disregard the contrails!). Major disconnects exist between corporate policy, such as the vision of discount airlines that includes continued rapid growth in passenger kilometres and in some cases a business model that would eventually fly people for free (yes free!), and international climate change mitigation policy.

Dr. Scott's program of research takes place at the borders of traditional disciplines and demands the distinctive skills of geographers to work at the interface of biophysical and human (economic, social, economic) systems. As an example, within the span of a couple days he participated in a workshop to evaluate climate change scenarios development in Canada and then gave the keynote presentation at the Vermont Ski Areas Association annual business meeting. The issues of concern and indeed the very language spoken by these scientific and business communities are very different, yet are integral to his program of research. The interdisciplinary nature of his program of research has also afforded diverse opportunities for several graduate students in recent years.

In support of this research program, Dr. Scott has enjoyed collaborations with and advised private sector tourism stakeholders at all levels (ranging from individual investors to the Vermont Ski Areas Association) and several North American organizations, including Parks Canada, Environment Canada, National Capital Commission, Town of Banff, Canadian Forest Service, C-CIARN, Ontario Parks, Conservation International and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Internationally, he has been a contributing author to the third and fourth assessments of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as well as the World Tourism Organization's sustainable tourism indicators project. As a co-chair of the International Society of Biometeorology's Commission on Climate, Tourism and Recreation, he has worked to advance the state of applied climatology for tourism. Dr. Scott has been named the chair of a newly formed joint World Meteorological Organization-World Tourism Organization's Expert Team on Climate and Tourism, which will provide exciting new opportunities for international collaborations to advance the research program of his CRC.

Rapport annuel du président
Association canadienne des géographes
Assemblée générale annuelle 2006

À mon grand étonnement, l'Association a survécu à la présidence Sharpe. Elle est financièrement saine et, si le niveau des adhésions demeure stable, nous serons en bonne posture. À la fin de l'an dernier, nous avions 1 074 membres. Cela correspondait à 5 % de plus que ce que nous avons en 2004; c'est le niveau le plus élevé depuis 1994. Toutefois, au moment de rédiger le présent rapport, à la mi-avril, à peine 820 adhésions ont été renouvelées. Bien que cela soit à peu près là où nous en étions à la même période l'an dernier, je suis inquiet, car si les renouvellements ne décollent pas, nous ne soutiendrons pas le niveau des adhésions de l'an dernier, et je serais très triste de constater que nous perdons du terrain.

Peut-être que le facteur primordial et le plus encourageant au sujet du profil de nos adhésions est qu'un bon tiers de nos membres sont des étudiants. Il ne s'agit pas du nombre le plus élevé de membres étudiants que nous ayons eu au cours des deux dernières décennies (1988 est la première année à l'égard de laquelle j'ai des données), mais c'est le pourcentage le plus élevé du total. Si nous pouvons faire en sorte que les étudiants demeurent loyaux envers l'Association, notre avenir collectif est assuré. Ces étudiants sont les membres qui nous mèneront à notre 75^e anniversaire, et leurs étudiants célébreront notre centenaire.

Nouveaux groupes d'étude

Nous avons maintenant un total de quinze groupes d'étude. Le Groupe de recherche sur la diversité, la migration, l'ethnicité et la race a été créé par Robert A. Murdie (York) et Carlos Teixeira (Université de la Colombie-Britannique dans l'Okanagan). Ses trente et un membres se réuniront une première fois au cours de l'assemblée à Thunder Bay. Le Groupe d'étude sur la géographie historique, organisé par Phillip Mackintosh (Brock) et Laura Cameron (Queen's), a été approuvé par le Comité exécutif; ceux qui souhaitent y adhérer en auront l'occasion lorsqu'ils renouvelleront leur adhésion de 2007.

La création de nouveaux groupes d'étude est un excellent indice de la santé générale de l'Association, et je suis heureux d'accueillir ces deux nouveaux dans la famille.

Le Géographe canadien

L'an dernier, Lawrence Berg a décidé qu'en raison de ses nombreux autres engagements, il ne solliciterait pas un autre mandat comme rédacteur de *Le Géographe canadien*. Il se proposait d'abandonner son poste de rédacteur en juillet dernier, au terme de son premier mandat, mais notre nouveau rédacteur ne pouvait pas prendre son poste avant janvier. Lawrence Berg a gentiment convenu de continuer à s'acquitter de ses fonctions rédactionnelles jusqu'à cette date. Je profite de

Annual Report of the President
Canadian Association of Geographers
Annual General Meeting 2006

To my surprise, the Association has survived the Sharpe presidency. It remains financially sound and if the level of membership holds steady we will be in good shape. By the end of last year we had 1,074 members. This was 5% more than we had in 2004, and the highest level since 1994. However, as I write this report in mid-April only 820 memberships have been renewed. While this is just about where we were at the same time last year, I am concerned that if the pace of renewals doesn't pick up, we won't maintain last year's level of membership and I would be very sad to see us lose ground.

Perhaps the most important, and encouraging thing about our membership profile is that fully one-third of our members are students. This isn't the largest *number* of student members we've had in the last couple of decades (1988 is the first year for which I have data) but it is the highest *percentage* of the total. If we can maintain their loyalty to the Association, our collective future is assured. These students are the members who will carry us to our 75th anniversary, and *their* students will celebrate our centennial.

New Study Groups

We now have a total of fifteen Study Groups. The Diversity, Migration, Ethnicity and Race Study Group was organized by Bob Murdie (York) and Carlos Teixeira (UBC Okanagan). Its thirty-one members will meet for the first time during the Thunder Bay meeting. The Historical Geography Study Group, organized by Phillip Mackintosh (Brock) and Laura Cameron (Queen's) has been approved by the Executive Committee, and those wishing to join will have the opportunity of doing so when they renew their membership for 2007.

The creation of new study groups is a very good indication of the overall health of the Association, and I'm delighted to welcome these two new additions to the family.

The Canadian Geographer

Lawrence Berg decided last year that because of the pressure of his other commitments he would not seek a second term as Editor of *TCG*. He intended to relinquish his editorial position last July, at the expiration of his first term, but our new editor was unable to assume the position until January. Lawrence kindly agreed to continue in his editorial role until that time. I want to take this opportunity of thanking him most sincerely for agreeing to help us over what would otherwise have been a very difficult period. I know that his generosity required a considerable personal sacrifice.

Roger Hayter has now assumed the editorship, and made a number of administrative and process-related changes. One of them is a return to the previous practice of having only one editorial board. Its members will be

l'occasion pour le remercier très sincèrement d'avoir accepté de nous aider pendant ce qui serait autrement devenu une période très ardue. Je sais que sa générosité a exigé beaucoup d'abnégation de sa part.

Roger Hayter a maintenant pris en charge la fonction de rédacteur en chef et apporté un certain nombre de changements d'ordre administratif et des procédés. Mentionnons celui de retourner à la précédente pratique de n'avoir qu'un comité de rédaction. Une liste des membres figurera dans le premier numéro du volume 50.

L'an dernier, la direction a décidé de créer le poste à temps partiel de directeur de la production, reconnaissant, quoique tard, que les rédacteurs de la revue avaient été surchargés de travail pendant de nombreuses années. Hilary Elkins a été embauchée pour un mandat de trois ans et a déjà fait la preuve de la sagesse de nos décisions de créer le poste et de l'embaucher pour l'occuper.

Nous avons presque terminé la transition vers un système de présentation de manuscrits et de suivi électroniques. Nous signalons à tous les membres que les manuscrits doivent dorénavant être présentés en mode électronique à notre nouveau système centralisé à <TCG.editor@cag-acg.ca>. Cela permet à Hilary de lancer le suivi électronique de tous les manuscrits dès leur réception. Il sera dorénavant inutile de modifier l'adresse des présentations lorsque le mandat d'un rédacteur en chef particulier se terminera.

Outre un nouveau rédacteur en chef, Le Géographe canadien compte maintenant un nouveau rédacteur de langue française (Rodolphe Devillers de l'Université Memorial), un nouveau rédacteur chargé des exemples de géographie et de reliefs physiques (Ian Saunders de l'université de la Colombie-Britannique dans l'Okanagan) ainsi qu'un nouveau rédacteur de recensions (Ian Lindsay of Ryerson). Je saisis l'occasion pour leur souhaiter la bienvenue au sein de l'équipe de rédaction et pour remercier en notre nom leurs prédécesseurs Danielle Marceau, Olav Slaymaker, Robin Davidson-Arnott et Jody Decker de leur excellente prestation.

La question du soi-disant « libre accès » préoccupe chaque organisme qui diffuse une revue universitaire au Canada. Le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines (CRSH) a clairement annoncé que toutes les revues financées par le Conseil doivent fournir un tel accès d'ici la prochaine ronde des demandes de soutien financier, bien que les détails de la transition ne soient pas encore arrêtés et que toutes les conséquences probables n'aient pas encore été prises en compte. La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines a créé un groupe de travail, dirigé par la présidente désignée Noreen Golfman (une de mes collègues au département des études anglaises à Memorial), lequel est chargé de formuler la position de la Fédération. Nous suivons les progrès très attentivement pour que Le Géographe canadien ne soit pas laissé pour compte. suite à la page 16...

listed in the first issue of volume 50.

Last year the Executive decided to create the part-time position of Production Editor, belatedly recognizing that the journal's editor(s) had been overworked for many years. Hilary Elkins has been hired for a three year term and has already demonstrated the wisdom of our decisions to create the position, and to engage her to fill it.

We have almost completed the transition to an electronic manuscript submission and tracking system. All members should note that manuscripts must now be submitted electronically to our new centralized system at <TCG.editor@cag-acg.ca>. This allows Hilary to initiate electronic tracking of all manuscripts immediately upon their arrival. It will also make it unnecessary to change the submission address when the mandate of a particular editor comes to an end.

In addition to a new Editor in Chief, TCG also has a new French-language editor (Rodolphe Devillers of Memorial), a new Physical Geography/Physical Landform Examples editor (Ian Saunders of UBC Okanagan) and a new Review Editor (Ian Lindsay of Ryerson). I'd like to take this opportunity of welcoming them to the editorial team, and thanking their predecessors Danielle Marceau, Olav Slaymaker, Robin Davidson-Arnott and Jody Decker for all their good work on our behalf.

The so-called 'open access' issue is on the minds of every organization which publishes an academic journal in Canada. SSHRC has made it clear that all journals receiving funding from the Council must provide this access by the time the next round of applications for financial support come around, although the details of the transition have not yet been finalized, and all the probable implications have not been thoroughly considered. The Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences has established a working group, chaired by President-Elect Noreen Golfman (who is a colleague of mine in the English Department at Memorial) to formulate a Federation position. We are watching developments closely to ensure that TCG does not get left behind.

Our ISI ranking slipped last year. In 2003 we were ranked 21 among the 35 geography journals ranked by the Institute for Scientific Information, but fell back to 29th position in 2004. This ranking is based on the number of times articles published in 2002 and 2003 were cited in 2004. This is even lower than our rank in 2002 (27th). Roger Hayter and I have been discussing the implications of this, and possible remedies, with the ever-helpful staff at Blackwell Publishing. They have been very reassuring, reminding us that the ISI rankings are only one tool of measurement and, in this age of electronic communication, perhaps not the most useful. The old, familiar index, based as it is on citations (i.e. votes by authors) should be considered in conjunction with factors such as general reputation, total circulation continued on page...16

Award for Service to the Profession of Geography

Philip J. Howarth

University of Waterloo

Dr. Philip Howarth's service to the discipline of Geography is multi-faceted. He holds a long and distinguished record that includes time devoted to administration, commitments to the training of young geographers, and outreaching to the community. These efforts serve to advance the goals and influences of our profession.

Among his many responsibilities, Dr. Howarth has been a member of the Canadian Association of Geographers' Nominating Committee and is currently an elected member of the Board of Governors of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He has been invited repeatedly to evaluate different departments to ensure the vitality of the Geography programs in many parts of Canada. Within his own University of Waterloo, Philip has been the Chair of the Geography Department, during which tenure he has strengthened its curriculum, recruited new faculty members and augmented resources in the interest of Geography. His consensual approach brings about a high degree of collegiality enjoyed by faculty and students on both the Human and Physical sides of Geography. He has also been on various committees at the university level: Senate Graduate Council, Faculty Council and Faculty Graduate Committee, to name a few, providing a voice for Geography in university affairs.

Over the years, he has successfully supervised over 40 Master's and 18 doctoral students in Geography, many of whom now apply their knowledge in Geography in their work. Several of them are presently established as professors who continue and enlarge Dr. Howarth's effort in teaching and training future geographers.

Dr. Howarth's research and technical strength in remote sensing stands him in good stead in offering service to the communities within and outside of Geography. He has brought geographical applications to the agricultural, resource and planning sectors, providing results that yield significant economic gains and environmental benefits. He is truly an ambassador of Geography to the society.

Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography

Geraldine Pratt

University of British Columbia

In recognition of her consistent and sustained intellectual contribution to geography in general and feminist geography in particular through a variety of activities including publishing, work with graduate students, and editorship, Dr. Geraldine Pratt is the recipient of this year's *Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography*.

Gerry Pratt has defined, and redefined, the

contours of academic western feminist geography in North America. She has had an enormous impact on the discipline. For example, despite the fact that the Web of Science does not list many feminist journals, Gerry's work is cited hundreds of times. Feminist geography has flourished in large part through her careful, wide-ranging, accessible, and insightful scholarship. Many of Gerry's articles have been placed into readers and anthologies on social, cultural and human geography; others have been translated into other languages. Her collaborative work on the Dictionary of Human Geography has been a reference for researchers at all stages of their academic careers. She has worked as primary supervisor and committee member for more than 75 graduate students, who are now leading new substantive fields of knowledge related to social, cultural, and political geographies.

Beginning in 1988, Gerry worked with Susan Hanson to publish a series of journal articles concerned with such issues as the geography of occupational segregation, the connections between home and work, and the intra-urban geography of social class, based on the rich survey evidence collected in Worcester, Massachusetts. Evidence from this series enabled Gerry and Susan to make important theoretical contributions to a wide range of debates in urban and feminist geography. The book written from this work, *Gender, work and space*, made its own unique contribution. While it documented what they termed 'containment stories' – evidence that illustrated ways women's lives were contained within tightly drawn spatial boundaries – they also emphasised how place differentiates such generalisations. The book remains an important text on gender and work, a decade after publication.

Beyond her leadership in feminist theory in geography and other social sciences and humanities, Gerry has been foremost in developing *and practising* feminist methodologies. Feminist methodologies are defined by a commitment to challenge conventional power relations associated with scholarly research and to enable more equitable outcomes for research participants. This commitment is especially visible in Gerry's work with the Philippine Women Centre, where she has, since 1995, engaged with domestic workers coming to the centre to help them to tell their stories in their own terms, with intimacy, complexity and force. Gerry has co-authored academic and policy papers with the Centre, and their experience with her research has helped them to generate funds for and carry out community-based research projects of their own. Gerry's recent book *Working Feminism*, which looks at key concepts and debates within feminist theory in relation to the real problems faced by Filipina domestic workers, resulted in part from this work.

Since 1993, Gerry has been editor of *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Under her careful hand, this journal has become a leading

geographic journal. Gerry's editorial style is thoughtful and insightful, encouraging constructive and provocative discussion. Gerry has also nurtured the emergence of a new journal, *Gender, Place and Culture*. At its inauguration in 1994, we did not know that this journal would become the flagship journal for feminist geography in North America. But Gerry's contributions – to its first issue, to subsequent issues, and as a member of its editorial board – have helped assure its success.

Gerry's open door was sometimes a revolving door for students and faculty, who sought a mix of professional and personal advice to guide them through a sometimes unfriendly academic maze of bureaucracy, uncertainty, and anxiety. Without fanfare or acknowledgment, Gerry offered ways for all these people to speak in their own voices and to find a place for themselves at the university. Furthermore, she spoke up for women students and fellow colleagues in private meetings with other colleagues, in departmental and university forums, and through her written work. By her support, her expertise, and the strategic use of her position, Gerry has ensured that geography (and the academy) has become a more diverse, inclusive, and accepting community of scholars.

Through all of these activities Gerry has helped create a space, no, a place, an intellectual home, and a collegial community for all women in the discipline. Arguably, this is her most lasting and important contribution to the scholarship of geography. In recognition of that contribution, we nominate her for this award.

Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography

Brent Hall

University of Waterloo

Dr. Brent Hall is a Professor of Planning and Geography and Associate Dean, Computing Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario Canada.

Dr. Brent Hall has rightfully earned the respect of his students and colleagues as an academic, an educator and a mentor. Below is a compilation of heartfelt thanks from current and former students to his commitment, care and difference made in our university education.

Brent's dedication to his students is tireless, unwavering and repeatedly going beyond expectations. For a full professor with many administrative tasks Brent is never too busy to meet with his students. His office door is open from 8am until 6pm five days a week. During weekends and evenings, students can expect to receive near instantaneous responses to emails sent at ungodly hours demonstrating that Brent is truly never '*off the job*'.

Brent treats his responsibility not merely as a

professor or supervisor, but as a mentor. Brent takes great personal interest in his students in terms of their studies, their interests, and their career path. This interest, which often continues well after graduation, is in developing students to their full potential. For example, in his work in developing countries, where he brings many of his graduate students, he is very conscious that his students are not just experiencing the development and implementation of GIS facilities, but also appreciating conditions in a world very different from their own. Another example is helping many students prepare for job interviews as well as provide them guidance and advice about their futures in the work place and/or academia.

Brent's approach to teaching differs from the common student experience, challenging the common precepts and techniques of many educators known to students at the University of Waterloo. For example, never has a teacher truly taught how to *ask the right question* before teaching how to answer it - an entire side of the equation that is so often forgotten. Nor has a teacher so fully inspired a team atmosphere, and sense of equality among student and professor. The openness of his classes led not only to a deeper level of learning because students unafraid to *ask the next question*, are also led to the development of a network of trusted people.

To be an effective educator, one needs to not only present material to students in the classroom, successful teachers instill a sense of motivation and empowerment to push the limits of their study to challenge tasks previously thought as inconceivable. Brent has the ability to do those latter components well and more importantly maintain and expand students' respect for him both professionally and personally. Those challenges enabled his students to work hard to generate assignments, reports, and presentations in a professional manner.

Finally, Dr. Brent Hall is a warm hearted and nice person. He spends time nurturing students with different challenges. One student retells his story. "As a Chinese and non-English native speaker, writing in a professional way is a big obstacle to overcome. When Brent realized this, he helped me with grammatical corrections for assignments in his class and for my master thesis, although he was not even a committee member".

In Chinese, 'teaching' has two characters, 'shi' and 'fan'. Each of them has its own meaning: 'shi' means to teach students knowledge and techniques in a professional area; and 'fan' means to show students a good example of being a great person. Brent demonstrates these qualities, the perfect model of an educator.

We are overjoyed at Brent's success in this award and honoured to share the difference that Brent has made in our learning, personal growth, and values instilled.

THE STARKEY-ROBINSON AWARD

The Starkey-Robinson Award recognizes high quality graduate research that furthers the understanding of the geography of Canada and is awarded annually on the recommendation of the CAG Awards Committee.

The thesis entitled "When States Design: Making space on native reserves" has made Mary Subedar (University of British Columbia) this year's winner of the Award.

THE JULIAN M. SZEICZ AWARD

The Canadian Association of Geographers honours the memory and achievements of Dr. Julian M. Szeicz (1965-1998) by the conferring of an annual award bearing his name. The award recognizes significant achievements by a Canadian geographer in the early stages of his or her career and is awarded to Dr. Philip Kelly (York University) for his contributions to development studies in South-East Asia.

**THE ROBIN P. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE
FOR
EXCELLENCE IN NATIVE STUDIES**

The Robin P. Armstrong Memorial Prize for Excellence in Native Studies 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 Robin Armstrong Memorial Prize winner for this year is Piotr Wilk, for a Ph.D. thesis titled "Self-Employment on Indian Reserves". The supervisors were Dr. Paul Maxim and Dr. Jerry White, Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario. This study relied on methods of multi-level modeling to examine how individual and community level characteristics interact and influence entrepreneurship among Canada's First Nations.

THE BLACKWELL PUBLISHING AWARD

was not awarded this year.

Criteria for all awards can be found on our website at www.cag-acg.ca

CONGRATULATIONS

Michael Fox

Carleton University Geography and Environmental Studies **Michael Fox** has been named among Ontario's most outstanding university teachers in a province wide competition adjudicated by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Awards Committee.

Fox, whose distinguished career in geography at Carleton University has spanned over thirty remarkable years, will receive the 2005 Teaching Award at a June 9th ceremony in Toronto.

Roger Tomlinson

On May 31st, 2006 The Roger Tomlinson Lab for Geographic Information and Environmental Analysis at McGill University was named for **Roger Tomlinson** who is considered to be the Father of GIS. He was also honoured earlier that day with a Doctor of Science, honoris causa, the first geographer to be so honoured at McGill.

Barry Wellar

Barry Wellar, Professor of Geography (ret.) University of Ottawa, has been appointed by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council to the Strategic Safety and Security Panel for a three-year term. Dr. Wellar was previously a member of the Selection Panel, Joint Interdependent Infrastructures Research Program funded by Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

DIVISION NEWS

The Prairie Division is pleased to announce and invite you all to its upcoming annual meeting, which will take place in

**Rugby, North Dakota
the geographic centre of North America
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006**

at the Rugby Econo Lodge (701-776-5776). The hotel is encouraging early registration because of heavy demand due to the hunting season being open that weekend (please ask for rooms reserved under "UND Department of Geography"). A call for papers will be forthcoming shortly. Keep your eye on the PCAG homepage where details will be added as they become available:

<http://io.uwinnipeg.ca/~geograph/pcag/pcag.htm>

CAG UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

The CAG Undergraduate Award goes to the most outstanding students graduating in Geography honours/majors programmes in Canadian universities. The Award Winners for 2006 are:

University of Alberta	Matthew Taylor
Augustana Campus-University of Alberta	Tawnya Brown
Bishop's University	Amber Ashley
Brandon University	Pieter Ryan Good
University of British Columbia	Hale Jones-Cox
Brock University	Kurt Kornelsen
University of Calgary	Taryn Swiatek
Carleton University	Stacey Strilesky
Concordia University	Lindsay Jane McGraw
University College of the Fraser Valley	Jason Edward Stower
University of Guelph	Carrie Brenton
Lakehead University	Mark Cattani
Université Laval	Gabrielle Labbé
University of Lethbridge	Chris Birrell
McGill University	Muriel Kim
Memorial University of Newfoundland	Suzanne Smith
Université de Moncton	Mathieu Cormier
Université de Montréal	François Gauthier
Mount Allison University	Nigel E. Selig
Nipissing University	Nicole Latulippe
University of Northern British Columbia	Chelan Hoffman
University of Ottawa	Elissa Leng
Queen's University	Kristina C. Ramchand
University of Regina	Kevin L. Sliva
Ryerson University	Holly Shulman
Saint Mary's University	Tyson Daoust
University of Saskatchewan	Adam William Collingwood
Simon Fraser University	John Paul Catungal
Thompson Rivers University	Rod Loring
University of Toronto	Charmalee Samantha Sandanayake
Trent University	Andrea Santangelo
University of Victoria	Suzanne Caskenette
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University of Winnipeg	Rachel Horwat

Letter from Chris Sharpe to NRCan

The following letter was sent by Chris Sharpe to Jean Cooper, John Dawson and Irwin Itzkovitch, all of Natural Resources Canada, on behalf of the CAG, regarding their decision to cease printing paper copies of topographic maps.

25 January, 2006

Jean Cooper, Director General, Mapping Services Branch - Geomatics Canada, Natural Resources Canada
John Dawson, A/Director Centre for Topographic Information Ottawa, Natural Resources Canada
Dr. Irwin J. Itzkovitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector, Natural Resources Canada

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The Canadian Association of Geographers, founded in 1951, currently has more than 1,000 members, most of them university faculty and students. The Association has several principal objectives, among them the fostering of scholarly research in geography, and the improvement of geographical teaching. The role of maps, and geographical data in general, is obviously of critical importance to our mission. For this reason, we have been following with considerable interest the ongoing debate which arose in the aftermath of the decision by NRCAN to cease printing paper copies of topographic maps, and then, in 2007, to close the map warehouse, perhaps necessitating the destruction of the remaining stock of printed maps. I am writing on behalf of the community of Canadian geographers to make you aware of our thoughts and concerns about this decision. There are two main issues: the question of paper versus digital maps, and the quality of the data used in the production of the maps.

Maps have always been at the centre of geographical research and teaching. Both in an analytical, as well as a descriptive sense, they remain one of our most basic tools. Advances in computer cartography over the past several decades have dramatically changed the way maps are produced. However most of the concepts used to produce maps in any form are the same, and the importance of cartographic design in their production, remains as important as ever.

Canada is a large country with a relatively small population, and the inevitable result is that the per capita cost of printed maps is high. However the richness of Canada's endowment of natural resources, the increasing use of remote parts of the country for recreational purposes, and the ever-present need for maps in the classrooms of our schools and universities means that there will always be a need for paper maps. The physical scientists and foresters who go into the field every year need accurate paper maps of the areas they are exploring. Many outdoor recreation enthusiasts commonly rely on traditional paper maps as well. Having to rely on digital maps displayed on small computer screens would be at best, inconvenient and for many user, impossible. Perhaps this is why the government of Australia is (as far as we know) the only one which has stopped producing paper maps.

One of the arguments made in support of the decision is that the traditional method of producing maps was not cost-effective. The CAG recognizes the need for all government institutions to operate as efficiently as possible. We are also aware of the fact that sales of paper maps have declined precipitously over the past decade, perhaps falling by as much as 75 percent while sales of digital maps have increased. This suggests that a review of the way in which maps are produced is timely. The Association would certainly support a re-evaluation of the production and distribution process to determine if there are other ways of producing paper maps of a quality comparable to that which we have come to expect. It could be, for instance, that printing of maps on-demand using software such as the Map Generator currently under development at NRCAN would allow the creation of maps more adapted to needs of various user groups. However, we would not support the transition to such a system in the absence of evidence that the chosen software would be capable of producing affordable, accurate and high quality maps.

The most critical issue for the Canadian geographic community is not necessarily that of the process by which paper maps are produced, but the overall quality of the maps resulting from current production procedures. We recognize that the Government's efforts to reduce the deficit necessarily resulted in budgetary restrictions on all departments and institutions, and that Geomatics Canada had to shoulder its share of the burden. However, we fear that one inevitable consequence has been less data acquisition, and less frequent updates of the data files. The new topographic maps will be an aggregate of different data acquired at different dates, using different technologies. In the absence of competent cartographic design, the overall map may be inconsistent. Will this new topographic map provide less content than the traditional map Canadians are used to? We think that the user community should be involved in decisions regarding any new definition of the content of topographic maps.

The Canadian Association of Geographers urges the government to continue its support of topographic mapping programs in Canada. Specifically, we hope that the Government will increase the funding for the program to a level which will make it possible to improve the updating of the digital maps, ensuring that the maps produced by whatever process is chosen will be of the highest possible quality, and available at a reasonable cost. Being able to produce maps more quickly, on demand, is of little use if they are based on inferior quality data, or if they are unaffordable to private individuals, libraries and educational institutions. Canadians of all sorts have come to rely on Federal topographic maps and we hope that they will be able to continue to do so. Maps are more than a product. They are the way that Canadians can see their country, and they support critical decisions in many fields, thereby contributing to the strength of the Canadian economy. Canadians deserve the best possible maps, and we hope that the Government will make every effort to ensure that they continue to have access to them.

Yours Sincerely,
Christopher Sharpe,
President,
Canadian Association of Geographers

student ZONE d'étudiant

*I welcome other CAG members to contribute opinion pieces at their convenience, especially those of relevance to students. The **student ZONE des étudiants** is a forum where students are encouraged to make submissions or suggestions at any time (in English or French). -Sonia Wesche, CAG Student Councillor, wesc3156@wlu.ca*

Science, the Media & Environmental Management – Session Summary, Science in the Changing North Yellowknife, NWT – April 25-27, 2006

Part of the second annual Science in the Changing North conference in Yellowknife, NWT, focused on the relationship among science, the media and environmental management. The half-day session involved a range of panelists from varying backgrounds. These included: Andrew Nikiforuk (Science Journalist), David Anderson (Former Cabinet Minister in Environment), Dr. Andre Corriveau (Health and Social Sciences – Government of the NWT), Paul Andrew (Aboriginal Broadcasting – CBC Television), Judy McLinton (Environment and Natural Resources – Government of the NWT), and Annette Bourgeois-Bent (Northern Gas Project Secretariat).

Many of the ideas presented provided perspectives on how to make good decisions in light of complex and sometimes contradictory information. Although the discussion focused on the northern context, many of the themes have broader applicability. Some of these ideas are summarized below.

Loss of Faith: Science, Community and Media – Presentation by Andrew Nikiforuk

Nikiforuk categorized the two competing cultures in the north as Boomers and Stickers. Boomers are those generally interested in money as the bottom line, and who are willing to ‘pillage and run’. Stickers, by contrast, are those who are settled and attached to place. They tend to be interested in planning and maintaining the quality of their surroundings over the long term. He argued that Boomers do not feel like they are part of a community, and that reconnecting such people to place is essential for achieving sustainable environmental management.

Over the past decades, shifts in media structure and focus have affected how the science of these two cultures is communicated. Whereas ‘beat’ journalism was more common in the past, current day journalists tend to be roamers with no allegiance to specific communities. Thus Sticker science is easily ignored or discredited, and Boomer science receives the bulk of media attention.

Panel: Role of scientists and the media in informing public understanding and dialogue on environmental issues

Andrew began his response in an Aboriginal language. In response to conference attendee’s questioning looks, he made the point that northern community members often find scientists equally unintelligible. Scientific talk can sound like a foreign language, thus increasing the importance of the media in distilling important information. Scientists can also help to bridge the gap with community members by making efforts to connect with the culture in some way and to speak in terms they understand.

Corriveau agreed that outsiders often miss the boat in presenting to aboriginal audiences as they don’t understand the concepts and terminology. He suggests using storytelling and creative visuals to improve communication, and to seek advice from traditional knowledge holders regarding the best methods for presenting complex information. Such efforts help northerners recognize that scientists may have something important to teach them.

Anderson brought in the political perspective, noting that science is not geared to ‘getting the story out’ as is politics. Following on Nikiforuk’s earlier comments, he noted that the nature of science and that of current day journalism are difficult to reconcile. Scientists are continuously probing and questioning, thus producing ever evolving messages. Journalists are often under tight deadlines to produce columns, leaving them little time to engage deeply with specific issues and to understand the nuances and complexity inherent in a scientific story that develops over time. Furthermore, very few environmental journalists work for long periods in the field. As such, the media has particular difficulty handling the coverage of issues with potentially catastrophic outcomes if they have a low probability of occurrence. The media thrives on conflict, and thus tends to ‘put the idiot and Einstein on the same plane’, representing them as having equal credibility. Nikiforuk believes that scientists have a duty to go out and engage journalists in scientific discussions to avoid such misrepresentations.

Bourgeois-Bent echoed the notion that the media can either inform or misinform the public. A classic case of misinformation occurred with the issue of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in northern country food. The initial message alarmed northerners, and it took a lot of follow-up education for people to understand that the nutritional benefits of eating country food outweighed the potential harm from contaminants. Bourgeois-Bent believes that journalists have a responsibility to understand how their reporting may affect the communities who receive and interpret the information.

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Panel: To what extent does the media and media coverage influence environmental decision-making?

Citing the recent decision to ban smoking in public buildings in the NWT as an example, Corriveau noted the media can help to flag an issue that stimulates debate, eventually leading to a political decision. McLinton agreed, noting that media coverage allows people to track and evaluate the progress of a particular issue.

Andrew described one reason that limits media influence on public policy. Current day journalists tend to interview politicians rather than scientists or other individuals who may be in a better position to shed light on a story. He compared this to the full-time coverage of the Berger Inquiry (regarding the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline project) during the mid 1970s, which allowed northerners in remote communities to follow its progress through Aboriginal language programming. This dedicated coverage helped to inform communities and inspire locals to act in their own best interest. Nikiforuk agreed that the media had much more influence in the past; today it is much more difficult to stimulate public debate.

Panel: Additional Thoughts

Panelists offered the following additional thoughts in response to audience questions:

- In order to enhance the resources dedicated to environmental reporting, it is important for the public to inform media companies what they are doing well and where they need to improve.
- The economic argument must be used to encourage media companies to cover important environmental issues such as climate change. Regardless of whether or not they are reported, such issues will affect the economy, which in turn affects media use and distribution. Major environmental issues like climate change will dominate public discussion for the next two decades, so the media must get on board.
- The science community must learn to more effectively employ public relations strategies to market their products to the public. This may help to bridge the gap between the media and communities.
- When interviewed, scientists must be aware that journalists are often looking for a quote or idea to fill a hole in a story. More media savvy scientists and politicians will understand how their words may be used, and offer information accordingly.

This panel provided a lively and informative discussion on the relationship among science, the media and public awareness about environmental issues. The ideas presented here engaged the broad range of conference attendees, which included representatives from industry, non-governmental organizations, academia, and both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal governments, as well as members of the general public. The conference was

greatly enhanced by the attendance of David Anderson and Andrew Nikiforuk who shared their views candidly while providing essential perspectives from the 'southern' context. For more information on the conference, visit www.scnconference.ca.

Sonia Wesche, PhD Candidate, Geography
Wilfrid Laurier University

A Forum for Graduate Student Discussion

List-serve -the <geog-grad-research@sfu.ca> list-serve has been established for communication among graduate students in geography, this list-serve is a tool for graduate students to interact if they do not want to send messages to the entire CAG list-serve

To subscribe: send an e-mail to <owner-geog-grad-research@sfu.ca> and include "your first name, e-mail address, affiliation" in the message body example: Paul Smith, pauls@address.ca, University of Barbados

CAGLIST-serve

CAGLIST is an electronic mail distribution list intended for members of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG). CAGLIST enables CAG members to forward or post items of interest to the Canadian geography community.

Subscribing to CAGLIST - If you choose to join go to <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist> and complete the form.

* **Note to New Members:** You are NOT automatically entered on the CAGList server when you become a CAG member. If you choose to join go to <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist> and complete the form.

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fardeaux? Les revues et autres documents savants (à la fois courants et d'archive) sont de plus en plus accessibles en ligne, l'interaction « virtuelle » est chose courante et même si vous croyez qu'elle ne saurait remplacer une conversation en personne, les nombreuses occasions de rencontre personnelle avec des collègues qui travaillent dans son propre domaine de recherche soulèvent des questions légitimes. Des choses archaïques comme la version papier d'une revue et une réunion annuelle de généralistes sont-elles véritablement nécessaires, et les budgets des membres du corps professoral peuvent-ils y subvenir? Je crois que oui. J'estime que sans l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'ACG, jamais tout le registre de notre discipline ne pourrait se retrouver en un lieu et profiter de quelques jours de dialogue ainsi que de l'enrichissement réciproque d'idées, et notre discipline en souffrirait grandement.

L'ACG serait vulnérable si elle se contentait de publier une revue et de parrainer une réunion. Mais elle fait plus que cela. Elle nous garantit un siège institutionnel à de nombreuses tables, notamment à la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FCSH), auprès du Conseil géoscientifique du Canada (CGC) et du Comité sur la science, l'ingénierie et la technologie internationales (COSITI). Elle autorise la participation individuelle aux activités des groupes d'étude de l'Union géographique internationale (UGI). Elle nous offre la possibilité de parler à l'unisson aux organismes gouvernementaux. Elle est l'occasion (une occasion dont nous ne profitons pas autant que nous devrions le faire et comme nous le ferons) de promouvoir l'enseignement de la géographie et de renforcer la notion de son importance continue grâce à des initiatives comme la Semaine de la sensibilisation à la géographie et le jour du Système d'information géographique (SIG). Le *Bulletin*, le serveur de listes de Dan Smith et le site Web facilitent la communication entre les membres ainsi qu'entre l'ACG et des géographes ailleurs dans le monde. Tous ces facteurs se conjuguent pour constituer la source la plus facilement accessible permettant d'afficher et de consulter des annonces de postes; c'est le seul cadre central au pays où les départements peuvent présenter leurs activités. Et malgré la portée de plus en plus envahissante d'Internet, nous devons nous rappeler que sans l'ACG, il n'y aurait ni *Le Géographe canadien*, ni serveur de listes ni site Web.

Forts de notre bureau d'une seule pièce au pavillon Burnside et de notre unique secrétaire de rédaction qui trime dur et dont la loyauté est indéfectible, nous ne pouvons pas espérer exercer en matière de politique nationale une influence égale à celle de l'AAG. Mais nous trouvons notre satisfaction dans ce que nous faisons. Souvenez-vous que le fait d'adhérer à l'ACG ou de renouveler votre adhésion ne se résume pas

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now become liabilities? Journals and other scholarly materials (both current and archival) are increasingly available on-line, 'virtual' interaction is commonplace, and even if you believe that it is no substitute for face-to-face conversation, the many opportunities for personal contact with colleagues working in your own area of research raises legitimate questions. Is there any need for, and any room in faculty members' budgets for such antiquated things as a paper journal and a generalist annual meeting? I believe there is. I believe that without the CAG's annual general meeting there would be no single moment when the entire breadth of our discipline can be brought together in one place, allowing a few days of intra-disciplinary dialogue and the cross-fertilization of ideas, and that this would do great harm to our discipline.

The CAG would be vulnerable if all it did was publish a journal and sponsor a meeting. But it does more than that. It guarantees us an institutional seat at many tables, including the SSHFC (Social Science and Humanities Federation of Canada), the CGC (Canadian Geoscience Council) and CISET (Committee on International Science, Engineering and Technology). It allows individual participation in the activities of the IGU study groups. It allows us the option of speaking with one voice to government agencies. It provides the opportunity (one which we do not make as much use of as we should, and will) to promote geographical education and reinforce the fact that geography still matters through such initiatives as Geography Awareness Week and GIS Day. The *Newsletter*, Dan Smith's listserv and the website facilitate communication between members, and between the CAG and geographers elsewhere in the world. They combine to provide the most readily accessible source for the posting and reading of job advertisements and are the country's only centralized place where Departments can strut their stuff. And in spite of the ever-expanding reach of the internet, it is worth remembering that without the CAG there wouldn't be a *Canadian Geographer*, a listserv or a website.

With our one-room office in Burnside Hall and our single hard-working and loyal Executive Secretary we cannot hope to have the influence on national policy that the AAG has. But we can find satisfaction in the things that we can do. Remember that when you join the CAG, or renew your membership, you are doing more than just gaining access to a hard copy of *TCG* and the *Newsletter* and a reduced registration fee for the AGM. You make it possible for the journal and the annual meeting to exist – for you and for all the others who attend, most importantly for the students⁴. For them our annual gatherings, both national and regional, provide the stage for that all-important first presentation, and to makethemselves known to those among us who have the responsibility of staffing our Departments with the new

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à la possibilité d'avoir accès à une copie papier de *Le Géographe canadien* et du *Bulletin* ainsi que de bénéficier de frais d'inscription réduits à l'assemblée générale annuelle. Ce faisant, vous rendez possible l'existence même de la revue ainsi que de l'assemblée générale – pour vous-même et pour tous ceux qui y assistent, et plus particulièrement pour les étudiants⁴. Pour eux, nos rencontres annuelles, à la fois nationales et régionales, constituent le cadre de toute présentation importante et celui leur permettant de se faire connaître de ceux parmi nous qui ont la responsabilité de doter nos départements de nouveaux géographes, ceux qui mèneront l'Association à bonne fin au cours de son second siècle d'existence. Les excursions sur le terrain qui demeurent une partie tellement importante de nos rencontres annuelles continuent d'être l'occasion pour les membres de se rassasier de géographie traditionnelle. Grâce à vous, l'Association peut prendre en charge l'aide aux déplacements accordée aux étudiants ainsi qu'une modeste assistance aux divisions régionales.

Ainsi, si l'ACG n'existait pas, devrions-nous la créer? Je le crois et j'espère que vous en conviendrez.

Lorsque vous lirez ces lignes, mon mandat de président aura pris fin. Mais d'ici là, je souhaite profiter de l'occasion pour souligner tout l'encouragement et l'appui que m'ont accordés les autres membres du Comité exécutif ainsi que ceux d'entre vous qui m'ont écrit au sujet de l'un ou l'autre de mes articles. Parmi toutes les personnes que je dois remercier, la place d'honneur appartient à Valerie Shoffey sans qui j'aurais été désemparé. Aucune association ne peut bénéficier d'une aussi bonne secrétaire de rédaction. Avec elle, tout devient possible.

Alison Gill prendra la relève à la présidence lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle à Thunder Bay le 3 juin, et je serai heureux de collaborer avec elle au cours de l'année suivant l'expiration de mon mandat. J'ai la conviction que, sous sa direction sage et expérimentée, notre association continuera de progresser.

Chris Sharpe, Memorial University
St. John's (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador)

Notes:

1. Camu, Pierre (1950) « The Canadian Association of Geographers: Proceedings of the First Annual Meeting ». *The Canadian Geographer*, n° 1: 4-6.
2. Inexplicitement, la date sur le cartouche de titre du premier numéro est « 1950 » bien que le numéro n'ait pas pu être publié avant 1951, au terme de la première assemblée générale annuelle. Les articles s'intitulaient « Geography in Education » (J.W. Hamilton), « The status of military geography in Canada » (P.C. Uren),

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geographers who will carry the Association through its second half-century. The field excursions that remain such an important part of our annual meetings continue to provide the opportunity for members to indulge in some old-fashioned geography. You also make it possible for the Association to provide travel support to students and a modicum of support to the regional divisions.

So, if there were no CAG, would we have to create it? I think so, and hope you will agree.

By the time you read this my term as President will have expired. But before I sign off, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the encouragement and support I have received from the other members of the executive committee, and from those of you who have written to me about one or more of my columns. Among all those who deserve my thanks, pride of place belongs to Valerie Shoffey, without whom I could not have managed. No Association could be blessed with a better Executive Secretary. She makes it all possible.

Alison Gill will assume the Presidency at the Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay on June 3 and I look forward to working with her during my year as Past President. I know that our Association will continue to thrive under her wise and experienced leadership.

Chris Sharpe, Memorial University
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

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1. Camu, Pierre (1950) "The Canadian Association of Geographers: Proceedings of the First Annual Meeting". *The Canadian Geographer*, no. 1: 4-6.
2. Inexplicitly the date on the masthead of Issue Number 1 is '1950', although it could not have been published until 1951, after the completion of the first annual meeting. The papers were entitled "Geography in Education" (J.W. Hamilton), 'The status of military geography in Canada' (P.C. Uren); 'L'enseignement et la recherche géographiques en France (P. Biays); 'A survey of single country atlases' (N.L. Nicholson); 'Etude comparative des températures des Cantons de l'Est, de Québec et Montréal' (F. Hubert); 'Les fonctions de Chicoutimi et son évolution' (F. Ouellet); and 'Procedure in studying shore erosion' (H.A. Wood).
3. Murphy, Alexander B. (2004) "What if there were no AAG?" *AAG Newsletter*, April.
4. Student membership in the Association is extremely important and it is very encouraging to note that over the period from 2000 to 2006 the mean annual increase in the number of student members was 13.9%, compared with 1.9% for regular members. The overall mean annual increase in membership was 5.1%.

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3. Murphy, Alexander B. (2004) « What if there were no AAG? » *AAG Newsletter*, Avril.
 4. L'adhésion des étudiants à l'Association est extrêmement importante; il est très encourageant de constater que, au cours de la période allant de 2000 à 2006, la croissance annuelle moyenne du nombre de membres chez les étudiants s'établit à 13,9 %, comparativement à 1,9 % chez les membres ordinaires. L'augmentation annuelle moyenne générale du nombre de membres est de 5,1 %.

CAG DIRECTORY

We would like the CAG Directory to contain as complete a listing of all Canadian geographers as possible. So, if yours is a multi-campus university and you are not listed under the departmental listings please contact your closest geography dept and ask if you could be either incorporated into the main listing, or in a separate departmental listing.

If you are an active retiree, whatever your formal designation might be, you may want to consider having your department include you as well.

If you know of geographers in departments or faculties at other locations please encourage them to do the same.

If you are a member of a geography department and your publications and research activities are not listed under your department or your listing is incorrect you must see the person in your department who is responsible for submitting the material. Each department is responsible for the content of the list they submit. The CAG publishes the material as submitted and the department is charged accordingly.

All members, regardless of their affiliation or lack of one, are automatically included in the "Membership List" section at the back of the directory. ONLY if your publications and research activities do not appear because your institution chose not to be listed in the directory and you wish to include them under "Geographers in the Public/Private Sector" then you should follow these instructions...

"GEOGRAPHERS IN THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR" Section of the CAG Directory

The primary listing in the CAG directory identifies people who are in a department of geography as submitted by their department. Recognizing that some members of the association are thus excluded, the executive decided in 1999 that the directory should include an entry under the heading "other geographers" (now called "Geographers in the Public/Private Sector") to identify, and show the recent research activities of members who aren't in a department of geography. If this applies to you, as a CAG 2006 Member, you are invited to submit your personal entry to Kim Falcigno, the Copy Editor of the CAG Directory.

Your document must be formatted according to the style of the CAG Directory and you may list the following:

1. Name and address (preferably official affiliation)
2. Your email address (see Directory for format)
3. List of your current research (see Directory for format). To conserve space, please list up to only three leading projects.
4. Your recent publications (see Directory for format). To conserve space and save cost, please list publications of current year only (2005). However, you may list the publications of the previous year (2004) if you did not have any item to report for the current year.

Deadline for submission: **July 21, 2006**. Please email your entry directly to: kimfalcigno@shaw.ca.

For those of you who didn't attend the AGM in



Thunder Bay you missed meeting Kim Falcigno, copy editor of the CAG directory. Kim works at the University and took time off to volunteer at the AGM. Our thanks to her and all the other volunteers. We would also like to thank her for her continued patience and effort in getting the directory out every year. She can be reached at kimfalcigno@shaw.ca

Kim Falcigno, Copy Editor of the CAG Directory

Copies of the CAG 2006 Annual Reports are posted on our website. /Des copies électroniques des rapports annuels 2006 sont maintenant disponibles au siteweb.

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Notre rang ISI a glissé l'an dernier. En 2003, l'Institute for Scientific Information nous a classés 21 sur 35 revues de géographie, mais nous nous sommes repliés à la 29^e position en 2004. Ce classement est fonction du nombre de fois que les articles publiés en 2002 et 2003 ont été cités en 2004. Cette donnée est même plus faible que le rang que nous avons en 2002 (27^e). Roger Hayter et moi-même discutons des répercussions de cette situation, et peut-être également des remèdes possibles, avec le personnel toujours si empressé de chez Blackwell Publishing. Ces gens nous ont beaucoup rassurés et nous ont rappelé que les classements ISI ne constituent qu'un instrument de mesure et que, à l'ère des communications électroniques, ce n'est peut-être pas le plus utile. L'ancien index bien connu, établi grâce à des citations (c.-à-d. les votes des auteurs) doit être pris en compte avec des facteurs comme la réputation générale, la diffusion totale et, ce qui est sans doute le plus important, le nombre de fois que les articles sont téléchargés (c.-à-d. les votes des lecteurs). Dans toutes ces catégories, Le Géographe canadien continue d'exceller et de s'améliorer.

Affiches du département

Ceux d'entre vous qui ont assisté à la réunion de l'an dernier à l'Université de Western Ontario se souviendront du concours d'affiches des départements. Vingt départements se sont inscrits au concours, et la présentation de l'Université de Waterloo a gagné. On peut consulter les affiches sur le site Web de l'Association canadienne des géographes, sous le menu Éducation (cliquer sur « Dpts géographie ») ou aller directement à : <www.cag-acg.ca/fr/departement_geographie.html>. Tous mes remerciements à Michael Troughton, Cheryl Woods et Dale Smith pour avoir eu cette idée originale et pour l'avoir exécutée.

Il n'est pas trop tard pour faire ajouter votre affiche à la collection en direct. Pour obtenir des renseignements sur la façon de procéder, nous vous invitons à communiquer avec Valerie Shoffey au bureau national.

Interventions

La décision de Ressources naturelles Canada (RNC) de ne plus imprimer et entreposer les cartes topographiques a suscité bon nombre de réactions défavorables au sein de groupes d'utilisateurs. J'ai cru qu'il était important que nous nous expliquions officiellement au sujet de cette question vitale. Au terme de longues consultations avec un certain nombre de collègues, les membres du Comité exécutif et les géographes au service de RNC, j'ai rédigé une lettre au nom de l'Association. Sa teneur principale était que l'Association canadienne des géographes souhaitait la poursuite du programme des cartes topographiques afin de toucher de l'État des fonds suffisants pour soutenir son enviable réputation de qualité. Par ailleurs, j'ai fait valoir que tout changement en faveur d'un nouveau système de

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and, most importantly perhaps, the number of times articles are downloaded (i.e. votes by readers). In all of these categories TCG continues to excel and improve.

Departmental Posters

Those of you who attended last year's meeting at the University of Western Ontario will remember the departmental poster competition. Twenty departments entered the competition, and the submission from the University of Waterloo was declared the winner. The posters can be accessed through the CAG website under the education menu (click on 'departments'), or directly at: <www.cag-acg.ca/en/departement_geographie.html>. Many thanks to Michael Troughton Cheryl Woods and Dale Smith for having the idea in the first place, and carrying it through.

It is not too late to have your poster added to the on-line collection. Contact Valerie Shoffey at the National Office for information on how to proceed.

Interventions

The decision by Natural Resources Canada to cease the printing and storing of topographic maps has generated a lot of negative reaction among user groups. I thought it important that we be on record on this important issue. After extensive consultation with a number of colleagues, members of the Executive Committee and geographers working for NRC, I wrote a letter on behalf of the Association. Its main message was that the CAG wanted to see the topographic mapping programme continue to receive government support sufficient to maintain its enviable record of quality. Secondly I argued that any move to a new production system must not result in maps becoming more expensive or less accessible than in the past.

In October the Chair of the Federation of Social Sciences and Humanities Subcommittee on Research Ethics and Scholarly Integrity sent out a survey, asking for responses from the member organizations. While the Federation represents the interests of 68 scholarly associations, the CAG was one of only 19 which responded. I submitted a response which relied heavily on submissions from a number of Association members, most notably Doug Ramsey of Brandon. He sent me a carefully considered, well-articulated response which I unabashedly incorporated almost *verbatim* in the Association's response. The Federation's draft report is seven pages long - and half of one of those pages contains a summary of the CAG's response to the question "Does your Association have any concerns about ethical review of research in Canada". The quoted material all came from Doug's submission, and I want to take this opportunity to thank him, personally and on behalf of all members, for his invaluable contribution. After Andre Roy represented us so eloquently and forcefully at the Federation's 2004 colloquium on the proposed transformation of SSHRC into a Knowledge Agency, the

production ne doit pas faire en sorte que les cartes coûtent plus cher ou deviennent moins accessibles que par le passé.

En octobre, le président du sous-comité sur l'éthique de la recherche et l'intégrité des scientifiques de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines a distribué un questionnaire d'enquête et a demandé aux organismes membres d'y répondre. Bien que la Fédération représente les intérêts de 68 associations savantes, l'Association canadienne des géographes a été un des rares 19 organismes y répondre. J'ai présenté une réponse qui s'inspirait fortement des présentations d'un certain nombre de membres de l'Association, en particulier de celle de Doug Ramsey de Brandon. Il m'a fait parvenir une réponse soigneusement motivée et bien formulée que j'ai intégrée, sans réserve aucune, presque mot à mot à la réponse de l'Association. L'ébauche du rapport de la Fédération compte sept pages – et la moitié d'une de ces pages contient un résumé de la réponse de l'Association canadienne des géographes à la question « Votre association est-elle préoccupée par l'évaluation éthique de la recherche au Canada? ». La totalité du passage cité provient de la présentation de Doug Ramsey, et je profite de l'occasion pour le remercier, personnellement et au nom de tous les membres, de sa très précieuse contribution. André Roy nous ayant représentés avec une telle éloquence et compétence lors du colloque de 2004 de la Fédération sur le projet de transformation du Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines (CRSH) en organisme savant, la présentation de l'Association canadienne des géographes figurait en bonne place dans le rapport. L'expérience s'est répétée, et cela nous fait honneur, mais rien de cela ne serait arrivé sans la contribution de Doug Ramsey.

Le serveur de liste de l'Association canadienne des géographes (CAGList)

Notre serveur de liste est accessible à tous bien qu'elle ait d'abord été conçue et annoncée comme étant réservée aux membres. Au cours de la présente année, on a suggéré, comme si on lançait un ballon d'essai, que dorénavant l'accès devrait être réservé aux membres. Cette suggestion a suscité une réaction intéressante et réconfortante, mais de courte durée. L'idée selon laquelle l'accès à la liste devrait constituer uniquement un avantage accessoire pour les membres n'a recueilli aucun appui. Nous avons recueilli l'opinion de géographes de l'Inde, d'Italie, du Qatar, du Royaume-Uni, des Bahamas, des États-Unis ainsi que du Canada. Toutes les réponses, celles des membres comme celles des non-membres, indiquaient que le serveur de liste était une fenêtre précieuse et appréciée sur les activités de l'Association et que ce serait aller à l'encontre du but recherché que d'en modifier l'accessibilité actuelle. Enchantés (et un peu étonnés!) de découvrir la grande popularité du serveur de liste, nous avons décidé que le mieux était l'ennemi du bien.

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CAG's submission was featured prominently in the resulting report. The same thing has happened again, much to our credit, but it could not have happened without Doug's contribution.

CAGList

Our listserver has always been an open list, despite the fact that it was originally conceived of, and advertised as available only to members. During the course of the year it was suggested, as a kind of trial balloon, that access in the future should be restricted to members. The short-lived reaction to this suggestion was both interesting and gratifying. There was *no* support for the idea that access to the list should become solely a membership perk. We heard from geographers in India, Italy, Qatar, the UK, the Bahamas, the United States as well as Canada. All of the responses, from members and non-members alike, indicated that the listserver was a valuable and valued window on the activities of the CAG, and that it would be counterproductive to change its current open status. Delighted (and a bit surprised!) to discover how popular it was, we decided to leave well enough alone.

Outreach

One of the highlights of last year's very successful meeting at UWO was the 7-session colloquium on "Projecting Geography in the Public Domain in Canada" sponsored by the RCGS, the CCGE and the Education Study Group. So far the momentum generated by these well-attended sessions has not been successfully translated into further action, but I hope to be able to give this task the attention it needs in the coming year after I've turned into a Past Presidential pumpkin. My biggest regret is that I was not able to accomplish more with what should have been a significant part of my mandate. Our absence from stages on which we should be principal players was brought home to me when I was asked by a couple of members what the CAG was doing to support Geography Awareness Week and GIS Day. The answer, of course, was 'nothing'. This is not to say that individual members and departments are not involved in these initiatives, because I know that some are. But where was the Association? My goal is to see the CAG taking a prominent role in the sponsoring of both GAW and GISDay 2006. The primary sponsor of GISDay (which is held in the middle of Awareness Week) is ESRI, but there are others: the AAG, the University Consortium of GISciences, the Library of Congress, the United States Geological Survey, Sun Microsystems and Hewlett Packard. The CAG needs to be there as well, and with the assistance of a number of members who have already volunteered their services in this cause, we *will* be in the near future.

Changes in the Executive

Pamela White and Greg Halseth will be leaving the Executive Committee this year at the expiration of

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Sensibilisation

Un des faits saillants de la réunion très réussie de l'an dernier à l'Université de Western Ontario a été le colloque de sept séances sur « Projeter la géographie dans le domaine public au Canada » parrainé par la Société géographique royale du Canada (SGRC), le Conseil canadien de l'enseignement de la géographie (CCEG) et le Groupe d'étude sur l'éducation géographique. À ce jour, l'élan suscité par ces séances très fréquentées n'a pas réussi à se maintenir, mais j'espère pouvoir accorder à cette tâche l'attention nécessaire l'an prochain lorsque je serai devenu un ex-président. Mon plus grand regret est de ne pas avoir pu produire plus, compte tenu de ce qui aurait dû être une partie importante de mon mandat. Notre absence de certaines scènes sur lesquelles nous devrions être les principaux acteurs m'a été rappelée lorsque deux membres m'ont demandé ce que l'Association faisait pour appuyer la Semaine de la sensibilisation à la géographie et la Journée annuelle du SIG. Évidemment, la réponse a été « rien ». Cela ne signifie pas que, à titre individuel, les membres et les départements ne participent pas à de telles initiatives; je sais que certains le font. Mais où donc était l'Association? Mon but est de faire en sorte que l'Association canadienne des géographes joue un rôle de premier plan dans le parrainage de la Semaine de la sensibilisation à la géographie et de la journée du SIG en 2006. Le principal parrain de la Journée du SIG (qui a lieu au milieu de la Semaine de la sensibilisation à la géographie) est Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. (ESRI), mais il y en a d'autres : l'Association of American Geographers (AAG), le University Consortium of GISciences, la Library of Congress, le United States Geological Survey, Sun Microsystems et Hewlett Packard. L'Association doit y figurer également et, avec l'aide d'un certain nombre de membres qui ont déjà offert leurs services à l'appui de cette cause, nous y serons dans un proche avenir.

Changement au Comité exécutif

Pamela White et Greg Halseth quitteront le Comité exécutif cette année au terme de leur mandat de conseiller. Je regretterai leur départ. Tous deux ont été des sources fiables de conseils et de soutien au cours des deux dernières années. Il va sans dire que, comme toujours, le Comité des mises en candidature a trouvé d'excellents successeurs : Maureen Reed (Saskatchewan) et Ian MacLachlan (Lethbridge).

Nous assisterons à un autre changement important cette année lorsque Alison Gill (Simon Fraser) deviendra notre présidente au cours de l'assemblée générale annuelle le 2 juin prochain. *Ad Mare Usque Ad Mare*. L'Association sera entre bonnes mains avec Alison Gill à la barre. Mes meilleurs vœux l'accompagnent, et j'espère qu'elle pourra accomplir plus au cours de son mandat que ce que j'ai pu faire à l'occasion du mien. Il est étonnant de constater avec quelle rapidité ce qui semblait

Annual Report of the President continued from page 17... their terms as Councillor. I will be sorry to see them go. Both have been reliable sources of advice and support over the past two years. As always, of course, the nominating committee has found excellent replacements: Maureen Reed (Saskatchewan) and Ian MacLachlan (Lethbridge).

There will be another significant change this year as Alison Gill (Simon Fraser) will become our President at the AGM on June 2. *Ad Mare Usque Ad Mare*. The Association will be in good hands once she takes the helm. I wish her well, and hope that she is able to accomplish more during her mandate than I have during mine. It is amazing how quickly what initially seems like a very long time disappears – usually with very little to show for it. I want to thank André Roy for handing on to me an Association in such good shape. I also want to express my gratitude to all the other members of the Executive who have worked with me since the meeting in Moncton to keep the Association active and healthy. And to Valerie Shoffey – the administrative heart and institutional memory of our Association - thanks for everything. Long may you reign.

I joined the CAG in 1969, during my Honours year at Carleton. Never, in the years that followed did I ever think that I would one day become President. Nor, I'm sure, did any of my professors or colleagues! Even now, almost at the end of a two-year my term of office, it still seems unbelievable that I was given the opportunity of serving my national Association in this way. I want to thank Audrey Kobayashi and the members of her nominating committee for having the confidence to think that I could do the job. I hope I haven't betrayed your trust.

**Second International Joint Workshop on
Ubiquitous, Pervasive and Internet Mapping
(UPIMap2006)**

Seoul, Korea,

October 23 - 25, 2006

<http://www.ubimap.net/upimap2006/>

Call for Participation

The ICA Commissions on Ubiquitous Mapping and Maps and the Internet announce a workshop in Seoul at the end of October 2006. The workshop is sponsored by the Commission on Ubiquitous Mapping, the Commission on Maps and the Internet, the University of Seoul, the Center for Spatial Information Science (CSIS) of the University of Tokyo.

Important Dates

June 20, 2006 - Abstracts Due (300-600 words)

July 10, 2006 - Notification of Acceptance

August 31, 2006 - Working Papers due for Paper Sessions

au départ comme une très longue période disparaît – habituellement sans grands résultats. Je tiens à remercier André Roy de m'avoir légué l'Association en si bon état. Je souhaite également exprimer ma gratitude envers tous les autres membres du Comité exécutif qui ont collaboré avec moi depuis la réunion à Moncton pour que l'Association demeure dynamique et saine. Et à Valerie Shoffey – le cœur de l'administration et la mémoire de l'institution qu'est notre Association – merci pour tout. Puissiez-vous régner longtemps.

J'ai adhéré à l'Association canadienne des géographes en 1969, au cours de mon année de spécialisation à Carleton. Au cours des années qui ont suivi, jamais je n'ai pensé que j'accéderais un jour à la présidence. Et, j'en suis certain, mes professeurs et mes collègues non plus! Même aujourd'hui, presque au terme d'un mandat de deux ans, il semble toujours incroyable qu'on m'ait donné l'occasion de servir ainsi mon Association au palier national. Je remercie Audrey Kobayashi et les membres de son comité de mise en candidature d'avoir eu la confiance de croire que je pouvais exercer cette fonction. J'espère ne pas avoir trahi votre confiance.

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE NEWS

BARRY WELLAR

- "Local geographer receives award for his contributions" by Steve Fouchard, The News, Ottawa, April 20, 2006, page 1 and page 3.

- 100 Years of Architecture - Buying a lifestyle, by Daniel Drolet, Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, May 13, 2006, pages I1-i2

- Dangerous middle ground: "Does the City of Ottawa want me dead or just maimed?" by Tom Spears Ottawa Citizen, May 13, 2006, page J-6

- Suburbs in Overdrive - The history of single-family housing in Ottawa is all about the car, roads, buying power and very high expectations. By Daniel Drolet. Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, May 6, 2006, pages I1, i2&i3

- Tories could get on board rail loop plan, Cannon says Linking downtown Ottawa, Gatineau can 'transform' capital. By Mohammed Adam, the Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, May 27, 2006. Pages A1 and A6.

- Ottawa's rail renaissance generates electric debate. By Mohammed Adam, The Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, May 27, 2006. Pages E1, E4, and E5.

- Bus transmitters are not new. The News, Ottawa West Edition, June 1, 2006, Page 7

- Blurry Vision. There's a gap between 20/20 - the on-paper plan for the city's future and the day-to-day reality. Has Smart Growth been dumbed down?

By Fateema Sayani, Ottawa Magazine, June/July 2006. Vol. 9 No.2. Page 25-31.

The CAG Welcomes New Members

Ellena Andoniou
D. Odwa Atari
Jennifer Barbier
Soheil Boroushaki
Patrick Brophy
Christopher Caldwell
Dawna Cerney
David Couroux
Melvin Dahl
Heather Dunning
David Findlay
Jadah Folliott
Kathryn Furlong
Mary Beth Gouthro
Arun Govind
Craig Hougen
Dieter Franz Kogler
Nadine Laplante
Teresa Lindest
Tom Lusic
Ben Mario
Patricia Martin
Menzie Mceachern
Taylor Nicholls
Mylene Riva
Yann Roche
Daniel Scott
Melissa Slater
Terah Sportel
Jennifer Rose Suchy
John Taranu
Cristina Temenos
Susan Witherly
Feihuang Xiong
Kun Zhang

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. 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

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

Job Opportunities in Geography

“Job Opportunities in Geography” must be submitted to the editor at cag@geog.mcgill.ca (**no formatting**) according to the deadlines listed on the back page of this newsletter. Inclusion is subject to availability of space.

There is no charge to universities for these services.

CAGLIST Job Postings Webpage

To list your job on the webpage of the ***“CAGLIST Job Postings”*** you must send your copy directly to Dan Smith at smith@uvic.ca.

*** NEW**

***ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY**

Applications are invited for a full-time AUFA tenure-track appointment in physical geography at the Assistant Professor Level.

Athabasca University is Canada's premier distance education and open university. Teaching duties will involve the delivery and development of distance education courses in physical geography, remote sensing, and their application to environmental science. Development of new courses at Athabasca University involves working in a team environment. The position comes with an expectation of continued research activity and other scholarly engagements.

The successful candidate must have a PhD in physical geography at the time of appointment and have experience in teaching at the university level. While the area of specialization within physical geography is open, the ideal candidate should have some background in earth science. Familiarity with GIS, particularly with respect to environmental science application, is required.

Please refer to the full job profile on our Web site at: www.athabascau.ca/jobprofiles

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience, supplemented by a generous benefits package. Start date is September 1, 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further information about this position may be obtained from Dr. Burton Voorhees at burt@athabascau.ca

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

Applicants should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, contact information for three possible referees (address, phone numbers and e-mail) and copies of no more than three reprints of representative

publications by June 30, 2006, quoting competition #AU-APPG-0529. Applications should be e-mailed to the Human Resources Advisor, Human Resources at resume@athabascau.ca.

Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally underrepresented in universities. The University is committed to employment equity, and encourages applications from women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

***AUGUSTANA FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**

Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta, invites applications for a sessional teaching position in Environmental Studies and Geography for the term January 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

This position involves responsibility for the teaching of:

Environmental Studies/Geography 120,
Human Activities & Natural Environment (lecture 3 hours per week).

Geography 231, Climatology (lecture 3 hours per week plus two lab sections each meeting 3 hours per week).

Augustana Faculty is looking for one person to teach both courses or we would consider splitting them up and hiring one person per course.

Augustana Faculty, located in Camrose, 90 km southeast of Edmonton, is committed to building on its reputation for rigorous, high-quality teaching in the tradition of the liberal arts and sciences, and, in doing so, providing a distinctive undergraduate experience for students within one of Canada's leading universities. Augustana encourages applications from individuals who will share that commitment to teaching in a collegial, small-campus setting. Successful candidates will be expected to hold a minimum of a Master's degree and to have recent experience in university teaching at the undergraduate level.

Applications, including curriculum vitae, degree transcripts, evidence of successful teaching, as well as names and full contact information of at least three references, should be submitted as soon as possible to: Dr. Neil Haave, Chair, Department of Science, Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta, 4901 46 Avenue, Camrose, AB T4V 2R3
Phone: (780) 679-1506, Fax: (780) 679-1590
e-mail: nhaave@ualberta.ca.

Applications will be reviewed in an ongoing process until the position is filled.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. If suitable Canadian citizens or permanent residents cannot be found, other individuals will be considered.

The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.

*** LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at a rank commensurate with experience and qualifications to commence August 1, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applicants for this position must demonstrate a substantial academic record in the broad field of outdoor recreation, with a specialization in outdoor leadership, a strong record of teaching, research and administration and a completed Ph.D. In addition, applicants should have demonstrated experience in supervising graduate students, in attracting research funding and in curriculum development.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to assume a leadership role in the Honours Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation program and will play a major role in its revision.

Further information about programs, faculty members and staff in the School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism is available at outdoorrec.lakeheadu.ca or can be obtained by contacting the Director of the School, Dr. Bob Payne (807-343-8758).

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, re-prints and pre-prints of publications and the names and addresses of three referees to: Dr. Laurie Hayes
Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5E1

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Lakehead University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified applicants, including women, individuals within visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, and persons with disabilities.

A completed Confirmation of Immigration/Citizenship Status must accompany each application. This form is available on the Lakehead University website at <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~humanres/forms.html>. Review of applications will begin on July 15, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

***UNIVERSITÉ DE MONCTON**

Information générale : Il s'agit d'un poste régulier menant à la permanence d'emploi, à combler au rang d'adjoint ou d'adjointe à compter du 1er janvier 2007. Ce poste est rattaché au Département d'histoire et de géographie de la Faculté des arts et des sciences sociales.

Fonctions : Dans le cadre des fonctions universitaires d'enseignement, de recherche et de services à la collectivité, la personne qui occupera ce poste sera une ou un géographe spécialiste en aménagement du territoire ou en développement régional appliqué au contexte nord-américain, particulièrement en milieu maritime. Dans un milieu où le travail d'équipe est essentiel, la personne retenue devra assurer les fonctions d'enseignement et d'encadrement rattachées aux programmes de premier cycle en géographie, incluant la direction de mémoires de baccalauréat. La charge de travail comprend également la participation de la candidate ou du candidat à la contribution au Département dans le programme de maîtrise en études de l'environnement.

Formation : Vous possédez un diplôme de premier cycle en géographie et un doctorat en géographie (ou dans une discipline connexe). Vous maîtrisez également les méthodes quantitatives, les systèmes d'information géographique (S.I.G.) et les méthodes de recherche contemporaines, ainsi qu'une expérience en enseignement universitaire. Vous avez à votre actif un dossier de réalisations en recherche dans ce champ d'expertise. Une capacité à obtenir du financement externe de recherche et une possibilité de collaboration ou d'intégration aux équipes de chercheuses et chercheurs de l'Université de Moncton (Chaire d'études K.-C.-Irving en développement durable, Institut de recherche sur les zones côtières, Institut canadien de recherche en politiques et administration publique, etc.) sont souhaitables. La maîtrise de la langue française, tant à l'oral qu'à l'écrit, est essentielle.

Entrée en fonction et traitement : Le 1er janvier 2007. Le traitement annuel est établi selon la formation et l'expérience. Les critères servant à établir le rang professoral et le traitement annuel sont régis par la convention collective.

Fermeture du concours : Le 4 septembre 2006. Les personnes intéressées à postuler sont priées de faire parvenir un dossier complet incluant un curriculum vitae détaillé, une copie des relevés des études universitaires et des diplômes obtenus, un texte décrivant les projets de recherche actuels et futurs et, aux fins de référence, trois lettres de recommandations

confidentielles qui doivent être envoyées directement.

Faire parvenir le tout à :

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***RYERSON UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Civil Engineering invites applications for a 12-month limited-term appointment at the Assistant Professor level, commencing August 1, 2006, subject to budgetary approval. It may be possible to renew this limited-term appointment for another 12 months, also subject to budgetary approval. The position involves teaching courses in the areas of Data Modelling, Estimation and Analysis, and supervising fourth-year degree project students.

The applicant is required to have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Geodesy and Satellite Positioning; Photogrammetry and Digital Mapping; or Spatial Information Management Systems. In general, the successful applicant will be able to demonstrate a willingness to develop challenging and innovative approaches to teaching, as well as an ability to work closely with colleagues and students. Candidates should be experienced in field research. A willingness to include field instruction in courses is regarded as important. Applicants should have a PhD, or be near completion, and have undergraduate teaching experience.

The undergraduate curriculum of the Department of Civil Engineering emphasizes small group teaching and fieldwork. Department faculty members are also involved in graduate teaching through several interdisciplinary graduate programs. Additional information on the Department and the University can be obtained at <http://www.civil.ryerson.ca/>

The salary offered will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications, including a letter of application, a curriculum vitae and the names (with contact information) of three possible referees, should be received by June 5, 2006, by:

Professor Dr. Said Easa, Interim Chair,
Department of Civil Engineering, Ryerson University,
350 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2K3.
Tel: 416-979-5000, ext. 6451. Fax: 416-979-5122.

E-mail: saideasa@ryerson.ca
Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Ryerson University has an employment equity program and encourages applications from all qualified

individuals, including Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women. Members of designated groups are encouraged to self-identify. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

***SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography at Saint Mary's University invites applications for an entry-level tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor, in the area of Cultural and/or Historical Geography to be effective July 1, 2007. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. in Geography or be nearing completion of the degree at time of application, and have a record of teaching effectiveness at the undergraduate level. As a member of a dynamic and diverse community of scholars, the successful candidate should demonstrate considerable promise in contributing to the Department through teaching, research and scholarly publication.

Course responsibilities at the undergraduate level will include: introductory human geography, cultural ecology, geographical theory, and other courses in the discipline of cultural and/or historical geography. The following attributes would be considered desirable assets: a research focus on a geographical region, and interest in contributing to curriculum development at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Saint Mary's University is uniquely committed to serving the local, regional, national, and international communities, and integrating such activity as part of the learning environment for undergraduate and graduate students. The Faculty of Arts is particularly interested in scholars with creative approaches to undergraduate education who can also contribute to its interdisciplinary and graduate programs.

Information about the University, Faculty of Arts and Department of Geography may be found at www.smu.ca and www.arts.smu.ca/geography.

Letters of application accompanied by an up-to-date curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, research samples/reprints, and the names and contact information for three references should be sent to:

Dr. Philip Giles, Chair, Department of Geography
Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3C3

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in the first instance to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Saint Mary's University encourages applications from all qualified people, including women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, and individuals with disabilities. Applications sent by e-mail will not be considered. For further information,
e-mail anne.baker@smu.ca,
fax 902-496-8213, tel:902-420-5737.

Deadline for applications is November 1, 2006.

*** TRENT UNIVERSITY**

Trent University invites applications to the Department of Geography from potential nominees for the 2006-07 NSERC University Faculty Award (UFA) competition.

Applications from individuals whose research and teaching interests complement the Geography Department's existing strengths in climatology, geomorphology, glaciology and hydrology are particularly welcome, although outstanding candidates in any area of Physical Geography are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will have an opportunity to strengthen the Geography Department's contribution to graduate studies at Trent through participation in the Applications of Modelling in the Natural and Social Sciences' MSc program or through the Watershed Ecosystems' MSc and PhD programs. The department offers a broad range of research opportunities in Physical Geography, including a research wind tunnel and extensive equipment for field-based research in hydrology and microclimatology. Trent is also home to the world-class Water Quality Centre, containing an extensive array of analytical facilities for water quality research. Further information is available through the university web page (www.trentu.ca).

Candidates must either currently hold a Ph.D. degree in Geography or a related field, or expect to have completed their degree requirements by the date of appointment (July 2007). Relevant post-doctoral experience would be an asset. The UFA program is designed to increase the representation of women and Aboriginal peoples in the sciences; accordingly, the competition is limited to women and Aboriginal peoples who have not previously held a tenure track appointment at a Canadian university. Further information on the NSERC University Faculty Award program is available from NSERC or at its website (http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=c7).

Completed applications will consist of a curriculum vitae and statements of the applicant's teaching philosophy and research interests. Applicants should also arrange for letters from three referees to be sent directly. Two of the referees are preferred to be individuals who can comment on applicant's doctoral and post-doctoral research; at least one referee should be in a position to address the applicant's teaching ability and promise.

Enquiries should be directed to: Cheryl McKenna Neuman (cmckneuman@trentu.ca, 705-748-1011 ext 1307). Send applications to:
Cheryl McKenna Neuman, Chair
Department of Geography, Trent University,
1600 West Bank Dr., Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7B8
by July 14, 2006.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority. Trent University is an employment equity employer, and especially invites applications from women, Aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, and persons with disabilities.

***CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

Central Washington University seeks FT, 12-month program director to manage the Rural Geospatial Innovations (RGIS) Geographic Information Systems Project, beginning September 2006. Responsibilities will include the development and completion of annual grant objectives that foster collaborative relationships with appropriate academic and other agencies, and enhance agency and governmental support for RGIS.

The candidate will also help direct the operations of the Center for Spatial Information, by providing leadership, planning, and implementation of the Center's mission and programs, including the development of other grant opportunities and collaborations with Center staff and CWU faculty, as well as will have opportunities to supervise and lecture undergraduate and graduate students.

The anticipated outcomes of the position include technology transfer to and education of appropriate rural agencies and communities in the Pacific Northwest, and nationally through journal publications, bulletins, RGIS website development, conference presentations and workshops. Ph.D. in Biology, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology or other related discipline. Duties include the developing and meeting annual grant objectives, help direct Center for Spatial Information (<http://www.cwu.edu/~csi/>), technology transfer. 509-963-1202 or <http://www.cwu.edu/~hr> for details. Screen 6/12/06. EEO/AA/Title IX.

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