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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

La promotion et la défense d'intérêts et l'ACG

Une étude de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FCSH) parue en 2005 et intitulée *Renouvellement des associations savantes : des réseaux de savoir pour la prochaine génération* (www.fedcan.ca) préconise que « l'un des principaux rôles d'une association savante et du réseau qu'elle forme est celui de promotion et de défense des intérêts » (page 31). La définition suivante de la promotion et de la défense d'intérêts dans le contexte d'organismes sans but lucratif présente un cadre approprié permettant d'examiner le rôle de l'ACG dans de telles activités :

La promotion et la défense d'intérêts signifie défendre une autre personne, plaider en sa faveur ou lutter pour une cause. Le substantif anglais *advocacy* a pour origine le verbe latin *advocare*, qui signifie « venir à l'aide de quelqu'un. » La promotion et la défense d'intérêts est une importante fonction de la plupart des organismes sans but lucratif. Cette fonction décrit une vaste étendue d'expressions, de gestes et d'activités par lesquels on cherche à influencer sur les résultats qui affectent directement la vie des personnes que l'organisme a pour mission de servir. Tous les organismes sans but lucratif se consacrent à la promotion et à la défense d'intérêts à des degrés divers. Pour certains, la promotion et la défense d'intérêts sont au cœur même de leur travail, tandis que d'autres organismes peuvent invoquer la promotion et la défense d'intérêts pour intervenir dans le cadre d'enjeux liés à leur mission. Il ne faut pas confondre *promotion et défense d'intérêts* et *lobbying*. Le lobbying comporte des efforts pour influencer sur la législation au niveau local, au niveau de l'État ou au niveau fédéral. Le

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Advocacy and the CAG

A 2005 study by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) entitled *Renewing Scholarly Associations: Knowledge Networks for the Next Generation* (www.fedcan.ca) proclaims that "one of the primary functions of the scholarly association and the network it forms is advocacy" (p.27). The following definition of advocacy in the context of nonprofit organizations presents an appropriate frame in which to consider the CAG's role in such endeavors.

Advocacy means to speak up, to plead the case of another, or to fight for a cause. Derived from the Latin word *advocare*, which means "coming to the aid of someone," advocacy is an important function of most nonprofit organizations. It describes a wide range of expressions, actions and activities

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lobbying comprend toujours la promotion et la défense d'intérêts, bien que ces dernières ne tiennent pas toujours au lobbying.
(www.marketwriter.net/advocacy.htm)
[Traduction libre].

Une bonne part des activités de l'ACG s'inscrit davantage dans le domaine du lobbying dans la mesure où l'Association tente d'influer sur des décisions gouvernementales qui, estimons-nous, se répercutent de façon négative sur notre profession. Toutefois, une des premières tâches dont j'ai dû m'acquitter après ma nomination comme président de l'ACG a été de réfléchir à une réponse aux demandes d'un certain nombre de membres qui m'invitaient à rédiger, au nom de l'Association, une lettre d'appui à Ghazi Falah. Nombre d'entre vous auront pris connaissance de comptes rendus dans les journaux, au cours de juillet concernant l'arrestation de M. Falah en Israël à la suite d'accusations d'espionnage. M. Falah est un géographe canadien-israélien qui travaille actuellement à l'Université d'Akron et qui a œuvré à l'Université de Toronto pendant plusieurs années; un certain nombre de géographes canadiens le connaissent. Il faisait régulièrement des exposés lors des réunions de l'ACG et, selon les lettres que j'ai reçues, c'est un universitaire tenu en haute estime qui mène des recherches sur la géographie du monde islamique. Il a été arrêté tandis qu'il prenait des photographies au cours d'un séjour en Israël pour rendre visite à sa mère malade. Il a été détenu pendant plus de trois semaines avant d'être finalement libéré sans qu'aucune accusation n'ait été portée contre lui.

Dans les milieux de la géographie des États-Unis et du Canada, de nombreuses personnes ont participé à une campagne de rédaction de lettres afin de sensibiliser les gouvernements des États-Unis et du Canada à la situation déplorable qui lui était faite et que bien des personnes estimaient constituer une violation des droits de la personne. Cette situation m'a amené à réfléchir au rôle de l'Association dans la participation à une telle défense d'intérêts. Il est clair que la situation comportait une dimension politique, mais il y avait également des préoccupations d'ordre éthique relativement à la détention de M. Falah.

Ce n'était pas la première fois que le Comité exécutif de l'ACG devait décider s'il allait prendre position à l'occasion d'un enjeu politique et moral. En 2004, plusieurs membres de l'ACG et du Conseil ont suggéré à l'ACG de prendre position sur la guerre en Iraq et de rédiger une proposition à l'encontre de la guerre et préconisant d'appuyer l'intégrité des Nations Unies et le droit international en faveur d'une interdiction universelle des armes de destruction massive. Il a alors été décidé, et

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that seek to influence outcomes directly affecting the lives of the people served by the organization. All nonprofits advocate to varying degrees. For some, advocacy is the focus of their work, while other organizations may use advocacy to respond to issues pertaining to their mission. *Advocacy* should not be confused with *lobbying*. Lobbying, involves attempts to influence legislation at the local, state or federal level. Lobbying always involves advocacy, though advocacy does not always involve lobbying.
(www.marketwriter.net/advocacy.htm).

Much of what the CAG engages in falls more within the domain of lobbying as we seek to influence government decisions that we think adversely affect our profession. However, one of the first tasks facing me after my appointment as President of the CAG was to consider a response to requests from a number of members asking me to write a letter of support - on behalf of the Association - for Ghazi Falah. Many of you will have seen reports in the media during July concerning his arrest in Israel on charges of spying. Ghazi is a Canadian-Israeli geographer currently working at the University of Akron, who for several years was at the University of Toronto and is known to a number of Canadian geographers. He was a regular presenter at CAG meetings, and based on the letters I received, is a highly regarded academic who conducts research on the geography of the Islamic world. He was arrested whilst taking photographs during a visit to Israel to see his ailing mother and held for over 3 weeks before finally being released without charges.

Many individuals in both the US and Canadian geography communities joined others in a letter writing campaign to raise the awareness of US and Canadian governments to his plight - which many considered a violation of human rights. This situation led me to a consideration of the role of the Association in engaging in such advocacy. Clearly there was a political dimension to the situation but there were also ethical concerns with respect to his detention.

This was not the first time that the Executive of the CAG had been faced with making a decision about taking a stand on a political and moral issue. In 2004 several CAG and council members suggested that the CAG take a stand on the war in Iraq and draft a motion opposing the war and calling for support of the integrity of the UN and international law towards a universal ban on weapons of mass destruction. It was the decision at that time, and I believe a correct one, that it is not the role

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ELECTIONS 2007 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the CAG Executive Committee are invited from the membership for the following positions:

Vice-President - a one year term followed by a two year term
as President and a final year as Past President.

Student Councillor* - three year term.

Nominations should include the signature of the proposer and seconder, as well as the consent of the candidate. Nominations* must be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch which includes the nominee's academic qualifications and affiliation, his or her professional experience, fields of interest, and any previous service to the profession of geography. An electronic copy must be sent to cag@geog.mcgill.ca for publication in the CAG Newsletter.

***EXCEPTION:** Potential candidates for the position of *Student Councillor* are requested to notify the election committee directly by email at cag@geog.mcgill.ca of their interest with a brief biographical profile and a paragraph setting out their priorities as a potential member of the Executive.

Election Committee: Chris Sharpe (chair) André Roy, Maureen Reed, Lisa Drummond and Tom Johnston

The deadline for submission of nominations is November 30, 2006.

The Canadian Association of Geographers, Dept. Of Geography, McGill University
805 Sherbrooke St. W, Rm 425, Montréal, QC H3A 2K6
Email: cag@geog.mcgill.ca / Fax(514) 398-7437

MISE EN CANDIDATURE POUR LE CONSEIL 2007

On invite des mises en candidature pour le Comité exécutif de l'ACG de la part des membres pour les postes suivant:

Poste de Vice-président - un mandat d'un an a suivi de deux ans comme
Président et d'une année finale comme ex-président

Poste de conseiller étudiant*- mandat de trois ans

Chaque mise en candidature doit comprendre la signature du proposant de deuxième proposant de candidat, ainsi qu'une attestation de l'approbation du candidat. Les mises en candidature* doivent être accompagnées d'un bref résumé de sa carrière académique et professionnelle, son occupation, ses domaines d'intérêt de même que les services rendus à la profession de géographie. Une copie électronique doit être envoyée à cag@geog.mcgill.ca pour publication dans le Bulletin du l'ACG.

***EXCEPTION:** Des candidats potentiels pour la position de *conseiller d'étudiant* sont priés d'informer le comité de mise en candidature à cag@geog.mcgill.ca de leur intérêt avec un bref profil biographique et un paragraphe visant leurs priorités en tant que membre potentiel du directeur.

Comité de mise en candidature: Chris Sharpe (chair) André Roy, Maureen Reed, Lisa Drummond et Tom Johnston

La date limite pour la soumission des mises en candidatures est le 30 novembre, 2006.

L'Association Canadienne des Géographes, Dépt de géographie, Université McGill
805 rue Sherbrooke O, bureau 425, Montréal (QC) H3A 2K6
Courriel: cag@geog.mcgill.ca / Fax(514) 398-7437

Prix de l'ACG 2007-Appel de Candidatures

Le prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie

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

Le prix pour services rendus à la profession de géographe

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

Le prix de géographie au service du gouvernement ou des affaires

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

Le prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie

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

*Pour les noms des anciens lauréats voir notre site web à www.cag-acg.ca ou l'annuaire de l'ACG.

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

2007 CAG Awards - Call for Nominations

Award For Scholarly Distinction In Geography

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

Award for Service to the Profession of Geography

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

Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business

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

Award For Excellence In Teaching Geography

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

*For a list of former recipients see our website at www.cag-acg.ca or the CAG directory

See the following page for nomination procedures...

Modalités de mise en candidature

Une candidature distincte doit être présentée pour chaque prix et doit être accompagnée de la page couverture que contient ce bulletin.ou téléchargez une copie en PDF sur le site web www.cag-acg.ca.

La lettre de mise en candidature doit préciser la catégorie du prix et comporter une brève justification. Il faut y annexer un curriculum vitae (pas plus de 40 pages) lisible et récent fournissant tous les renseignements utiles sur le candidat, ses publications et ses états de service, ainsi que de la documentation sur ses recherches et ses réalisations dans son domaine. On doit éviter de soumettre un curriculum vitae trop long et il est préférable de le synthétiser. L'absence de pièces justificatives complètes compromet les chances du candidat et ne peut que nuire à l'étude de son dossier.

Les candidatures d'étrangers ayant apporté une contribution particulière à la géographie canadienne seront prises en considération. Des nominations seront également considérées pour la recherche et les efforts de groupe qui méritent l'appui de l'ACG. Nous tenons à préciser que les candidatures non retenues sont à nouveau prises en considération les deux années suivantes sans autre formalité. Les personnes ayant proposé la candidature sont invitées faire une mise à jour du dossier. Deux prix au maximum sont décernés chaque année dans chaque catégorie.

Nous invitons donc les membres de l'ACG (membres des secteurs public et privé, professeurs, étudiants de 2e/3e cycle et de premier cycle) à proposer des candidatures. Les propositions de candidature doivent être signées par cinq membres de l'ACG ou, dans le cas du Prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie, par cinq étudiants ou collègues.

Les cinq personnes qui proposent une candidature doivent être membres de l'ACG (dans le cas des prix d'excellence en enseignement de la géographie, cela n'est pas nécessaire; il peut s'agir d'étudiants ou de collègues de travail).

La personne nommée doit être membre de l'ACG, SAUF dans le cas du Prix de géographie au service du gouvernement ou de l'entreprise.

Échéance : les mises en candidature doivent nous parvenir avant le 31 janvier 2007.

Tous les documents sauf la page de couverture doivent être soumis par courrier électronique à cag@geog.mcgill.ca. La page de couverture doivent être soumis par fax (515) 398-7437 ou poste au:

Président, Comité Des Prix Spéciaux
Association canadienne des géographes
Département de géographie, Université McGill
805 rue Sherbrooke O, Suite 425, Montréal QC H3A 2K6

Subscribing to CAGLIST - If you would like to join please go to [http:// lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist](http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist) and complete the form.

Nominations procedures of the CAG Awards

A separate nomination must be submitted for each award and must include the cover page provided in this newsletter or you may download a pdf copy from our website at www.cag-acg.ca.

The letter of nomination must indicate the category of award, provide a succinct rationale for the nomination, and be accompanied by a legible and current curriculum vitae (no more than 40 pages) giving relevant information about the nominee, his/her publications, special record of professional service, research documentation and achievements in his/her field. Failure to provide such supporting evidence in complete and legible form is a disservice to the candidate and prejudices a fair and comprehensive assessment of the nomination.

Nominations may include non-Canadians who have made a significant contribution to Canadian geography. Nominations will also be considered for group research and endeavours which merit recognition by the CAG. It should be noted that unsuccessful nominations presented for one year will be reconsidered for two additional years. No new nomination need be submitted, though any new information is welcome. Up to two awards may be made in each category annually.

Requests for nominations from CAG members (private, public and corporate sector members, faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students) are being solicited. Nominations must be signed by five CAG members or, in the case of the Award For Excellence In Teaching Geography, by five students or co-workers. The five nominators must be current members of the CAG (in the case of the Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography, this is not necessary; nominators may be students or co-workers.)

The nominee must be a current member of the CAG, EXCEPT in the case of the Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business.

Deadline: Nominations for all awards must be received by January 31, 2007.

Nominations and all supporting documentation except for the cover page must be submitted electronically to cag@geog.mcgill.ca. The cover page should be faxed to (514) 398-7437 or mailed to:

Chair, Special Awards Committee
The Canadian Association Of Geographers
Department of Geography, McGill University
805 Sherbrooke Street West, Rm 425
Montréal QC H3A 2K6

2007 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences
May 29 to June 2, 2007

Hosted by the University of Saskatchewan
<http://www.usask.ca/geography/cag2007/>
the Canadian Federation for the Humanities
and Social Sciences

<http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2007/>

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

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

Cette bourse a été créée dans le but de :

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

La bourse comprend :

- une récompense d'au moins 700 \$, selon les sommes dont dispose le fonds commémoratif Robin P. Armstrong de l'ACG. Affaires indiennes et du Nord Canada a accepté de verser un minimum de 500 \$ par année. Statistique Canada y ajoutera 500 \$ si, dans le mémoire ou la thèse, l'étudiant utilise les données de Statistique Canada de manière importante dans son mémoire ou sa thèse ;
- la possibilité de présenter une communication à l'occasion d'une séance spéciale réservée au groupe de spécialistes sur les Autochtones canadiens durant la conférence de l'ACG (ou l'une des conférences régionales de l'ACG), au cours de laquelle un certificat et une lettre de recommandation seront remis au lauréat; • la publication nationale de la communication (ou du résumé de celle-ci) dans le bulletin du groupe de spécialistes sur les Autochtones canadiens, sur le site Web de Statistique Canada et celui de l'ACG;
- un abonnement gratuit d'un an à Tendances sociales canadiennes, une revue trimestrielle de Statistique Canada; un lettre de reconnaissance adressée au doyen de l'établissement du lauréat, par le président de l'ACG ou du groupe de spécialistes sur les Autochtones canadiens, félicitant le professeur chargé de superviser les recherches de l'étudiant.

Admissibilité

Tous les étudiants qui, au cours de l'année courante ou précédente, ont terminé la rédaction d'un mémoire de maîtrise ou d'une thèse de doctorat en études autochtones ou en géographie sur des questions touchant les Autochtones du Canada sont admissibles à cette bourse.

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

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

This Award Was Established To:

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

The Prize Includes:

- a cash prize of at least \$700, based on the funds available in the Robin P. Armstrong Memorial Fund of the CAG. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has agreed to commit at least \$500 on an annual basis. Statistics Canada will provide an additional \$500 where the winning paper has made significant use of Statistics Canada data;
- an opportunity to present a paper during a special Native Canadians Specialty Group session at the CAG conference (or one of the regional CAG conferences) at which a certificate and letter of commendation will be presented to the winning student;
- nation-wide publication of the winner's name on the Statistics Canada and CAG Web sites and of his or her paper (or an abstract) in the Native Canadians Specialty Group newsletter;
- a complimentary one-year subscription to Canadian Social Trends, a Statistics Canada quarterly journal; a letter of recognition from the President of the CAG and/or the Chair of the Native Canadians Specialty Group to the Dean commending the professor who has supervised the student research.

Eligibility

All students who, during the current or previous calendar year, have completed a Master's or PhD thesis in native studies or geography related to Canada's aboriginal peoples may apply.

Note: Any student who holds CAG membership in the year prior to the meeting as well as the year in which the meeting takes place is also eligible to apply for a CAG travel grant to present a paper at the annual meeting of the CAG according to the current rules and deadlines of the grant. Deadline for the CAG Travel Grant Application is Feb 15 of each year. It is strongly suggested that students members apply for the travel grant at the same time they apply for the award in order to meet the deadline.

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Notez : tout étudiant qui est un membre de l'ACG pour la deuxième année consécutif est également éligible à une subvention de voyage de l'ACG pour présenter un communication lors de la réunion annuelle de l'ACG selon les règles et les dates-limites courantes de la subvention. La date-limite pour l'application de subvention de voyage de L'ACG est le 15 février de chaque année. Afin de respecter l'échéancier, il est fortement suggéré que les étudiants déposent leur candidature pour la subvention de voyage en même temps que pour le prix.

Comment poser sa candidature

On invite les étudiants à envoyer :

1. une lettre de présentation
2. un curriculum vitae et
3. un résumé (1000 à 1500 mots) mentionnant :
 - la problématique ou les questions à l'étude ;
 - un aperçu de la documentation consultée ;
 - le protocole ou les méthodes utilisés ;
 - le sommaire des recherches, les résultats statistiques, les conclusions ;
 - l'énoncé de la pertinence.

Les candidatures doivent être adressées par courrier électronique au plus tard le 31 janvier 2007 à :

Michael Ripmeester
Département de géographie, Université Brock
St. Catharines ON L2S 3A1
Téléphone: 905-688-5550 X4416,
Télécopieur: 905-688-6369
Courriel: mripmees@brocku.ca

Les critères de sélection comprennent :

- la pertinence du problème ;
- la conceptualisation, la conception et la réalisation de l'étude ;
- la qualité des résultats ;
- la possibilité d'améliorer la théorie ;
- la clarté, le raisonnement et l'originalité du travail dans son ensemble.

Les recherches qui comprennent une analyse quantitative de données, et, en particulier, des données de Statistique Canada et du ministère des Affaires indiennes et du Nord canadien sur les peuples autochtones, jouiront d'un traitement préférentiel.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec :

- Evelyn Peters evp818@duke.usask.ca
- Pamela White pamela.white@statcan.ca
- Andy Siggner andy.siggner@statcan.ca
- Mary Jane Norris norrism@inac.gc.ca
- Joel Yan Joel.Yab@statcan.ca

How to Apply

Students must submit

1. a cover letter
2. curriculum vitae, and
3. an abstract (1000-1500 words) that outlines
 - the problem or question studied
 - review of related literature
 - the design or methodology
 - findings, statistical results and conclusions
 - a statement of significance

Applications should be sent by e-mail no later than January 31, 2007 to:

Michael Ripmeester
Department of Geography, Brock University
St. Catharines ON L2S 3A1
Phone: 905-688-5550 X4416,
Fax: 905-688-6369
Email: mripmees@brocku.ca

Selection Criteria Includes:

- significance of the problem
- conceptualization, design and execution of the study
- quality of the results
- potential for improving theory, and
- general clarity, insight and originality of the work.

Extra merit will be given for research that involves quantitative data analysis, and in particular, the use of Statistics Canada and INAC data on aboriginal peoples.

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CAGLIST server

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

Subscribing to CAGLIST - If you would like to join go to <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist> and complete the form. This is a private list, which means that the list of members is not available to non-members.

New Members - You are NOT automatically entered on the CAGList server when you become a CAG member. If you choose to join please follow the instructions above.

Le prix Julian M. Szeicz

Le prix Julian M. Szeicz immortalise la mémoire et les réalisations de M. Julian M. Szeicz (1965-1998).

L'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) décerne ce prix annuellement pour souligner une réalisation importante d'un géographe canadien qui débute. Le but de ce prix est de favoriser les études en géographie au Canada et de mettre en valeur le travail des nouveaux géographes.

Critères

1. On accorde ce prix pour reconnaître l'importante contribution d'un candidat à la géographie du Canada dans le cadre d'un travail de synthèse ou d'une étude régionale, d'un nouveau concept, d'un avancement remarquable de la recherche dans un sous-domaine spécialisé de la géographie ou encore de la mise au point d'une technique.

2. Le lauréat du prix :

- doit être membre de l'Association canadienne des géographes au moment de la sélection ;
- doit être citoyen canadien ou résident permanent ;
- doit être titulaire, depuis huit ans au plus, d'un doctorat ou, dans des cas particuliers, d'une maîtrise ou d'un baccalauréat, en date du 31 décembre de l'année de la remise du prix.

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

Nomination - Une lettre présentant le lauréat est signée par deux membres de l'ACG et acheminée au président du Comité des prix de l'ACG. La lettre d'appui doit résumer la contribution du lauréat et expliquer pourquoi elle est importante. On soumet du dossier de sélection et de présentation du lauréat, qui comprend la lettre d'appui (en cinq exemplaires) à l'adresse suivante. Aussi son curriculum vitae et sa publication (ou une partie de sa publication) doivent être envoyées par courrier électronique à cag@geog.mcgill.ca.

Président du Comité des prix de l'ACG
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Le Prix - Le prix Julian M. Szeicz consiste en une plaque sur laquelle est gravée la contribution du titulaire. Le lauréat du prix sera invité, des dépenses payées, à la réunion annuelle du CAG, pour recevoir la récompense.

Date limite pour la mise en candidature :
le 15 janvier 2007.

The Julian M. Szeicz Award

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

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

Criteria

1. The award is given for a significant contribution to Canadian geography, which may be a synthesis or a regional study, a new concept, a significant research advance in a subfield of geography, or the development of a technique.

2. A recipient of the award must be:

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

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

Nominations - Nominations are to be made in a letter to the Chair of the CAG Awards Committee, signed by two members of the CAG. The letter of support should identify the nominee's contribution in a concise statement, and provide reasons why the nominee's contribution is considered significant. Five copies of the nomination should be submitted to the address below, followed by an electronic copy of a current curriculum vitae, and a publication (or, if appropriate, part of a publication) presenting the contribution to cag@geog.mcgill.ca.

Chair, CAG Awards Committee
The Canadian Association of Geographers
Department of Geography, McGill University
805 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite 425
Montréal, QC H3A 2K6

The Award - The Julian M. Szeicz Award consists of a plaque, on which the contribution of the awardee will be stated. The award winner will be invited, expenses paid, to attend the Annual Meeting of the CAG, to receive the award.

Closing date for nominations:
January 15th, 2007.

Le prix Starkey-Robinson

Le prix d'excellence de Starkey-Robinson est octroyé en reconnaissance de la qualité de la recherche d'un étudiant ou d'une étudiante de maîtrise ou de doctorat qui stimule la connaissance de la géographie du Canada. L'admissibilité au concours pour ce prix suppose que le ou la candidat(e) ait terminé son mémoire ou sa thèse à l'intérieur des deux années précédentes.

Le Comité des prix de l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) décerne ce prix chaque année.

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

Chaque candidat doit rédiger un bref résumé (deux pages maximum) du sujet de recherche et des conclusions tirées. Il doit également expliquer en quoi ce travail est pertinent pour la recherche en géographie du Canada. On peut joindre à la candidature un extrait de la thèse (ou l'équivalent) ne dépassant pas huit pages. Il s'agit d'un prix en argent. On accorde un seul prix actuellement, d'un montant de 500 \$. Le Comité de direction de l'ACG décide périodiquement du nombre et de la valeur des prix décernés. Le Comité des prix peut refuser de remettre un prix.

Le directeur de Département ou le responsable des études supérieures doit soumettre les candidatures avant le 15 janvier 2007 au bureau de l'ACG.

Chaque candidature et les pièces jointes doivent être envoyées par courrier électronique à cag@geog.mcgill.ca.

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.

Personalized 2007 CAG Membership Renewal Forms are currently being mailed to all members. Returning your form with payment before the end of the year will allow for your information to be processed in a timely fashion and ensures that you:

- are eligible for the members' registration fee for the 2007 AGM
- are listed in the members' section of the 2007 CAG directory

The Starkey-Robinson Award

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

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

Each nomination should include a brief statement (maximum two pages) outlining the topic and findings of the work and explaining its significance for the geography of Canada. An extract from the thesis (or equivalent) of a maximum of eight pages may be attached to the nomination. The Award is a cash prize, currently a single award of \$500. The number and value of awards made annually will be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee of the CAG. In any year, the Awards Committee may decline to make an award.

Nominations for the Award should be submitted to the CAG Office by Departmental Chairs or Graduate Supervisors by January 15th, 2007.

Nominations and accompanying documents must be submitted electronically to cag@geog.mcgill.ca.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Roger Tomlinson (M.Sc. McGill, 1961) is universally considered to be the father of GIS. At the spring Science convocation on May 31st, 2006, McGill University conferred on him a Doctorate of Science, honoris causa. He also gave the commencement speech to graduating students, a copy of which can be found at www.geog.mcgill.ca/Tomlinson%20visit/RFT%20McGill%20Address.pdf. It is the first time McGill has given an honorary doctorate to a geographer.

Following the graduation ceremony he visited the Department of Geography where he officially named the **Roger Tomlinson Research Lab for Geographic Information and Environmental Analysis**. A copy of the tribute to him by the chair, Gordon Ewing, can be found at www.geog.mcgill.ca/Tomlinson%20visit/Roger%20Tomlinson%20tribute.pdf

Official Photos from the Tomlinson Geography Lab Naming Ceremony can be found at owenegan.com/pix/facscience/060531tomlinson/index.htm

Prix Annuel De Blackwell Publishing

Blackwell Publishing finance un prix annuel visant à reconnaître la contribution exceptionnelle d'une personne ayant récemment obtenu un doctorat en géographie.

L'admissibilité au prix est restreinte aux personnes qui :

- ont obtenu leur doctorat dans une université canadienne moins de trois ans avant le 1er mars de l'année du concours;
- sont membres de l'Association canadienne des géographes (ACG) au moment de leur participation au concours.

Le processus du concours est le suivant :

- Les candidats et les demandeurs doivent présenter un long résumé (1 000 à 1 500 mots) au président du comité.
- Ils doivent également fournir le nom des membres du comité de supervision et des examinateurs de thèse.
- Les finalistes seront invités à participer à une séance spéciale qui aura lieu durant la réunion générale annuelle de l'ACG, dans le cadre de laquelle chacun des finalistes présentera un exposé oral.
- Un comité formé de cinq membres votants évaluera la qualité du résumé et de l'exposé.
- Les critères d'évaluation sont les suivants : originalité des idées; contribution à l'avancement des connaissances; clarté et efficacité du style d'écriture; excellence de l'exposé oral.
- Le prix sera remis au récipiendaire lors de l'assemblée générale de la réunion générale annuelle de l'ACG.
- Le prix est constitué d'un bon de 150 \$US pour l'achat de livres des éditions Blackwell et le remboursement des frais d'inscription à la réunion annuelle de l'ACG.

Les présentations effectuées par voie électronique doivent être envoyées au président, prix Blackwell Publishing à cag@geog.mcgil.ca. Date d'échéance : le 15 février 2007.

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE NEWS

BARRY WELLAR

New publication from Transport 2000 Canada's Distinguished Research Fellow Barry Wellar: Sustainable Transport Practices in Canada: Exhortation Overwhelms Demonstration; a White Paper on Canada's progress in achieving sustainable transport practices, and an introduction to the elements of an action-oriented research agenda in sustainable transport for Transport 2000 Canada. The White Paper can be viewed at: <http://www.transport2000.ca>

Blackwell Publishing Annual Award

Blackwell Publishing supports an annual prize to recognize the outstanding contribution of a recent Ph.D graduate in geography.

Eligibility for the award is restricted to individuals who:

- have completed their doctoral degree in a Canadian university less than three years before March 1st of the year of competition;
- are members of the Canadian association of geographers at the time they participate in the competition;

The process for the competition is as follows:

- Nominees and applicants must submit a long abstract (1,000 - 1,500 words) to the chair of the committee.
- They must also submit the names of the members of the Supervisory Committee and the thesis examiners.
- Finalists will be invited to participate in a special session to be held during the CAG Annual General Meeting where each finalist will make an oral presentation.
- The quality of the abstract and of the presentation will be assessed by a panel of five voting members.
- The criteria for evaluation are: originality of ideas; contribution to the advancement of knowledge; clarity and effectiveness of the written style; excellence of the oral presentation.
- The award will be presented to the recipient at the general assembly of the CAG Annual General Meeting.
- The award will consist of a 150\$ US voucher for Blackwell books and the reimbursement of registration fees to attend the CAG Annual Meeting.

Electronic submissions should be sent to: The Chair, Blackwell Publishing Award at cag@geog.mcgill.ca. Deadline: February 15, 2007.

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE NEWS

BARRY WELLAR

- Motorists breeze past 40 km/h speed signs: Citizen survey catches drivers scoffing at residential speed limits by Dave Rogers; With files from Amy Sharaf The Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, August 12, 2006
- Light rail plan a failure: Planning expert, by Steve Fouchard, The News, Ottawa, July 27, 2006, Page 1 & 5
- 'True value of work puts city at odds with builders' Ottawa Business Journal, August 28, 2006, page 7.
- Put brakes on rail station land deal, staff told: Proposed Walkley road purchase seen as 'reckless election year spending'. By Mohammed Adam Ottawa Citizen September 16, 2006, Page E2.
- The Stockholm experiment. By Maria Cook Ottawa Citizen September 16, 2006, Page E4.

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR
*The Challenges of the Agrarian
Transition in Southeast Asia*

Rodolphe De Koninck,
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In 2004, a group of researchers submitted to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada a project entitled *The Challenges of the Agrarian Transition in Southeast Asia* (ChATSEA). Early 2005, it was approved for funding under SSHRC's Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) programme. Research which began soon after will continue until 2010.

The agrarian transition represents perhaps the most profound process of social change of the last three centuries. In the wealthier countries of the global North it is a transformation that is largely complete, but in the developing societies of the global South it is still very much underway. Classic understandings of the agrarian transition largely draw examples and approaches from a European context, leaving many questions unanswered when applied to the contemporary transition in the developing world. This project seeks innovative understandings of this agrarian transition by developing a framework that reflects both current circumstances in societies experiencing the transition, and new approaches to social theory.

We define this transition as the transformation of societies from primarily non-urban populations dependent upon agricultural production and organized through rural social structures, to predominantly urbanized, industrialized and market-based societies. We identify six processes of change as central to this transition. These provide the organizing framework upon which the project is based: 1) agricultural intensification and territorial expansion; 2) increasing integration of production into market-based systems of exchange; 3) accelerating processes of urbanisation and industrialisation; 4) heightened mobility of populations both within and across national borders; 5) intensification of regulation, as new forms of private, state and supra-state power are developed and formalized to govern agricultural production and exchange relationships; 6) processes of environmental change that modify the relationship between society and nature to reflect new human impacts and new valuations of resources.

Four perspectives in particular guide us in updating our understanding of the agrarian transition. We term these conceptual 'windows' and they provide the integrative theoretical approach that underpins the research project. They relate to: an intensifying process of globalisation through which social processes are integrated across global space; a more complex allocation of resources in the form of livelihoods as issues of

sustainability and equity are acknowledged; a reworking of territoriality, as processes of change are understood to be geographically uneven, and accepted spatial categories are reformulated; and, a recognition of the diverse array of institutions and actors that drive social change, as well as the importance of how such actors are subjects with complex and changing identities.

These conceptual innovations draw upon contemporary social theory to provide a new understanding of the agrarian transition as it is currently unfolding in the developing world. The project focuses on Southeast Asia as the world region that has undergone the most dramatic shifts in its agrarian sector over the last three decades. As such, it represents both a role model and a warning to the rest of the developing world. More broadly, with more than 560 million people, Southeast Asia represents a key arena for global processes of economic growth, poverty reduction, political security, environmental change, and ethno-religious conflict. It is also a region to which Canada is deeply connected through migration flows, trade, development assistance programmes and private investments.

The research team currently comprises 22 researchers, drawn primarily from economic, cultural, and environmental geography, as well as other disciplines including history, sociology, anthropology, economics, women's studies, urban studies and planning. The team members, belonging to three generations of scholars, are attached to 18 different universities or research institutions: nine in Canada (Montréal, McGill, York, Toronto, UBC, UQAM, Laval, Trent and Waterloo), six in Southeast Asia, two in Europe, and one in Australia. The output of the project will include some 50 graduate theses, at least half of which prepared at Canadian universities but in a highly international context, and a broad range of peer-reviewed articles and books. In addition, to ensure that policy-oriented results reach key stakeholders, workshops and seminars are held on a regular basis and a knowledge base developed that will eventually make our findings available to the wider public on the world wide web. More than 30 theses are currently underway with two dissertation workshops having already been held, respectively in April 2006 at the University of Toronto and June 2006 at the National University of Singapore.

¹ The following summary draws largely from the one that accompanied the formal submission of the project. Most team members were directly or indirectly involved in its drafting. The final version was the work of Phil Kelly from York University and the undersigned, who is the project director. Other team members are, in Canada: Michael Leaf (UBC), Peter Vandergeest (York), Tania Li (Toronto), Derek Hall (Trent), Steffanie Scott (Waterloo), Sarah Turner (McGill), Pierre André, Bernard Bernier and Dominique Caouette (Montréal), Yann Roche (UQAM), Jean Michaud and Frédéric Lasserre (Laval); outside of

Canada: Jonathan Rigg (Durham), Michel Bruneau (CNRS, Bordeaux), Doracie Zoleta Nantes (U. P. Diliman), Chusak Wittayapak (Chiang Mai), Maznah Mohamad and Sukor Kassim (USM, Penang), Pham Van Cu (Hanoi), Teti Argo (ITB, Bandung), Stan Tan Boon Wee (NUS, Singapore), Philip Hirsch (Sydney).

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CAG Profile – DON IWANICKA,
WDCAG Student Representative (March 2006 - 2007)

Don Iwanicka is a University of Lethbridge student in his final year of a BSc program in Geography with a concentration in GIS. He currently represents the CAG's Western Division as a student representative, and is working to increase student participation in the next AGM. He can be reached at: don.iwanicka@uleth.ca.

Below are his answers to some questions that I posed:

What attracted you to the discipline of Geography?

I never knew Geography was an academic discipline until after I finished High School. Growing up on a farm and in a small city near Edmonton, I was always fascinated the spatial interaction of towns, cities, and rural areas; the interaction we have with our environment; and finally I was always fascinated with weather and climate from an early age (it does help if you have an Uncle who worked for Environment Canada). When I decided to pursue a post-secondary education many different disciplines interested me and still do; but they are all involved in some way spatially, and geography seems liked a good fit to my interests, both personally and academically.

What are your research interests?

When I first started my degree in Lethbridge I had an idea what Remote Sensing was, and was always fascinated with aerial and satellite images. Then I took an introductory remote sensing course in my second year and I was hooked. The science behind remote sensing and its application in various types of research are of great interest to me and I hope to continue this path through my academic career. There is also a lingering interest in urban geography and urban climate issues which I have not fully explored but would like to.

What research are you currently involved in?

For the last two years of my undergrad I have been working with Dr. Craig Coburn at the University of Lethbridge on a video-based airborne multispectral remote sensing system. Much of the work has been on developing and calibrating the system and writing software to access the functions of the frame capture hardware and cameras. I am also working with Dr. Tom Johnston, also at the University of Lethbridge, on a survey

to understand the drought response practices of farmers and ranchers in the South Saskatchewan River Basin after the droughts in Western Canada in the beginning of this century. This involves working with different agencies and using various on-campus resources to work towards delivering the survey to producers over the Internet, which is a departure from how similar research was done in the past, which makes it rather exciting.

What are your career aspirations?

I want to continue towards completing a Master's degree and probably a Ph.D., and would like to continue doing research at an academic institution or within government.

What are your most memorable experiences as a geographer?

Some of the the most memorable experiences I have had so far:

- The first presentation I ever gave at the WDCAG conference in March 2006 on the airborne camera system.
- Working as a research assistant in the remote sensing lab at the Agriculture Agri-food Canada Lethbridge Research station, learning first hand how to carry out field research, and participating in scientific research.
- Taking the airborne camera system for a test flight in August. I am the one operating the system in the plane.

I have been fortunate as an undergrad student to have the opportunity to assist in research and expand my knowledge, and I hope to continue this in the future.

Thanks to Don for agreeing to be profiled here. Submission suggestions for upcoming CAG newsletters are always welcome. Email: wesc3156@wlu.ca
Sonia Wesche, CAG Student Councillor (2005-07)

CAG AGM 2006 – Lakehead University, Thunder Bay PUBLISHING YOUR WORK – HOW, WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE?: *Session Summary*

This is the second of two summaries of the student-oriented sessions that took place at the June 2006 AGM in Thunder Bay. The summary of the session on Academic Job Preparation can be found in the Student ZONE of the July/August 2006 newsletter, Vol 13(4).

One of the foremost mechanisms for making academic research publicly available is through publication in reputable journals and books. With the ethos of 'Publish or Perish' currently dominating in most academic institutions, it is important for graduate students to learn the ropes early to remain competitive for faculty positions, and later tenure. The panel session summarized here addressed many questions relevant to young researchers interested in publishing their work. Five faculty members from a variety of sub-disciplinary backgrounds kindly offered their time and valuable insights. The panelists included:

- Dr. Norm Catto – Memorial University of Newfoundland; Editor, Quaternary International; Editorial Boards, Quaternary Science Reviews and Episodes
- Dr. Phillip Gordon Mackintosh – Department of Geography, Brock University
- Dr. Dan Smith - Chair, Department of Geography, University of Victoria
- Dr. Marc Vachon – Department of Geography, University of Winnipeg; Editor, Canadian Journal of Urban Research
- Dr. J. David Wood - Professor Emeritus and Senior Scholar, Atkinson School of Social Sciences, York University

Some main points from the panel session are given below.

Timing

- Take every opportunity to get your masters and doctoral work ‘out there’ even before it is complete, both by giving conference presentations and by publishing articles. Try to select conferences that will publish proceedings.
- Doctoral students, consider trying to publish your dissertation as a scholarly monograph, even if you don’t think it is worthy. Select a publisher that will publish immediately in paperback and at an affordable price, to increase readership.
- Graduate students are often prone to perfectionism; however, they must realize that no manuscript is ever perfect. There comes a time when you must stop working on it and send it out.

Content

- Make sure that manuscripts are readable by non-specialists.
- Frame the argument in such a way that it positions your subject within the broader scholarship in the field.
- Strive to be clear and concise: “Write as if you are writing on stone”.

Editing, reviewing and critique

- Ask a friend and/or your supervisor(s) to read and critique your papers before sending them out.
- Consult with your supervisor, who may have good ideas or strong feelings about the publication of your work. Supervisors may expect co-authorship.
- Don’t be afraid of criticism; a critique is not a personal attack. It is better to receive it early on, rather than having the article rejected later.
- Academics are trained to pinpoint how to make a manuscript better, so learn from their advice. However, be aware that some critiques may not be valid. Use your judgment.

Where to publish

- Research the journals in your field carefully, and choose the one that best fits your paper.
- Make sure to target refereed/peer-reviewed outlets, as these are the publications that ‘count’ in building your academic reputation.

There are different strategies for choosing an outlet for your manuscript, and there is no golden rule. Some faculty suggest initially targeting the best journal in the field (the highest ISI factor, international in scope) and working your way down until it is accepted. However, this strategy can take time, which may not be in the best interest of a graduate student nearing degree completion and seeking employment. Other strategists suggest targeting a good (but not necessarily the ‘best’) journal from the beginning, with the intention of getting your paper published quickly and effectively.

- Keep on top of calls for papers in your field, and submit essays to edited collections as well as journals. However, collections are much less reliable, and often take longer to publish. Verify on the funding status and publication timeline before submitting.
 - Show breadth in the application of your research; look for appropriate outlets beyond your discipline.
- #### Submission and peer review
- Reviewers are looking for a contribution that is different from the existing literature, e.g. works that address new knowledge, research tools, or research methods.
 - Show that you have mastered the subject. Cite a range of authors in your literature review.
 - Make sure your submission follows the style and format required by the targeted journal. Check journal websites for guidelines.
 - Spend time on your abstract and key words; these are essential in helping others find and use your work.
 - Only send your manuscript to one journal at a time. Don’t waste editors’ and reviewers’ time.
 - The peer review process can take a long time; be patient. Often you can track your paper’s progress on-line.

Things you can do to improve your publishing success

- Read good geographical literature.
- Read manuscripts from outside the discipline of Geography.
- Improve your writing skills.
- Write for yourself.

A final thought: recognize that publishing expectations and formats differ between the natural and social sciences, and by department, thus it is essential to become familiar with the culture and intricacies of your particular sub-discipline.

I hope that the above ideas will provide useful input for researchers who are newer to the world of academic publishing. Good luck in weathering the process!

Sonia Wesche, CAG Student Councillor (2005-07)

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CAG Environment and Resources Study Group

STUDENT AWARD - See Study Group News, page 16

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à juste titre selon moi, qu'il n'appartenait pas à l'ACG de faire des déclarations politiques, et la proposition a été abandonnée. Toutefois, s'agissant de Ghazi Falah, j'ai effectivement adressé une lettre au nom de l'Association à l'ambassade du Canada à Haïfa. Bien que M. Falah ne soit pas actuellement membre de l'ACG, il fait partie de la collectivité élargie des géographes canadiens et il a été détenu « pour avoir fait ce que font les géographes. » La lettre était apolitique et ne parlait que de ses antécédents et de sa réputation comme géographe et, plus particulièrement, du fait que les activités « suspectes » ayant conduit à son arrestation, notamment celle de prendre des photos dans la région frontalière entre Israël et le Liban, ne constituaient pas un comportement inhabituel pour des géographes travaillant sur le terrain. L'utilisation de la photographie à des fins d'enseignement et de recherche est un outil auquel bon nombre de géographes ont eu recours. Dans la plupart des cas, ce sur quoi nous pointons notre objectif ne nous vaut pas de mandat d'arrestation bien que cela porte parfois certains observateurs à s'interroger sur ce que nous faisons, tout cela, bien qu'il existe un certain nombre de comptes rendus anecdotiques relatifs à des géographes ayant tenté de prendre clandestinement des photographies en ex-URSS et ailleurs et ayant ainsi suscité des problèmes. À l'ère de la photographie numérique et des caméras miniaturisées, la facilité avec laquelle on peut prendre des photos est beaucoup plus grande. Ce faisant, cependant, il ne faut pas perdre de vue les responsabilités d'ordre éthique qu'entraîne notre recherche, particulièrement en ce qui concerne les sujets humains et, comme nous le rappelle la cause de Ghazi Falah, il faut particulièrement faire preuve de diplomatie en zones militaires.

Toutefois, comme je l'ai signalé précédemment, nos rôles de promoteur et de défenseur d'intérêts se situent habituellement dans le domaine du lobbying. La récente lettre rédigée par Chris Sharpe, en janvier, et adressée à Ressources naturelles Canada en est un exemple; elle était contre la décision de cesser d'imprimer sur papier des exemplaires de cartes topographiques (voir le *Bulletin de l'ACG*, volume 13, numéro 3, mai-juin 2006). Une autre question d'actualité (bien que, lorsque vous lirez ces lignes, les dés seront probablement jetés) qui semble appeler l'expression de protestations est le projet du gouvernement fédéral d'abolir l'an prochain le financement du programme d'études universitaires internationales, qui comprend à la fois les programmes de bourses Fulbright et du Commonwealth, l'appui d'associations d'études canadiennes à l'étranger ainsi que des bourses permettant aux chercheurs-boursiers étrangers de visiter le Canada. Cela portera préjudice à un certain nombre de géographes qui se sont révélés d'importants partenaires de tels programmes. Toutefois, la rédaction de lettres est-elle un moyen efficace de se faire entendre par les décideurs?

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of the CAG to get involved in making political statements and the motion was not pursued. However, in the case of Ghazi Falah, I did write a letter on behalf of the Association to the Canadian Embassy in Haifa. Whilst not currently a CAG member, Ghazi is a member of the broader 'community' of Canadian geographers, and was detained for 'doing what geographers do'. The tone of this letter was non-political and spoke solely to his record and reputation as a geographer and more significantly to the fact that the 'suspicious' activities which led to his arrest – that of taking photographs in the border region between Israel and Lebanon - did not represent unusual behaviour for geographers engaged in field work. The use of photography for both teaching and research purposes has been a tool many geographers have employed. In most cases the objects of our photographic gaze, while perhaps at times causing observers to wonder what on earth we are doing, do not get us arrested, although, there are a number of anecdotal reports of geographers' attempts to surreptitiously take forbidden photographs in the former USSR and elsewhere that have led to problems. In the current digital photography age of micro-sized cameras, the ease of taking pictures has greatly increased. In doing so however, one should keep in mind the ethical responsibilities that our research entails especially with respect to human subjects, and, as Ghazi Falah's case reminds us one needs to be especially sensitive in militarized zones.

However, as I noted above, our advocacy roles normally fall within the realm of lobbying. One recent example is the letter written by Chris Sharpe last January to Natural Resources Canada arguing against the decision to cease printing paper copies of topographic maps (see *CAG Newsletter*, 13:3 May/June 2006). Another current (though by the time you read this likely already decided) issue that seems worthy of an expression of protest is the proposed abolition of funding next year by the federal government for International Academic Studies, which includes both the Fulbright and Commonwealth scholarship programs, support of Associations of Canadian Studies abroad, and grants for foreign scholars to visit Canada. This will affect a number of geographers who have been important partners in such programs. But is letter writing an effective means of getting heard by decision-makers?

A couple of years ago at its annual board meeting the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, (which plays an important lobbying role for the social sciences and humanities), held a session on 'Advocacy'. Research by an Ottawa-based government relations firm *Impact Public Affairs* showed that, within the context of Canadian associations, advocacy, while a high priority, is poorly developed. Much of the focus of the CAG's advocacy efforts relate to aspects of

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Il y a quelques années, à la réunion annuelle de son conseil d'administration, la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FCSH), (qui joue un important rôle de lobbyiste en faveur des lettres et sciences humaines), a organisé une session sur « la promotion et la défense d'intérêts. » Menée par une société de relations gouvernementales établie à Ottawa, *Impact Public Affairs*, la recherche a révélé que, dans le contexte des associations canadiennes, bien que la promotion et la défense d'intérêts aient une priorité élevée, elles sont mal organisées. Une bonne part des efforts de l'ACG en matière de promotion et de défense d'intérêts porte sur certains aspects de l'allocation des ressources gouvernementales. Dans l'arène universitaire, les administrateurs d'universités ainsi que des particuliers consacrent de plus en plus de temps et d'efforts à chercher des partenaires des secteurs public et privé qui feront en sorte de doubler les fonds destinés aux bourses de collaboration, aux chaires érigées par donation et à la constitution d'un réseau de chercheurs. Lorsqu'un aussi grand nombre d'intéressés se disputent des ressources gouvernementales limitées, les approches spéciales les plus répandues sont moins efficaces que celles qui sont plus proactives. Selon la recommandation de Huw Williams, de *Impact Public Affairs*, la meilleure approche est de renseigner et de sensibiliser les décideurs progressivement. Pour être efficace, le lobbying exige une approche à branches multiples mise en œuvre auprès des représentants politiques, des ministères, de la population et des médias. La clé réside dans la désignation de chefs de file dans les rôles principaux. À cet égard, il y a dans le secteur public un nombre impressionnant de géographes « cachés » qui peuvent être très utiles non seulement pour parrainer la cause de la discipline au sein des organismes, mais également pour découvrir quels sont les principaux acteurs des processus décisionnels. Un des défis préconisés dans l'étude des associations menée par la FCSH (2005) est de recruter avec plus de zèle des membres à l'extérieur du milieu universitaire.

Même si ce sont des membres du Comité exécutif, ou des membres délégués, qui sont chargés d'une bonne part du travail de la promotion et de la défense d'intérêts de l'ACG, tous les membres peuvent jouer un rôle en rendant la discipline et l'Association plus visibles non seulement auprès des représentants élus au niveau local, mais également auprès de la collectivité locale. Toutefois, comme le signale Huw Williams, il faut être proactif et ne pas se contenter de rendre visite aux représentants élus lorsque surgit un problème; plutôt, il faut établir et entretenir progressivement des relations de plus en plus solides. Dans le cadre de relations gouvernementales, c'est lorsque les associations peuvent se positionner comme une ressource auprès des décideurs gouvernementaux qu'elles réussissent le mieux

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government resource allocation. In the academic arena increasing amounts of time and effort by university administrators as well as individuals are spent seeking both public and private sectors partners to contribute matching funds for large collaborative grants, endowed chairs and research network development. With so many competing for limited government resources the ad hoc approaches that are most common, are less effective than more proactive approaches. Huw Williams of *Impact Public Affairs* recommends that the best approach involves educating and sensitizing decision-makers over time. To be effective lobbying requires a multi-pronged approach working with political representatives, government departments, the public and the media. A key is finding champions in key roles. In this respect, there are a significant number of 'hidden' geographers in the public sector who can be very useful in not only championing the cause of the discipline within their agencies but also identifying the key players in decision processes. One challenge advocated in the CFHSS (2005) study of associations is to more actively recruit members outside academia.

While members of the Executive – or members that are delegated - conduct much of the advocacy work of the CAG there is potential for all members to play a role by raising the profile of the discipline and the Association with not only elected officials at the local level but also the local community. However, as Huw Williams observes, one needs to be proactive and not only visit elected officials when there is a problem, but develop and build stronger relationships over time. Associations are most successful in government relations when they are able to position themselves as a resource to government decision-makers <<http://www.axi.ca/tca/Nov2003/publicaffairscolumn.shtml>>. Some associations are actively establishing clearinghouses of experts to help inform public policy and debate (CFHSS, 2005).

Of course in theory this all makes good sense – in practice however individuals in associations are often under-resourced in terms of both money and time. Nevertheless, I would encourage all of you to consider how you can be an advocate for the discipline. Certainly we need voices of geographers on committees and the Executive strives to find individuals who can represent the Association on a range of issues. Due to our limited resources, those of you who live in or near Ottawa perhaps get called upon more often than others in advocacy issues related to the federal government. However, we can all seek to raise awareness of our discipline in our home environments and through our individual networks.

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<<http://www.axi.ca/tca/Nov2003/publicaffairscolumn.shtml>>. Certaines associations s'emploient à établir des centres d'échange d'information entre experts afin d'éclairer la politique et le débat généraux (FCSH, 2005).

Il va sans dire que tout cela se tient en théorie, mais en pratique, toutefois, au sein des associations, les personnes manquent souvent de ressources, notamment de temps et de fonds. Néanmoins, je vous invite tous à réfléchir à la façon dont vous pouvez promouvoir et défendre les intérêts de la discipline. Certes la voix des géographes doit se faire entendre au sein de comités, et le Comité exécutif s'efforce de trouver des personnes capables de représenter l'Association à l'égard d'une gamme de questions. Vu nos ressources limitées, on fait peut-être appel aux services de ceux d'entre vous qui habitent à Ottawa ou à proximité de la capitale plus souvent qu'à leur tour au sujet de questions de promotion et de défense d'intérêts liées au gouvernement fédéral. Cependant, nous sommes tous capables de chercher à sensibiliser l'opinion à l'égard de notre discipline dans notre milieu de vie et par l'intermédiaire de nos réseaux personnels.

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Study Group News

Historical Geography Study Group

The formation of this new group was finalized at the AGM and is listed for the 2007 membership year. The current chair is Phillip Mackintosh.

CAG Environment and Resources Study Group

The CAG/StatCan Student Award for Research into Human Impacts on the Canadian Environment is given to an undergraduate student in geography and/or environmental studies/science for the best paper examining impacts of human activity on Canada's environment.

The award was established to recognize and promote undergraduate research on Canada's environment and encourage the use of Statistics Canada's data in the area of environmental analysis. The winning student receives:

- a year's membership in the CAG
- an opportunity to present his/her paper at the CAG national annual conference where a certificate and letter of commendation will be presented
- a subsidy of \$750 towards the cost of registration, travel and living expenses to enable attendance at the CAG national annual conference
- nation-wide publication of his/her name on the Statistics Canada and CAG Environment and Resources Study

Group web sites, and publication of the paper in the CAG Environment and Resources Study Group newsletter

- complimentary copies of Human Activity and the Environment, Statistics Canada's flagship environmental publication

All undergraduate students in departments of geography and/or environmental studies/science in postsecondary institutions across Canada may apply.

For more information, please see www.statcan.ca/english/liaison/impact.htm

Applications should be sent by e-mail no later than January 15, 2007 to: Alan Diduck, CAG Environment and Resources Study Group Environmental Studies Program, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9 / Email: a.diduck@uwinnipeg.ca

Geographic Information Science Study Group (GIS-SIG)

The GIS-SIG study group had a productive and active conference schedule at the 2006 CAG annual meeting. The study group would like to extend a special thanks to the organizing committee for such a smoothly run meeting. The meeting rooms were exceptional, as was the hospitality. In an annual tradition two student paper competitions were conducted with several excellent papers presented by students at the Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD levels. The GIS-SIG study group supports two paper competitions, one for Undergraduate and Masters students and one for PhD students. This year's winners were Kristian Larsen (a senior undergraduate student) in the Undergraduate/Masters competition and Arun Govind in the PhD competition. Kristian is a student at the University of Western Ontario and his paper was titled "Mapping the evolution of 'food deserts' in London, Ontario, 1961-2005." Arun Govind is a student at the University of Saskatchewan and his paper was titled "Modeling grassland NPP on a watershed scale using satellite and ground based measurements." I would like to point out the inclusion of remote sensing in the research process presented in the last paper. This marks the second year in a row that a paper using remote sensing has received one of our student paper awards.

The GIS-SIG would like to remind all CAG members of the inclusive nature of our group and that we continue to extend an invitation to all researchers using geographic information and related technology, including those using remote sensing, mathematical and spatial modeling, spatial statistics, as well as Geographic Information Science and Systems, etc. For more information about the GIS-SIG study group contact the current chair, Scott Bell (scott_bell@brown.edu).

Members may join any of the CAG study groups by simply indicating the group(s) of their choice and adding the fee to their CAG membership fee. For more about the study groups go to the CAG study groups webpage at www.cag-acg.ca/en/study_groups.html and link directly to their individual websites where available.

**L'Université de Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Département de géographie**

**CONGRÈS ANNUEL 2007
Du mardi 29 mai au samedi 2 juin 2007**

Première circulaire / Appel de communications

“Bienvenu à Saskatchewan!” Vous êtes invités cordialement au 56ièmes Congrès annuel de L’Association canadienne des géographes qui aura lieu au campus de l’Université de Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Ceci est l’année centenaire de l’Université, alors ce ACG 2007 sera présenté par le Département de géographie et avec La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FCHS). En plus, L’Association canadienne de cartographie va organiser leur réunion au même temps que l’ACG, alors il y aura un autre aspect pour le conférence cette année.

Ceci sera un opportunité pour démontrer le géographie, pas seulement au communauté académique plus grand, mais aussi au publique générale des Prairies. Le thème choisis par le Congrès est Créer des ponts: des communautés de savoir à un savoir public, et nous espérons que les géographes vont accepter cette défi. Comme toujours, nous encourageons les présentations de toute aspects de la recherche contemporaine.

Nous souhaitons la présentation de tout autour du Canada, et plus loin encore. Nous espérons particulièrement que le session présenter par l’ACG/AAG à propos du Questions Transfrontalières rendraient les relations plus fortes avec nous amis du sud.

Les détails pour le conférence sont disponible au cite web de l’Université de Saskatchewan le Département de géographie ACG 2007. Quand le nouvelle information est disponible, il sera distribué électroniquement ici.

<http://www.usask.ca/geography/cag2007/>

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et La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines
<http://www.fedcan.ca/congres2007/index.htm>

**University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Department of Geography**

**CAG ANNUAL MEETING 2007
Tuesday, May 29 to Saturday, June 2, 2007**

First Circular/Call for Papers

“Welcome to Saskatchewan!” You are cordially invited to participate in the 56th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers to be held on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Saskatchewan. This is the centennial year for the University, and to celebrate this landmark CAG 2007 is jointly hosted by the Department of Geography and the Congress of the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS). In addition, the Canadian Cartographic Association will be holding its annual meeting concurrently with the CAG, which will add another dimension to this year’s conference.

This will be an opportunity to showcase Geography, not only to the larger academic community, but also to the general public throughout the Prairies. The Congress has chosen Bridging Communities: making public knowledge – making knowledge public as its theme, and we hope that Geographers will take up that challenge. As always, we encourage presentations from across the entire range of contemporary geographic research.

We are looking forward to participation from across Canada and beyond. In particular, we are hoping that the CAG/AAG session on Transborder Issues will strengthen links with our neighbours to the south. Student contributions are particularly encouraged.

Conference details are available on the University of Saskatchewan, Geography Department CAG 2007 website. New information will be posted here as it becomes available.

<http://www.usask.ca/geography/cag2007/>

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GEOGRAPHY

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

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

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

* **NEW**

* **BRANDON UNIVERSITY**

University’s Department of Rural Development invites applications for a one-year term position at the rank of assistant professor.

Duties: While the area of specialization is open, the successful candidate will contribute to undergraduate courses on Rural Issues and graduate courses on Economic Development and Rural Sustainability. There will be an opportunity to offer a course in one’s area of specialization and to supervise B.A. thesis work and Master of Rural Development thesis research.

Qualifications: The preferred qualification for the position is the Doctorate; however ABD applicants will also be considered. The successful candidate will be a broadly educated scholar with a demonstrated strength in teaching and a record of research. Postgraduate research and training in Rural Development, Rural Studies, Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology, or Rural Geography are all appropriate.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2006 or until position is filled.

Start Date: August 1, 2007. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested candidates should forward their curriculum vitae, the names of three references, a teaching dossier including course evaluations and a sample publication to: Dr. Scott Grills artsdean@brandonu.ca
Dean of Arts and Graduate Studies,
270-18th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada R7A 6A9.

Short-listed candidates will be required to provide official graduate transcripts at the time of interview. For additional information about Brandon University please visit our web site: www.brandonu.ca Requested recruitment information may also be e-mailed to artsdean@brandonu.ca.

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

* **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Position 1 - The Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a tenure-track position in Health, Environment and Social Justice, at the level of Assistant Professor. Applicants should have a PhD degree in Geography or a closely related discipline with research and teaching interests in one or more aspects of the geographies of environment, health and social justice. Candidates should have demonstrated excellence and high promise in research, and have a strong commitment to teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded research program, to develop courses in her/his area of specialization, and to contribute to the Health and Society Program in the Faculty of Arts. The ability to contribute to the teaching of spatial-analytical methods would be an asset. The appointment will be effective July 1, 2007 and is subject to final budgetary approval.

Candidates should submit, in hard (not electronic) copy, a letter of application, together with a curriculum vitae, one writing sample (e.g., a recent publication or a thesis chapter), and the names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of four referees, to arrive at UBC no later than November 27, 2006.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

All enquiries and applications should be directed to: Brian Klinkenberg, Chair, Search Committee
Department of Geography University of British Columbia
1984 West Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z2, Canada
Fax: 604-822-6150 / E-mail: brian@geog.ubc.ca

Position 2 - The Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a tenure-track position in Physical Geography at the level of Assistant Professor. Applicants should have a PhD degree in Geography or a closely related discipline with research and teaching interests in Quaternary geomorphology that contribute to existing departmental strengths in Physical Geography. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, reconstruction (e.g. geophysical methods or dating techniques) and/or modeling of landscape evolution in mountainous environments.

Candidates should have demonstrated excellence and high promise in research, and have a strong commitment to teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded research program, develop courses in his/her area of specialization,

and contribute to the teaching of physical geography and environmental studies in our undergraduate and graduate programs. The appointment will be effective July 1, 2007 and is subject to final budgetary approval. Candidates should submit, in hard (not electronic) copy, a letter of application, together with a curriculum vitae and the names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of four referees, to arrive at UBC no later than November 27, 2006.

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Position 3 - The Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a tenure-track position in Physical Geography at the level of Assistant Professor. Applicants should have a PhD degree in Geography or a closely related discipline with research and teaching interests in climatology. We seek a colleague who will develop productive linkages with one or more of the following departmental strengths (land surface and boundary layer processes, hydrology, biogeography and human impacts on the environment, including climate change). Candidates should have demonstrated excellence and high promise in research, and have a strong commitment to excellent teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded research program, and contribute to the teaching of physical geography and environmental studies in our undergraduate and graduate programs. The appointment will be effective July 1, 2007 and is subject to final budgetary approval.

Candidates should submit, in hard (not electronic) copy, a letter of application, together with a curriculum vitae and the names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of four referees, to arrive at UBC no later than November 27, 2006.

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***CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies seeks applicants for a tenure-track

position at the Assistant Professor level beginning July 1, 2007. This appointment is in the field of Human Geography, and preference will be given to candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas: environment-economy relations; urban geography; sustainable communities. Candidates able to contribute to the teaching of research design and geographic methods will be favoured as will those with expertise in the Global South.

Applicants should have a PhD in Geography or related field at the time of appointment and a demonstrated potential to develop an externally funded program of research leading to significant peer-reviewed publications. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the further development and delivery of the Department's graduate programs as well as teaching at the undergraduate level. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply but applications from Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Carleton University is committed to equality of employment for women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, and persons with disabilities. Persons from these groups are encouraged to apply. Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to: Chair_Geography@carleton.ca

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio or other evidence of teaching performance, a summary statement of research interests and experience, and up to three reprints. Applicants are requested to arrange for three referees to submit letters of support. Hard copies of applications and supporting documents should be sent to: Mike Brklacich, Chair Department of Geography & Environmental Studies Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6

Applications and supporting documents sent by email will not be considered. Consideration of applications will commence on December 1, 2006 and continue until the search committee has made a final decision.

*** CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University is seeking applicants for a position in Environmental Impact Assessment. An ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses from a range of relevant fields (including land use planning, resource analysis, remote sensing, environmental management and GIS) will be an asset. The successful applicant is expected to develop their own research agenda, to contribute to the department's new MSc program in Geography, Urban and Environmental Studies, and its graduate Diploma in Environmental Impact Assessment.

Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate filling this position, normally at the rank of Assistant Professor, for July 1, 2007. Please forward all applications

and questions to the department contact listed. Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

Applicants must have a PhD. Applications should consist of a letter of intent, a curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications, a statement of teaching interests, copies of recent teaching evaluations, a statement of research achievements and objectives, and three letters of reference. French proficiency is an asset. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Concordia University is committed to employment equity. Additional information about Concordia University can be found at: <http://artsandscience1.concordia.ca/>.

Contact: Dr A. Nash, Chair, Department of Geography Planning and Environment, Concordia University 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd.W. Montreal, QC H3G 1M8 Email: nash@vax2.concordia.ca (if applying electronically, please send documents in MSWord or pdf only).

* THE KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The King's University College announces a tenure track position in Geography with teaching and administration responsibility for an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies program. The successful candidate must be able to teach introductory Human and Physical Geography, and two or more of the following: Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Science, Environmental Impact assessment or Resource/Environmental Management. Experience in developing or administering an Environmental Studies program, including student internships, is preferred. Team-teaching and international experience are assets.

A Ph.D. is required for tenure track appointment. Teaching load is six term courses per year (adjusted for labs or seminars). Responsibility for Environmental Studies program may reduce teaching load. All tenure-track faculty members are expected to do research and publish results. Application deadline: January 15, 2007 or until filled. Start date: July 2007.

King's is a faith-based, accredited, degree granting university college in Edmonton, Alberta. To be considered for appointment, a candidate must endorse the Mission Statement and the Statement of Faith of the University College. For this position, all geography and environmental courses integrate faith and learning that emphasizes foundational and ethical perspectives. Candidates are expected to articulate and develop a Christian perspective on their discipline, addressing the role that faith has in shaping course content and research activities.

Qualified candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts and three letters of reference to: Dr. Harry Spaling, Vice-President Academic, The King's University College

9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2H3
Phone: (780) 465-3500, ext. 8003 Fax: (780) 465-3534
E-mail: harry.spaling@kingsu.ca

For information about The King's University College visit our website at www.kingsu.net

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The Department of Geography invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the Assistant Professor level, beginning on August 1, 2007.

Position 1 - Health and its geographic, economic and cultural determinants is a priority interdisciplinary research area for the University (see <http://www.mcgill.ca/strategic/>). We seek applications from candidates with a wide variety of research interests but themes such as global health and infectious disease or access to health care would be particularly complementary to existing research expertise. The successful candidate is expected to develop an externally-funded research program, embracing graduate student supervision and undergraduate teaching. There are excellent opportunities for collaboration within the Department and other units such as the Institute for Health and Social Policy, the School of Environment, the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Position 2 - We seek applications from scholars with a dynamic research program in urban geography that complements and extends our current strengths. The successful candidate is expected to develop an externally-funded research program, embracing graduate student supervision and undergraduate teaching and to play a leading role in the Urban Systems programs at McGill. There are excellent opportunities for collaboration within the department, with other units such as the School of Urban Planning, The Institute for the Study of Canada and the School of Environment, as well as other research institutions in the area.

McGill has a highly diverse student body in a culturally vibrant and cosmopolitan urban setting that offers a unique living experience. Information on McGill and the Department of Geography can be found at www.mcgill.ca and www.geog.mcgill.ca.

Applicants must possess a PhD or expect to graduate by summer 2007, and have demonstrated excellence in research, teaching and communication. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Department encourages applications from qualified women and men, visible and other minorities, aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in the first instance to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. McGill University is committed to equity in employment.

Candidates should ensure their curriculum vitae, statements of teaching specializations and research interests, up to three reprints, and the names and contact details of three referees, are received before December 15, 2006 by: Dr. Tim Moore, Chair
Department of Geography, McGill University
805 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC H3A 2K6
phone: 514 398-4114 / fax: 514 398-7437
e-mail: recruit@mcgill.ca

*** MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

Position 1 - The Department of Geography at Memorial University invites applications for the position of Head of Department. The area of specialization is open. The position will normally commence no later than July 1, 2007, subject to budgetary approval. Appointment will be at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. Letters of application should be sent to the Chair of the Search Committee, accompanied by a current curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, and the names and addresses of three persons who can supply a letter of reference. Candidates must have a completed doctoral degree, and have a record of academic leadership, excellence in teaching and research, and experience with undergraduate and graduate programs. Letters of application should specifically address the qualifications and experience that make the applicant a suitable candidate for the position of Head and well qualified for a tenured senior position in the department. The term of office for Heads is three years, normally renewable once following review.

Applications should reach the Chair of the Search Committee no later than November 10, 2006. Applications should be directed to: The Chair, Headship Search Committee, c/o Dept of Geography, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL A1B 3X9.
Phone: (709) 737-7417; fax: (709) 737-3119;
e-mail: geog@mun.ca.
Please quote position #: VPA-GEOG-2006-001.

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

Position 2 - The Department invites applications for a position in Economic Geography. The position will normally commence July 1, 2007, subject to budgetary approval, and will be made at the rank of Assistant Professor. The position normally requires a completed doctoral degree for the appointee to receive the rank of Assistant Professor and to be in a tenure-track position. The successful candidate will be expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels and should demonstrate commitment to excellence in teaching and research.

Candidates should be engaged in an active research program.

Letters of application should be sent to the Head of the Department, accompanied by a current curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier and the names and addresses of three persons who can supply a letter of reference. Applications should reach the Head no later than November 10, 2006. Applications should be directed to: Dr. K. Storey, Head, Department of Geography, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL, A1B 3X9.
Please quote position # VPA-GEOG-2006-002.

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

*** UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

Position 1 - The Department of Geography at the University of Regina invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2007. The Department seeks a tenure-track faculty member with expertise in Cartography and Geographic Information Science, to enhance the department's existing strength in this area. Candidates from a broad range of theoretical and analytical perspectives will be considered, with research interests in either human or physical geography; but there is particular interest in hiring in the areas of thematic cartography and/or environmental health. Methodological skills appropriate to the pursuit of these interests within a Cartographic and/or GIScience framework are required. Candidates who can further complement the Department's capabilities and whose interests augment and support the strategic research themes of the University and the department will be advantaged. We seek an outstanding individual with demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and research. The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in hand at time of appointment, a record of scholarly publication, evidence of excellence in teaching, and show the potential to develop an independent research agenda. The Department is committed to a balanced program of teaching, research, and service to the community.

The University of Regina has over 12,500 students and is currently in a significant growth phase. The Geography Department is also experiencing exciting growth with 4 new faculty hires in the past 3 years, state-of-the-art computing facilities, and a new Canada Research Chair in Geomatics and Sustainability. Our collegial environment is one where individual voices are heard and where personal contributions make a difference.

Applications, including a covering letter, a statement of research and teaching interests, current

curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, and three (3) letters of reference which include the referee's full contact information (address, e-mail and phone number), should be sent to: Dr. Tom Chase, Dean, Faculty of Arts
University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, S4S 0A2
Fax: (306) 585-5368

Closing date for applications is October 6, 2006.
Academic inquiries may be addressed to:
Dr. Ben Cecil, Head, Department of Geography
Phone: (306) 585-4034 / E-mail: ben.cecil@uregina.ca

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Regina is committed to the principles of employment equity and is a partner in the Aboriginal Employment Development Program.

Position 2 - The Department of Geography at the University of Regina invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2007. The Department seeks a full-time tenure-track faculty member with expertise in Physical Geography, to strengthen the Department's existing core in this area. The Department is seeking candidates with specific research expertise in Hydrology; with the ability to teach across the physical geography curriculum. Methodological and technical skills appropriate to the pursuit of these interests are required. Candidates who can further complement the department's teaching capabilities and whose interests augment and support the strategic research themes of the University, and the Department, will be advantaged. The candidate will be expected to work closely with colleagues in the Faculty engaged in related areas of research and teaching; and play a pivotal role in developing further interdisciplinary linkages with the other Faculties and Research Centres on campus. The Department seeks an outstanding individual with demonstrated commitment to excellence in research and teaching. The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. (or be close to completion), a record of scholarly publication, evidence of excellence in teaching, and show the potential to develop an independent externally funded research program. The Department is committed to a balanced program of research, teaching and service to the community.

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***RYERSON UNIVERSITY**

Department of Geography (Faculty of Arts) & Faculty of Business Marketing, particularly in spatial analysis and GIS. Ryerson University is known for innovative programs built on the integration of theoretical and practically oriented learning. More than 80 undergraduate and graduate programs are distinguished by a professionally focused curriculum and strong emphasis on excellence in teaching, research and creative activities. Ryerson is also a leader in adult learning, with the largest university-based continuing education school in Canada. The Department of Geography offers an undergraduate program in Geography leading to a BA, and a graduate program leading to a Master of Spatial Analysis (MSA), while the Faculty of Business is comprised of four schools in the areas of Business Management, Information Technology Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Retail Management. The Faculty of Business will begin to offer a Master of Business Administration with a Retail and Commercial Development specialization in the Fall of 2006. For more information about the Geography Department, the Faculty of Business and the University, see www.geography.ryerson.ca and www.ryerson.ca/fb/. This cross-appointment position, effective August 1, 2007, calls for a PhD (or equivalent) in Geography (or completion by the time of appointment). The position targets candidates with a specialization in the area of Marketing, particularly in spatial analysis and GIS. It is expected that the successful candidate will take an active role in the research activities of the Centre for the Study of Commercial Activity. A demonstrated strong commitment to excellence in research and teaching is essential, as the successful candidate will teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, contribute to the MSA and/or MBA through supervision and research, and develop an active, externally funded research program. Proven experience in establishing research partnerships with the private sector is preferred.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, samples of recent publications, and the names and contact information (e-mail address and telephone number) of

three references who may be contacted, to:
Dr. Shuguang Wang, Chair, Department of Geography
Ryerson University, 350 Victoria Street
Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2K3

Please note that faxed and e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Consideration of applications will begin on December 11, 2006, but the competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is identified. 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. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

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. 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. Letters of application accompanied by an up-to-date curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, research samples/reprints, and 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. Deadline for applications is November 1, 2006.

***SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

Position 1(2 appointments) - The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites applications for **two** full-time, tenure-track appointments in Regional Science beginning May 1, 2007. The

appointments are for new undergraduate and graduate programs in Regional Science. Simon Fraser University has three closely connected campuses in the metropolitan region of Vancouver. The Regional Science programs, faculty, and students will be located at the SFU Surrey campus. Faculty will be responsible for teaching introductory courses at SFU Burnaby, SFU Vancouver, and SFU Surrey. After the BA and MA programs are established, the development of a Ph.D. program is anticipated. The appointments will be at the rank of Assistant and/or Associate Professor. Tenure-track faculty at SFU have a 2/2 teaching load and teach in two of the University's three trimesters.

Applicants for this position must hold a doctoral degree and must specialize in the area of Regional Science. Applications are encouraged from scholars with experience in program and curriculum development. Appointments will be made commensurate with experience in teaching, research, and service.

Applicants should submit a detailed letter of application that addresses current and future research interests as well as teaching philosophy and experience. The letter must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and a sample of scholarly writing. If applicable, include a summary of your experience in curricular development, in departmental or university governance, and in mentoring new scholars. Applicants must also arrange for three letters of reference to be sent directly to Dr. Heather Dawkins at the address below. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2006 or until the positions are filled. All materials should be sent to:

Dr. Heather Dawkins, Associate Dean
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Simon Fraser University Surrey, Central City,
250 - 13450 102nd Avenue, Surrey, BC V3T 0A3

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal employment opportunities to qualified applicants. The position is subject to final budgetary approval. Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see the Collection Notice at http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html

Position 2 -The Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a tenure track faculty appointment in meteorology/climatology. We seek a physical scientist with research interests in atmospheric science that link to one or more of physical geography, GIS, and the human impacts of climate change. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will begin September 1, 2007.

Applicants must have completed a PhD by the time of appointment and should demonstrate a clear

promise of excellence in research as well as effectiveness in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Physical Geography Program. Prime responsibilities will be to teach a sequence of undergraduate courses in weather and climate and related graduate courses, and to provide research direction and graduate supervision in atmospheric science. The successful candidate also will be expected to instruct in other courses in the Physical Geography Program as needed. The appointee will be responsible for establishing an externally funded research program in atmospheric science.

Applicants should forward a curriculum vitae, statement of research interests and career goals, and reprint or sample of research writing to:

Dr. Ted Hickin Chair, Department of Geography
Simon Fraser University Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6

They should also arrange for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to the Chair under separate cover. Review of applications will commence on November 21, 2006.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal opportunities to qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities. The position is subject to final budgetary approval.

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***TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography (<http://geog.tamu.edu>) invites applications for **two** tenure-track positions in Human Geography at the Assistant Professor level, to begin in September 2007. We seek geographers researching global economic and/or political processes. Possible specializations are health geography, urbanization, large-scale organizations and institutions, or public policy, however other specializations will be seriously considered. One of these geographers must be capable of teaching an introductory undergraduate GIS course. These positions are part of a major expansion at Texas A&M, the College of Geosciences, and the Department of Geography. The successful candidates are expected to solidify the human geography research cluster and support the human-environment research cluster. Outstanding opportunities exist for collaboration with other departments, research units, and interdisciplinary initiatives within the College of Geosciences (<http://geosciences.tamu.edu>), and the University (e.g., the George Bush School of Government and Public Service,

and the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Agriculture & Life Sciences, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning). The successful applicants must have a strong commitment to quality teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels and demonstrate the potential to initiate and maintain vigorous, externally funded research programs. The Ph.D. is required at time of appointment.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses (including e-mail addresses) of three referees to Professor Jonathan M. Smith, Search Committee Chair (jmsmith@tamu.edu). Review of applications will begin on November 1st, 2006. Texas A&M University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic community committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We strongly encourage applications from women, under represented ethnic groups, and individuals with disabilities.

***UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**

The University of Victoria (UVic) is seeking to fill a BC Leading Edge Endowment Fund (LEEF) Leadership Chair, and invites nominations and applications in the area of Hyperspectral Remote Sensing. UVic is one of Canada's most research-intensive comprehensive universities. We are committed to the pursuit of research excellence and are a leading proponent of research methodologies that foster sophisticated interdisciplinary appraisals that promote collaboration and exchange among our researchers and with others around the world. Much of our research success can be attributed to the efforts we have devoted to building and supporting a critical mass of exceptional geomaticans including those affiliated with the Department of Geography in the Faculty of Social Sciences. For information about the University and its programs, visit <http://www.uvic.ca>.

Our ideal BC Leadership Chair candidate will be an accomplished researcher with an outstanding record of funding, supervision, and publications. We are particularly interested in individuals who would facilitate research designed to provide meaningful applications of hyperspectral remote sensing for assessing environmental effects on the biogeochemistry of foliar canopy and ecosystem functioning. British Columbia provides an ideal location for developing applications of hyperspectral remote sensing. The province's forested landscapes encompass a range of ecological conditions or states from healthy to at risk to degraded. The geographic diversity of these landscapes provides a rich terrain for developing hyperspectral applications designed to establish the state of this nation's forests, its underlying soils and bedrock.

The BC Leadership Chair program was established by the Government of British Columbia to strengthen the province's capacity for innovative research, to promote British Columbia as a centre for cutting-edge

research, to enhance economic development and to position the province as a leader in the knowledge-based economy. Information about the LEEF, including profiles of current Chair holders, can be found at <http://www.leefbc.ca/>. To be eligible for a BC Leadership Chair candidates must: be outstanding and innovative researchers whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their fields; be recognized internationally as leaders in their fields; have superior records of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows; and, be proposing an original, innovative research program of the highest quality.

Nominations and applications, including a curriculum vitae, a five-year research plan, and contact information for referees, should be forwarded to: Dr Dan Smith, Chair, Department of Geography University of Victoria, Victoria, BC V8W 3P5, Canada

Consideration of applications will begin October 15, 2006; appointments will be effective 1 July 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible. The successful applicant will be recommended for appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level, with salary commensurate with qualifications and experiences. Please note that all BC Leadership Chair positions are subject to review and final approval by the LEEF Internal Review Committee.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements. Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

***UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO**

Position 1 - The Department of Geography at The University of Western Ontario is seeking applicants for a position in Health Geography, at the Associate (tenured or probationary), or Assistant (probationary) Professor levels. The Department is looking for someone with health geography interests that links with existing areas of focus in the Department. Candidates who can complement Departmental and Faculty strengths are particularly encouraged to apply. Working relationships with organizations in relevant fields is also desirable. There are excellent opportunities for teaching and research collaborations with faculty members from other academic units who have an interest in a variety of health-related issues.

We seek an outstanding individual with demonstrated commitment to excellence in research and teaching. The candidate must have a PhD and a strong record of scholarly activity. The candidate should be capable of supervising graduate student research, teaching graduate and undergraduate students, and conducting

research on development.

The appointment will be effective July 1, 2007. The appointment is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Applications, including a statement of research and teaching interests, current curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, together with their e-mail, fax and telephone numbers, should be sent to: Prof. Dan Shrubsole Chair, Department of Geography Social Science Centre The University of Western Ontario London, Ontario, N6A 5C2, Canada
Tel: (519) 661-3126; Fax: (519) 661-3750
E-mail: dashrubs@uwo.ca

Closing date: 1 December 2006 or until position is filled. E-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

Position 2(2 appointments) - The Department of Geography at The University of Western Ontario is seeking applicants for **two** positions in Urban Geography, at the Associate (tenured or probationary), and/or Assistant (probationary) Professor levels. The Department is looking for someone with research interests in areas of economic, social, or political aspects of urban systems. Candidates who can complement Departmental and Faculty strengths are particularly encouraged to apply.

We seek an outstanding individual with demonstrated commitment to excellence in research and teaching. The candidate must have a PhD and a strong record of scholarly activity. The candidate should have an active research program and be capable of supervising graduate student research and teaching graduate and undergraduate students.

The appointment will be effective July 1, 2007. The appointment is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Applications, including a statement of research and teaching interests, current curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, together with their e-mail, fax and telephone numbers, should be sent to: Prof. Dan Shrubsole Chair, Department of Geography Social Science Centre The University of Western Ontario London, Ontario, N6A 5C2, Canada
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***WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY**

The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2007, subject to budgetary approval. Successful applicants will have a PhD or will have completed a PhD by the time of appointment, preferably in Geography or Environmental Studies. We are seeking an economic geographer with a strong methodology background. The appointee will be expected to contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching and supervision. We are interested in economic geographers who are working in combination with another field, such as urban geography, social geography or public policy analysis. The successful candidate will have a promising publication record and a well developed program of research. Appointment will be at a rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. To apply, send a curriculum vitae, a short statement of research and teaching interests, up to three selected reprints, and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees to: Dr. Mary-Louise Byrne Chair, Geography and Environmental Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3C5, Canada

Closing date for applications and supporting materials is November 20, 2006. Wilfrid Laurier University is committed to equity and values diversity. We welcome applications from qualified individuals of all genders and sexual orientations, persons with disabilities, Aboriginal persons, and persons of a visible minority. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Members of the designated groups must self-identify to be considered for employment equity. Candidates may self-identify, in confidence, to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. David Docherty.

***YORK UNIVERSITY**

Position 1 - The Department of Geography invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level. The Department seeks an urban economic geographer conducting critical research on labour and work-related issues in Canada who will complement the Department's existing strength in urban geography. Scholars working on any region of Canada are encouraged to apply. A PhD is required at the time of appointment and preference will be given to applicants with experience supervising graduate students. We seek an individual who will develop a vigorous research program in an interdisciplinary environment and can

demonstrate a commitment to high-quality undergraduate and graduate teaching. The position, to commence 1 July 2007, is subject to budgetary approval. York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, statement of research interests and selected publications, and arrange to have three letters of reference sent to: Patricia K. Wood, Chair, Department of Geography, York University, N418 Ross Building, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3; phone 416-736-5107, fax 416-736-5988. Electronic applications will not be accepted. Deadline: 17 November 2006.

Position 2 - The Division of Social Science, Faculty of Arts, York University, invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor in the area of interdisciplinary and critical urban studies. The Division is a department within the Faculty of Arts, mandated to provide undergraduate general education, as well as housing numerous specialized interdisciplinary programs including the Urban Studies Program. This appointment will commence July 1, 2007, subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have a Ph.D. and a specialization in some aspect of the study of Canadian urbanism. The successful candidate will demonstrate the promise of excellence in urban scholarship and in undergraduate teaching and will be expected to contribute to the development of the Urban Studies Program and of urban research at York.

Candidates are asked to submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching and research interests, examples of their scholarship and teaching evaluations and to arrange for three letters of reference to be sent directly to: Darryl Reed, Chair, Division of Social Science, York University, S756A Ross Building, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3, (e-mail, dreed@yorku.ca) tel: 416-736-2100, X77812; fax, 416-736-5574; Deadline for applications is November 15 2006.

For many years, York University has had a policy of employment equity including affirmative action for women faculty. Recently, York has included racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginals in its affirmative action program. The Division of Social Science welcomes applications from qualified women, racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginal peoples. Persons who are members of one or more of these groups are encouraged to self-identify during the selection process. Please note that candidates from these groups will be considered within the priorities of the affirmative action only if these self-identify.

Information about the affirmative action program may be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling (416) 736-5713. All positions at York are subject to budgetary approval. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. Applications are invited from qualified individuals regardless of their immigration status in Canada.

Position 3 - York Centre for International and Security Studies. Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Peace, Conflict and Security. The successful candidate would be expected to contribute to the work of the York Centre for International and Security Studies (www.yorku.ca/yciss). The activities of the Centre range from large, interdisciplinary collaborative research projects to individual faculty projects, supported by a variety of seminar series, publications, and conferences. The Centre for International and Security Studies is dedicated to the study of international peace and security issues and is a Department of National Defence Security and Defence Forum Centre of Expertise. Candidates will be expected to teach graduate and undergraduate courses and to maintain an active research program. The position is open to any aspect of the study of contemporary international peace, conflict and security. Of particular interest are those taking critical approaches to the study of such issues as: territory, sovereignty and human security; conflict, culture and political transformation; new wars and the transformation of war economies; or security, justice and development in post-conflict environments. While the position is open in relation to regional focus, we would welcome applications from those examining these issues in relation to Africa. The appointment is not limited by discipline, and the successful candidate will be offered a position within the most appropriate teaching department. In particular, we are interested in receiving applications from those working in: Human Geography; Socio-Cultural Anthropology; or History. However, applications for other disciplines will be welcomed.

The position will commence July 1, 2007 and is subject to budgetary approval. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is November 15, 2006. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, and relevant reprints, and arrange to have three hard-copy letters of reference sent to: Joan Broussard, Secretary, Faculty Search Committee York Centre for International and Security Studies 375 York Lanes, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3 Tel: 416.736.5156. Fax: 416.736.5752

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Permanent Residents will be given priority.

Position 4 - The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University, Toronto, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Indigenous Environmental Thought to start July 1, 2007. We welcome applications from a wide range of disciplines and practices focused on a North American context, and particularly from indigenous people. We are seeking a colleague to complement existing strengths in the area of culture and the environment. Ability to link cultural processes to place, and expertise in indigenous community-sanctioned research methodologies is desirable. Specific expertise in Anishinaabe and/or Haudenasaunee studies would be an asset as well as fluency in a relevant indigenous language. Candidates must hold a PhD degree in a relevant field by the time of appointment or hold equivalent standing in indigenous community and/or cultural traditions.

In the Faculty of Environmental Studies the area of Culture and Environment: Philosophy, Arts, Technology and Education, is defined broadly. The area focuses on the conceptual, historical and cultural roots of environmental issues, and on environmental arts, education, traditional ecological knowledge/indigenous knowledge, policy and cultural organizations as crucial sites of environmental action.

FES is a unique interdisciplinary Faculty that adopts a broad definition of "environmental studies" including natural, built, social and organizational environments and that welcomes diverse perspectives and approaches. The Faculty has both undergraduate and graduate programs, and the candidate must be able to contribute to teaching, advising, and research in both programs. More information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies is available at www.yorku.ca/fes.

York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York's website at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling the Affirmative Action office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. All positions at York University are subject to budgetary approval.

A letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests and three academic and/or indigenous community references (email address and telephone number) should be sent to the address below by January 15, 2007.

Indigenous Environmental Thought Search Committee
Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 126 HNES
York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, ON M3J 1P3
Fax: (416) 736-5679 E-mail: feshires@yorku.ca

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