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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

Les départements de géographie et l'interdisciplinarité

Vous vous êtes certainement aperçus en lisant mes précédents articles que l'avenir de la géographie me préoccupe. D'après les résultats d'un sondage, il s'avère que je m'inquiète peut-être pour rien. En effet, une question visant à connaître le nombre d'étudiants inscrits en géographie et le nombre de majeures offertes par la plupart des départements a été affichée sur le serveur de courrier électronique GeoChairs et les réponses à cette question indiquent que la géographie est un domaine en santé. Bien qu'on note certaines différences entre les divers établissements d'enseignement, on remarque une certaine croissance générale au sein des divers programmes de baccalauréat malgré la baisse du nombre d'étudiants au baccalauréat ès sciences. Je suis convaincue qu'au fur et à mesure que nous recevons les réponses, nous connaissons bientôt les résultats détaillés de ce sondage réalisé par Dan Smith de l'Université de Victoria, qui est responsable de la gestion de la liste et de la question. Nous devons toutefois rester vigilants. Les étudiants des facultés des arts et des sciences sociales de nombreuses universités sont généralement admis lors de leur première année à la faculté et non pas au programme de géographie. Après en avoir discuté avec divers collègues, il semble que nous intéressons nos étudiants plus ou moins par accident alors qu'ils suivent leur premier cours de géographie et qu'ils « découvrent » le domaine (souvent après un contact limité avec le domaine à l'école secondaire).

La géographie joue un rôle marquant et, selon moi, de plus en plus important dans les cours hors programme aux niveaux d'enseignement inférieurs pour les autres départements, notamment en sciences de l'éducation où le cours de géographie du Canada est souvent un cours obligatoire. Les nouveaux programmes interdisciplinaires font bien souvent augmenter la demande. Tous ces facteurs nous permettent de maintenir un nombre d'inscriptions très satisfaisant. Néanmoins, à la lumière des changements démographiques et de la baisse prévue du nombre d'inscriptions à l'université, je crois qu'il faudra se montrer davantage dynamiques dans le recrutement des étudiants du secondaire afin que

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Geography Departments and Interdisciplinarity

As you may have gathered if you have read any of my previous columns, I have an underlying anxiety about the future of the discipline. Now maybe I'm just a born worrier because, based on responses to a recent question posed on the GeoChairs mailserver on "how are your numbers?" it appears that in terms of enrolments and the number of majors in most departments of geography the discipline remains healthy. Although there are institutional differences, there appears in very general terms to be some growth within BA programs, although a decline in BSc numbers. I'm sure as more responses are received, we'll hear details on the results of this survey from Dan Smith at the University of Victoria, who manages the list and posed the question. Nevertheless, we need to be vigilant. In many universities students in arts and social science faculties are admitted generally into the Faculty and not directly into a geography program during their first year. Based on discussions with various colleagues, it seems we often attract our students more or less by accident when they take a first year geography course and 'discover' the subject (after often limited exposure to the subject during high school).

The discipline plays a significant, and I believe increasing, role in providing service courses at the lower levels for other departments including education, where a geography of Canada course is often required for students. New interdisciplinary programs often add to demand. All this keeps our enrolments healthy. Nevertheless, in light

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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

ceux-ci fassent de la géographie leur premier choix dès l'entrée à l'université. Les visites par des membres du corps professoral dans les écoles et la mise au point de matériel promotionnel pourraient nous permettre d'y parvenir. Ainsi, en plus de nos efforts visant à promouvoir la Semaine de l'éveil à la géographie, nous pouvons contribuer à cette réalisation en partageant nos idées et notre matériel.

Ma participation à la réunion de la division de l'Ouest de l'Association canadienne des géographes, qui s'est déroulée au Collège universitaire de la vallée du Fraser à Abbotsford du 8 au 10 mars, a permis d'apaiser mes préoccupations concernant la santé de la géographie. Selon moi, environ 80 % des plus de 200 participants à l'événement étaient des étudiants de premier cycle ou des cycles supérieurs de partout de la Colombie Britannique et en l'Alberta. Certaines communications intéressantes couvrant un fort large éventail de domaines de la géographie ont été présentées dans le cadre de cette réunion. À l'instar de ma participation aux réunions de la division des Prairies de l'ACG l'automne dernier, j'ai été surprise par l'enthousiasme et l'engagement des étudiants et des membres du corps professoral. J'ai été ravie d'entendre la Mme Sandy Vanderburgh, auparavant membre du corps professoral du département de géographie de l'UCFV, récemment nommée doyenne des sciences et des technologies au Douglas College, déclarer avec fierté « Je suis géographe » dans son discours de bienvenue lors du banquet. J'ai repris ce thème dans mes observations subséquentes afin d'encourager même les personnes qui obtiennent seulement un diplôme de premier cycle en géographie de se considérer comme des « géographes » étant donné que la formation en géographie contribue à l'établissement d'une perspective unique et d'un ensemble d'habiletés importantes dans le monde d'aujourd'hui.

Cette réflexion m'amène à traiter de la question « d'interdisciplinarité », un sujet abordé au sein de nombreuses universités. L'interdisciplinarité n'est pas un fait nouveau et les universités ont, depuis un bon nombre d'années, mis au point des programmes comme les études internationales, les études urbaines et les études des ressources et de l'environnement. Toutefois, les organismes de financement considèrent de plus en plus ces coalitions comme des approches stratégiques au soutien de la recherche. Comme David Skole (2004) le souligne, le changement environnemental planétaire favorisera une telle interdisciplinarité. Selon lui, un nombre accru de non-géographes trouveront leur place au sein des départements de géographie où les perspectives interdisciplinaires font partie de notre philosophie. Le présent article ne vise pas à traiter ou à critiquer l'article de Skole en détail bien que celui-ci soulève d'intéressantes questions concernant les possibilités qui
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

of changing demographics and forecasts of decreasing university enrolment, I believe we have to be more aggressive in recruiting high school students to choose geography as their first choice when they enter the university. Visits by faculty members to schools and the development of promotional materials are obvious tools. Hopefully, along with our efforts to promote Geography Awareness Week, we can assist in this endeavour by sharing ideas and materials.

My anxieties about the health of the discipline were, at least temporarily, allayed when I attended the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers' meeting which was hosted by the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) in Abbotsford on March 8-10th. Of the over 200 participants I would guess over 80 percent were undergraduate and graduate students from all over BC and Alberta. Some great papers were presented that covered a broad spectrum of geographic interests. As with my attendance at the Prairie CAG meetings last fall, I was struck by the enthusiasm and commitment exhibited by both students and faculty members. I was delighted to hear Dr Sandy Vanderburgh, an ex-faculty member of the Department of Geography at UCFV, recently appointed as the Dean of Science and Technology at Douglas College, proudly pronounce in his introductory welcoming remarks at the banquet "I am a geographer". I picked up on this theme in my subsequent remarks encouraging even those that only complete an undergraduate degree to think of themselves as 'geographers' because geography training contributes to a distinctive perspective and a set of skills that is valued in the 'real' world.

This thought leads me into the issue of 'interdisciplinarity' a topic being discussed and debated by many universities at present. Interdisciplinarity is not new and universities have for many years established programs such as international studies, urban studies and resource and environmental studies. However, funding agencies are increasingly seeing such coalitions as strategic approaches to research support. As David Skole (2004) points out, global environmental change will stimulate such interdisciplinarity. He suggests that increasingly non-geographers will seek a home in geography departments where interdisciplinary perspectives are embedded within our culture. This is not the place to discuss or critique Skole's article in detail but it raises interesting issues concerning the opportunities for geography to either embrace such changes and play a pivotal role as an interdisciplinary leader or become entrenched and defensive about defending what has been our traditional "territory".

I encourage you to foster discussion and debate in your departments about the challenges posed to the discipline by our changing global environment. How can
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**CAG ELECTION 2007 RESULTS/
RÉSULTATS-ÉLECTIONS DE L'ACG 2007**

Position of Vice-president/Poste de Vice-président

DAN J. SMITH

ACCLAIMED/ÉLOGES

As no further nominations were submitted by the membership for the position of vice-president, the candidate nominated for this position was elected by acclamation./ Comme on n'a pas reçu d'autres mises en candidature pour le poste de vice-président, de la part des membres, le candidat nommé a été élu par acclamation.

Nom: Dan Smith

Poste actuel: Professeur et Président du Département

Rattachement: Département de géographie
Université de Victoria

Titres universitaires:

Baccalauréat en études environnementales
(spécialisé), Université de Waterloo, 1977
Maîtrise en arts, Université de Waterloo, 1979
Ph.D., Université de l'Alberta, 1985

Affiliations

Le Club alpin du Canada (CAC)
Association canadienne des géographes (ACG)
Division de l'Ouest de l'Association canadienne
des géographes (WCAG)
Association canadienne pour l'étude du
Quaternaire (CANQUA)
Association géologique du Canada (AGC)
Le Groupe canadien de recherche en
géomorphologie (GCRG)
Union géophysique canadienne (UGC)

Champs d'intérêt

Géomorphologie
Dendrochronologie

Intérêts de recherche

Le programme de recherche de Dan Smith constitue un avancement des connaissances dans le domaine des impacts temporels et spatiaux des changements climatiques sur les processus géomorphologiques de la cordillère canadienne. Les observations menées en haute altitude dans les piémonts des montagnes Rocheuses du Canada, les montagnes côtières de la Colombie-Britannique et des chaînes qui s'étendent sur l'Île de Vancouver ont permis de constituer une base de données probantes sur les impacts des changements du climat au cours de la période de l'Holocène. Les efforts de recherche ont pour objectif de décrire l'importance géomorphologique de séries distinctes de processus à divers intervalles durant le dernier millénaire. Aujourd'hui, ses recherches visent à comprendre la réaction de la structure glaciologique de la glace permanente dans cette région face aux changements

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Name: Dan Smith

Current Position: Professor and Department Chair

Affiliation: Department of Geography
University of Victoria

Academic Qualifications:

BES (Hons), University of Waterloo, 1977
MA, University of Waterloo, 1979
PhD, University of Alberta, 1985

Memberships

Alpine Club of Canada (ACC)
Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)
Western Division Canadian Association of
Geographers (WCAG)
Canadian Quaternary Association (CANQUA)
Geological Association of Canada (Fellow)
(GAC)
Canadian Geomorphology Research Group
(CGRG)
Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU)

Fields of Interest

Geomorphology
Dendrochronology

Research Interests

Dan Smith's research program focuses on developing an understanding for the temporal and spatial impacts of fluctuating climates on alpine geomorphic processes in the Canadian cordillera. Observations at high-mountain locations in the front ranges of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the Coast Mountains of British Columbia and the Vancouver Island Ranges have resulted in the presentation of a growing body of evidence on the impacts of changed climates during the Holocene. The research is tied to an attempt to characterize the geomorphic significance of distinctive suites of processes at various intervals over the last millennia. His research is presently focused on understanding the physical glaciological response of perennial ice in this region to changes in climate. A broad appreciation for the magnitude of climatic change has been gleaned from high-resolution tree-ring analysis. These insights are being compared to corollary field investigations at a

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dans les facteurs climatiques. Une compréhension approfondie de l'ampleur des changements climatiques est acquise à l'aide d'une analyse dendrochronologique très détaillée. Ces informations sont comparées à des résultats d'études de terrain poursuivies en parallèle sur divers sites en vue d'évaluer les réactions de glaciers particuliers aux climats de l'Holocène.

Services rendus à la profession et auprès de l'ACG

Dan s'est joint à l'ACG pour la première fois pendant ses études de premier cycle à l'Université de Waterloo. Il est un membre très actif au sein des Divisions de l'Ouest et des Prairies de l'ACG. À la Division de l'Ouest, Dan a occupé la fonction de rédacteur du bulletin de nouvelles, tient à jour la page web de la Division et gère sa liste de diffusion CAGWESTE. La Division de l'Ouest lui a décerné dernièrement le Prix William C. Wonders pour distinction académique. En tant que membre de l'ACG, Dan a été rédacteur adjoint de la revue *Le Géographe canadien*; il a fondé et géré les listes de diffusion CAGLIST et ChairList; il tient à jour la page des offres d'emplois. Dan est très impliqué dans le Groupe canadien de recherche en géomorphologie et le groupe canadien de recherche en dendrochronologie pour lesquels il gère les listes de diffusion des usagers, tient à jour les pages web du GCRG, et soutient deux recueils bibliographiques accessibles en ligne qui portent sur les études en géomorphologie et en dendrochronologie.

DIVISION NEWS

The 49th annual meeting of the Western Division of the CAG was held in Abbotsford, BC from 8-10 March 2007, and hosted by faculty and students of Geography at the University College of the Fraser Valley. For the second consecutive year, more than 200 registrants were in attendance at our annual conference. This figure included over 150 graduate and undergraduate students who played a major part in the proceedings. Participants were treated to a fascinating and eye-opening keynote lecture about past and future climate change by Dr Richard Hebda, Curator of Botany and Earth History at the Royal BC Museum and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria. The meeting concluded with a marvelous banquet, highlighted by a guest presentation from Dr Hugh Brody, a Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Studies at UCFV and an internationally renowned scholar and filmmaker of aboriginal land issues and the intimate connections between indigenous cultures and traditional lands. A rewarding and memorable time was had by all, thanks in no small measure to the excellent efforts of our most gracious hosts from the Department of Geography at UCFV.

Neil Hanlon (UNBC)
President, WD-CAG

variety of sites to evaluate individual glacier responses to Holocene climates.

Service to the Profession and the CAG

Dan has been a member of the CAG since he was an undergraduate student at the University of Waterloo. He been an active member of both the Prairie and Western Division of the CAG. As a member of the Western Division, Dan has served as the Newsletter Editor, maintains the division webpage and moderates the division mailserver CAGWESTE. He was recently awarded William C. Wonders Award for Scholarly Distinction by the Western Division. As a member of the CAG, Dan has served as a co-editor of *The Canadian Geographer*; initiated and moderates the CAGLIST and ChairList mailservers; and maintains the CAGLIST jobpage. Dan is also active with the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group and the Canadian Dendrochronology Research Group by moderating their user mailservers, by maintaining the CGRG webpages and by sustaining two internet accessible research bibliographies focused on geomorphology and tree-ring studies.

CAG STUDY GROUP NEWS

The CAG Economic and Social Change Study Group invites submissions for its annual student paper prize. Papers addressing any aspect of the broad theme of the study group are welcome. The paper must be presented at the CAG Annual Meeting in Saskatoon, though the prize will be awarded on the basis of the paper itself rather than the presentation. Papers should therefore be substantial as they are presented at the conference.

All students registered at Canadian Universities who are current members of the CAG at the time of the annual conference are eligible to submit; there is no restriction on the session in which the paper is given. The award will be \$100. Applicants should submit their complete paper to Derrek Eberts at <ebertsd@brandonu.ca>, as an e-mail attachment in either Word or WordPerfect format.

The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2007.

Study Groups provide a forum for members to focus on their particular subject in geography and many also organize special paper sessions at the CAG annual meetings. You must be a CAG member to join any of the study groups. Members may join any of the fifteen CAG study groups by indicating the group(s) of their choice and adding the fee to their CAG membership fee for 2007.

For a complete list of study groups as well as direct links to their individual websites (where available) go to www.cag-acg.ca/en/study_groups.html.

**Geography Awareness Week, Nov 12-16, 2007 &
Geographic Information Systems Day, Nov 14, 2007**

Progress Report 1

1. A two-part session on Geography Awareness Week (GAW) and Geographic Information Systems Day (GIS Day) is being organized for CAG 2007. A session of this nature has the potential to become a very instructive means of planning and implementing future GAW and GIS Day activities that are displayed on or linked to the CAG website. As a result, the session should be of particular interest to individuals who are intending to contribute materials to the CAG website for display and/or linking purposes.

2. There are five days in GAW, and only one of the five days, GIS Day, is generally regarded as being dedicated to a theme. Informal discussions suggested that it might be a good idea for one of the GAW days in 2007 to focus on the weather-climate relationship, and to roll in such associated research and teaching topics as climate change, global warming, greenhouse gases, air pollution, shifting water tables, and numerous other related concerns. As good fortune would have it, a presentation on the "Doomsday Map" to the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) was well received, to the point that a number of members of CMOS agreed to consider contributing to Weather and Climate Day during Geography Awareness Week. When informed of the generous offer from CMOS members, several CAG members responded positively to a CAGList note, and expressed interest in a collaborative effort. We will therefore be proceeding to do what we can to make Weather and Climate Day a very visible part of GAW 2007, and a major event in the minds of Canadians.

3. A new student-oriented activity that is being implemented for GAW 2007 and GIS Day 2007 is the GIS-Transportation Poster Competition. This competition will be hosted by Transport 2000 Canada, and will be fully tied in with the GAW and GIS Day programs of the CAG. I am pleased that my role as Distinguished Research Fellow at Transport 2000 was instrumental in creating this partnership. And, I am equally pleased that my association with the Laboratory for Applied Geomatics and Geographic Information Systems Science, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa, has also been helpful. Prof Mike Sawada, Director of the Lab, has kindly agreed to provide technical and technological support for the GIS-Transportation Poster Competition.

4. Those who keep tabs on the CAG website will have noticed a new link that Valerie Shoffey created with lightning speed. In brief, click on 'Education', followed by 'Geography Awareness Week', '2007' and then 'Geographers in the media-2007', and there you have the

substance of the new link. The alert reader will recognize that we have created a body of information that brings together all the entries in the "Geographers in the News" column that appears in the CAG Newsletter. It is anticipated that by the time GAW and GIS Day arrive in November, we are going to have a very imposing array of geographers who contribute to raising geographic awareness of the public through engagement in media stories.

Please send comments, questions, and especially offers to help to: wellarb@uottawa.ca.

Barry Wellar, CAG Media Program Director
Geography Awareness Week 2007
Geographic Information Systems Day 2007

OBITUARY

TROUGHTON, Michael J., passed away on Saturday March 10th, 2007 after a short battle with cancer in his 68th year.

Mike joined the department of geography at the University of Western Ontario in 1964, and was its second doctoral graduate and its longest serving member at his retirement in 2005, a record of 41 years of service that is unlikely to be equalled.

He was president of the Canadian Association of Geographers in 1992 as well as a CAG councillor from 1978-80. In 2003 he was presented with the CAGONT award for Service to Geography in Ontario in recognition of his achievements in the province where he lived, worked and taught, contributing substantively to our knowledge of the rural (and urban) landscape.

Throughout the year prior to his retirement he was the main organizer and administrator of one of the largest annual meetings in CAG history, held at The University of Western Ontario in June 2005. One of the highlights, and unbeknownst to Mike, was a special session in his honour to recognise his imminent retirement.

Mike will be sorely missed by university colleagues, former students and a global network of colleagues and friends.

SSHRC Hires New Vice-President

Congratulation to Dr. Gisèle Yasmeen on the appointment of vice-president, partnerships, of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council effective January 2, 2007. Dr. Yasmeen has a PhD from UBC (1996) in geography.

Note: CAGListserv - To join go to <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/caglist> and complete the form. New Members are NOT automatically entered on the CAGList server upon becoming a CAG member.

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EVENT SUMMARY

Challenges and Opportunities in Field Research:
Lessons from Faculty and Graduate Research in
Cross-Cultural Contexts .

By *Sonia Wesche*

In celebration of **Geography Awareness Week** (November 12-18, 2006), the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University hosted a symposium that brought together students and faculty from multiple disciplines who are interested in undertaking fieldwork in cross-cultural contexts. The purpose of this symposium was twofold: to inform undergraduate and graduate students about the benefits and limitations of research in cross-cultural contexts, and to cultivate within young academics a sense of fieldwork and its significance as a data gathering method in geography and other disciplines.

The event featured two interactive panel discussions, one made up of graduate students, and the other of faculty members. The former included Garry Fehr (U Guelph), Dr. Gita Laidler (U Toronto), Candace Newman (U Waterloo), and Tristan Pearce (U Guelph). Faculty panellists included Dr. Glen Norcliffe (York U), Dr. Chui-Ling Tam (Wilfrid Laurier U, Brantford), Dr. Derek Armitage (Wilfrid Laurier U), and Dr. Brent Doberstein (U Waterloo). Additional presentations were given by Dr. Gerald Schaus, Professor of Archaeology at Wilfrid Laurier University, and by representatives from the Office of Research and Laurier International.

Following are some of the themes and issues discussed during the symposium. These may provide useful insight for newer researchers who plan to engage in cross-cultural fieldwork.

Personal Characteristics

Certain personal characteristics are valuable for researchers working in a cross-cultural setting. One thing to consider is that the gender, age, height and academic status of the researcher will play into the relationships with community members. Females, especially those who are shorter in height and look young, may have to persevere to obtain the respect and cooperation of local stakeholders in some cross-cultural contexts. In research teams of mixed genders, local contacts may engage more readily with the male(s).

Beyond physical appearance and career status, Mr. Donahue from Laurier International described several elements of a culturally effective person. These include: maintaining humour, patience, and politeness; persevering; being hard working, giving to others, and being a team player.

Benefits

There are many benefits to engaging in cross-cultural fieldwork, both academic and personal. Several panellists mentioned some of the following positive aspects of this type of research:

- Networking opportunities with a wide range of community members, government leaders, researchers, and other stakeholders.
- Academic specialization in a field of study.
- Possibilities for future work positions that may not be foreseeable at the project's inception.
- Personal travel and cultural experience in foreign contexts.
- The opportunity for self discovery.

Research Advice

Although the panel researchers had worked in very different settings, they described many similar experiences. The following research advice emerged from the symposium discussions:

- Read background information and talk to other knowledgeable individuals about the history and evolution of field work site.
- It is important to do a reconnaissance of the research community before beginning one's fieldwork. Initial contact with key leaders or organizations in the research community sets the stage for building relationships and engaging stakeholders in developing the research project.
- Try to ascertain an understanding of the community hierarchy during the research planning stages. In many rural indigenous communities, it is important to speak to the head chief first.
- Taking time to consider the benefits of your research for the community encourages stakeholder participation.
- Ask local leaders and others who have worked in the community the appropriate way to show gratitude or compensate individuals for participation (where appropriate), e.g. gifts, money, helping out with a local event.
- Determine the appropriate way - verbal versus written - to obtain participant consent for the use of interview quotes, photos, and audio or video clips.
- Engage yourself as much as possible in local activities, and express interest in learning about the local culture and language.
- The leave-return strategy is useful for trust-building. When a researcher returns for multiple visits, residents recognize the long-term commitment, and may be more willing to engage in productive, collaborative relationships.
- Maintain awareness of your status in the community as an outsider. Recognize that it may

- take some time before you are accepted and trusted.
- Make genuine connections, both personal and professional, with people in the field. Personal relationships are an essential part of the research experience, and can also provide exceptional insight regarding cultural norms and social dynamics at the field site.
 - Be adaptable in the field. Research methods must often be modified during the fieldwork process as one becomes more aware of the research context and of unanticipated challenges.
 - Where possible, involve community members in reviewing papers before publication. A close relationship with leaders in the research community also allows the possibility for joint authorship on publications.

Researchers must also be aware that they too are under observation while in the field. In the same way that researchers view and evaluate others, others also observe and judge the researchers. Strive to be open and transparent in your research process, and to maintain a neutral position among stakeholders wherever possible (playing favourites may cause unnecessary conflict). Also, observe the people around you, and make sure to act in a culturally appropriate manner. Last but not least, make sure to have some fun! Good luck!

CAG Directory 2007

By now all 2006 CAG members would have received the CAG Directory for 2006.

We are now working on the CAG Directory for 2007 and would like for it to contain as complete a listing of all Canadian geographers as possible.

If yours is a multi campus university and you are not listed under the departmental listings please contact your closest geography dept and ask if you could be either incorporated into their main listing, or in a separate departmental listing.

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

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

Each department is responsible for the content of the list they submit. The material is published as submitted and the department is charged accordingly. If you are a member of one of the listed departments and your publications and research activities are not included in your department listing or your listing is incorrect please see the person in your department who is

responsible for submitting the material.

All members, regardless of their affiliation or lack of one, are automatically included in the "Membership List" section at the back of the directory.

Only in the case where your publications and research activities do not appear because your institution chose not to be listed in the directory are you eligible to include them under "Geographers in the Public/Private Sector" section of the CAG Directory and then you should follow the instructions below.

"Geographers in the Public/Private Sector"

The primary listing in the CAG directory identifies people who are in a department of geography as submitted by their department. Recognizing that some members of the association are thus excluded, the executive decided in 1999 that the directory should include an entry under the heading "other geographers" (now called "Geographers in the Public/Private Sector") to identify, and show the recent research activities of members who aren't in a department of geography. If this applies to you, as a CAG 2007 Member, you are invited to submit your personal entry to Kim Falcigno, the Copy Editor of the CAG Directory.

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

1. Name and address (preferably official affiliation)
2. Your email address (see Directory for format)
3. List of your current research (see Directory for format). To conserve space, please list up to only three leading projects.
4. Your recent publications (see Directory for format). To conserve space and save cost, please list publications of current year only (2006). However, you may list the publications of the previous year (2005) if you did not have any item to report for the current year.

Deadline for submission: July 21, 2007. Please email your entry directly to: kimfalcigno@shaw.ca

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE NEWS

BARRY WELLAR

- Light Rail Transit in Ottawa: What's Next?
Talk Ottawa, Rogers Television. Host: James Hendricks
February 26, 2007

- Long combination vehicles and sustainable transport:
The New Brunswick pilot study.

"Maritime Noon" on CBC Radio One, Host Costas Halavrezos. February 22, 2007

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2007 AGM YET?
<http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2007/>

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s'offrent au domaine de la géographie soit d'approuver de tels changements et de jouer un rôle essentiel de chef de file dans le domaine de l'interdisciplinarité, soit d'adopter une position défensive et rigide et de défendre son « territoire » traditionnel.

Je vous encourage à discuter, au sein de votre département, des défis auxquels la géographie devra faire face en raison du changement environnemental planétaire. Comment les départements de géographie peuvent-ils se positionner pour tirer parti des possibilités de collaboration par rapport au sentiment de menace provoqué par la concurrence des autres domaines?

Post-scriptum : Pour faire suite à mon article sur la nomination des titulaires de chaires de recherche du Canada en changement climatique, on m'a informée que le professeur Jing Chen du département de géographie de l'Université de Toronto est titulaire d'une chaire de recherche de niveau I en télédétection, modélisation du cycle du carbone, dynamiques de la forêt boréale et modélisation de la biosphère-atmosphère en vue d'étudier principalement les effets de l'être humain et du monde actuel sur le rôle du carbone dans les changements climatiques. En plus de sa recherche de haute qualité au Canada, il vient de terminer un projet de 2,2 millions de dollars de l'ACDI sur le stockage du carbone en Chine.

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CONGRÈS ANNUEL 2007 Du 29 mai au 2 juin 2007

Vous êtes invités cordialement au 56^{èmes} Congrès annuel de L'Association canadienne des géographes qui aura lieu au campus de l'Université de Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan 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 la 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.

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geography departments position themselves to take advantage of collaborative opportunities as opposed to feeling threatened by competition from other disciplines?

Postscript: Further to my column on CRC appointments relating to climate change. One further chair holder has been brought to my attention. Prof Jing Chen, Department of Geography, University of Toronto is a Tier I CRC holder in remote sensing, carbon-cycle modeling, boreal forest dynamics and biosphere-atmosphere modeling mainly with a view towards contemporary and human impacts on the role of carbon in climate change. In addition to his high impact work in Canada, he just finished a \$2.2m CIDA project on carbon sequestration in China.

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2007 ANNUAL MEETING May 29 to June 2, 2007

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2007 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.

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*** NEW**

***BRANDON UNIVERSITY**

Brandon University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies (ADES). The ADES program has been in place since 2001 and has an established student base. Brandon University has invested significantly in library holdings and information technology, including a fully equipped Emergency Operations Lab, to support teaching and research. ADES offers four-year Baccalaureate degrees in Arts or Science (B.A. or B.Sc.). Required ADES courses include introduction to disaster studies and to emergency management, hazards, disaster risk assessment, policy and law, recovery, mitigation, preparedness planning and response management. Current electives range from sociology of disasters to international comparisons.

The successful candidate will teach courses from the core topics and deliver elective courses in their area of specialty. Preference will be given to candidates who can teach courses in natural and technological hazards, risk assessment and modeling, or similar disaster science courses. This position will complement the department's current strengths in vulnerability science, health issues, rural resilience and gender analysis.

Evidence of successful teaching, research and scholarship in the field of disaster studies and emergency management is required. The candidate should also have practical or applied experience in the area and understanding of the challenges posed by an interdisciplinary approach to the field. This is an applied program so the successful candidate will have the ability to effectively link university-based activities with public and private agencies and institutions.

The position requires a Ph.D. in emergency management or disaster studies, taken as a specialty from such fields as Anthropology, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Geography, Management, Planning, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, or Sociology. A Masters degree in these areas combined

with sufficient relevant experience will also be considered.

Applications are invited by April 16, 2007. The appointment will take effect August 1, 2007 or upon candidate availability. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, citizenship or Canadian immigration status, and the names and email addresses of three referees to:

Dr. Austin Gulliver, Dean of Science
Brandon University, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9
gulliver@brandonu.ca

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Short-listed candidates will be expected to provide copies of credentials at time of interview.

***UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

The University of Manitoba invites applications and nominations for the position of Head, Department of Environment and Geography. The appointment as Head is normally for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2007 or as soon thereafter as may be mutually agreed. The incumbent will hold a full-time tenured appointment at the Associate or Professor level commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Department of Environment and Geography delivers degrees at the Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. levels in physical geography, human geography and environmental science and studies. The Department, which houses the Centre for Earth Observation Science, (<http://www.umanitoba.ca/ceos>) is the largest of three units within the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources (est. 2003) with 19 full-time tenured/tenure-track faculty and over 80 graduate students. Further information can be obtained from: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/environment/envirogeog/index.htm>.

The prospective Head of Department will welcome the opportunity to guide and mentor a diverse group of scholars in developing this new unit that dynamically brings together faculty and students in environmental science and studies, physical geography and human geography. The successful candidate will have demonstrated leadership ability, administrative experience, preferably in a University setting, and an understanding of interdisciplinary scholarship, teaching and research. Credentials must include a Ph.D. in Geography, or a related Environmental Field.

The Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources is the newest faculty at the University of Manitoba. It also houses the Departments of Geological Sciences and the Natural Resources Institute. The Faculty has a unique 'partnership approach' with over 20 disciplines; this is seen as the key to developing synergy for the study of all aspects of the environment, Earth and resources which will translate into enhanced research, teaching, and linkages to government, industry, and non-government organizations at the local, regional, national and international levels.

The duties of the Head of the Department of Environment & Geography are governed by University Policy 1009. Some of the responsibilities of the Head are also governed by the terms and conditions of relevant Collective Agreements.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).

Deadline for applications (including curriculum vitae and the names of three references and contact information) is April 15th, 2007. Please send applications to: Interim Dean Norman M. Halden
Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, 445 Wallace Building,
The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2
or by e-mail to nm_halden@cc.umanitoba.ca.

***QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY**

Queen's University Department of Geography welcomes applications from excellent junior scholars in any field of urban geography who wish to be considered for a two-year post-doctoral appointment with a light teaching load (one course a term for each of the two years). The main criterion for appointment is academic excellence. Applicants who take an exciting interdisciplinary approach to urban issues and who can build on existing faculty strengths are most welcome. Salary will start at \$26,516 with a top-up for teaching (13,484) for a full salary of \$40,000. A \$5,000 start-up grant will also be awarded.

In keeping with Queen's commitment to employment equity and diversity in the workplace, the department particularly welcomes applications from women, visible minorities, aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Applications should be sent to: Anne Godlewska, (godlewsk@post.queensu.ca)
Head of Department, Department of Geography,
Queen's University, Kingston, ON, K7L 3N6

Applications should include curriculum vitae, statements of current and prospective research interests and teaching experience or potential and no more than three off-prints. Letters from at least three referees should be sent directly to the address above. The deadline for receipt of applications, including all letters of reference, is 31 May 2007, for an appointment beginning September 1, 2007.

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

Academic staff at Queen's University are governed by a collective agreement, the details of which are posted at www.qufa.ca. This position will be governed under the Sessional Agreement.

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

The School of Geography and Earth Sciences (SGES) at McMaster University invites applications for a teaching-track appointment in environmental science/studies beginning July 1, 2007. The appointment will be for a three-year period, renewable for a further three years (subject to an academic assessment). During the second term, the appointee will be eligible to be considered for a permanent teaching appointment based on demonstrated excellence as a teacher and an educator. Teaching professorships are positions devoted primarily to educational programs within the academic environment, including but not necessarily limited to classroom interaction, creation and/or enhancement of inclusive learning cultures and instructional innovation. With agreement of the School Director, a research component may be added to the successful candidate's portfolio of activities. Candidates are encouraged to visit the following websites for details of Teaching Professorships, for terms and conditions of employment at McMaster and SGES's activities: www.mcmaster.ca/univsec/mtgdocs/board/BMTG_061214.pdf, item 12A and www.science.mcmaster.ca/geo/

SGES seeks an inspiring teacher to lead and further develop its introductory environment science/studies programs. The successful candidate will hold a PhD (or be ABD) in an environmental science/studies or earth science discipline. SGES is based in the Faculties of Science and Social Sciences and its environmental programs cater for both sets of students. Candidates must however be knowledgeable of the science-base of environmental issues and problems.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Applicants should send a cover letter with a copy of their curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier including a statement of teaching philosophy (max. 5 pp.), evidence of teaching effectiveness and a summary of research interest and activities (max. 2 pp.). Copies of teaching programs and approaches of instruction developed by the candidate may be appended. Please provide contact information for three referees (address, phone number and e-mail). All materials should be sent to the Chair of the search committee by March 31, 2007. Electronic applications will NOT be accepted.

Dr. John Eyles Chair, Search Committee
School of Geography and Earth Sciences
Burke Science Building, room 235
McMaster University 1280 Main Street
West Hamilton, ON L8S 4K1
Tel: (905) 525-9140, ext. 23152 Fax: (905) 546-0463
Email: eyles@mcmaster.ca

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

The University of Waterloo invites applications for a position in environmental policy and sustainable energy. The successful candidate will be appointed at the level of tenure-track Assistant Professor or Associate Professor (for an exceptional and appropriately experienced candidate) in one of the three academic units in the Faculty of Environmental Studies. The ability to contribute to one or more faculty-level programs would also be an asset. More information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies may be found at <http://www.fes.uwaterloo.ca>.

Applicants should have research expertise in the social, economic, political and/or behavioural aspects of sustainable energy (for example, renewable energy or conservation and demand management). Applicants should also have an interest in placing their research expertise and activities within a broader interdisciplinary setting that examines the technical, social and policy elements of energy systems in an integrated manner. Applicants should have a Ph.D., a demonstrated record of excellence in research in environmental policy and sustainable energy and the potential to develop a nationally- and internationally-recognized interdisciplinary research program.

This position will add to the existing expertise at the University of Waterloo in areas related to sustainable energy. A senior Ontario Research Chair in 'Environmental Policy and Renewable Energy' was recently established. The Faculty of Environmental Studies has significant ongoing research on sustainable energy, including residential energy efficiency, 'green power' and conservation and demand management strategies.

Applications must include:

i) a curriculum vitae and the names (with contact information) of four referees;

ii) a research statement outlining the applicant's approach and specific plans; and

iii) a teaching portfolio summarizing the applicant's relevant experience and teaching philosophy.

The first stage in the review of applicants will be based on the application documents. Referees will be contacted for those being considered in the second stage of the review. Review of applications will begin on March 1, 2007; however, applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled.

Applications should be sent to: Dr. Ian Rowlands
Chair, Faculty Search Committee
(Environmental Policy and Sustainable Energy)
Faculty of Environmental Studies
University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1
Email: irowland@fes.uwaterloo.ca

The University of Waterloo encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, native persons, and individuals with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. This appointment is subject to the availability of funds

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Other websites:

- Job Prospects Geography Department,
University of Waterloo: www.fes.uwaterloo.ca/geography/geohome_jobs.htm

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