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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

Être un géographe canadien

C'est ma dernière chronique à titre de présidente. Lorsque vous lirez ce document j'aurai passé les rênes à mon successeur, Dan Smith. Ceci dit, je dois faire des réflexions sur un certain nombre de questions qui m'ont préoccupée au cours des deux dernières années. Dans mes articles précédents, le sujet de discussion tournait autour de la géographie : que réserve l'avenir et comment pouvons-nous assurer l'épanouissement de la discipline face aux défis de l'interdisciplinarité ? Je présume qu'il est important pour nous que la discipline demeure intacte compte tenu de notre engagement et de notre passion à son égard ainsi que des contributions d'une perspective géographique à la société. Dans le rapport de la présidente à l'ACG du mois de mai, j'ai souligné de nouveau la réflexion pertinente sur nos effectifs présentée par Chris Sharpe en 2007, selon laquelle seuls 29% de nos collègues universitaires sont membres. Est-ce que les 71 % qui ne sont pas membres sont des « géographes accidentels » qui occupent des postes dans le département de géographie, mais ne sont pas dévoués à l'ensemble de la discipline? Peut-être suis-je injuste envers des collègues de la géographie physique et des sciences de l'information géographique (GIScience) qui sont, pour différentes raisons, plus proches d'autres associations centrées sur leurs domaines de spécialisation. Néanmoins, je suis convaincue que tous les universitaires des départements de géographie au Canada devraient soutenir l'ACG dans la mesure où elle est le seul organisme qui représente les intérêts de la discipline grâce à ses activités, ses publications et son lobbying. De même, l'Association relie la discipline à son réseau de communications. Mais le fait-elle de manière appropriée? De nombreux collègues pensent certainement le contraire. Étant un problème chronique, l'adhésion à l'AGC a été soulevée par tous les anciens présidents. Est-ce que le problème est lié au déclin de la discipline ou au fait que l'Association n'a plus sa place? Si c'est la première hypothèse, alors comment expliquer la participation de 7000 personnes à la dernière assemblée générale de l'ACG? (voir l'article de Ian MacLachlan, page 11 dans ce bulletin, sur les conférences de l'AAG et de l'ACG).

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

On Being a Canadian Geographer

This is my last column as President and by the time you read this I will have handed the reins over to my successor, Dan Smith. So, I want to reflect a little on some of the issues that have occupied my thoughts over the past couple of years. Underlying discussion in a number of my past columns has been my anxiety about the discipline of geography – what does the future hold and how can we ensure that the discipline flourishes especially in the face of interdisciplinary challenges? I make assumptions that we feel it is important that the discipline remains intact because we are committed and passionate about it and the contributions that a geographic perspective can offer society. In my President's report to the AGM in May, I reiterated the sobering insight into our membership that Chris Sharpe presented in 2007, revealing that only 29% of our university colleagues are members. Are the 71% who do not belong 'accidental geographers' who hold jobs in a geography department but are not committed to the discipline as a whole? Now, maybe I am being unfair to some of our colleagues in physical geography and GIScience who for various reasons are more closely affiliated with other associations that focus on their areas of specialization. Nevertheless, it is my firm conviction that all academics in Canadian departments of geography should support the CAG as it is the only organization that represents academic interest in the discipline as a whole through its activities,

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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

J'ai eu le plaisir de m'entretenir récemment avec M^{me} Rita Gardner, directrice de la Royal Geographical Society (RGS) (ainsi que l'Institute of British Geographers [IBG]). Il est évident que nous partageons de nombreux défis. Cependant, au cours de la dernière décennie, l'IBG a fait fusion avec le grand réseau de la RGS au Royaume-Uni. Cette fusion a donné à la géographie des voix unifiées et puissantes qui touchent les universitaires et les géographes tout en apportant un soutien à la recherche, à l'éducation, aux expéditions et au travail sur le terrain ainsi que la promotion de l'engagement public à l'égard de la discipline. Au Canada, trois associations servent des intérêts semblables : l'ACG, la Royal Canadian Geographical Society et le Conseil canadien de l'enseignement de la géographie (avec l'aide de la SGRC). N'étant pas une partisans du modèle du RU, je suis persuadée de la nécessité d'établir des relations de collaboration très solides avec les autres associations qui représentent notre discipline afin que nous puissions exprimer au mieux nos intérêts communs et être des porte-parole efficaces au service de la discipline. Il nous faut également chercher les moyens d'attirer les nombreux géographes professionnels qui travaillent dans les secteurs gouvernemental ou privé. La RGS s'est employée à résoudre ce problème en adoptant une désignation de « géographe agréé » qui reconnaît les différents géographes professionnels. J'ai appris que certains géographes en dehors du milieu universitaire souhaiteraient que l'ACG explore les mêmes possibilités.

Il y a aussi la question de notre image de marque et du respect que nous inspirons sur la scène nationale et internationale. En ce qui concerne l'engagement à l'échelon mondial, mes réflexions découlent de l'étude récente sur les relations entre l'ACG et l'Union Géographique Internationale (UGI). Pour obtenir des renseignements plus détaillés à ce sujet, vous pouvez consulter le rapport de la présidente publié dans ce numéro. Bon nombre de géographes canadiens respectables participent activement aux travaux des commissions de l'UGI. Trois à quatre des 36 commissions sont présidées régulièrement par des Canadiens tandis que d'autres géographes siègent aux comités de direction. À cet égard, nous occupons une place de choix sur le plan international en raison de notre engagement très actif. Nous avons procédé à quelques études préliminaires sur la possibilité de confier au Canada l'organisation du prochain congrès de l'UGI ou de la conférence régionale. À mon avis, c'est une occasion en or qui permettra de hisser la géographie canadienne sur la scène mondiale et de promouvoir son image auprès des universités et du public. Je pense que nous avons besoin de conserver notre fierté nationale à l'égard de notre discipline. Nous avons bien des raisons d'être fiers des contributions des

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publications and lobbying activities; and, connects the discipline through its communications network. But does it do so adequately? Obviously many of our colleagues think not. Membership is a perennial problem – an issue addressed by all previous Presidents. Does the problem lie in the decline of the discipline or the failure of the Association to be relevant? If the former, then how does one explain the 7,000 attendees at the recent AAG meeting? (See Ian MacLachlan's article, page 11 in this issue, on the AAG and CAG conferences).

I had the pleasure recently of a discussion with Dr. Rita Gardner, Director of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) (with the Institute of British Geographers [IBG]). It is evident that we share many common challenges. However, in the UK the IBG has, for the past decade or so, been merged with the broader framework of the RGS. This merger has allowed a unified and more powerful voice for 'geography' that speaks for both academic and professional geographers and supports research, education, expeditions and fieldwork, as well as promoting public engagement in the discipline. In Canada three associations serve equivalent interests: the CAG, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the Canadian Council on Geographic Education (though the RCGS). While I am not advocating we follow a similar model to the UK, I believe that we do need to build a stronger collaborative relationship with other agencies that represent our discipline so that we may better articulate our common interests and become a more effective voice for the discipline. We also need to find ways of engaging the many trained geographers who work in government or the private sector. The RGS has sought to address this issue through the designation of "chartered geographer" which recognizes professional geographers of many types. I have heard from a few geographers outside of academia who would welcome the CAG exploring similar possibilities.

Then there is the question of our image as geographers and the degree of respect we have both nationally and internationally. With respect to global engagement, my thoughts on this are drawn from my recent examination of the CAG's relationship with the International Geographical Union (IGU). You can read more details of this in my President's Report published in this issue of the *Newsletter*. A very respectable number of Canadian geographers are actively engaged with IGU Commissions. We regularly have around 3 or 4 of the 36 IGU Commissions chaired by Canadians, with others serving on Steering Committees. As a result, we rank highly internationally for the degree of active engagement. We have done some preliminary investigation on the feasibility of Canada hosting a future IGU Congress or Regional conference. Personally, I see it as offering an exciting opportunity to position Canadian

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Rapport de la présidente
Association canadienne des géographes
Assemblée générale annuelle 2008

Introduction

Au cours de l'année qui vient de s'écouler, alors que s'achève la deuxième année de mon mandat de présidente, plusieurs initiatives entreprises l'an dernier ont été réalisées et d'autres ont été mises sur pied. Comme je décris plus en détail ci-après, une campagne de recrutement de nouveaux membres a été lancée. Elle consiste à attirer des universitaires et des étudiants inscrits aux cycles supérieurs; elle s'inscrit aussi dans la foulée de la Semaine de sensibilisation à la géographie qui vise à les sensibiliser davantage à la discipline et à la valeur de l'adhésion; elle valorise et améliore la fonctionnalité de notre site web. La revue *Le Géographe canadien* connaît beaucoup de succès sous la direction du Dr Roger Hayter et avec l'entente de cinq ans conclue avec la maison d'édition Wiley-Blackwell. Nous sommes présentement à la recherche d'une nouvelle maison d'édition.

Notre situation financière est saine. À titre d'organisme sans but lucratif, notre compte bancaire ne doit pas présenter un solde excédentaire important. Au cours de la dernière année, des investissements ponctuels ont été consentis à l'amélioration de notre site web et à l'évaluation de la capacité d'accueillir le Congrès de l'Union géographique internationale. Par ailleurs, nous avons récemment modifié notre statut. Ainsi, en tant qu'entité constituée en société, des procédures juridiques ne peuvent pas être entamées contre des élus.

Adhésion

Aujourd'hui, il y a un plus grand nombre d'adhérents qu'à pareille date l'an passé. On comptait 852 membres à la veille du congrès qui s'est tenu l'année dernière, alors que présentement, on en compte 945 – en plus des nouveaux membres qui se sont inscrits lors du congrès et de l'adhésion à la fin de l'année de nombreux étudiants qui ont déposé une demande de subvention de voyage. Cette augmentation s'explique en partie par l'effet d'attraction de Québec qui est la ville hôte du Congrès annuel. D'ailleurs, quelques départements payent les frais d'inscription de tous les membres du corps professoral à partir du budget d'exploitation. L'année dernière, je vous ai fait part d'une étude de Chris Sharpe (qui à l'époque était l'ancien président) révélant qu'un très faible nombre de professeurs adhère en effet à l'Association, au point d'en être gênant. J'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour présenter les données à nouveau afin que tous les membres sachent que le défi de recrutement du personnel enseignant de votre établissement est de taille. On estime qu'environ 29% du corps professoral (dont les professeurs émérites) seulement et 52% des chaires qui sont inscrites à

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Report of the President
Canadian Association of Geographers
Annual General Meeting 2008

Introduction

This past year, as I complete the second year of my term as President, a number of initiatives that began last year have been realized and others are becoming established. As detailed below we have engaged in ongoing efforts to attract members. This has involved attempts to more directly recruit new faculty and graduate students; heighten awareness of the discipline and the value of membership through channels such as Geography Awareness Week; and, enhance and improve the functionality of our website. The Canadian Geographer has flourished under the Editorship of Dr. Roger Hayter and we have signed a new 5-year agreement with the publishers, Wiley-Blackwell. We are currently in the process of identifying a new editor for the journal.

We remain in a solid financial position. As a not-for-profit organization we need to ensure that we do not carry too large a balance in our account. Over the past year we allocated one-time commitments to enhancing our web site and evaluating the potential of hosting a future International Geographical Union meeting. We have recently become incorporated in order to protect elected officials from personal litigation.

Membership

Our numbers this year are higher than at the same time last year. Prior to the meeting last year there were 852 members and this year current membership stands at 954 - with some further memberships anticipated at the time of the meeting as well as a flurry of students who join just before year-end in order to meet the requirements for the Student Travel Grant. It seems likely that the attraction of individuals to the annual meeting in Quebec City accounts for some of this increase. Further, a few departments pay the subscriptions of all their faculty members from their operating budgets. Last year I reported on a study by Chris Sharpe (then Past-President) that revealed the embarrassingly low level of membership in the Association by faculty members and I repeat the figures here as a challenge to all members to engage individually in recruitment of their fellow faculty members. Only about 29% of faculty members (including Emeritus Professors) and 52% of Chairs, listed in the Directory were members in 2006/7. In an effort to address this issue Dan Smith, our Vice-president, undertook to write to all new faculty members in departments across Canada. In some instances, new faculty members were from outside Canada and/or the discipline of geography and welcomed the information and opportunity. However, much more effort needs to go into convincing our colleagues to become members. Dan

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Lauréats des Prix de l'ACG 2007 CAG Award Winners

Les prix suivantes de l'ACG ont été présentées lors de la réunion annuelle de l'ACG 2008, Université Laval, ville de Québec, le 23 mai 2008.

The following CAG Awards were presented at the CAG 2008 Annual Meeting, Université Laval, Québec City on May 23, 2008.

Le prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie

André G. Roy

Université de Montréal

Parmi les personnes méritoires oeuvrant au sein des universités canadiennes et qui ne sont pas encore lauréates de l'Association canadienne des géographes, André G. Roy se distingue par le nombre, la diversité, l'originalité et la qualité de ses réalisations.

Après avoir complété un baccalauréat (1975) puis une maîtrise (1977) en géographie à l'Université de Montréal, André G. Roy a poursuivi ses études au State University of New York at Buffalo. Il y obtient son doctorat en 1982. Sa thèse, qui portait sur l'application du principe d'optimalité à la géométrie hydraulique et angulaire des réseaux d'artères, de bronches et de cours d'eau, préfigure l'originalité de ses travaux. Depuis lors, il a signé 3 livres, 9 chapitres de livres, et plus de 100 articles scientifiques dans des revues avec jury parmi les plus prestigieuses. Il fut invité à présenter des conférences ou des séminaires dans plusieurs universités canadiennes, états-uniennes ou du Royaume-Uni, mais aussi en Belgique et au Mexique. Il a dirigé les travaux de maîtrise et de doctorat (11) d'une cinquantaine d'étudiants ; plusieurs d'entre eux sont par la suite devenus professeurs d'université (e.g. Concordia, UQAR, York). Ses enseignements ont porté sur 18 cours différents, à tous les cycles, et leur excellence fut reconnue par des prix décernés tant par l'Université de Montréal (UdeM) que par l'ensemble de la communauté canadienne (ACG/CAG).

À titre d'étudiant, il a participé activement à la réforme du département de géographie de l'UdeM au milieu des années '70. Cette réforme devait changer la géographie dans les universités au Québec en y promouvant sans réserves la rigueur scientifique et les méthodes quantitatives. Ce dévouement soutenu pour la géographie s'est poursuivi par la suite; André G. Roy a en effet généreusement accepté de nombreuses charges dont celle de directeur de département de géographie à l'UdeM (1994-2000 et 2004-2005), de membre puis de président du Comité des subventions de recherche du CRSNG (GSC 09 - Sciences de la Terre : Environnement) en 1999-2002, de président de groupe du CRSNG (2003-2006), de président du Groupe canadien de recherche en géomorphologie (2001-2002) et de président de l'Association canadienne des géographes (2002-2004). Il est aussi depuis 1994 directeur de la revue *Géographie*

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CAG Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography

André G. Roy

Université de Montréal

Among Canadian scholars most deserving of a Canadian Association of Geographers Award, but who have never been honoured, the magnitude, diversity, originality and quality of André G. Roy's work sets him apart.

After completing both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in 1975 and 1977 respectively in geography at the Université de Montréal, André went on to earn a Ph.D. in 1982 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. His thesis, which gave an indication of the originality of his work, examined the application of the principle of optimality to the hydraulic and angular geometry of rivers and bronchial tubes. He has since authored 3 books and 9 book chapters and published over 100 papers in some of the leading peer-reviewed journals. He was invited at numerous occasions by Canadian, American, British universities as well as in Belgium and Mexico to give talks and host seminars. Over 50 students, including 11 at the doctoral level, successfully completed their graduate studies under his supervision, many of them are now enjoying an academic career at Concordia, Université du Québec à Rimouski and York. Combined, he has taught 18 award winning undergraduate and graduate classes recognized for their excellence by the Université de Montréal and the Canadian community of geographers (CAG/ACG).

During his student years, he played an active part in the reforms of the mid-1970s of the Department of Geography at the Université de Montréal, which brought unprecedented change to the way geography was taught in Québec universities by encouraging rigour in the conduct of research and the use of quantitative methods. Since then, his unflagging dedication to geography never wavered. In fact, André has generously accepted to serve for two terms (1994-2000 and 2004-2005) as Director of the Department of Geography of the Université de Montréal. He also served as member and then Chair of NSERC's Committee on Research Grants (GSC 09 - Environmental Earth Sciences) between 1999 and 2002. He then was appointed by NSERC for a three year term (2003-2006) as Group Chair. He acted as Chair of the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group (2001-2002) and Chair of the Canadian Association of Geographers (2002-2004). He is Editor of the journal *Géographie*

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physique et Quaternaire et a été membre du comité éditorial de *Water Resources Research*, *Geography Compass* et *Progress in Physical Geography*. Il est actuellement vice-doyen à la recherche à la Faculté des arts et des sciences de l'UdeM. Rares sont ceux qui affichent un tel dévouement à la communauté et à la discipline.

Avec la création de la Chaire de recherche du Canada en dynamique fluviale (CRSNG), André G. Roy vise l'avancement des connaissances sur les processus physiques contrôlant les relations entre l'écoulement de l'eau, le transport des sédiments et la morphologie du lit des rivières à une large gamme d'échelles spatiales et temporelles. Les champs d'application de ses travaux comprennent, entre autres, l'amélioration des habitats du poisson et la mitigation des effets des changements du niveau du fleuve Saint-Laurent. Il collabore à cet effet avec les meilleures équipes dans le monde oeuvrant dans le domaine.

Intarissable sur les notions de chaos et de dimensions fractales, André G. Roy vous entretiendra aussi richement sur la notion de flux turbulents que du lieu, en géographie. Ses « Mot du président » ont habitué les membres de l'ACG à des réflexions profondes et sans compromission sur la géographie dans le monde actuel. La maturité manifeste et l'impact déterminant de sa carrière en géographie lui valent sans contredit la reconnaissance de ses pairs : le Prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie.

Le prix pour services rendus à la profession de géographe

Len Evenden

Simon Fraser University

Docteur Evenson est le récipiendaire du Prix de l'ACG pour les services rendus à la profession de géographie. Il mérite sans conteste ce prix pour avoir toujours défendu et fait progresser, tout au long de sa carrière professionnelle bien remplie, les savoirs particuliers issus de la pensée géographique. Son dossier de service à l'Université Simon Fraser où il enseigne depuis 1966 est excellent, en plus d'être fermement engagé dans l'enseignement au premier cycle et la formation aux cycles supérieurs. En recherche, il s'intéresse particulièrement à la géographie urbaine au Canada, notamment le paysage périurbain, le logement en temps de guerre, et l'identité du lieu. On découvre, en lisant son curriculum vitae, qu'il a publié de nombreux travaux, mais que plusieurs d'entre eux sont des projets universitaires menés en équipe, dont l'atlas historique de Vancouver paru en 1991 et connu sous le nom de Vancouver : a visual history, ainsi qu'un ouvrage collectif sur Burnaby intitulé Suburb of happy homes. Il est un géographe de la « vieille école » et se situe dans une

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physique et Quaternaire since 1994, and has served as a member of the editorial board for *Water Resources Research*, *Geography Compass* and *Progress in Physical Geography*. He is currently Assistant Dean of Research at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the Université de Montréal. Such dedication to the community and the discipline is rarely found.

Founder and chairholder of the Canada Research Chair in Fluvial Dynamics (NSERC), André's goal is to advance knowledge on the physical processes that control interactions between water flow, sediment transport and river channel form at varying spatial and temporal scales. This research can be applied to provide both improvements to fish habitat and measures to mitigate impacts of hydrological changes on the Saint Lawrence River. To meet this goal, he has joined the world's top teams working in this field of research.

On notions of chaos and fractal dimensions, André is inexhaustible and will also share his wealth of knowledge on the notion of turbulent fluxes and on place in geography. His "President's column" have accustomed CAG members to insightful and uncompromising reflections on contemporary world geography. With this Award for Scholarly Distinction, his peers recognize his long-lasting career in geography and value its significant contributions.

*CAG Award for Service
to the Profession of Geography*

Len Evenden

Simon Fraser University

Dr. Evenden is a worthy recipient of the CAG Award for Service to the Profession of Geography. Throughout his distinguished professional career, he has actively promoted the particular insights that come from the geographical imagination. He has a stellar record of service within Simon Fraser University, which he moved to in 1966, and a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and graduate training. His research has focused on Canadian urban geography – in particular, the suburban landscape, wartime housing and place identity. While his c.v. includes many independent papers, it is also noteworthy that many of his publications include collaborative scholarly projects, such as the historical atlas of Vancouver published in 1991, entitled 'Vancouver: a visual history', or his edited collection on Burnaby, 'Suburb of happy homes'. An 'old-school' Geographer, possessed of a broad and integrative view of the discipline, Len's MA (from the University of Georgia) was on drainage basins in the delimitation of geomorphic regions, while his PhD, from Edinburgh, explored urban settlement hierarchies.

Len has been tireless in his support of the discipline and the CAG, continued...

perspective large et intégrée de la discipline. Il a obtenu sa maîtrise de l'Université of Georgia qui portait sur les bassins hydrographiques et la délimitation des régions géomorphiques. Il a ensuite poursuivi ses travaux de doctorat à Edinburg sur les hiérarchies et les modèles d'établissement urbain.

Sans répit, il a apporté son soutien à la discipline et à l'ACG, pour laquelle il a contribué activement au niveau national et au sein de la Division de l'Ouest. Contrairement à un bon nombre d'universitaires, Leonard assume ses engagements en siégeant au comité exécutif national de l'ACG en même temps qu'il remplissait les fonctions de représentant de l'ACG au Département de géographie de l'Université Simon Fraser. À la Division de l'Ouest de l'ACG, il a été président, conseiller exécutif, rédacteur du bulletin, et a fait partie du comité des nominations et du comité rédactionnel des articles à paraître en fin d'année. Il a aussi agi comme président de conférence quand l'Université Simon Fraser a organisé le Congrès annuel. En 1997, lors de son banquet, la Division de l'Ouest de l'ACG a exprimé sa gratitude pour ses années de service et le concours qu'il a apporté. Il a siégé également sur plusieurs comités au sein de la Fédération des sciences humaines, du CRSH, de l'UGI, et il s'est fermement engagé dans les études canadiennes à Simon Fraser et ailleurs. Finalement, il est membre du comité d'administration nationale de l'Association d'études canadiennes en tant que représentant des régions de la Colombie-Britannique et du Yukon.

Le prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie
Susan E. Wurtele
Trent University

La Dr. Susan Wurtele enseigne comme professeure agrégée en géographie à l'Université Trent où elle propose un enseignement en géographie humaine entre autres matières, et des cours de fin de programme sur les environnements urbains et les géographies féministes. En plus des activités d'enseignement de premier cycle, elle est activement engagée dans le Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies au sein duquel elle encadre des étudiants des deuxième et troisième cycles.

Pour Susan, enseigner est une vocation. Elle est constamment à la recherche de nouvelles méthodes d'apprentissage qui revêt un sens aux yeux du large éventail d'étudiants qui assistent à ses cours. Elle adhère à une forme d'enseignement centrée sur l'étudiant et inclusive. Elle a transformé la salle de classe en un milieu stimulant, ouvert et agréable dans lequel elle propose un ensemble de stratégies pédagogiques propices à l'apprentissage par tous les étudiants autant dans les cours magistraux que les cours de préparation aux examens. Elle applique les principes de l'éducation des adultes qui

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where he has been active, both nationally, and within the Western Division. While many scholars shrink from such engagements, Len has served on the National Executive of the CAG, while also acting as the CAG representative in the SFU Department of Geography. Within the WDCAG, he has served as President, Executive Councillor, Newsletter Editor, and on the Nominations Committee and on the editorial board of the Annual Papers. He also served as conference chairman when the Annual Meeting was held at SFU. In 1997, the WDCAG acknowledged his long service and support at a Divisional banquet. He has also served on multiple committees with the Social Sciences Federation, SSHRC, and the IGU, and has a strong commitment to, and involvement with Canadian studies, both at SFU and beyond. He has served on the national board of the Association for Canadian Studies as representative for the BC and Yukon regions.

CAG Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography
Susan E. Wurtele
Trent University

At Trent University, where Dr. Susan Wurtele is an Associate Professor of Geography, she teaches a range of courses including human geography and upper year courses on urban environments and feminist geographies. In addition to undergraduate teaching she is an active member of the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies where she is involved with students at both the Master's and Ph.D. level.

Teaching is a calling for Susan, and she is consistently in search of new ways of making learning meaningful to the variety of students who come through her door. She is committed to student-centered and inclusive learning. Her classrooms are places which are challenging, open and friendly, and where multiple pedagogical strategies are used to facilitate the learning of all of the students in both lecture and tutorial settings. She draws on the principles of adult education which sees students as partners in the learning process who are capable of taking responsibility for their own learning. At the same time, she believes that it is her responsibility to provide a learning environment that is accessible to all—this means a learning environment that is flexible and multi-faceted.

As an early adopter of the principles of Universal Instructional Design, Susan has been able to effectively encompass all types of learning, which allows the individual to learn and excel in a manner which suits them. She also uses a variety of content delivery modes such as group activities, dynamic (and typically humorous) lectures, films, field trips, and work in the geography lab and assessment options such as mind maps, reflection papers, reading summaries, film reviews and formal letters to acknowledge the different ways students

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reposent sur la notion de partenariats avec des étudiants capables de prendre en charge par eux-mêmes le processus d'apprentissage. En même temps, elle estime qu'il est de son ressort de proposer un milieu d'apprentissage accessible par tous – c'est-à-dire un milieu d'apprentissage qui est à la fois flexible et à multiples facettes.

En adoptant très tôt les principes de la conception universelle de l'apprentissage, Susan a facilement eu recours à tous les types d'apprentissage qui donnent à chaque individu la chance d'apprendre et de connaître du succès à sa façon. Elle emploie aussi toute une gamme de modes de diffusion du contenu comme les activités de groupe, les exposés dynamiques (et qui sont normalement amusants), la projection de films, les sorties de classe, et les travaux dans le laboratoire de géographie. Elle utilise des moyens d'évaluation comme la carte mentale, l'article de réflexion, la recension de lectures, la critique de films, et la rédaction de lettres. Ensemble, ces moyens permettent de reconnaître les diverses façons que les étudiants absorbent les informations et s'expriment. Ces initiatives sont le reflet de son dévouement à l'excellence dans son enseignement et dans l'apprentissage de ses étudiants. Susan renforce leur motivation à apprendre et elle modifie et adapte sans cesse son milieu d'apprentissage en vue d'assurer que chaque étudiant puisse bénéficier au maximum de son cours.

Un autre point fort de Susan est l'importance qu'elle accorde, en tant que géographe culturel et citoyenne engagée, au concept de communauté. Elle partage cet intérêt particulier avec ses étudiants chaque fois que l'occasion s'y prête, en intégrant les idées plus vastes avec des exemples locaux, et en arpentant les quartiers centraux de Peterborough en compagnie des étudiants pour faire état de certains aspects de l'environnement bâti et pour susciter leur intérêt pour la communauté de Peterborough tout entière. Il n'est donc pas surprenant qu'elle joue un rôle clé dans les initiatives communautaires en matière d'éducation. L'encadrement des projets d'éducation communautaire est un travail exigeant, car il faut épauler les étudiants et les conseiller sur des processus de recherche qui leur sont peu familiers. L'originalité et la grande qualité des travaux réalisés par plusieurs de ses étudiants en disent long sur ses habiletés de supervision et sur les talents et la motivation des étudiants, ainsi que sur la force du Trent Centre for Community-Based Education. Le projet Active and Safe Routes to School lancé par ses étudiants pour le compte du département de santé communautaire de la ville de Peterborough est un exemple très parlant de l'engagement dans l'apprentissage et la participation communautaire. Les recommandations formulées par les étudiants ont été accueillies favorablement et intégrées au plan de transport municipal actuel. Cette forme d'apprentissage axée sur les

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take in information and express themselves. Through these efforts, Susan has demonstrated a dedication to excellence in both her own teaching and in her students' learning because she motivates them to learn and is continually changing and adapting her instructional environment to ensure that every student can get the maximum out of the time in her course.

Another of Susan's great strengths stems from her own commitment, as a cultural geographer, and as an active citizen, to the concept of community. She shares this with her students at every opportunity, grounding broader ideas with local examples, and leading students in tours of downtown Peterborough to make particular points about the urban environment and to encourage their engagement with the wider Peterborough community. Not surprisingly, she has been a leader in community-based education initiatives. Supervising community-based education projects is challenging work as students need careful support and guidance through what are usually unfamiliar research processes. The high quality, innovative work produced by many of her students speaks to Susan's supervisory skills as well as to the talents and motivation of the students themselves and the strength of the Trent Centre for Community-Based Education. The Active and Safe Routes to School project, undertaken by Susan's students for the Peterborough City County Health Unit, is an especially good example of engaged community learning and participation, as the recommendations from the students' research have been incorporated into the current municipal transportation plan. This kind of hands-on learning in the service of community development goes a long way in bridging divides between universities and communities, and students are both excited and honoured to see that their research can have a practical impact in the community. The results of this project were published in *Children, Youth and Environments* 15(2), 2005.

Susan's interest in creating a compelling and rounded learning environment for undergraduate students does not end with her individual courses: by setting a benchmark for her faculty colleagues, inspiring and shaping the goals and practices of future teachers, and providing leadership in the area of pedagogical workshops for graduate teaching assistants, Susan's instructional impact is far reaching.

In the fall Canadian geographers will once again be invited to take stock and consider whose efforts deserve national recognition. Look for the Call for Nominations for the 2009 CAG Awards in our Sept/Oct Newsletter (issue 5) or see our website at http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/nominations_procedures.html for information on the nomination procedure.

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aspects pratiques et au service du développement communautaire aide énormément à combler l'écart entre le monde universitaire et les communautés. Les étudiants s'enthousiasment et sont fiers à l'idée que leur recherche a des retombées pratiques sur la communauté. Les résultats de ce projet ont été publiés dans le numéro 15(2) de Children, Youth and Environments paru en 2005.

Son soutien à la création d'un milieu d'apprentissage motivant et complet pour les étudiants de premier cycle ne se limite pas aux cours qu'elle dispense. Susan est une référence pour ses collègues professeurs, une source d'inspiration dans la définition des buts et pratiques des futurs enseignants, et elle assure un leadership dans l'organisation d'ateliers pédagogiques destinés aux chargés de cours. Sur le plan de l'éducation et l'apprentissage, elle a eu un impact considérable.

Le prix Starkey-Robinson

de la recherche supérieure sur le Canada
Jesse Proudfoot, Simon Fraser University
- for his thesis "At Street Level: Bureaucrats and the Spaces of Regulation."

Le prix Julian M. Szeicz

pour réalisations en début de carrière
Isaac Luginaah, University of Western Ontario
- for his contribution to health geography through his mixed methods research on the environmental determinants of health.

Le prix Wiley-Blackwell Publishing

finance un prix annuel visant à reconnaître la contribution exceptionnelle d'une personne ayant récemment obtenu un doctorat en géographie.
Lauréat 2008 - Heather Castleden, University of Victoria

le prix de LGC - Nouveau Scholar

pour le meilleur papier par un nouveau scholar
- Martin Andresen (single author) Simon Fraser University
- Nathaniel bell (senior author of a multi-authored paper) Simon Fraser University

Félicitations à tous ! Des critères pour toutes les prix de l'ACG peuvent être trouvés sur notre site Web à www.cag-acg.ca sous Prix et bourses.

Congratulations!

Dr. Mary-Louise Byrne is the recipient of the Wilfrid Laurier University 2008 Award for Teaching Excellence in the full-time faculty category . She will receive her award at Laurier's spring convocation in June.

The Starkey-Robinson Award

gives recognition to high quality graduate research that furthers understanding of the geography of Canada.
Jesse Proudfoot, Simon Fraser University
- for his thesis "At Street Level: Bureaucrats and the Spaces of Regulation."

The Julian M. Szeicz Award

in recognition of research achievement and career potential by a Canadian geographer at an early career stage.
Isaac Luginaah, University of Western Ontario
- for his contribution to health geography through his mixed methods research on the environmental determinants of health.

Wiley-Blackwell Award

in recognition of the outstanding contribution by a recent Ph.d graduate in geography
Heather Castleden, University of Victoria

TCG New Scholar Award

for the best paper by a new scholar
- Martin Andresen (single author) Simon Fraser University
- Nathaniel bell (senior author of a multi-authored paper) Simon Fraser University

Robin P. Armstrong Award

for excellence in Native Studies/
pour les Études Autochtones
Suzanne Mills – Queen`s University

Suzanne Mills accepts the Robin P. Armstrong Award from President Alison Gill.



Suzanne Mills accepte le prix Robin P. Armstrong du Président Alison Gill.

Congratulations to all! Criteria for all awards can be found on our website at www.cag-acg.ca under CAG Awards.

André Roy accepts the CAG Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography from President Alison Gill.



André Roy accepte le prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie du Président Alison Gill.

Len Evenden accepts the CAG Award for Service to the Profession of Geography from President Alison Gill.



Len Evenden accepte le prix pour services rendus à la profession de géographe du Président Alison Gill.

Susan Wurtele accepts the CAG Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography from President Alison Gill.



Susan Wurtele accepte le prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie du Président Alison Gill.

Isaac Luginaah accepts the Julian M. Szeicz Award from President Alison Gill.



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CAG UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

Each year, The Canadian Association of Geographers presents awards to the most outstanding students graduating in Geography honours/majors programmes at universities or colleges across Canada. Winners receive a complimentary membership in the CAG for the following year. If your department is listed as TBA, please contact the CAG office at cag@geog.mcgill.ca as soon as possible with the name of your student.

The CAG Undergraduate Award Winners for 2008 are:

University of Alberta	Kendra LaFleche
University of Alberta-Augustana	Melanie Schultz
Bishop's University	Caitlin Ball
Brandon University	Patrick Elves
University of British Columbia	David C. Abbott
Brock University	Lori Decker
University of Calgary	Eric White
Carleton University	Christine Nieman
Concordia University	Andrea Sabelli
University College of the Fraser Valley	Winter Moon
University of Guelph	Dominique Attrell
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Laurentian University	James A. Suchoplas
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University of Lethbridge	Mark Gibb
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University of Toronto at Mississauga	Philip Rudz
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Trinity Western University	Claire Lemiski
University of Victoria	Gina Martin
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Wilfrid Laurier University	Kayla Giroux
University of Windsor	TBA
University of Winnipeg	Krista Hanis
York University	Barbi Lazarus

COMMENTARY

In Praise of Complementarity: Why attend both the AAG and the CAG Annual Meetings?

by Ian Maclachlan

For anyone familiar with the “first law of geography,” it should come as little surprise that while Canadian geography has been influenced by geographers the world over, it’s more closely related to American geography than to more distant geographies (see Tobler 1970: 236). Canadian geography owes much more to American geography than it does to empire or any of the carefully nurtured vestiges of our colonial past. Griffith Taylor, founding professor of Canada’s first geography department, was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1942 but the Royal Society insisted he join the geological sciences section and declined to create a geographical section, despite Grif’s best efforts.

In pondering the wisdom of creating a national organization, most Canadian geographers of the 1940s believed:

rather than start a weak organization, it would be better to join a good one like the Association of American Geographers where one could make a real contribution to the advancement of geography and from which one could receive so much in return. Consequently, most of us went south every year to the A.A.G. meetings where, I must say, we were made very welcome. (J. Wreford Watson 1950)

Canadian geographers still make the spring pilgrimage south and they are still made very welcome.

The AAG welcomes the world and what started as a national event now receives close to 25% of its attendees from outside the U.S. It seems ironic that at a time when the United States seems poised to lose its hegemonic status, a growing number of the world’s geographers are following the path blazed by Canadians back in the 1940s. But the world’s geographers have recognized that due to its large attendance and sheer interaction potential, the AAG provides a peerless opportunity for networks of cognate researchers to coalesce, share results, and work on joint projects.

The Annual Meeting of the AAG is a cornucopia of geographical riches that, no matter how jaundiced one might feel, never fails to stimulate and invigorate. It often provides an early indication of what’s hot or by its absence, what’s not. There are exciting opportunities “to network,” with potential grad students, collaborators, or supervisors or just sit in the lobby and wait for that serendipitous connection with an old colleague or an influential author. Along with scores of concurrent

sessions, there are daily plenaries, receptions, workshops, field trips, and a publisher’s exhibit hall geared to academic geographers! Sample events from the 2008 AAG meeting included people such as Jeffrey Sachs (the only academic to rank consistently as one of the world’s most influential people according to Time), Charles Mann (1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus) and a conversation with Noam Chomsky before an overflow crowd of a thousand geographers. The Annual Meeting of the AAG is typically held in the opulent metropolitan setting of a large convention hotel. Fabulous dining opportunities a short stroll away and nearby pubs offering a range of exotic beverages on tap offer further blandishments to coax a geographer away from end-of-semester pressures.

Why should Canadian Geographers Continue to Support the CAG Annual Meeting?

Having sung the praises of the AAG experience, I remain a staunch supporter of our national [and divisional!] meetings, parochial though they may seem. Our national meetings are invariably held at a university campus and, true to Canadian parsimony, most participants revisit the dubious pleasures of residence life in the late spring just as the quaint lack of air conditioning becomes almost unbearable. With resolve and careful planning, we learn to make those tiny soap bars last four days. The so-called bath towels have been shrinking over the years so that their use as corporeal covering poses the risk that the morning scramble from the common bathroom could violate local codes of decency! We cope with nano-soaps and micro-towels because, as Fritz Shumacher (1973) taught us, small can be beautiful and it is in this regard that the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers truly shines. Ron Abler put our diminutive size somewhat more diplomatically by praising our “manageable scale and strong sense of community.” Alison Gill argues that with fewer concurrent sessions, the CAG provides an opportunity “to discover what is happening in geography in a broader context. This is often a very useful experience and a reminder of the richness and breadth of the discipline.”

In Praise of Complementarity

The remorseless spatial logic of the first law will continue to lead Canadian geographers in Griffith Taylor’s footsteps, recalling that Canada’s first geography professor was also the first Canadian president of the AAG back in 1940. But we must also maintain the celebrated collegiality and the real conversations we are able to have as the traits of the fine national association that we have become. The CAG provides a deep and multiplex articulation along the regional, linguistic, and systemic dimensions of Canadian geography. While we too will continue to welcome international visitors from south of the border and further afield, our national meeting is vital to the institutional, organizational and

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national identity that we share as Canadian geographers and that must unite us in our disciplinary outreach.

If you have not been to an AAG lately, I urge you to consider attending the March 22-27, 2009 meeting in Las Vegas for an unforgettable professional experience and to experience the novelty of those amazing Nevada landscapes! But make sure you put the CAG 2009 meeting with the Congress at Carleton University on your calendar too. The two meetings are not substitutes but they are wonderfully complementary. Vive la difference!

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OBITUARY

KOERNER, Roy "Fritz" Martindale, Emeritus Scientist, Glaciologist, Geological Survey of Canada, passed away peacefully on Monday May 26, 2008 after a very short battle with colon cancer. He was 73 years old and was still working in the field as late as this spring.

Fritz was a pioneer in glaciology, helping to set the foundation of Canadian efforts in this field. His work started the mass balance network for icefields and glaciers in the Canadian Arctic, work which will continue to be added to after his passing. His seminal use of melt layers in ice cores to reconstruct climate history of the last 11,000 years set the stage for current climate study, important to scientists in related fields and those contributing to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In his later years he enjoyed educating kids about the Polar Regions, during voyages with Students on Ice and in Inuit communities in the north.

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Summary of Student Development Session -- “Frameworks, frameworks, everywhere...”: Understanding frameworks for effective application in academic research

CAG AGM 2008, Université Laval, Québec City

Speakers:

Maureen Reed, Dan Shrubsole, Matthew Hatvany

Chair: Bryan Poirier

The following is a summary of the student development panel session organized by Ryan Bullock and sponsored by the Environment and Resources Study Group at the 2008 AGM in Québec City. The purpose of the session was to define and clarify the different "frameworks" that are taken for granted, variously described, and used interchangeably in the academy and beyond, and which are a source of confusion for junior scholars. *This summary was put together by Lindsay Woodside and Culum Cannaly (Wilfrid Laurier University).*

Questions for the Round Table

The following general questions were posed to the invited speakers and they were eager to share their insights with the audience members.

1. What is a framework?
2. How are different frameworks developed?
3. What are points of agreement and disagreement surrounding frameworks?
4. What advice can you give for developing a framework?

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Dan Shrubsole and frameworks:

- Dan suggests that developing a personal philosophy is the important ingredient in determining how you develop a meaningful framework. In other words what are your ideas on worldview, epistemology, politics, and ethics?
- Be sure to be consistent in your own use of the terms you choose to employ. Being consistent helps to avoid confusion as you make the case for your research purpose, focus and approach.
- Beware that there is a hierarchy of terms and you should know where to place yourself on that hierarchy i.e. are you presenting a theory or a conceptual model or maybe it is a middle range theory which is less abstract and more narrow than a conceptual model.

Maureen Reed's take on frameworks:

- Consistency of terms is important when developing a framework (Maureen finds it helpful to talk aloud when developing a framework).
- For Maureen a framework consists of the “bones of a good story” whereas a theory is a structured form of explanation that can be independent of the larger case.
- She finds it useful to develop frameworks using concept maps. A concept map can be a freehand drawing, flow diagram, sketch map or a descriptive chart. They can be read quickly and can display a large amount of information clearly and concisely.

Check out Maureen's recommended reading:

Freeman, L.A. and Jessup, L.M. 2004. The power and benefits of concept mapping: Measuring use, usefulness, ease of use, and satisfaction. *International Journal of Science Education*, 26: 151-160.

Matthew Hatvany thoughts on frameworks:

- For Matthew a framework is a question of organization just as much as it is a spatial approach to resolving a problem.
- Framework development can be influenced by funding trends.
- Matthew highly recommends reading *The Reluctant Land: Society, Space, and Environment in Canada Before Confederation (2008)*, by Cole Harris, for an example of a well-developed framework.

The audience was engaged and asked the panel some thought-provoking questions. One panelist suggested that it might be useful to promote a way to look at frameworks at the departmental level at institutions of higher learning. Overall, the panelists seemed to agree that frameworks are defined by the individual researcher rather than by a definitive set of parameters and that INTERNAL CONSISTENCY MATTERS!!

Huge thanks to the Maureen, Matthew, Dan, and Bryan for providing their time and thoughts in support of student development. Thank you also to those who attended and to the Environment and Resources Study Group for sponsorship.

If you have an idea for a student session at an upcoming CAG meeting, or if you have any other CAG related comments, please feel free to contact me!

Ryan Bullock, CAG Student Councillor (2007-09),
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Congratulations to Ryan Bullock on the birth of Sadie Loretta Bullock, born 7lbs, 8ozs, 5:35 pm May 29 at Grand River Hospital.

Geography Awareness Week 2007

Wrap-Up Comments

As noted in several issues of CAGlist, the article "Theme Days and Geography Awareness Week 2007: A Canadian Experiment in Geographic Matters" was published in the *ArcNews* Winter 2007/2008 issue. In addition, the article was posted on the ESRI website and was also posted by LAGGISS, University of Ottawa. The article can be viewed at the respective website links: esri.com/news/arcnews/arcnews and geomatics.uottawa.ca/index_e..

Publication and posting by ESRI of the Geography Awareness Week (GAW) article promotes the outreach aspect of the awareness concept, and is much appreciated. *ArcNews* is a major communications medium, and is an outstanding means to effectively disseminate the article to an international audience. The invitation from *ArcNews* editor Tom Miller to write the overview piece is gratefully acknowledged.

The second comment about the 2007 GAW experience involves the perception that too little of what is said, written, and done in the field of geography receives media attention. Recent attempts to change the situation include posting presentations from the 2005 Symposium *Projecting Geography in the Public Domain in Canada*, posting Theme Day websites and information about GAW activities on the CAG website, as well as publishing the "In the News" column in the *Newsletter* and posting it on the CAG website.

In designing the media component of the GAW 2008 program, it would be useful to know which GAW 2007 activities received media coverage. I would therefore welcome receiving the names and email addresses of persons responsible for GAW media stories.

Third, recognition is due to Bob Patrick and Nairne Cameron for their excellent work at the University of Alberta on the classroom assignment for Food and Health Day. A selection of the posters prepared by students was shown at the GAW session at the 2008 CAG meeting, and we are now looking into a means for putting the posters online, and developing an exhibit of student posters from GAW 2008 for showing at CAG 2009.

Finally, I wish to thank the CAG Executive Committee and CAG Executive Secretary Valerie Shoffey for their support, advice, and encouragement.

Barry Wellar, Program Director
Geography Awareness Week

Geography Awareness Week 2008: Report 1

The proposed design of the Geography Awareness Week (GAW) 2008 program was presented to the CAG Executive Committee, and was also the topic of a session at the Annual Meeting of the CAG in Quebec City. Report 1 outlines the major changes from GAW

2007 to GAW 2008, and identifies opportunities for participation by individuals, departments, agencies, and firms in the 2008 program.

1. The Theme Day approach remains, but **Energy Day** replaces GIS Day. The schedule for GAW 2008, therefore, is Weather and Climate Day (Nov. 17); Water Day (Nov. 18); Energy Day (Nov. 19); Transportation Day (Nov. 20); Food and Health Day (Nov. 21).

2. Applied Geography will be introduced for GAW 2008 as a showcase feature. Terms of reference for linking to the CAG website for the *Applied Geography Showcase* will be included in a future Newsletter, distributed via CAGlist, and posted on the CAG website. The Applied Geography Specialty Group, AAG, will join us in this endeavour by providing the host website for applied geography activities in the U.S.

3. A second showcase feature, GeoSkills, will also be introduced as part of GAW 2008. Terms of reference for linking to the CAG website for the *GeoSkills Showcase* will be included in a future Newsletter, distributed via CAGlist, and posted on the CAG website.

4. In the coming months the current roster of Theme Day websites will be reviewed, and changes will be made if better sites agree to be linked to the CAG webpage for GAW 2008. Assistance is needed for the reviews of the Weather and Climate, Water, and Food and Health website listings. B. Wellar will coordinate the Transportation Day website review.

5. The addition of Energy Day means that ten non-academic, Canadian websites that best demonstrate the connections between geography and energy need to be identified, and agreement of the website sponsors to be linked the CAG website as part of the GAW page needs to be obtained. Assistance is needed to identify and board Energy Day websites.

6. Although many students have prepared posters for GIS Day, very few of them appear to have done so for Geography Awareness Week in general, or any of the Theme Days in particular. However, it appears that the time has come to combine GIS Day and the Theme Days in an innovative way for students to demonstrate their talents.

Based on years of GIS Day activities at many universities, and the excellent experience involving Food and Health Day 2007 at the University of Alberta, it appears that a Student Poster Exhibit based on Theme Day topics, and tying in Applied Geography and GeoSkills, would be an outstanding addition to the CAG Annual meeting, beginning in 2009. This element of the 2008 GAW program will be discussed with CAG 2009 Annual Meeting planners and if the idea is accepted details about preparing and submitting posters will be included in a future Newsletter, distributed via CAGlist, and posted on the CAG website. continued...

Suggestions of terms of reference for the two showcases (Applied Geography, GeoSkills) are invited, as are offers to assist in selecting the ten Energy Day websites, and in reviewing the roster of websites for Weather and Climate Day, Water Day, and Food and Health Day.

Barry Wellar, Program Director
Geography Awareness Week

STUDY GROUP NEWS

Tourism and Recreation Study Group News - June 2008

The CAG Tourism and Recreation Study Group exists to provide an opportunity for members to connect their research, work and/or learning pursuits in tourism, recreation and parks with other geographers across Canada. The study group hosts a listserv, distributes bi-annual electronic newsletters, holds an annual business meeting, produces an Annual Report, and sponsors sessions at the CAG Conference.

At the 2008 annual Meeting in Quebec City, the Study Group hosted a special session on Aboriginal Tourism and three additional sessions on tourism geography. Presentations were delivered relating to a variety of tourism and recreation themes including: tourism development, national parks and protected areas, sports events, tourism dynamics and modeling, cybercartography, qualitative research methods, and collaborative research initiatives. It is noteworthy that a variety of geographical perspectives and regional contexts were represented. Thanks must also be extended to Sylvie Blangy, Claudia Notzke, Rhonda Koster, and Kirstine Metansinine for their contributions to the Aboriginal Tourism session.

For their outstanding presentations at the conference, four students were awarded the Tourism and Recreation Study Group Award: Kate Hano – University of Waterloo, for her paper ‘Threat of Creative Destruction in Krasiczyn, Poland’; Peter Johnson, McGill University, for his paper ‘Experimenting with Dynamic Tourism Scenarios: An Agent-Based Approach’; Laura Prazeres, University of Ottawa, for her paper ‘Exploring Environmental Experiences in Canada’s North: The Findings of a Geographical Study of Kluane National Park Visitors’; and Stephanie Pyne – Carleton University, for her paper ‘Linking Cybercartography and Indigenous Tourism: The Reconciliation Trail’.

To obtain information on Study Group membership, activities and future award opportunities visit the CAG website at http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/study_groups.html#Tourism or contact the Study Group Chair - Holly Donohoe (hdono069@uottawa.ca).

DIVISION NEWS

CAGONT / ELDAAG 2008

Annual Meetings

October 17-19, 2008

Call for Papers

The Department of Geography, Brock University invites you to the 2008 Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Ontario Division and the American Association of Geographers, East Lakes Division in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted to: cagont@brocku.ca. Only electronic copies of abstracts will be accepted. Please enter ABSTRACT and whether presenting a paper or a poster on the subject line of the email. All presenters must be registered.

All abstracts must be submitted as a plain text email (no attachments please). Faxed or paper abstracts will not be accepted. The title should come first in UPPER and lowercase. This should be followed by the author list (with affiliations in parentheses). Leave one blank line between the title, author list, and the body of the abstract. For special sessions, all abstracts should be submitted by the organizer.

Note: all abstracts must be received by August 15, 2008.

Papers and Posters: Each presenter will be allotted 20 minutes. This includes time for questions. Poster displays will be made available for setup Friday afternoon.

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to participate at CAGONT / ELDAAG

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2008 PCAG ANNUAL MEETING

The Department of Geography at Brandon University is hosting the 2008 PCAG annual meeting in Boissevain, Manitoba, September 26-28.

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



Please note that as of this issue the newsletter will be printed on 100% recycled paper (except for the front and back cover for 2008 which were pre-printed). Starting with the first issue for 2009 all pages including the front and back cover, will be printed on 100% recycled paper.

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l'Annuaire étaient membres en 2006-2007. Pour tenter de résoudre ce problème, Dan Smith, notre vice-président, s'est engagé à communiquer par écrit pour inviter tous les nouveaux professeurs des universités du pays à adhérer. Si certains n'avaient pas la citoyenneté canadienne et/ou n'étaient pas géographes, ils ont apprécié les renseignements et l'opportunité qui se présentait à eux. Cela dit, il faut sans cesse déployer des efforts soutenus auprès de nos collègues pour les convaincre à adhérer. Dan a aussi demandé aux représentants universitaires de l'ACG de favoriser le recrutement d'étudiants et de professeurs.

Les Groupes d'étude

Le rôle essentiel que jouent les Groupes d'étude dans la constitution de réseaux d'intérêt trouve son expression dans les séances spéciales organisées par les membres dans le cadre du prochain Congrès annuel. Les activités menées par chacun des Groupes d'étude peuvent varier considérablement. L'évolution au fil du temps des intérêts des Groupes d'étude ainsi que la disponibilité de la relève feront l'objet d'un suivi par le Comité exécutif qui abordera prochainement la question de la forme de soutien aux groupes pour assurer un engagement adéquat ainsi que des mécanismes d'appui aux groupes émergents et à ceux qui souhaitent mettre fin à leurs activités.

Les Divisions régionales

Les Divisions régionales constituent une composante très importante de l'Association. Les congrès qu'elles organisent chaque année sont des moments privilégiés permettant à des étudiants du premier cycle et des cycles supérieurs, des professeurs ainsi que des enseignants des ordres collégial et secondaire de se retrouver dans une ambiance de collégialité et de vivre une expérience en rapport avec la discipline. J'ai moi-même assisté et beaucoup apprécié le congrès de la Division des Prairies tenu à Weyburn, Saskatchewan à l'Université de Regina, alors que Dan Smith a participé au congrès de la Division de l'Ontario qui s'est déroulé à l'Université Laurentienne à Sudbury, Ontario, ainsi qu'au congrès de la Division de l'Ouest qui a eu lieu à Bellingham aux États-Unis à la Western Washington University.

Le Géographe canadien/The Canadian Geographer (LGC/TCG)

Dans la dernière année, nous avons conclu un nouveau contrat avec Wiley-Blackwell. Parmi les dispositions du présent contrat, Wiley-Blackwell, s'appuyant sur son programme Legacies, a entrepris la numérisation des numéros antérieurs de la revue sans frais supplémentaires. *LGC/TCG* est maintenant rendu disponible par *Blackwell Synergies* qui possède les droits exclusifs de distribution. Depuis la fusion entre Wiley et Blackwell, *LGC/TCG* se retrouve sur 3 500 sites de plus à travers le monde par l'intermédiaire de divers consortiums

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also targeted CAG departmental representatives to encourage recruitment of both students and faculty members.

Study Groups

The Study Groups continue to play important roles in creating networks of interest and this is reflected in the many special sessions in which members are involved during the upcoming Annual Meeting. There is considerable variability with respect to the activity of Study Groups. As Study Group interests evolve over time, as does the availability of leadership for the Groups, the Executive will be discussing ways of ensuring appropriate engagement by the groups and mechanisms to better support the emergence of new groups and the disbandment of those that are moribund.

Regional Divisions

Regional divisions represent a very important component of the Association. In particular their annual meetings provide a venue for undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty as well as college and high school instructors to engage in a collegial atmosphere that stimulates engagement with the discipline. I attended the meeting of the Prairie Division held in Weyburn, Saskatchewan at the University of Regina, which was most rewarding and Dan Smith, Vice-president, attended the CAGONT meeting at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario and the Western CAG division meeting at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien (TCG/LGC)

In the past year we negotiated a new contract with Wiley-Blackwell. As part of this arrangement, Wiley-Blackwell has digitized all past issues of TCG/LGC for free as part of their Legacies program and these are available through Blackwell Synergies who have sole rights to distribute TCG/LGC. With the merger of Wiley and Blackwell, TCG/LGC reached an additional 3,500 sites worldwide through a variety of consortia and institutional subscriptions representing increased accessibility not only in Canadian libraries but also internationally. The impact rating of the journal has increased from 0.491 in 2006 to 0.824 in 2007. While this is still relatively modest, the movement is in the right direction.

Roger Hayter has served as Editor of TCG/LGC since January 2006. Due to other administrative commitments, Roger will step down as Editor in December 2008. Under Roger's editorship the journal has flourished. He has introduced a number of initiatives that will likely remain as a legacy of his term as Editor. Notably, the introduction of 'luminaries' articles has drawn attention to individuals with distinguished careers. Larry Bourne, University of Toronto, was the first of these and, in addition to the article in TCG/LGC,

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et abonnements institutionnels. Cela se traduit par un accroissement important de l'accès, autant dans les bibliothèques canadiennes qu'au niveau international. Le facteur d'impact de la revue a évolué de 0,491 en 2006 pour s'établir à 0,824 en 2007. Malgré leur modestie, ces chiffres vont dans la bonne direction.

Depuis janvier 2006, Roger Hayter est le rédacteur en chef de *LGC/TCG*. Soumis à d'autres obligations administratives, il a annoncé son intention de quitter ce poste en décembre 2008. Sous sa direction, la revue a pris son essor. Il est responsable de la mise en place d'initiatives qui marqueront à jamais son passage au poste de rédacteur. Soulignons la parution de la série « réflexions lumineuses » qui permet de mieux connaître des personnes qui ont poursuivi une brillante carrière. Larry Bourne de l'Université de Toronto a signé le premier article paru dans *LGC/TCG* et a donné une conférence l'année dernière au Congrès annuel tenu à Saskatoon. Cette année, lors du Congrès annuel à Québec, nous aurons le privilège de recevoir Wayne Rouse de l'Université McMaster et Paul Villeneuve de l'Université Laval qui vont donner des conférences spéciales. Leurs articles seront publiés dans un prochain numéro de la revue. Nous avons demandé à Cole Harris de l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique et Bruce Mitchell de l'Université de Waterloo de soumettre un article à paraître dans le cadre de cette série.

Roger a aussi lancé une initiative pour inciter les nouveaux universitaires à publier leurs travaux dans *LGC/TCG* en leur remettant à tous les deux ans un prix du meilleur article. En plus recevoir 500 \$, les lauréats peuvent adhérer sans frais à l'ACG pendant un an. Dans les prochains numéros, il mettra en relief l'apport des femmes scientifiques, autant les sommités que les universitaires en début de carrière. Pendant les trois années de son mandat de rédacteur en chef, Roger a grandement contribué à la qualité et à l'élargissement des champs d'étude couverts par *LGC/TCG*, et je tiens à le remercier pour son travail et dévouement.

Nous avons bénéficié du fonds de soutien du CRSH pour la publication de *LGC/TCG*. Dès cette année, toutefois, nous ne pourrons plus compter sur la subvention de 22 000 \$, car le CRSH a décidé de soutenir uniquement les revues en Open Access. Nous connaissons le verdict une fois que nous recevons le formulaire d'inscription, malgré que la date limite de soumission des dossiers est le 30 juin 2008, selon le site web du CRSH, le formulaire n'était pas encore disponible en ligne en date du 7 mai 2008.

Rayonnement

Barry Wellar (professeur émérite de l'Université d'Ottawa) a été nommé directeur du programme médiatique pour la Semaine de sensibilisation à la géographie, édition 2007. Il a été à nouveau désigné à ce poste pour la prochaine édition. page suivante...

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presented a lecture at last year's Annual Meeting in Saskatoon. This year at the meeting in Quebec City, Wayne Rouse, McMaster University, and Paul Villeneuve, Laval University, will present special lectures and their papers will appear in up-coming issues of the journal. Other forthcoming luminary papers to be published in the journal include those by Cole Harris, University of British Columbia, and Bruce Mitchell, University of Waterloo.

Roger has introduced a further initiative that encourages new scholars to publish in the TCG/LGC by offering an award every two years for the best article by a new scholar. This award is in the form of a \$500 cash award and a one year membership in the CAG. In forthcoming issues, he will also highlight the contribution of luminary female scholars as well as early career scholars. In the 3-year term of his editorship Roger has made significant contributions to the quality and scope of TCG/LGC, and I extend my sincere thanks to him for his dedication and hard work.

We continued to receive the grant from SSHRC to help support the publication of TCG/LGC, but we expect to lose the \$22,000 grant this year as SSHRC plans to offer support only to those journals with Open Access. We will only know for sure if we qualify when we see the application form and while the SSHRC website posts the deadline as June 30, 2008 the application form was still not available as of May 7, 2008.

Outreach

Barry Wellar (Emeritus Professor, University of Ottawa) was appointed as the Media Program Director for Geography Awareness Week (GAW) last year and has been re-appointed in this position again this year. Barry worked extremely hard last year to build awareness of Geography Awareness Week (November 12-16th). In particular he identified a theme for each day of GAW, sought partnership links through the website and engaged media attention. While still a 'work in progress' some geography departments mounted a variety of events during GAW. Special sessions at the Annual Meeting designed to engage more active participation by members will be held again this year. Thank you Barry for all your hard work on behalf of GAW. I encourage all of you to consider how you might engage interest in geography in your own institutions. I suggest eliciting the aid of your geography undergraduate and/or graduate student organizations to take a lead in developing displays and event.

National and International Links

The CAG engages with various organizations both nationally and internationally on issues of common interest.

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Barry a travaillé avec acharnement l'an dernier pour promouvoir cet événement qui s'est déroulée du 12 au 16 novembre. Il a été responsable du choix des thématiques abordées chaque jour, il s'est servi du site web afin de faciliter la création de partenariats et d'attirer l'attention des médias. Quelques départements de géographie se sont associés à la Semaine de sensibilisation à la géographie, malgré qu'on puisse dire qu'il est encore « en chantier ». Encore cette année, le Congrès annuel comportera des séances spéciales consacrées à la participation active des membres. C'est au nom de toute l'équipe de la Semaine de sensibilisation à la géographie que j'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour remercier Barry pour son travail sans relâche. Je demanderais à chacun d'entre vous de réfléchir sur comment susciter l'intérêt pour la géographie au sein de vos institutions. Une piste à explorer est d'essayer d'obtenir le soutien d'étudiants du premier cycle en géographie et/ou d'associations des étudiants des cycles supérieurs pour prendre en charge la préparation de présentations et la tenue d'événements.

Liens nationaux et internationaux

L'ACG, en collaboration avec diverses organisations nationales et internationales, s'engage sur des questions d'intérêt public.

En tant que présidente de l'ACG, je préside le Comité national canadien de l'Union géographique internationale (UGI), et au cours de la dernière année j'ai apporté mon concours à des activités menées conjointement par l'ACG et l'UGI. En plus de moi-même, on compte parmi les membres Ian MacLachlan (ACG, membre du Comité exécutif), Ryan Bullock (ACG, représentant des membres étudiants), Louise Maffett (SGRC) et Guy Mercier (APGQ). Nous participons tous à une réunion par conférence téléphonique à l'automne, nous profitons de la tenue du Congrès annuel de l'ACG pour organiser une rencontre en personne, et nous nous servons d'Internet pour toutes les autres activités. Ce Comité a appuyé à l'unanimité la candidature de Mark Rosenberg de l'Université Queen's au poste de vice-président de l'UGI. Présentement, Mark assure la présidence de la Commission de l'UGI sur la santé et l'environnement. Une élection aura lieu pendant le Congrès de l'UGI (qui se tient à tous les quatre ans) qui se déroulera à Tunis en août. Je vais siéger en tant que représentante désignée du Canada.

Le Conseil national de recherches (CNR) est tenu de payer les droits d'adhésion à l'UGI en vertu des engagements pris par le Canada auprès des Unions scientifiques internationales. Pour des raisons d'imputabilité, le CNR a réalisé un sondage auprès de l'ensemble des unions scientifiques en vue d'identifier celles qui se conforment le plus aux préoccupations du gouvernement en matière de science et technologie. La recension des multiples domaines dans lesquels les géographes canadiens

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Geographical Union (IGU) and have during the past year been fairly actively engaged in CAG/IGU related activities. In addition to myself, members of that committee include Ian MacLachlan (CAG Executive member) and Ryan Bullock (CAG student representative), Louise Maffett, (RCGS), and Guy Mercier (APGQ). We hold a committee meeting in the fall by conference call, and an in-person meeting at the CAG Annual Meeting, with other business conducted by e-mail. The Committee unanimously supported the nomination of Mark Rosenberg, Queen's University for a position as Vice-President of the IGU. Mark currently serves as Chair of the IGU Commission on Health and the Environment. The election will take place at the IGU Congress (which is held every 4 years) in Tunis in August. I will serve as the designated Canadian representative.

As part of Canada's engagement with the International Scientific Unions, the National Research Council (NRC) pays for membership in the IGU. In the interests of accountability, the NRC conducted a survey of all scientific unions with the intent of identifying those that were most closely allied with the government's science and technology agenda. In identifying the various engagements of Canadian geographers on the international stage, it seems to me that we are well positioned with respect to conducting research on issues associated with environment, energy, health and societal well-being and that our contributions have been substantial. However, to date no feedback has been received on what appears will be an on-going annual survey - and one that will determine whether or not the federal government will continue to pay our union dues (or maybe even contribute increased support for our involvement?)

At last year's AGM, it was decided that money budgeted in 2006 to conduct a feasibility study into hosting a future IGU Congress should be carried forward to this year. Given the timing of meetings and the bid process, a bid for the 2016 meeting (should it have been deemed desirable) would have to have been in place by December 2007. The Executive decided that we should engage in preliminary investigation of hosting either a Regional meeting in 2018 or a Congress in 2020. It was decided that we should seek expert advice from those engaged in recent previous meetings to ascertain costs and benefits. Information was obtained from Chris Philo, University of Glasgow (hosts of 2004 Congress); Rita Gardner, Royal Geographical Society with Institute of British Geographers (organizers of the Glasgow 2004 meeting); and, Ron Abler, past Secretary-General of the IGU. Audrey Kobayashi and Mark Rosenberg who are both actively involved with IGU Commissions and have been regular attendees at past meetings also provided input.

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s'exercent sur la scène internationale me semble indiquer que notre position est favorable en ce qui concerne la recherche sur les questions en environnement, énergie, santé et bien-être au niveau sociétal. De plus, notre contribution au progrès des connaissances est notable. Toutefois, nous n'avons reçu aucun écho jusqu'à maintenant ni sur ce sondage annuel, à moins d'avis contraire, ni sur la décision du gouvernement fédéral d'acquitter les droits d'adhésion (voire même de nous soutenir davantage?).

L'année dernière à l'Assemblée générale annuelle (AGA), la décision a été prise de reporter à cette année les fonds prévus en 2006 pour mener une étude de faisabilité sur la possibilité d'accueillir le Congrès de l'UGI. Compte tenu du calendrier des congrès et du processus de soumission, il aurait fallu soumettre une demande avant le mois de décembre 2007 pour la tenue de l'édition 2016 (si cela avait été jugé opportun). Le Comité exécutif entend examiner la possibilité d'accueillir une rencontre régionale en 2018 ou, le cas échéant, un Congrès en 2020. Il a été décidé de demander l'avis d'experts spécialisés dans l'organisation de congrès pour évaluer les coûts et bénéfices. Les personnes suivantes nous ont fourni des renseignements : Chris Philo de l'Université de Glasgow (hôte du Congrès 2004) et Ron Abler, ancien Secrétaire général de l'UGI. Audrey Kobayashi et Mark Rosenberg qui s'impliquent activement dans les travaux des Commissions de l'UGI et prennent part régulièrement aux congrès ont également apporté leur concours. Nous sommes présentement en communication avec John Holmes de l'Université de Queensland (hôte de la réunion régionale de l'UGI tenue à Brisbane en 2006). Un rapport sur les conclusions de ces réunions sera présenté pour fins de discussion à la rencontre du Comité exécutif à Québec et un compte-rendu sera déposé lors de l'AGA.

L'ACG et l'AAG (Association of American Geographers) ont décidé d'unir leur force, et offrent à leurs membres la possibilité d'adhérer aux deux associations. Les membres de l'Institute of British Geographers (IBG) et l'Association professionnelle des géographes du Québec (APGQ) peuvent aussi bénéficier de cette affiliation. J'ai été invité au banquet du Congrès annuel de l'AAG à titre de représentant de l'ACG, et l'invitation a été étendue au président de l'AAG pour participer à notre Congrès. Si un grand nombre de géographes canadiens s'inscrivent aux réunions de l'AAG, peu d'Américains participent aux nôtres. Au niveau régional, rappelons qu'il y a beaucoup d'interactions de part et d'autre de la frontière.

Outre le Comité exécutif, plusieurs membres de l'ACG agissent comme représentants de l'ACG sur de nombreux comités. Jeff Ollerhead de l'Université Mount Allison, s'est chargé encore de représenter les intérêts de l'ACG auprès du comité

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Correspondence is currently underway with John Holmes, University of Queensland (hosts of IGU Brisbane Regional meeting, 2006). A report on the outcome of these meetings will be presented for discussion at the Executive meeting in Quebec City and reported to the AGM in Quebec City.

The CAG and the Association of American Geographers (AAG) remain closely allied, with associate memberships available for members of both associations. This affiliation is also available to members of the Institute of British Geographers (IBG) and the Association professionnelle des géographes du Québec (APGQ). I attended the banquet at the Annual Meeting of the AAG as the representative of the CAG - a courtesy that we extend to the President of the AAG at our meeting. There is a high attendance by Canadian geographers at the AAG meetings although fewer American attend our meetings. At the regional level as noted above, there is considerable interaction across the border.

Outside of the Executive, a number of CAG members serve as CAG representatives on various committees. Jeff Ollerhead, Mount Allison University, continued to represent CAG interests on the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences Committee (CFES). Bob Sharpe (Wilfred Laurier served as the CAG representative on the Council for Geographic Education (CGE). Audrey Kobayashi, Queen's University, served as the CAG representative at the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) meetings. She was recently elected to serve on the CFHSS Board as the representative of medium-sized associations for a two-year term. As Ian MacLachlan, a member of the CAG executive, is also a CFHSS Board member, our interests are well represented with the Federation. As was the case with the meeting in Saskatoon last May, the Annual Meeting in 2009, to be held in Ottawa, is in conjunction with the CFHSS-organized Congress. Thank you to all of these members for their service to the CAG.

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Website

Work has continued on developing the Members Only Website. We now have the opportunity to renew memberships on-line and the next project is to produce a site for online Annual Meeting registration and abstract submission that, for a small fee to the host university, can be formatted specifically for them. The main section of the CAG Directory which lists academic staff, research activities and current publications of geography departments in Canadian universities and certain government agencies is now available online while the listing of CAG members with their names and coordinates remains available in hard copy only. With this increased functionality we are now able to provide a much more

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de la Fédération canadienne des sciences de la Terre (FCST). Bob Sharpe de l'Université Wilfrid Laurier est représentant de l'ACG au Conseil canadien de l'enseignement de la géographie (CGEG). Audrey Kobayashi de l'Université Queen's a représenté l'ACG à la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FCSH). Récemment, elle a été nommée pour siéger au conseil de la FCSH à titre de représentant des associations de taille moyenne pendant une période de deux ans. Ajoutons que nos intérêts sont très bien représentés au sein de la Fédération par Ian MacLachlan qui est à la fois membre de l'exécutif de l'ACG et du conseil de la FCSH. Comme à l'occasion du Congrès de Saskatoon au mois de mai dernier, le Congrès annuel de 2009 qui se déroulera à Ottawa, sera organisé en parallèle avec le Congrès de la FCSH. J'aimerais remercier tous les membres pour leurs services rendus à l'ACG.

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Le site web

Les travaux se sont poursuivis en vue d'améliorer la section du site web réservée aux membres. Il est maintenant possible de renouveler son adhésion en ligne et le projet à venir est de fournir une page sur le site pour s'enregistrer au Congrès annuel et soumettre son résumé qui pourrait être formaté, moyennant un modeste investissement, selon les critères de l'université hôte. On retrouve sur le site web la principale partie de l'Annuaire de l'ACG qui répertorie le personnel enseignant, les activités de recherche, et les articles publiés par les départements de géographie des universités canadiennes et quelques organismes gouvernementaux. Les noms et coordonnées des membres de l'ACG sont disponibles seulement en version papier. Avec la fonctionnalité accrue, nous sommes maintenant en mesure d'offrir aux membres et au grand public des services plus pratiques. L'Annuaire permet surtout aux futurs étudiants en géographie d'accéder rapidement aux sites web des départements.

Le Bulletin de nouvelles

Le Bulletin de nouvelles est un bimestriel en format papier également disponible en ligne en format pdf. En plus des rubriques telles que la chronique du président, les offres d'emploi, les informations, les avis exprimés, les élections, etc., nous avons demandé aux membres du Comité exécutif (et les autres membres) de contribuer des lettres d'opinion. Au cours de cette année, dans la chronique du président, j'ai abordé des questions touchant entre autres l'accès libre et l'évolution de la technologie, les retombées des changements démographiques sur la discipline, la géographie et la stratégie du gouvernement en matière de science et technologie, et l'enseignement de la géographie. J'ai apprécié tous les commentaires que certains d'entre vous m'ont fait parvenir.

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convenient service to our members as well as to the general public. The directory with the department links provides information that is especially useful to would-be student geographers.

Newsletter

The Newsletter continues to be sent out bi-monthly in hard copy as well as being accessible on the website. In addition to the regular items such as the President's column, job advertisements, news items, association notices, elections etc., we have also been seeking more input from Executive members (and others) in the form of opinion pieces. In the President's column over the past year I have addressed issues such as open access and changing technology; the implications to the discipline of changing demographics; geography and the governments science and technology strategy; and geography in schools. I appreciated the comments that I received from time to time from some (a few) of you.

List servers

Dan Smith, manages the various CAG list servers (including not only the CAGlist that reaches all members, but also specific ones for Department Chairs, the Executive and Departmental representatives. In his position as Vice-President, Dan has been seeking to increase active engagement in the Association and has utilized the various list servers to this end. For example, he has sought feedback from Chairs on enrolment trends, invited Executive members to engage in contributing to the Newsletter, and encouraged Departmental representatives to recruit new members.

Executive changes

At the end of this year's AGM Dan Smith will move from his current position as Vice President to take over from me as President. As noted above, Dan has already made his presence on the Executive felt during the past year as he has contacted many of you via the various CAG list servers that he manages. He has also actively engaged with the regional divisions. Thanks Dan for all your support.

Two councilors will be completing their terms at the AGM - Randy Widdis, University of Regina and Anne-Marie Séguin, INRS Urbanisation Culture et Société. Thank you both for your contribution to the Association. Newly elected, and commencing their terms on the Executive after the AGM, are Caroline Desbiens, Université Laval and Virginia Maclaren, University of Toronto. I appreciate the willingness of all those who stood for election this year. I hope many of you will consider putting your names forward for future service.

During the year members of the Executive have served the Association in numerous ways on a variety of sub-committees and/or with the regional divisions. The mini-executive consisting of myself, Vice-President (Dan Smith) and Secretary-Treasurer (Mary-Louise Byrne)

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L'administration des serveurs de liste de l'ACG est sous la responsabilité de Dan Smith. En plus de la CAGlist que reçoivent tous les membres, il gère les listes des présidents de départements, du Comité exécutif et des représentants départementaux. En tant que vice-président, Dan Smith envisage d'étendre la participation active au sein de l'Association et profite des différents serveurs de liste pour atteindre cet objectif. Par exemple, il espère recevoir des échos des présidents concernant les tendances relatives au nombre d'inscriptions, il a lancé une invitation aux membres du Comité exécutif pour contribuer un article au Bulletin de nouvelles, et il a encouragé les représentants des départements en vue de recruter de nouveaux membres.

Changements au Comité exécutif

Au lendemain de l'AGA de cette année, je laisserai ma place à Dan Smith qui quittera son poste de vice-président et occupera celui de président. Comme cela a été signalé plus haut, la présence de Dan sur le Comité s'est beaucoup fait sentir cette année par les contacts établis avec plusieurs d'entre vous grâce aux différents serveurs de liste de l'ACG. Il s'est aussi beaucoup investi dans les divisions régionales. Merci Dan pour tout votre aide.

Le mandat de deux conseillers vient à échéance avec la tenue de l'AGA : Randy Widdis de l'Université de Regina et Anne-Marie Séguin de l'INRS Urbanisation culture et société. J'aimerais exprimer mes remerciements pour leur contribution au rayonnement de notre Association. Ils seront remplacés par Carole Desbiens de l'Université Laval et de Virginia Maclaren de l'Université de Toronto dont le mandat va débiter au lendemain de l'AGA. J'ai d'ailleurs apprécié la détermination de tous ceux et celles qui ont déposé leur candidature cette année et j'espère que vous accepterez de vous porter candidat à l'avenir.

Au cours des années, les membres du Comité exécutif ont rendu de nombreux services à l'Association en siégeant sur divers sous-comités et/ou au sein des divisions régionales. Le sous-comité exécutif, composé de moi-même, du vice-président (Dan Smith) et de la secrétaire-trésorière (Mary-Louise Byrne) avons tenu une conférence téléphonique deux fois l'an pour discuter de questions opérationnelles. Valerie Shoffey, adjointe exécutive, assure la gestion et le fonctionnement du bureau de l'ACG, la mise à jour du site web, la révision du Bulletin de nouvelles et le suivi auprès du Comité exécutif. Je vous remercie tous.

Durant ces deux dernières années, j'ai eu le plaisir d'occuper le poste de présidente et je me réjouis à l'idée de pouvoir vous servir pendant un an en qualité d'ancienne présidente du Comité exécutif.

Alison M. Gill

Présidente, Association canadienne des géographes

Le 12 mai 2008

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have extended conference calls twice a year to deal with various business issues. Keeping the CAG Office running, the website updated, the Newsletter edited and generally keeping us all on-track is Valerie Shoffey, our much valued Executive Assistant. Thanks to all of you.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your President for these past two years and I look forward to a final year in office as your Past-President.

Alison M. Gill

President, Canadian Association of Geographers

May 12, 2008

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suite de la page 2... **CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT**
géographes canadiens à la discipline dans le passé et du potentiel des nouveaux chercheurs d'excellente qualité qui sont attirés par nos universités. Dans une adaptation de la phrase maintes fois citée de Reg Golledge « n'avez jamais honte d'être géographe » [Traduction]. Je voudrais ajouter « n'avez jamais honte d'être un géographe canadien ».

Enfin, je viens d'assister au congrès annuel qui a eu lieu dans la ville de Québec. C'est un congrès très enrichissant qui a été couronné par un banquet à bord du *Mv. Louis-Jolliet* sur le fleuve Saint-Laurent. Avec 400 participants environ, le congrès a été un grand succès. Cette réussite n'est pas sans lien avec les questions de collaboration soulevées plus haut. Le programme comportait des ateliers et des conférenciers invités qui ont représenté l'apport non seulement des membres de l'ACG (au sens propre et figuré), mais aussi des membres de la commission de l'UGI sur l'approche culturelle en matière de géographie et de l'Association canadienne des sciences régionales. Cette discipline a toujours joué un rôle de catalyseur. Dans le monde divisé du postmodernisme, il y aurait tout lieu de renforcer notre héritage disciplinaire en permettant aux autres disciplines connexes et aux autres organismes de se joindre à nous. De plus, c'était génial d'être les hôtes de nos collègues de l'Université Laval. Merci! De nombreux géographes anglophones ont du mal à exprimer leurs points de vue quand ils parlent en français, mais leur désir de surmonter les barrières de la langue et de tirer profit d'une l'intégration plus étroite était évident.

En guise de conclusion, je voudrais souligner que ça été un privilège pour moi d'être votre présidente. Mon rapport annuel relate nos réalisations en espérant qu'elles rapprocheront davantage l'association de vous pour vous servir au mieux. Beaucoup de gens méritent des remerciements, notamment tous les membres du comité exécutif et notre adjointe exécutive, Valerie Shoffey. Vous connaissez tous notre nouveau président, Dan Smith, (ceux qui ne le connaissent pas encore, reçoivent déjà des courriels de sa part) – Croyez-moi, vous allez beaucoup entendre parler de lui. Son dévouement et son énergie vous seront d'une grande utilité.

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geography on the world stage and enhance both the academic and public image of the discipline. I believe we need to retain our national pride with respect to our discipline. We have much to be proud of in terms of both past contributions of Canadian geographers to the discipline and the future potential of the excellent new scholars that are being attracted to our universities. In an adaptation of Reg Golledge's oft cited quote "never be ashamed to call yourself a geographer". I would add, "never be ashamed to call yourself a *Canadian* geographer".

In closing, I have just returned from our Annual Meeting in Quebec City. This was a very rewarding conference capped by a great banquet aboard the *Mv. Louis-Jolliet* on the St Lawrence. With around 400 conference participants, the meeting was a great success. This is not unrelated to the issues of collaboration I raised above. Woven through the program were sessions and invited speakers that represented not only contributions from CAG members (both human and physical) but also from members of the IGU Commission on the cultural approach in geography and the Canadian Regional Science Association. We have long seen ourselves as a discipline of synthesis. In the fragmenting world of postmodernism there seems much to be said for strengthening our disciplinary heritage as synthesizers by providing opportunities for related disciplines and organizations to join with us. It was also great to be so warmly hosted by our colleagues at Laval University – thank you. While many of us Anglophone geographers are woefully inadequate when it comes to speaking French, the desire to work at overcoming our language barriers and benefit from closer integration was evident.

Finally, it has been a privilege to serve as your President. My annual report outlines some of the things we have accomplished that hopefully move the Association a little closer to serving you better. There are many people to thank especially all the members of the Executive and our Executive Assistant, Valerie Shoffey. Our new President, Dan Smith, is no stranger to you (if you do not know him in person you all regularly receive e-mails from him) – I know you will be hearing lots more from him. His commitment and energy will serve you well.

Alison Gill
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CALL FOR PAPERS
Canadian Studies: The State of the Art
Centre for Canadian Studies
Mount Allison University

Place: Mount Allison University, Sackville NB
Date: 12 to 14 February 2009

Over the last generation the foci and subject matter of Canadian Studies as a field of interdisciplinary inquiry have changed dramatically. In part, changes in Canadian Studies are the product of changes in Canada itself. In part, they are the product of new research agendas and heuristics. What is the state of Canadian Studies today? What new research agendas should be developed? What older questions and heuristic frameworks retain their relevance? What are the core issues that should animate Canadian Studies today and into the future?

The Centre for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University invites proposals for the third in its "Alternatives" conference series. We are particularly interested in proposals that explore the current state and future trajectories of Canadian Studies as a field of interdisciplinary inquiry. Proposals that explore the potential of different approaches to Canadian Studies and highlight the strengths and weaknesses of existing approaches are especially welcome. The Centre is particularly interested in proposals that address one or more of the following themes:

- New pedagogies and the teaching of Canadian Studies
- The place of the state in Canadian Studies
- Transnationalism, transculturalism and Canadian Studies
- The changing dynamics of Canadian political economy
- The cultural politics of diversity
- The study of Canadian class formation
- Canada's place in the world
- Gender and sexuality and the study of Canada

The Centre for Canadian Studies plans, as well, that this conference will serve as a venue advance consideration of interaction between teachers and Canadian Studies programmes across Canada and their connections to each other.

Proposals for individual papers or panel sessions should be submitted to: Dr. Andrew Nurse
Centre for Canadian Studies, Mount Allison University
63D York St., Sackville, NB E4L 1G9
anurse@mta.ca or 506-364-2645 (fax)

The Centre encourages the electronic submission of proposals. Proposals should include a brief abstract of the intended presentation or panel along with necessary contact information.

Submissions due by: November 30, 2008

A selection of work from this conference will be published in the third volume of the Centre for Canadian Studies Alternatives series. Individuals interested in submission for publication are encouraged to contact the Centre for further information.

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"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 "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 2008 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 (2008). However, you may list the publications of the previous year (2007) if you did not have any item to report for the current year.

Deadline for submission: July 21, 2008. Please email your entry directly to: kimfalcigno@shaw.ca

Please remember that only in the case where your publications and research activities do not appear because your institution is not 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 above.

Departments have already been requested to submit their listings for the CAG Directory for 2008. 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. This list contains the information submitted by each member on their membership application form, online or paper copy and on file at the time of publication. It is now possible for members to update their personal information by going to www.cag-acg.ca and clicking on "My Profile" on the black bar at the top of the main page.

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***NEW**

***UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**

The Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta invites applications for the position of Faculty Lecturer in Human Geography to teach courses in urban/social geography, human-environment interactions, and planning. This is a full time term appointment for one year with the possibility of reappointment. The teaching duties are three undergraduate courses in each of the Fall and Winter terms and one undergraduate course in Intersession. Other duties may include mentoring and supervision of course teaching assistants and other duties as assigned by the Chair.

Requirements are a Ph.D. or M.A./M.Sc. in Human Geography or a related discipline and experience in teaching undergraduate courses in social sciences. Applications should include a curriculum vitae and a teaching profile outlining teaching experience and/or interests. Candidates should arrange for at least three confidential letters of reference to be sent to the Chair at: Martin Sharp, Chair, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, 1-26 Earth Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E3

The application closing date is Friday, June 20, 2008, or until a suitable candidate is found. Early applications are encouraged. Electronic applications will not be accepted. The start date for the position is August 1, 2008, or as soon as possible thereafter.

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

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

For more information about the Department and the University of Alberta, please see the Department's web page: <http://www.ualberta.ca/EAS>.

***UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

The Department of Environment and Geography invites applications for a full-time tenure-track appointment at Assistant Professor rank in Human Geography with specialty in Health. The appointment will begin on January 1, 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful candidate must have a strong background

in human geography and is expected to have a Ph.D. by the time of appointment. An interest in environmental health issues and/or aboriginal health would be an asset. The successful candidate would be expected to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in health geography and other topics in human geography based on his/her other areas of expertise.

Candidates must have a strong commitment to teaching and research in human geography. The successful candidate will have opportunities to collaborate with other well established scholars in various units, including Community Health Sciences, Human Ecology, the Natural Resources Institute, and several departments within the Faculty of Arts. It is notable that the University of Manitoba has a significant, meritorious, and global record in the realm of health and health care.

The Department of Environment and Geography is housed within the new Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources which is conducive to disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching and research. The Department of Environment and Geography includes programs in Human Geography, Physical Geography, Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies. There are currently 65 Masters and 28 Ph.D. students. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Start-up funds will be supplied to the successful candidate through the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples and people with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, and the names and contact information of three referees to the address below. The deadline for the receipt of applications is August 29, 2008. The position will remain open until the position is filled. Chair, Selection Committee

c/o Aggie Roberecki, Administrative Assistant
Department of Environment and Geography
University of Manitoba, 213 Isbister Building
183 Dafoe Road, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2
Phone: 204-474-9256; Fax: 204-474-7699
Email: aggie_roberecki@umanitoba.ca

Further information about the position can be obtained from <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/environment/>

Please refer to position number 07732 in all correspondence.

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).

***MOUNT ALLISON**

The Department of Geography and Environment at Mount Allison University invites applications for a one-year position as Tree-Ring Lab Technician in the Department of Geography and Environment, commencing August 1, 2008. The holder of this position will work in conjunction with departmental members through the Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory (MAD Lab).

Mount Allison University has earned a national reputation for its excellent undergraduate programs. This has enabled the University to recruit highly motivated students drawn from a diversity of origins and backgrounds. Enrollments in the Geography and Environment are extremely healthy and the MAD Lab has played a vibrant roll in the department's development (Visit us at <http://www.mta.ca/madlab/>). The University's facilities and growing emphasis on research support make this an attractive place to work and our location in a small historic town only 30 minutes from Moncton, which boasts a dynamic economy, a vibrant bilingual and cosmopolitan culture, and an international airport makes Sackville an attractive place to live.

The successful candidate will ideally have a degree in Geography, Climatology, or a related Environmental field, or previous work experience in forest ecology. The job will entail field work, wet lab work and dry lab work, and previous experience in some or all three areas would be an asset. Job duties will include: hiking in remote areas, working in conjunction with students in various locations throughout the province, operating and maintaining various saws and sanding equipment needed to prepare samples, organizing lab supplies and space, writing up lab reports for specific projects, measuring and analyzing tree ring cores, cataloging sampling site information and updating data bases, as well as assisting in tours and media relations in the lab. Specific training in some or all of these areas will be given, and bilingualism will be considered an asset. An application should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees, and should be e-mailed or mailed on or before June 30, 2008 to:

Dr. Colin P. Laroque, Mount Allison University
Department of Geography and Environment
144 Main Street, Sackville, NB Canada E4L 1A7
T. (506) 364-2390/F. (506) 364-2625
E. claroque@mta.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

***NIPISSING UNIVERSITY**

Nipissing University invites applications from outstanding candidates (emerging researchers) to be considered for a *Tier II Canada Research Chair (NSERC)* in the area of watershed hydrology and broadly defined to include the study of surface-water and groundwater hydrology. Candidates taking an interdisciplinary approach to watershed analysis are encouraged to apply. The physical and biological aspects of water resources in the forest watershed of central and northeastern Ontario would be an area of particular research interest. Ideally the candidate would have some expertise in the application of GIS and/or remote sensing on watershed hydrology to investigate the movement of sediment, water, nutrients or pollutants. The ability to provide an integrated approach to assessing water related management issues, through the linkages between the social and biophysical environment, is an asset.

The Biology and Geography Departments together are seeking a candidate with significant research promise and a demonstrated record of external funding. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to multidisciplinary and collaborative research.

The Biology and Geography Departments are developing graduate programs and the successful candidate will play a significant role in the implementation of these programs. Both departments are expanding their research agenda and they have vibrant and dynamic teams of researchers.

Applicants should demonstrate potential as leaders in their field, excellent research skills and a graduate supervision record. The appointment will be for a tenure-track or tenured position at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor in Biology and/or Geography.

Nipissing University is an equal opportunity employer but strongly encourages applications from women, members of visible minorities and Aboriginal persons. Applicants from Canada and abroad are encouraged to submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statements of both research interests and teaching philosophy and three letters of recommendation and teaching evaluation (if available). Applications should be sent to: Dr. Paule Laberge, Chair, Search Committee Research Services, Nipissing University
100 College Drive, Box 5002, North Bay, ON P1B 8L7
E-mail: pauel@nipissingu.ca
Fax: 705-474-3461 ext.4565

Application deadline: consideration of applications will begin July 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Only those candidates invited for interviews will be contacted. Nipissing University is an equal opportunity employer.

***UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO**

Director of the Centre for Environment and Sustainability Environment and sustainability constitute

an interdisciplinary area at The University of Western Ontario, with participation from the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Social Science. An ongoing major initiative includes the creation of a new centre for research and teaching in environment and sustainability. The University of Western Ontario now invites applications or nominations for a senior-level faculty appointment as Director of this new centre. The selected candidate will be appointed either as Professor (with tenure) or Associate Professor (with tenure or tenure-track (probationary), as appropriate). The initial term of the Directorship will be for a period of 5 years. The starting date will be July 1, 2009 or thereafter.

The Faculty of Science (home page <http://www.uwo.ca/sci/>) is host Faculty for the new Centre, and the Faculty of Engineering (<http://www.eng.uwo.ca/>) and the Faculty of Social Science (<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/>) are participating Faculties. It is anticipated that the appointment will be made in one of the departments in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, or Social Science. Assigned duties will include the role of Director of the new Centre for Environment and Sustainability.

Applications are invited from all interested and qualified individuals. The successful candidate must have an excellent research record in a relevant area and demonstrate the high level of vision, leadership and resourcefulness appropriate to the position of Director. She or he will be expected to lead a vigorous and internationally competitive research program, to supervise graduate and undergraduate student research, and to participate in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, a research plan, and a teaching dossier and must arrange for at least three letters of reference to be sent to:

Professor David M. Wardlaw, Dean
Faculty of Science, The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario N6A 5B7, Canada.

Consideration of applications will begin September 2, 2008.

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

***UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**

The Department of Geography, University of Victoria, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Urban Geography July 1, 2009. The successful candidate will contribute to both

undergraduate instruction and graduate supervision. Besides teaching core courses in urban geography, the successful candidate would be expected to contribute to thematic teaching areas of the Department. Detailed information on the department and existing research areas and programs can be found at <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/>.

The successful applicant will have a Ph.D. or nearly completed Ph.D. in field of Geography or a closely related discipline by July 1, 2009. The incumbent will have strong teaching, research, and interpersonal skills and will share the Department's commitment to innovation in teaching and program development and to a collegial, interdisciplinary environment. Diversity and equity issues will be a factor in the selection process. Closing date for consideration of applications is October 15, 2008.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a statement outlining teaching and research interests, evidence of research and teaching ability, and the names and addresses of three referees, together with their e-mail, fax and telephone numbers. All applicants should arrange for three letters of reference to be sent prior to the closing date. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.

All queries and applications should be directed to: Chair, Department of Geography
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC V8W 3R4
Phone (250)-721-7326; Fax (250)-721-6216; e-mail: chair@mail.geog.uvic.ca

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.

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