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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

Tracer une nouvelle voie pour la géographie canadienne?

La pratique de la géographie professionnelle au Canada a longtemps été sous-estimée et méconnue. Tous les lecteurs du Bulletin de nouvelles de l'ACG ont sûrement été confrontés à un moment donné au regard déconcerté d'un proche, d'un chauffeur de taxi ou d'un directeur de banque à qui on tentait d'expliquer ce que fait exactement un géographe. J'ai été sensibilisé à cette question en juin dernier sur le quai d'embarquement en attendant le traversier à destination de la Colombie-Britannique continentale.

Les insulaires, comme nous nous appelons, formons un groupe sympathique et bavard, surtout lorsque on nous conduit comme un troupeau dans le terminal de BC Ferries en attendant le traversier qui a pris du retard sur son horaire. Chacun assis dans leur voiture, des étrangers s'engagent spontanément dans des conversations sur des thèmes partagés comme les frustrations que la société des traversiers nous fait subir. Ces expressions de mécontentement envers cette société finissent par des discussions plus mondaines sur le prix du carburant, la vie de famille et le travail.

Retour au mois de juin et à une conversation que j'ai eue avec Derrick. Faisant régulièrement l'aller retour entre Victoria et Fort McMurray en camionnette, Derrick est un décrocheur scolaire dont la famille est installée à Victoria. Un ancien travailleur forestier de la côte, il détient un emploi bien rémunéré dans le secteur des sables bitumineux en Alberta. Il va de soi que l'incroyable distance de navettage et la déstabilisation sociale et familiale causée par l'évolution des structures économiques pourraient servir de base à une thèse universitaire.

Derrick voulait évidemment en savoir plus sur ce que je faisais pour gagner ma vie. Comme pour la plupart des Canadiens, on pouvait lire sur son visage des signes d'apathie quand je me suis mis à décrire le travail d'un géographe universitaire en tenant des propos décousus et sans grand intérêt pour lui. Il me semblait un peu confus, et donc je me suis demandé à quoi il devait penser à propos du boulot à l'université. Le dessin et le coloriage de cartes me sont tout de suite venus à l'esprit. De nos page suivante...

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chartering a new course for Canadian Geography?

The practice of professional geography in Canada has long been undervalued and misunderstood. Who among the readers of the CAG Newsletter has not faced the bewildered look of a parent, taxi driver or bank manager as you try to explain what it is exactly you do as a geographer. This point was brought vividly home to me this past June as I waited for a BC Ferry to transport me to the mainland.

Islanders, as we call ourselves, are a friendly talkative bunch, especially when we find ourselves corralled in a ferry terminal awaiting the arrival of late BC Ferry. Car window conversations among strangers are the norm, particularly when it comes to shared frustrations

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CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT

jours, il faut quand même admettre le rôle de l'informatique dans cette tâche.

Je n'étais pas du tout surpris, et vous? Cette situation commune à tous les géographes est le reflet de l'histoire de notre discipline et de la manière de la traiter comme matière dans nos systèmes d'enseignement secondaire provinciaux. Sans vouloir froisser nos collègues cartographes, disons toutefois que notre travail ne se limite pas à dessiner et colorier des cartes.

En réfléchissant à la conversation avec Derrick pendant l'heure et demie de traversée pour atteindre Tsawwassen, le souvenir m'est revenu d'une conversation engagée avec Alison Gill à propos des efforts bien entamés par la Royal Geographical Society (RGS) pour contribuer à l'essor et appuyer la formation des professionnels de la géographie. Au Royaume-Uni, la désignation « géographe agréé » est attribuée aux universitaires, enseignants, scientifiques des SIG, écologistes, urbanistes, arpenteurs, conseillers en environnement et économie, fonctionnaires de l'état, militaires, etc. afin de reconnaître leur expérience, professionnalisme et engagement envers la géographie, et souligner leurs accomplissements au sein de la discipline. De surcroît, les géographes agréés ont la possibilité de participer à des rencontres et échanges et profiter ainsi de l'expérience de tous les détenteurs du titre. Pour de plus amples informations sur le programme CGeog, veuillez consulter le site web de la RGS à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/CharteredGeographer/Chartered+Geographer.htm>

On ne peut s'empêcher de vanter les mérites de cette initiative. J'accorde beaucoup d'estime pour l'intérêt porté à l'équivalence professionnelle à l'intention des enseignants en géographie. Allant de pair avec les possibilités actuelles qui se présentent pour le perfectionnement professionnel et le parrainage par les pairs, le programme CGeog ouvre la voie aux géographes professionnels dans tout le pays afin d'établir des liens.

On peut se demander si l'ACG devrait aussi envisager de décerner la désignation « GAC – géographe agréé canadien » ? Comme l'Association s'est récemment constituée en société, une telle initiative est pertinente et potentiellement utile. J'ai l'impression qu'elle susciterait un intérêt national pour notre profession et nous permettrait, par la force des choses, de s'écarter nettement d'une association très influencée par la géographie et les géographes universitaires.

Si vous êtes préoccupés également par ces questions, je vous propose de m'envoyer en tout temps vos conseils et opinions à l'adresse électronique indiquée ci-après. À mon avis, toutefois, nous pourrions tirer parti d'une discussion sur le forum de la CAGList. N'hésitez pas à faire part de vos idées aux 1200 abonnés de cette liste de diffusion.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

with the Ferry Corporation. Inevitably those complaints wear thin and our chats move on to other topics like the price of gas, our families, and our jobs.

Flashback to June and my spontaneous conversation with Derrick. Regularly commuting by pickup truck from Victoria to Fort McMurray, Derrick is a high school dropout with a family in Victoria. A former coastal forestry worker, he now holds a good-paying labourer job in the Alberta oil sands. Incredibly long distance commuting, social and familial disruption due to shifting economic forces – there must be a graduate thesis in here somewhere.

Inevitably Derrick wanted to know what I did for a living. Like happens to many Canadian faces when an academic geographer begins to describe what it is they do, Derrick quickly lost focus as I rambled into elements of profession far removed from his expectation of my explanation. Sensing his confusion I began to probe as to what he thought I might be doing at the university. Maps. Drawing and colouring maps came the answer. Along with some recognition computers must be involved in this activity these days.

Is anyone reading this surprised? I certainly wasn't. It remains an all too common response locked to the history of our discipline and to its' ongoing presentation in our provincially-distinct high school systems. With no offence intended to our cartographer colleagues, however, you and I do more than draw and colour maps.

Mulling over my conversation with Derrick on the one and half hour ferry ride to Tsawwassen, I was drawn back to a conversation with Alison Gill about efforts well-underway by the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) to enhance and support the careers of professional geographers. In the United Kingdom, the identification of a 'Chartered Geographer' is providing the opportunity for academics, teachers, GI Scientists, conservationists, planners, surveyors, environmental and economic consultants, civil servants, military personnel and others to recognise their experience, professionalism and commitment to geography and achievements within the discipline. More specifically, the Chartered Geographers meet and interact to benefit from the experience of other CGeogs. More insights on the CGeog program is available on the internet and I would encourage you to look through the information at: <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/CharteredGeographer/Chartered+Geographer.htm>.

There is much to be admired in this RGS endeavour. I attach particular value to the attention given to the professional accreditation offered for geography teachers. Coupled with ongoing opportunities for professional development and peer mentoring support, the CGeog program offers an avenue for linking professional

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The Chair's Column

Dan Shrubsole,
The University of Western Ontario

Two events over the past two days have influenced my thoughts for this column. First, a senior administrator yesterday essentially asked me, "Why should anyone take geography at Western?" I responded with comments about the high quality of our faculty, staff, students, programs and facilities. My brief response concluded by citing some of the jobs some of our graduates have obtained. Second, a prospective student and their parents came in to discuss our undergraduate programs today. I responded with the same type of response that I had provided the senior administrator. However, I clearly missed an important ingredient for them. They were not only seeking a place where students could learn but also provide an environment where they could also grow as a person. While I was able to address this aspect of life in our Department (the student has enrolled in Geography at Western), these conversations have given me pause to reflect on what contributes to excellence within Departments.

The set of quality measures that are produced for various Departmental reviews include research productivity, efficiency, effectiveness, adequacy of resources, faculty and staff qualifications, program structure, employment rate of graduates, social relevance and contribution to university/faculty mission statements. Wergin (2003) suggests that quality within a Department should go beyond these traditional indicators. In his view, quality is characterized by what happens within a Department – shared purpose, strong leadership, interaction among faculty and students, flexibility to change, and a sense of energy and commitment. From this perspective, strength within a Department is closely aligned with engagement. The implication for all members of a Department is to create opportunities for engagement and become engaged. This can translate into some of the following actions: (1) ensuring new hires are willing to work with other researchers, within and outside the Department; (2) helping faculty develop niches; (3) creating formal and supporting informal opportunities for academic dialogue. The implication is that Chairs as well as all members of a Department should be seeking and supporting ways to further engagement within Departments.

Having an excellent Department as defined by the traditional and 'engagement' measures can produce at least three benefits. First, given the current popularity of interdisciplinarity that exists within many universities in Canada, excellent Departments are in a position to heed JFK's advice. "Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let

us never fear to negotiate." In other words, they can negotiate from a position of confidence. Second, high quality Departments stand a better chance of securing additional resources from senior administrators as well as attracting the best students. Third, Chairs and other members of the Department can respond in a more complete manner to senior administrators, and potential students and their parents when asked about the nature of their programs and activities.

Wergin, J.F. (2003). *Departments that Work: Building and Sustaining Cultures of Excellence in Academic Programs*. Bolton, Mass.: Anker Publishing Company, Inc.

OBITUARY

KERR, Donald P., Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, passed away in August 2008, at the age of 88. Don was a member of the Department of Geography as graduate student, faculty member, and professor emeritus for 62 years and served as Chair of the Department. between 1968 and 1973. He was an early and continuously active member of the Canadian Association of Geographers, including a term as president in 1960. He also served on many university, Canadian, and international committees. The CAG honoured him with an Award for the Service to the Profession of Geography in 1992, he received the Gold medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in 1993, and he became a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in 1995. Don was a generous mentor to many graduate students, research assistants and young faculty and will be remembered for his skill in mediation and as a peacemaker in conflicts.

ROBINSON John Lewis "Lew" passed away earlier this year at the age of 90. Lew completed his BA at the University of Western Ontario in 1940, an MA from Syracuse University (1942) and a PhD from Clark University (1946). At the University of British Columbia he establish a Geography Division within the Department of Geology and became chair of the division and, in 1958, established a separate Department of Geography and served as head of the department until 1968. In addition to his contributions as an administrator, Robinson earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher and in 1977 UBC awarded him a "Master Teacher Award". Other honours and awards include the Centennial Medal and the Silver Jubilee Medal from the Government of Canada, the Massey Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Service and the Distinguished Teaching Award for Canada of the National Council for Geographic Education as well as honorary degrees from the University of Western Ontario (1984) and the University of British Columbia (1994).

**Reflections on the
International Geographical Congress in Tunis**
By Alison Gill, Past-President, CAG

In mid-August I attended the International Geographical Congress in Tunis as the official delegate representing the Canadian National Committee of the IGU. Consequently, I spent much of my time attending the General Assembly Meetings, which were held for 3 consecutive afternoons. I was also hoping to get further insight into how these Congresses - held every four years - are organized because as many of you are aware we are considering the feasibility of perhaps hosting a future Congress or IGU regional meeting. I will be preparing a formal report on the conference so my comments here are more selective and personal

I estimate that there were around 1,000 attendees – though that’s only a guess. Amongst these were a few Canadians. Two Canadians were prominently featured so I’ll mention them first. Dr Leszek Kosinski, who served as Secretary-General of the IGU from 1984-1992, was awarded the prestigious Laureat d’honneur. The award recognized his outstanding contribution to leadership in the discipline of geography, in the Academy, in the Canadian national context, in the IGU and in other



Dr Leszek Kosinski

Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography at the University of Alberta, he now resides in Europe, but was most insistent that he be recognized as both a Polish and Canadian citizen. Indeed, he spends time in Canada every year and retains a residence in Alberta. It was my great pleasure to be able to congratulate this gracious man in person.

Another prominent Canadian geographer at the meeting was Dr. Roger Tomlinson. Known to many as “the father of GIS”, Dr. Tomlinson was an invited plenary speaker and gave a talk on “Changing the face of Geography: GIS and the IGU” in which he acknowledged the seminal role that the IGU had played in nourishing the growth of GIS especially in its early stages by holding for example, the first GIS conferences, publishing the first texts and establishing international cooperation. He was also featured on the Tunisian (English) radio in a live interview,



Dr. Roger Tomlinson

Tomlinson and his wife at a fish restaurant in a back alley of downtown Tunis where the accompanying photo was taken.

President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali has held power in Tunisia since 1987, when he obtained office in a bloodless coup on November 7 of that year - now commemorated by a major square with a fountain in downtown Tunis. The accompanying photograph shows myself with two Commission Chairs: Mark Rosenberg, Queen’s University, who has served for several years as the Chair of the IGU Commission on Health and the Environment; and Nancy Doubleday, Carleton University, who has recently taken over the Chair of the Commission on Cold Region Environments. The photograph of the President hanging in the entrance of the Kram Conference Centre where the meetings were held (and seen widely elsewhere around the city) was a popular backdrop for delegate’s photographs.

It was hot in Tunis in August, at times up to around 40 C – which may account for the relatively modest attendance numbers. We all spent quite a lot of time in taxis as the Kram Conference Centre was some distance from the numerous hotels across which we were dispersed – some in the city and others in resorts some distance away along the lovely Mediterranean coast. Taxi rides were, to use Roger Tomlinson’s descriptor, “quite interesting” – but we all survived. There are very few Tunisian geographers, so taking on the organization of a large conference such as the IGC was a challenge. Yes, there were some logistical problems, but our Tunisian hosts were so proud and enthusiastic to have been selected to host the event that we felt welcomed. It’s a good thing that we didn’t put in a bid for the 2016 Congress. This was awarded to China and will be held in the area of the Beijing Olympics. They put on a very lavish presentation – competing with Russia for the chance to host the IGC.

My visit was short, just 4 days, but certainly worthwhile. I had a chance to meet and mingle with colleagues from around the world, gained some insights into the workings of the IGU and had a taste of North Africa – all “very interesting”.

which he described to me as “quite interesting”. There were a number of things in Tunis that one might describe that way! I caught up with Dr.

MISE EN CANDIDATURE POUR LE CONSEIL 2009

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

Poste de Vice-président

Cette position est pour un mandat d'un an suivi de deux ans comme Président et d'une année finale comme ex-président.

Poste de conseiller étudiant*

Cette position est pour une limite de deux ans (dans ce cas-ci 2009-2011). Cet individu participe à toutes les affaires de l'exécutif, et est remboursé pour les dépenses pour participer au congrès annuel dans les directives actuelles.

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

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

Comité de mise en candidature: Alison Gill (chair)
Virginia Maclaren, Alex Brenning et Ben Cecil

La date limite pour la soumission des mises en candidatures est le 25 novembre, 2008.

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ELECTIONS 2009 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

Vice-President

This position is for a term of one year followed by a two year term as President and a final year as Past President.

Student Councillor*

This position is for a term of two years (in this case 2009-2011). This individual participates in all the business of the Executive, and is reimbursed for expenses to attend the AGM within the prevailing guidelines.

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

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

Election Committee: Alison Gill (chair)
Virginia Maclaren, Alex Brenning and Ben Cecil

The deadline for submission of nominations is November 25, 2008.

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Prix de l'ACG 2009-Appel de Candidatures

Le prix pour distinction universitaire en géographie

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

Le prix pour services rendus à la profession de géographe

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

Le prix de géographie au service du gouvernement ou des affaires

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

Le prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie

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

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

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

2009 CAG Awards - Call for Nominations

Award For Scholarly Distinction In Geography

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

Award for Service to the Profession of Geography

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

Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business

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

Award For Excellence In Teaching Geography

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

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

See the following page for nomination procedures...

Modalités de mise en candidature

Admissibilité

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

Mise en candidature

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

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

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

La page de couverture devrait être transmis par télécopieur au (514) 398-7437 ou par la poste à :
Président du Comité des prix de l'ACG
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Échéance : les mises en candidature doivent nous parvenir avant le 31 janvier 2009.

Nominations procedures of the CAG Awards

Eligibility

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

Nominations

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

The letter of nomination must indicate the category of award, provide a succinct rationale for the nomination, and be accompanied by an electronic version of a current curriculum vitae. Failure to provide such supporting evidence in complete and legible form is a disservice to the candidate and prejudices a fair and comprehensive assessment of the nomination. The letter, curriculum vitae and any other supporting materials to a maximum of 35 pages total should be sent as an e-mail attachment to valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca.

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

The cover page should be faxed to (514) 398-7437 or mailed to:

Chair, CAG Awards Committee
The Canadian Association Of Geographers
Department of Geography, McGill University
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Montréal QC H3A 2K6

Deadline: Nominations must be received by January 31, 2009.

*In this issue - 2009 CAG Award
Nomination Cover Page*

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

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

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

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

Le lauréat du prix doit être :

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

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

Mise en candidature - Une lettre d'appui présentant la personne qui dépose sa candidature est signée par deux membres de l'ACG et acheminée au président du Comité des prix de l'ACG. Elle devrait indiquer la contribution à la recherche du candidat et expliquer pourquoi elle est importante. Le dossier de candidature devra comporter la lettre d'appui, le curriculum vitae du candidat et les documents d'accompagnement d'une longueur maximale de trente pages. Il peut être envoyé en pièces attachées par courrier électronique à l'adresse suivante : valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca avant le 31 janvier 2009.

Président du Comité des prix de l'ACG

L'Association canadienne des géographes

Département de géographie, Université McGill

805, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, bureau 425

Montréal (Québec) H3A 2K6

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

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

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

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

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

The recipient of the award must be:

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

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

Nominations - Nominations are to be made in a letter to the Chair of the CAG Awards Committee, signed by two members of the CAG. The letter of support should identify the nominee's research achievement and explain why it is considered significant. The letter of support, nominee's current curriculum vitae and supporting materials to a maximum of thirty pages should be sent as an e-mail attachment to the CAG office at valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca by the 31st of January 2009.

Chair, CAG Awards Committee

The Canadian Association of Geographers

Department of Geography, McGill University

805 Sherbrooke St. West, Room 425

Montréal, QC H3A 2K6

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

For a list of previous award winners go to/Pour les noms des anciens lauréats voir http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/js_award_recipients.html

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

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

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

Le directeur du département ou le responsable des études supérieures devrait soumettre les dossiers de candidature au bureau de l'ACG avant le 31 janvier 2009. Le dossier de candidature devra comprendre un court résumé du sujet de recherche et des principales conclusions (pas plus de deux pages). Il devra également expliquer en quoi ce travail est pertinent pour la recherche en géographie du Canada. On peut joindre au dossier de candidature un résumé d'une page de la thèse et un extrait de la thèse d'une longueur maximale de huit pages. Veuillez faire parvenir le dossier de candidature ainsi que les documents d'accompagnement par courrier électronique à l'adresse suivante : valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca.

Il s'agit d'un prix en argent. La somme de 500 \$ sera remise en un seul versement. Le Comité exécutif de l'ACG décide périodiquement du nombre et de la valeur des prix décernés. Le Comité des prix peut reporter d'un an la remise d'un prix. Les candidatures qui ne sont pas retenues à leur première année d'admissibilité seront réexaminées l'année suivante. Un nouveau dossier de candidature n'est pas exigé pour le nouvel examen.

In this issue - 2009 CAG Travel Grant Application

The CAG will provide travel grants to assist student members who are presenting papers/posters, to attend the **AGM 2009 in Ottawa**. Eligibility requires that a student hold CAG Student membership in the year prior to the meeting as well as the year in which the meeting takes place. Deadline for submission of 2008 membership applications is Dec. 31, 2008. For details go to: http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/student_travel_grant.html

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

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

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

Nominations for the Award should be submitted to the CAG Office by Departmental Chairs or Graduate Supervisors by January 31st 2009. Each nomination should include a brief statement (maximum two pages) outlining the topic and findings of the work and explaining its significance for the geography of Canada. A one page thesis abstract and an extract from the thesis of a maximum of eight pages should be attached to the nomination. The nomination and accompanying documents should be submitted electronically to valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca.

The Award is a cash prize, currently a single award of \$500. The number and value of awards made annually will be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee of the CAG. In any year, the Awards Committee may decline to make an award. Unsuccessful nominations in their first year of eligibility will be retained and reconsidered in the following year. A new nomination is not required for reconsideration.

CAG COMMENTARY SERIES Submissions

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

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

Submission does not guarantee publication.

Le Prix Wiley-Blackwell Publishing

Wiley-Blackwell Publishing finance un prix annuel visant à reconnaître la contribution exceptionnelle d'une personne ayant récemment obtenu un doctorat en géographie. Voir la liste des lauréats.

L'admissibilité au prix est restreinte aux personnes qui :

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

Le processus du concours est le suivant :

- Le demandeur doivent présenter un long résumé (1 000 à 1 500 mots) au président du comité.
- Ils doivent également fournir le nom des membres du comité de supervision et des examinateurs de thèse.
- Les finalistes seront invités à participer à une séance spéciale qui aura lieu durant la réunion générale annuelle de l'ACG, dans le cadre de laquelle chacun des finalistes présentera un exposé oral.
- Un comité formé de cinq membres votants évaluera la qualité du résumé et de l'exposé.
- Les critères d'évaluation sont les suivants : originalité des idées; contribution à l'avancement des connaissances; clarté et efficacité du style d'écriture; excellence de l'exposé oral.

Le prix sera remis au récipiendaire lors de l'assemblée générale de la réunion générale annuelle de l'ACG.

Le prix est constitué d'un bon de 150 \$US pour l'achat de livres des éditions Wiley-Blackwell et le remboursement des frais d'inscription à la réunion annuelle de l'ACG.

Les présentations effectuées par voie électronique doivent être envoyées à valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca.

Date d'échéance : le 15 février 2009.

Interactive Atlas of Canada

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

The Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Award

Wiley-Blackwell Publishing supports an annual prize to recognize the outstanding contribution of a recent Ph.d graduate in geography. See the lists of recipients.

Eligibility for the award is restricted to individuals who:

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

The process for the competition is as follows:

- Applicants must submit a long abstract (1,000 - 1,500 words) to the chair of the committee.
- They must also submit the names of the members of the Supervisory Committee and the thesis examiners.
- Finalists will be invited to participate in a special session to be held during the CAG Annual General Meeting where each finalist will make an oral presentation.
- The quality of the abstract and of the presentation will be assessed by a panel of five voting members.
- The criteria for evaluation are: originality of ideas; contribution to the advancement of knowledge; clarity and effectiveness of the written style; excellence of the oral presentation.

The award will be presented to the recipient at the general assembly of the CAG Annual General Meeting.

The award will consist of a 150\$ US voucher for Wiley-Blackwell books and the reimbursement of registration fees to attend the CAG Annual Meeting.

Electronic submissions should be sent to: valerie.shoffey@cag-acg.ca.

Deadline: February 15, 2009.

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

2009 CAG Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership for 2009.
Go to www.cag-acg.ca and click on My Profile.
Membership period is from January 1 to December 31

**GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK 2008
REPORT 2**

The fundamental features of Geography Awareness Week 2008 were presented in Report 1. Report 1 was published in Volume 15, Number 3 (May/June) of the CAG Newsletter, and was circulated via CAGlist in early June. Report 2 provides update information.

1. The Coordinators for the Theme Days are as follows:

Weather and Climate Day, Nov. 17,

Sam Herold: samherold@rogers.com

Water Day, Nov. 18,

Bob Patrick: robert.patrick@usask.ca

Energy Day, Nov. 19,

Shannon Christie: shannon.christie@usask.ca

Transportation Day, Nov. 20,

Barry Wellar: wellarb@uottawa.ca

Food and Health Day, Nov. 21,

Nairne Cameron: nairne.cameron@algomau.ca

Anyone wishing to assist in the website selections, or to recommend websites for consideration, is invited to contact the Coordinator responsible for the theme topic of interest.

2. At the request of Bob Sharpe, Wilfrid Laurier University and Canadian Council on Geographic Education, a one-page overview of the CAG's Geography Awareness Week titled *New Frontiers in Canadian Geography* was prepared for distribution by teachers this Fall. The *New Frontiers* statement is posted on the CAG website at: http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/news_index.html_geography-awareness-week.html)

By mid-September school children will be able to click on the CAG website and obtain information on theme day websites, as well as be directed to examples of online materials listed in the *Applied Geography Showcase* and the *GeoSkills Showcase*. Additional information will be received through to the end of October for the theme days and the showcases, and periodic updates will be done in preparation for GAW 2008, November 17-21.

3. Terms of Reference for Participation in the *Applied Geography Showcase*. This is an excellent opportunity for universities, government agencies, consulting firms, etc., to inform Canadians (and the Internet world) about their programs, offerings, capabilities, etc., in applied geography. Details about how to participate in the *Applied Geography Showcase* are posted on the CAG website, as is the deadline date for submissions.

4. Contributions to the *Applied Geography Showcase Sampler*. This is an excellent opportunity for

individuals to inform Canadians (and the Internet world) about their contributions in applied geography. Details about how to participate in the *Applied Geography Showcase Sampler* are posted on the CAG website, as is the deadline date for submissions.

5. Terms of Reference for Participation in the *GeoSkills Showcase*. This is an excellent opportunity for universities, government agencies, consulting firms, etc., to inform Canadians (and the Internet world) about their programs, offerings, capabilities, etc., in geoskills. Details about how to participate in the *Geoskills Showcase* are posted on the CAG website, as is the deadline date for submissions.

6. Contributions to the *GeoSkills Showcase Sampler*. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals to inform Canadians (and the Internet world) about their contributions to designing, modifying, using, testing, etc., geoskills. Details about how to participate in the *Geoskills Showcase Sampler* are posted on the CAG website, as is the deadline date for submissions.

Barry Wellar, wellarb@uottawa.ca

Program Director, Geography Awareness Week

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE NEWS

NORM CATTO,

IAN WALKER

- Richmond, airport threatened by the sea

By Ken Meaney, Phil Couvrette and Kelly Sinoski, Canwest News Service; Vancouver Sun, Published: Tuesday, September 02, 2008

JIM LEMON

- Anatomy of the market crash of 1929 By B Poplewell Toronto Star 18 September pB1 (print ed only)

BARRY WELLAR

- Curbing traffic key to Market future. By Daniel Drolet, Ottawa Citizen, Saturday, August 30, 2008, Page D3.

- 98-year-old killed crossing street downtown - City needs to fix dangerous intersection, critics say. By Liam Casey Ottawa Citizen, Friday, August 22, 2008. Page F1 & F7

Le renouvellement et le paiement en ligne de l'adhésion pour l'année 2009 sont maintenant disponibles. Pour renouveler votre adhésion, accédez à Mon Profil sur le site Web à www.cag-acg.ca. La période d'adhésion à l'ACG va du 1er janvier au 31 décembre.

Online Renewal and Payment for the 2009 membership year is now available. To Renew your membership, login to My Profile on the CAG webpage at www.cag-acg.ca. CAG Membership period is from January 1 through December 31./

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

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

Cette bourse a été créée dans le but de :

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

La bourse comprend :

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

Admissibilité

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

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

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

This Award Was Established To:

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

The Prize Includes:

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

Eligibility

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

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

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

Comment poser sa candidature

On invite les étudiants à envoyer :

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

Les candidatures doivent être adressées par courrier électronique au plus tard le 31 janvier 2009 à :

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

Les critères de sélection comprennent :

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

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

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec :

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

How to Apply

Students must submit

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

Applications should be sent by e-mail no later than January 31, 2009 to:

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

Selection Criteria Includes:

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

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

For More Information, Contact:

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

CAG MEMBERSHIP (January to December)

ONLINE Membership Renewal and payment is now available for **2009**. You may also verify your current membership status and update your profile (personal information, change of address etc.). See www.cag-acg.ca/en/online_renewal.html for instructions.

For those who did not use the ONLINE system for 2008, your paper renewal form for 2009 is in the mail however we encourage you to use the ONLINE system.

For those who have not yet renewed for 2008 and still wish to do so, you will find a PDF membership application form on our website at www.cag-acg.ca under MEMBERSHIP that can be printed and mailed with payment.

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Postgraduate Scholarship - Master's / Études supérieures – Maîtrise (\$17,300)

Name/University/Department	Location of Tenure	Discipline
Ewan, Melissa British Columbia, Geography	British Columbia	EARTH SCIENCE
Adkinson, Angela Carleton, Geography and Environmental Studies	Carleton	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Munoz, Samuel Carleton, Geography and Environmental Studies	Ottawa	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Crisfield, Varina Concordia, Geography Planning and Environment	Alberta	EVOLUTION AND ECOLOGY
Asselin, Natalie Manitoba, Environment & Geography	Manitoba	Aquatic ecology and limnology
Mortimer, Colleen Ottawa, Geography	N/A	EARTH SCIENCE
Pieper, Sara Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	EVOLUTION AND ECOLOGY
Burles, Katherine Thompson Rivers, Geography	Lethbridge	HYDROLOGY
Bialkowski, Robert Trent, Geography	Trent	HYDROLOGY
Hanis, Krista Winnipeg, Geography	Manitoba	SOIL SCIENCE
St-Laurent Samuel, Amélie Laval, Géographie	Laval	GÉOGRAPHIE PHYSIQUE
Hayes, Marilou Québec à Montréal, Sciences de la terre et de l'atmosphère	Québec à Montréal	GÉOGRAPHIE PHYSIQUE
Denis, Catherine Québec à Rimouski Biologie, Chimie et Géographie	Québec à Rimouski	GÉOGRAPHIE PHYSIQUE

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's / Bourse d'études supérieures du Canada- Maîtrise (\$17,500/year)

Name/University/Department	Location of Tenure	Discipline
Elliott, Tammy British Columbia, Geography	British Columbia	Terrestrial ecology
Nemeth, Michael Lethbridge, Geography	Lethbridge	HYDROLOGY
Kressall, Ryan Manitoba, Environment & Geography	Manitoba	GEOCHEMISTRY AND GEOCHRONOLOGY
Bunker, Gregory McGill, Geography	McGill	EARTH SCIENCE

Heller, Elizabeth McGill, Geography	McGill	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Irvine, Melanie Memorial University, Geography	Memorial University	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Dugan, Hilary Queen's, Geography	Queen's	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Fletcher, James Queen's, Geography	Queen's	HYDROLOGY
Krakowetz, Chantel Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	EVOLUTION AND ECOLOGY
Minke, Adam Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	HYDROLOGY
Shaw, Erin Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	HYDROLOGY
Moon, Winter Univ. College of the Fraser Valley, Geography	N/A	EARTH SCIENCE
Dewar, Jacqueline Winnipeg, Geography	N/A	Terrestrial Ecology
St-Laurent Vallée, Anthéa Laval, Géographie	Laval	SCIENCES DE LA TERRE
Masse, Jacynthe Montréal, Géographie	Montréal	SCIENCE DU SOL
Babin, Mathieu Québec à Rimouski Biologie, Chimie et Géographie	N/A	CHIMIE ORGANIQUE
Beaudin, Marie-Lou Québec à Rimouski Biologie, Chimie et Géographie	Québec à Rimouski	Physiologie et métabolisme des animaux
Blais, Marjolaine Québec à Rimouski Biologie, Chimie et Géographie	Laval	Océanographie
Forget, Nathalie Québec à Rimouski Biologie, Chimie et Géographie	N/A	Océanographie

Postgraduate Scholarship - Doctoral / Études supérieures – Doctorat (\$21,000/year)

Name/University/Department	Location of Tenure	Discipline
Findlater, Kieran British Columbia, Resources, Environment and Sustainability	British Columbia	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Hember, Robbie British Columbia, Forest Resources Management	British Columbia	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Roy-Léveillé, Pascale Carleton, Earth Sciences	Carleton	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Kittle, Andrew Guelph, Geography	N/A	Terrestrial Ecology
Champagne, Catherine Guelph, Geography	Guelph	Remote Sensing
Fargey, Shannon Manitoba, Environment & Geography	Manitoba	ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

MacCormack, Kelsey McMaster, Geography and Earth Sciences	McMaster	EARTH SCIENCE
Brady, Aisling Toronto, Geography	N/A	ANIMAL BIOLOGY
Weaver, Jennifer Toronto, Geography	Toronto	Aquatic Ecology and Limnology
Colgan, William University of Colorado at Boulder, Geography	University of Colorado at Boulder	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Kenigsberg, Michael Western Ontario, Earth Sciences	Western Ontario	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Abnizova, Anna York, Geography	York	HYDROLOGY

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral / Bourse d'études supérieures du Canada - Doctorat (35,000/year)

Name/University/Department	Location of Tenure	Discipline
Porter, Trevor Carleton, Geography & Environmental Studies	Carleton	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
Thompson, Dan McMaster, Geography and Earth Sciences	McMaster	HYDROLOGY
Van Hengstum, Peter McMaster, Geography and Earth Sciences	N/A	OCEANOGRAPHY
Norlund, Kelsey McMaster, Geography and Earth Sciences	McMaster	GEOCHEMISTRY AND GEOCHRONOLOGY
Crookshanks, Sarah Queen's, Geography	N/A	OCEANOGRAPHY
DeBeer, Chris Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	HYDROLOGY
Ellis, Chad Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	HYDROLOGY
Kinar, Nicholas John Stanislaus Saskatchewan, Geography	Saskatchewan	HYDROLOGY
Loisel, Julie Québec à Montréal, Géographie	N/A	GÉOGRAPHIE PHYSIQUE

Postdoctoral Fellowships / Bourses postdoctorales (\$40,000/year)

Name/University/Department	Location of Tenure	Discipline
Calmels, Fabrice Siège social	Alberta	GÉOGRAPHIE PHYSIQUE

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Thank you,
Ryan Bullock, rclbullo@fes.uwaterloo.ca.

Congratulations 2008 SSHRC Winners!*

Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's / Bourses d'études supérieures du Canada — Bourses de maîtrise -- Master's (\$17,500/year)

Name	Administering Institution	Award Duration
Arsenault, Christiane	Université du Québec à Montréal	1
Attewell, Wesley L.	The University of British Columbia	1
Burke, Tyrone M.	York University	1
Chenier, Nicole Geraldine	York University	1
Cobb, Miranda J.M.	Carleton University	1
Coffey, Heather M.P.	University of Waterloo	1
Danyluk, Martin A.	University of Toronto	1
Davidson, Mélanie Josée	Queen's University	1
Francis, Jenny	The University of British Columbia	1
Haggis, Callista	The University of British Columbia	1
Hemmingsen, Emma L.	University of Toronto	1
Hemsworth, Katie M.	Brock University	1
Hoffman, Chelan M.	University of Northern British Columbia	1
Hracs, Austin K.	Queen's University	1
Julien-Denis, Marie-Eve	Université de Montréal	1
Kennedy, Nicole J.	Simon Fraser University	1
Liston, Mary K.	University of Victoria	1
Logan, Jennifer J.	York University	1
Maheu, Josiane JM.	Université de Montréal	1
McInnes, Ashley	University of Calgary	1
McLean, Dylann M.	York University	1
Myrans, Katharine O.	University of Toronto	1
Percy, Leah J.	McMaster University	1
Phan, Chrystal M.	Memorial University of Newfoundland	1
Poirier, Sarah V.	University of Victoria	1
Roberts, Allan J.	Queen's University	1
Song, Andrew M.	Memorial University of Newfoundland	1
Tse, Justin K.	The University of British Columbia	1
Vonn, Micheal L.M.	Simon Fraser University	1
Whitney, Ryan A.	Concordia University	1

Doctoral Fellowships / Bourses de doctorat (\$20,000/year)

Name	Administering Institution	Award Duration
Anderson, Colin R.	University of Manitoba	4
Bedore, Melanie N.D.	Queen's University	2
Benessaiah, Karina	Clark University	4
Buckley, Michelle K.	University of Oxford	2
Christianson, Amy N.	University of Alberta	2
Dalton, Zoe K.	University of Toronto	2
Dawson, Jacqueline P.	University of Waterloo	1
Desjardins, Ellen	Wilfrid Laurier University	2
Farmer, Carson J.Q.	National University of Ireland, Maynooth	4
Fiedler, Robert	York University	2

Freeland Ballantyne, Erin A.	University of Oxford	2
Gartner, Candice	University of Waterloo	4
Gruner, Sheila	University of Toronto	2
Harrington, Daniel W.	McMaster University	3
Henderson, Victoria L.	Queen's University	4
Jackson, Paul S.B.	University of Toronto	1
Koopman, Sara	The University of British Columbia	1
Leszczynski, Agnieszka	University of Minnesota	4
Longboat, Sheri A.	Wilfrid Laurier University	3
Lovell, Alexander	Queen's University	2
Majek, Tomasz	University of Luxembourg	4
McLean, Donald J.	York University	2
McLean, Heather E.	York University	1
Surborg, Bjoern	The University of British Columbia	2
Thomas, Reena A.E.	The University of British Columbia	3
Wall, John	Carleton University	2

Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral / Bourse d'études supérieures du Canada – Doctorat (\$35,000/year)

Name	Administering Institution	Award Duration
Barber, Lachlan B.	The University of British Columbia	3
Brunelle, Cédric	Institut national de la recherche scientifique	3
Donovan, Rhonda M.	McMaster University	3
Fresque, Jennifer A.	Wilfrid Laurier University	3
Grimwood, Bryan Stewart Regis	Carleton University	3
McCreary, Tyler A.	York University	3
Ouko, Evans M.	University of Calgary	3
Proudfoot, Jesse S.	Simon Fraser University	3
Riley, Liam	The University of Western Ontario	3
Smith, Michael D.	The University of British Columbia	3
Snyder, Marcie R.	University of Toronto	3

Postdoctoral Fellowships / Bourses postdoctorales

Name	Administering Institution	Award Value & Duration
Brown, H. Carolyn Peach	University of Guelph	81,000 over 2 years
Furlong, Kathryn M.	University College London	81,000 over 2 years
Huish, Robert L.	Université de Montréal	81,000 over 2 years
Kinsey, Darin S.	Université Laval	81,000 over 2 years
Linton, James I.	Queen's University	\$79,700 over 2 years
Willis, Alette J.	University of Edinburgh	81,000 over 2 years

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Thank you to the management and staff (especially Andreas Reichert) in the Policy and Planning & International Affairs office at SSHRC for once again providing a special run of data on award winning geographers for the CAG.

REMINDER
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CONGRÈS ANNUEL 2009 DE L'ACG

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Organisé par le département géographie,
Carleton University

<http://www.carleton.ca/geography/events/index.html>

Le Département de Géographie de l'Université Carleton vous invite cordialement au congrès annuel 2009 de l'Association Canadienne des Géographes du 26 au 30 mai, 2009. Cette Congrès de l'ACG se tiendra conjointement avec le avec Le Congrès des sciences humaines. Le thème de l'événement de 2009 sera « Capital Connections : nation, terroir, territoire ». Ce thème invite à une exploration de l'identité en tant qu'espace physique; l'espace d'un peuple, d'une nation, de son « terroir » historique.

Des présentations de tous les domaines de recherche géographique sont bien accueillies. Dates à retenir :

- Intention d'organiser des sessions spéciales - 15 décembre 2008
- Intention d'organiser des réunions d'affaires de groupe de travail - 15 décembre 2008
- La date limite pour soumettre un résumé: Le 1 février, 2009
- Le dernier jour pour déposer une demande de bourse de voyage pour étudiant: Le 15 février, 2009

Des détails de conférence seront signalés sur le site Web de Carleton comme ils deviennent disponibles à <http://www.carleton.ca/geography/events/index.html>

2009 CAG ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 26 – Saturday, May 30, 2009

with the Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences

www.fedcan.ca/congress2009/

Hosted by the Department of Geography,
Carleton University

<http://www.carleton.ca/geography/events/index.html>

The Department of Geography at Carleton invites you to participate in the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, which will be held in Ottawa from May 26th to May 30th, 2009. CAG 2009 will coincide with Congress 2009 organized by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The theme of Congress 2009 will be "Capital Connections: nation, terroir, territoire." This theme invites an exploration of identity as physical space; the space of a people, a nation, and their historic 'terroir.'

Presentations from all areas of geographic research are welcomed. Note the following deadlines:

- Intention to organize Special Sessions - December 15th, 2008
- Intention to organize Study Group Business Meetings - December 15th, 2008
- Deadline to submit Paper and Poster Abstracts – February 1, 2009
- Deadline to apply to the CAG for student travel grants - February 15, 2009

Conference details will be posted on the Carleton web site at http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/cag_annual_meeting.html as they become available.

DIVISION NEWS



Bill Rannie, Department of Geography at the University of Winnipeg accepts 'The John H. Warkentin Award for Scholarly Contributions to the Geography of the Western Interior' from Prairie Division President Bernard Thraves.

The award was presented at the 2008 PCAG annual general meeting held in Boissevain, Manitoba, September 26-28, 2008.

suite de la page 2... **CHRONIQUE DU PRÉSIDENT**

Et qu'en penserait Derrick? Grâce à ma conversation avec lui et avec des gens du même type, je ne conserve qu'un léger doute quant à la contribution d'une désignation GAC et du lancement d'une campagne promotionnelle pour rehausser notre prestige. Nous connaissons depuis longtemps les ingénieurs, géoscientifiques, urbanistes et les comptables agréés professionnels, l'heure n'est-elle venue de professionnaliser les activités pour lesquelles nous nous passionnons?

Dan Smith
Président, Association canadienne des géographes
cag@geog.uvic.ca

2009 AAG Annual Meeting
Sunday March 22 - Friday March 27
Las Vegas, Nevada

The Association of American Geographers invites you to join 8,000 geographers, GIS specialists, and environmental scientists from around the world in Las Vegas for the very latest in research, policy, and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience, during our annual conference.

To register for the meeting or submit a paper, visit www.aag.org/annualmeeting.

Critical Geographies is free!

Critical Geographies: A Collection of Readings is now available at: www.praxis-epress.org/availablebooks/introcriticalgeog.html

Since June of this year, geographers worldwide have free access to the online textbook *Critical Geographies: A Collection of Readings*, published with the Canadian-based Praxis (e)Press. The book introduces students and scholars to wide-ranging approaches, topics and theories of critical geographical scholarship. Thirty-six chapters of previously published work cover 150 years of critical geographic scholarship and contributes to a critical teaching infrastructure. It includes texts by early thinkers such as Peter Kropotkin and Élisée Reclus, influential radical geographers such as James Blaut, David Harvey and Richard Peet, critical feminists such as Suzanne MacKenzie, Cindi Katz and Janice Monk, contemporary critics of the geographic discipline such as Nicholas Blomley and Laura Pulido and many others.

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geographers from across the country.

Should the CAG be considering establishing a 'Canadian Chartered Geographer - CCG' designation? With the recent incorporation of the association such an endeavour seems both possible and potentially worthwhile. I have the sense that it would draw direct national attention to our profession, inevitably and significantly moving us away from an association that has always been heavily-weighted by academic geography and geographers.

If having read these thoughts, you have advice or an opinion on this matter I would welcome receiving these at the email address given below. I do think, however, that there would be some valuing in provoking a discussion on CAGList about this and would encourage you to send your ideas to the 1200 folks listening there.

And what would Derrick think about this? From my conversation with him and similar like folk, I've little doubt that a CCG designation and an eventual promotional campaign would raise our stature. Long familiar with professional Engineers, Geoscientist and Planners, and chartered Accountants, isn't it time that we professionalized our occupational passion?

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NEW APPOINTMENTS IN GEOGRAPHY

The faces in Canadian geography departments and programs continue to change at a rapid pace. As was the case last year at this time, new people and innovative research programs are the norm at many locations.

Thanks to the responses of Chairs/Directors to my requests for information, I have been able to compile a list highlighting the names and interests of some of these new appointments. Hopefully this list will generate some conversations, and maybe even some new collaborations.

Dan Smith <cag@geog.uvic.ca>
President, Canadian Association of Geographers

BRANDON UNIVERSITY

Louise Buck

Louise Buck has joined the Department of Geography at Brandon University a one year term position as Instructional Associate. Louise is finishing off master's degree in the Department of Geography at the University of Western Ontario. Her research has focused on using the cartographic records to investigate 19th Century channel changes on the St. Marys River, Sault Ste. Marie, Canada and U.S.A. Contact Louise at: buckl@brandonu.ca

Dan Olsen

Dan Olsen has been hired as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Brandon University. Dan completed his Ph.D. in the Department of Geography at the University of Waterloo. His research interests include geographies of religion and religious tourism, and contested heritage. Contact Dan at: olsend@brandonu.ca

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Gita Laidler

<http://www.carleton.ca/geography/faculty/laidler.html>

Gita Laidler has joined the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University as an Assistant Professor. She has an Honours B.E.S. degree from York University and a M.Sc. degree from Queen's University that focused on tundra vegetation studies using multiple sensor types and resolutions. Gita's doctoral research focus shifted to cultural and environmental geography with emphasis on collaborative research with Inuit communities. Her current interests include research projects on Inuit knowledge of arctic environments, relationships between language, knowledge, and use of northern environments, geomatics and multi-media tools to represent dynamic knowledge and environmental systems, sea ice and marine environments, human dimensions of environmental change, cross-cultural, collaborative, research methods,

linking Inuit and scientific knowledge in a complementary manner northern content and contributions in education materials and programs. Contact Gita at: gita_laidler@carleton.ca

Jill Wigle

<http://www.carleton.ca/geography/faculty/wigle.html>

Jill Wigle was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University. She is Registered Practicing Planner in Ontario and a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Her academic background includes a Ph.D. in urban geography completed at the University of Toronto, as well as a M.Sc. in urban planning and international development studies from the University of Toronto. Before joining Carleton, Jill taught in the Master's Programme in Urban Planning and at the Centre for the Environment at the University of Toronto, and in Master's Programme in Urban Planning and Metropolitan Policy at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (Azcapotzalco) in Mexico City. Her primary research interests revolve around the social and environmental aspects of informal housing and urbanization processes in Latin America. Contact Jill at: jill_wigle@carleton.ca

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Adam Cornwell

<http://geography.lakeheadu.ca/cornwell/cornwell.html>

Adam Cornell has been appointed to a two year contract as a Lecturer in the Department of Geography at Lakehead University. He completed his PhD and MSc degrees at the University of Toronto, and a B.A.Sc. degree at the University of Waterloo. Adam's research interest focuses on the soil moisture climatology of climate models. Contact Adam at: acornwel@lakeheadu.ca

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Margaret Kalacska

<http://www.geog.mcgill.ca/faculty/kalacska/index.html>

Margaret Kalacska is a newly appointed assistant professor in the Department of Geography at McGill University. She was an NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University from 2006 to 2008 and previously, a TROPIC-DRY postdoctoral fellow at the University of Alberta. Margaret completed a PhD in the Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta in 2006. Her main research interests include ecological applications of remote sensing, forensic applications of remote sensing, hyperspectral data analysis, machine learning (pattern recognition, Bayesian Networks, classification), spatial modeling and tropical ecology. Contact Margaret at: margaret.kalacska@mcgill.ca

Natalie Oswin

<http://geog.mcgill.ca/faculty/Oswin/index.html>

Natalie joined the Department of Geography at McGill University as an Assistant Professor following a Postdoctoral Fellowship and an appointment as an Assistant Professor at the University of Singapore. Her academic background includes a PhD from the University of British Columbia, an MA from Dalhousie University and a BA from the University of Toronto. Natalie's research crosses the subdisciplines of urban, cultural and political geography and is inflected by a broad interest in critical social theory. Her research to date has coalesced around the themes of queer geographies and urban mobilities. Contact Natalie at: natalie.oswin@mcgill.ca

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Niko Yiannakoulis

<http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/~geo/faculty/yiannakoulis/index.html>

Niko was appointed to the School of Geography & Earth Sciences at McMaster University as an Assistant Professor in 2007. His research interests include medical geography; geographic health surveillance; geomatics of illness and crime; and, agent-based models of human and environment interaction. Contact Niko at: yiannan@mcmaster.ca

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Charles Maher

Charles Maher will become Head of the Department of Geography at Memorial University of Newfoundland effective January 1, 2009. He completed his Ph.D. at Queen's University in 1992 and his MA at the University of British Columbia in 1988. Charles is presently Head of School of Geography and Archaeology at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Charles is an economic geographer whose research interest lies in the field of geographical approaches to agri-food restructuring. He has written on emerging markets in the dairy industry, market liberalisation in post-apartheid South Africa and market chains of various commodities from squid to citrus fruit.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

James Abbott

http://www.nipissingu.ca/geography/james_abbott.asp

James Abbott has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Geography at Nipissing University. He completed his B.Sc. at Dalhousie University, his M.Sc. at the University of Newcastle on Tyne, and his Ph.D. at Duke University. James is interested in the decisions people make to use resources in highly variable environments, be they related to environmental, social, political and economic strategies. One aspect of his research focuses on the role fishing plays as a source of

food and income in sub-Saharan Africa. Contact James at: jamesa@nipissingu.ca

Dean Bavington

Dean Bavington has accepted a Canada Research Chair in Environmental History at Nipissing University. Cross-appointed to the Geography and History departments, his teaching and research interests include environmental history and philosophy; cod fisheries and aquaculture; complex systems and sustainability; science and technology studies; ecosystem-base management/governance; and critical management studies. Dean has a B.Sc. in Biology from Acadia University, an M.E.S. from York University, and completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Studies & Geography at Wilfrid Laurier University. Contact Dean at: deanba@nipissingu.ca

Andrew Rees

http://www.nipissingu.ca/geography/andrew_rees.asp

Andrew was appointed as a Lecturer in the Geography at Nipissing University. Andrew completed his B.Sc. (Hons) in Geography at Nipissing University; an M.Sc. in Geography at the University of Calgary; and, has Ph.D. underway in Geography at Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario. His present research interests are in high latitude snow hydrology, the measurement of snow from satellite remote sensing, northern hydrology, large scale snow-climate interactions and the design and construction of mobile ground based remote sensing platforms for validating satellite observations. Contact Andrew at: andrewr@nipissingu.ca

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Brian Ceh

Brian Ceh was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Ryerson University. Brian completed his PhD at the University of Western Ontario and has taught at the University of Lethbridge. Prior to accepting his position at Ryerson University Brian held positions at Brandon University and Indiana State University. Brian's research focuses on economic geography and regional studies. Contact Brian at: bceh@geography.ryerson.ca

Sutama Ghosh

Sutama Ghosh was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Ryerson University. She taught in York's Urban Studies Program after her graduate studies in the Department of Geography, where she won a Housing Studies Achievement Award from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for her dissertation. Sutama's research interests focus on social geography and immigration. Contact Sutama at: sutama@geography.ryerson.ca

Dave Atkinson

Dave Atkinson was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Ryerson University. He is completing his Ph.D. at in the Department of Geography at Queen's University where research aimed to quantify biomass and predict carbon flux for two disparate arctic landscapes along a latitudinal gradient by relating field-based community measures of biomass, cover, and carbon flux to satellite-based reflectance measures and derivatives. Contact Dave at: datkinson@geography.ryerson.ca

Harald Bauder

Harald Bauder will begin his Associate Professor Appointment in the Department of Geography at Ryerson University on January 1, 2009. Harald completed his Ph.D. in the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, and M.A. and B.A. degrees at the Department of Geography at Wayne State University. He is currently appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph. His research includes projects that focus on the discourses and legal frameworks of immigration; the labour market integration and marginalization of migrants; and on the academic labour market and the political economy of academic labour. Until December 31st, 2008 contact Harald at: hbauder@uoguelph.ca

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Ryan Danby

Ryan Danby was appointed to the Department of Geography at Queen's University. He has a BES from the University of Waterloo and an MES from Wilfrid Laurier University. Adam completed his doctoral degree in Ecology & Environmental Biology and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Alberta. Ryan identifies the following topics as his major research areas: Forest-tundra ecotone dynamics and susceptibility to change; Arctic-alpine landscape ecology and species distribution modeling; and Biodiversity conservation and protected area management. Contact Ryan at: ryan.danby@queensu.ca

Warren Mabee

Warren Mabee's position at Queen's University is split equally between the Department Geography and the School of Policy Studies. His degrees from the University of Toronto include a B.Sc.F. in Forestry, and M.Sc.F. and Ph.D. degrees in Wood Science. Warren identifies the following subjects as his major research areas: Agricultural and forest bioenergy; Renewable energy mapping; and Environmental and energy policy. Contact Warren at: Warren.Mabee@Queensu.ca

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Ronald Stewart

Ronald Stewart was appointed Head of the Department of Environment and Geography at the University of Manitoba. He is a graduate of Brandon University and the University of Manitoba, and completed his graduate studies in physics at the University of Toronto. He conducted postdoctoral research at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (Colorado). Ronald taught at the University of Wyoming to work as a senior scientist with Environment Canada in Toronto before going to McGill University in 2002 where he held an NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Extreme Weather. His research focuses on extreme winter and summer weather, precipitation and regional climate. Contact Ronald at: ronald_stewart@Umanitoba.ca

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Kenza Benali

<http://www.geography.uottawa.ca/prof/benali.htm>

Kenza Benali has joined the Department of Geography at the University of Ottawa. She finished a Diplôme d'État en architecture at the École Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme d'Alger (Algérie) and a M.Arch., Architecture at the Université Laval. Kenza completed her Ph.D. at the Université du Québec à Montréal / INRS-Urbanisation. Her research is focused on: gentrification et revitalisation urbaine des quartiers centraux; morphologie urbaine; histoire et théories de la ville; théories de la conservation et de la mise en valeur du patrimoine bâti; tourisme culturel; and, méthodes de recherché. Contact Kenza at: kbenali@uottawa.ca

André Viau

<http://www.geography.uottawa.ca/prof/viau.htm>

André Viau has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Ottawa. He completed his B.A. Honours, M.A. and Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Ottawa. After completing his Ph.D. André held a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Laboratory for Paleoclimatology and Climatology at the University of Ottawa. His research program focuses on climatology, climate system history and dynamics; abrupt climate change; high-latitude climates, global warming; environmental data analysis and modelling; and, human-climate interactions. Contact André at: aviau@uOttawa.ca

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Matti Siemiatycki

<http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/people/faculty/siemiatycki/outline-ms>

Matti joined the Department of Geography and Planning after completing a doctoral program in Urban Planning at the University of British Columbia in 2006.

Matti previously completed his MSc at Oxford and a BA in Geography at Ryerson. His current research is focused on transportation policy and planning; infrastructure finance and delivery; and, community and regional planning. Contact Matti at: siemiatycki@geog.utoronto.ca

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sarah de Leeuw

http://www.unbc.ca/assets/nmp/research_interests_bio_for_web_june_08.pdf

Sarah de Leeuw was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Northern Medical Program at the University of Northern British Columbia. After Sarah earned her B.F.A. from the University of Victoria she spent time teaching English in South Korea. She earned her Masters degree at the University of Northern British Columbia and completed her Ph.D. in Cultural Geography at Queen's University in Kingston. Sarah's research is focused on diminutive and intimate geographies, expressions of power in and through place, colonialism in British Columbia, residential schools, and responses by Aboriginal children, often through creative and artistic means, to colonial efforts. Her research with the Northern Medical Program and the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health aims to expand understandings about colonialism (past and present), particularly as it was undertaken geographically, as a social determinant of Aboriginal peoples' health. Sarah is currently offering a course in Aboriginal Geography in the Geography Program at UNBC. Contact Sarah at: deleeuws@unbc.ca

Jim Windsor

<http://www.unbc.ca/geography/faculty.html>

Jim Windsor has been appointed to a three year term position as an Instructor in the Geography Program at the University of Northern British Columbia. Jim has a B.E.S. from the Department of Geography at the University of Waterloo; an M.N.R.M. from the University of Manitoba; an M.P.A. from Queen's University at Kingston; a Certificate in Land Economics from Dalhousie University; a Certificate in Intercultural Studies from the University of British Columbia; and, a Ph.D. underway at the University of Victoria. He was the recipient of a UNBC Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008. Jim's interests include Water resources, especially of water management and water export; resource geography and resource management; geography of Canada; cultural geography; economic geography; "sense of place"; the geography of food security and food sovereignty. Contact Jim at: windsor@unbc.ca

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Naohiro Nakamura

Naohiro Nakamura has been appointed as a Senior Instructor in the Department of Geography at the

University of Victoria. He graduated from Kyoto University with a Bachelor of Letters and a Master of Letters, both in geography. Naohiro completed his Ph.D. in the Department of Geography at Queen's University. His research focuses on cultural geography, especially postcolonialism, museums, and aboriginal culture. Contact Naohiro at: nakamura@queensu.ca

Benoit Rivard

Benoit Rivard was appointed as a Professor and research chair in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria. Prior to arriving in Victoria, Benoit was a member of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta. His research focuses on the development of applied geological remote sensing using hyperspectral imagery. Contact Benoit at: brivard@uvic.ca

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Chantelle Richmond

<http://www.geography.uwo.ca/faculty/richmond/index.html>

Chantelle has cross appointment as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Geography and First Nation Studies at the University of Western Ontario. She completed her PhD in the Department of Geography at McGill University in 2007. Chantelle obtained her first two degrees from McMaster University in Hamilton. Her current research draws from quantitative and qualitative methods to examine the social and environmental determinants of Aboriginal health, and to better understand the dimensions linking health and place among Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world. Chantelle has research interests in the following processes as they relate to understanding the health and social conditions of Aboriginal peoples: social support, environmental change, and political ecology. She is also interested in working with Aboriginal communities to identify strategies used to protect the resources of their local environments and to improve community health. Contact Chantelle at: chantelle.richmond@uwo.ca

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Jeff Lewis

<http://www.mala.ca/geography/faculty.aspx>

Jeff Lewis has been appointed as a University-College Professor in the Department of Geography at Vancouver Island University. Jeff is a climatologist/physical geographer who won Jeff Lewis won the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for his master's thesis completed at the University of Victoria. Jeff completed his Ph.D. at the University of Victoria and held a Research Associate position with the Climate Modelling Group at the University of Victoria before coming to VIU. Contact Jeff at: Jeff.Lewis@viu.ca

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GEOGRAPHY

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

***NEW**

*** DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

The School of Planning at Dalhousie University invites applications for a probationary tenure-track Assistant Professor position, starting in July 2009.

Dalhousie University, located in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is one of Canada's top, comprehensive research and teaching universities. Halifax occupies an unsurpassed natural setting on the Atlantic coast and is the academic, cultural, and economic centre of Atlantic Canada.

The School of Planning is one of two constituent schools in the Faculty of Architecture and Planning. The School serves the Atlantic Region of Canada as the only professional planning school east of Quebec. The School has a current enrollment of 50 graduate students and 150 undergraduates. It offers graduate and undergraduate professionally accredited planning degrees (Bachelor of Community Design honors and Master of Planning), an undergraduate degree in community design and a post-professional, research-based graduate degree (Master of Planning Studies). The School of Planning seeks to advance the academic discipline and the profession of planning through teaching, research and community service. We see planning as a broad and collaborative enterprise which brings together diverse interests to create rich and vibrant communities. For us, the essential ingredients of planning are land and environmental concerns, people and social context, and settlement as reflected in built form.

The School is looking for a new faculty member at the Assistant Professor level, specializing in transportation in the planning context. Competence in a related area such as development infrastructure, transit oriented design, transportation demand management, active transportation and land use tools, or urban/development economics would be an asset. Successful teaching experience is desired. Familiarity with information and spatial technologies is expected. The successful candidate will hold a PhD, a degree in planning with a solid foundation in planning history, theory and methods and demonstrate promise for success in research and scholarship.

The new faculty member will be expected to teach core and elective courses, advance the discipline through research and practice, as well as actively engage in administrative functions which will shape the School's future. In keeping with the School's present strengths and directions, the ability to engage in community-based

practice or research is an asset. The successful candidate will demonstrate expertise in or an understanding of the planning opportunities and challenges faced by small and mid-sized communities which are typical of Atlantic Canada, and will be comfortable working in an interdisciplinary context.

For more information about the School of Planning, Dalhousie University and Halifax, please go to these websites:

<http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/planning/index.shtml>
<http://www.dal.ca/> and <http://www.halifax.ca/>

The review of applications will commence on Monday, December 1, 2008.

Candidates should provide a statement of their teaching and research interests, examples of any peer reviewed published work, a CV, and three letters of reference (forwarded, under separate cover, directly to the committee by the referees). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Dalhousie University is an Employment Equity/Affirmative Action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons and women.

Please send applications to: Dr. Patricia Manuel
Chair, School of Planning Search Committee
School of Planning, Faculty of Architecture and Planning
Dalhousie University, 5410 Spring Garden Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 1E7

***UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**

The Department of Geography at the University of Guelph invites applications for a tenure-track position in Human-Environment Relations at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants should have a strong social science background with expertise in critical, theoretical, or applied perspectives on human-environment relations, to complement one or more departmental strengths in resource management, environmental governance, gender and environment, and political ecology. The successful candidate must have a PhD in Geography or a related discipline, an established record of scholarly research, and a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching. The appointee will be expected to contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching programs, advise graduate students, and develop a strong, externally funded research program. The position will commence July 1, 2009.

An application, including statement of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should

be submitted in writing (no electronic applications will be accepted) no later than December 15, 2008 to Dr. W.G. Nickling, Chair, Department of Geography, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G2W1. Information about the Department can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/geography>.

The University of Guelph is committed to an employment equity program that includes special measures to achieve diversity among its faculty and staff. We therefore particularly encourage applications from qualified aboriginal Canadians, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women.

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

Appointment is subject to final budgetary approval.

*** MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change beginning on August 1, 2009. Environmental change has become a central aspect of scientific inquiry and policy concerns and our societies will have to adapt to rapidly changing **bio-physical conditions** (see <http://www.mcgill.ca/strategic/>). We seek a person with a research program that examines the cultural, social, economic and political adaptations to environmental change connecting scales from the local to the national and supranational. The successful candidate is expected to develop an externally-funded research program, embracing graduate student supervision and undergraduate teaching. There are excellent opportunities for collaboration within the Department and other units, such as the Earth System Science program, the Global Environmental and Climate Change Centre, the International Development Studies Program, Field Studies Semesters in Africa, Panama and the Caribbean, the Centre for Developing Area Studies and the School of Environment. Information on McGill and the Department of Geography can be found at www.mcgill.ca and www.geog.mcgill.ca.

Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or expect to graduate by summer 2009, and have demonstrated excellence in research, teaching and communication. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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

Candidates should ensure their curriculum vitae, statements of teaching specializations and research interests, up to three reprints, and letters from three referees are sent to the following address. The review of applications will begin December 15, 2008 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Dr. Tim Moore, Chair, Department of Geography McGill University, 805 Sherbrooke St. West Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3A 2K6 phone: 514 398-4112 / fax: 514 398-7437 e-mail: recruit.geog@mcgill.ca

***MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**

The Geography Department invites applications for a position in Climatology. The successful candidate will be expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels and should demonstrate commitment to excellence in teaching and research. Candidates should be engaged in an active research program. The position will normally commence July 1, 2009, subject to budgetary approval, and will be made at the rank of Assistant Professor.

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

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

Prof. Karyn Butler, Interim Head
Department of Geography
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, NL, Canada, A1B 3X9

Applications should reach the Head no later than November 10, 2008. Applications should quote the following position number: VPA-GEOG-2008-001.

Memorial University is the largest university in Atlantic Canada. As the province's only university, Memorial plays an integral role in the education and cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador. Offering diverse undergraduate and graduate programs to nearly 18,000 students, Memorial provides a distinctive and stimulating environment for learning in St. John's, a safe, friendly city with great historic charm, a vibrant cultural life, and easy access to a wide range of outdoor activities.

With over 185 regular faculty members in 15 academic departments and a wide variety of interdisciplinary major, minor and diploma programs, the Faculty of Arts offers breadth, depth and diversity. Counting around 5000 students with declared majors or minors, and with strong graduate programs, the Faculty is committed to providing solid teaching and research support to new appointees. The Faculty of Arts houses, among other units, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), ISER Books and the Digital Research Centre for Qualitative Fieldwork. It is also home to outstanding archival collections, including the Maritime History Archive, the Folklore and Language Archive and the Native Language Archive. Memorial's Queen Elizabeth II Library has excellent holdings with the most extensive collection of journals in the region. Please see <http://www.mun.ca/arts/>.

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

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The University of New Brunswick is pleased to announce the establishment of The Gregg Centre Chair in Climate Change and Conflict for Emerging Scholars, a new research position affiliated with The Brigadier Milton F. Gregg, VC, Centre for the Study of War and Society. The Chair in Climate Change and Conflict is a centre-piece of The Gregg Centre's new interdisciplinary mandate, encompassing the study of war as a complex social phenomenon.

UNB is looking for a dynamic and innovative young scholar to hold this new research Chair. The Gregg Centre encourages applications from recently completed PhDs who have already demonstrated excellent potential as scholars in the emerging field of climate change and conflict, and from those in any of a wide variety of related fields - such as, but not restricted to, international relations, geography, anthropology, and climatology - who want to focus on climate change and conflict.

Applicants are asked to provide a three year research proposal including plans for dissemination of their findings. The successful candidate will pursue an active research and publishing agenda, teach two 3ch courses per year in his/her field, and supervise graduate students at the MA level. The Chair holder should feel comfortable dealing with the media and exploiting the unique access to soldiers who have served in the world's trouble spots provided by nearby CFB Gagetown. Research support will be provided by the Gregg Centre, with the expectation that the successful candidate will also apply to the appropriate research granting agencies.

The successful candidate will be appointed to the Gregg Centre Chair for a term of five years, and will

simultaneously be granted a tenure-track cross-appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor to an academic department.

Applications will be reviewed beginning 1 January 2009, with appointment no later than 1 July 2009. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Applications should indicate current citizenship status. The University of New Brunswick is committed to the principle of employment equity.

Please send a CV, research plan and three letters of reference to: Dr Marc Milner, Director
The Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick
P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3

For further information please contact Dr Milner at 506-458-7428, or milner@unb.ca.

For more on the Gregg Centre visit our website <http://www.unb.ca/greggcentre>.

*** UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

The Department of Geography at the University of Regina invites applications for a tenure-track position in health geography and/or economic geography at the rank of Associate or Assistant Professor. Anticipated date of commencement is 1 July 2009.

We seek an outstanding individual with demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and research. The successful candidate must have a PhD (or be close to completion), a record of scholarly publication, evidence of excellence in teaching, and the potential to develop an independent research agenda. Duties of the successful candidate include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in geography, supervision of undergraduate and graduate students, and participation in departmental activities. The ability to teach courses in introductory geography would be an asset.

The Department of Geography offers joint degrees with the Department of Economics, provides state-of-the-art computing facilities and is home to a Canada Research Chair in Geomatics and Sustainability. Our collegial environment is one where individual voices are heard and where personal contributions make a difference.

Application packages, including a covering letter providing a statement of research and teaching interests, evidence of teaching effectiveness, a current curriculum vitae, and writing samples, should be sent to:

Dr Thomas Chase, Dean, Faculty of Arts
University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 0A2
fax 306.585.5368

To the same address candidates need also to arrange for the forwarding of three (3) current letters of reference, as well as certified degree transcripts sent directly by the granting institutions. Review of applications will begin on 1 December 2008. Please note that electronic applications will not be accepted.

Enquiries may be addressed to Dr Bernard Thraves, Head, Department of Geography: phone (306) 585-4104; e-mail Bernard.Thraves@uregina.ca. For more information on the Faculty of Arts and Department of Geography, please refer to www.uregina.ca/arts/ and www.uregina.ca/arts/geography respectively.

*** RYERSON UNIVERSITY**

Ryerson University is known for innovative programs built on the integration of theoretical and practically oriented learning. More than 95 undergraduate and graduate programs are distinguished by a professionally focused curriculum and strong emphasis on excellence in teaching, research and creative activities. Ryerson is also a leader in adult learning, with the largest university-based continuing education school in Canada.

The School of Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level, effective August 1, 2009.

The School of Urban and Regional Planning offers a professionally accredited four-year undergraduate planning degree and a Master of Planning program in Urban Development.

The School is a significant contributor to planning education in Canada and is particularly known for the quality of its applied approach to planning education, especially studio-based teaching, and its excellent students. The School's tenure-track faculty is active in both the scholarship of planning and the practice of planning. Additional information about the School can be found at www.ryerson.ca/surp.

The School requires an entry-level faculty member at the Assistant Professor level who can take an active role in teaching in the undergraduate and graduate programs. The School is interested in candidates with research and teaching experience in one or more of the following areas: Planning Theory, Research Methods, Urban Regeneration and Revitalization, Regional Planning and Development, Transportation Planning and Urban Design. The successful candidate will have a degree in Planning, hold a PhD degree in Planning or a related field, show evidence of scholarly activity, and be a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Teaching experience in a studio setting will be an asset.

Applications, including curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and the names of three references by October 31, 2008:

Dr. Mitchell E. Kosny, Director (Interim)
School of Urban and Regional Planning
Ryerson University, 350 Victoria Street
Toronto, ON M5B 2K3
Email: mkosny@ryerson.ca

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Applications submitted by the due date are assured of receiving full consideration.

Ryerson University has an employment equity program and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. Members of designated groups are encouraged to self-identify. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

*** UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

The Department of Geography & Planning at the University of Saskatchewan invites applications for a tenure track position in planning at the rank of Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2009.

The Department of Geography & Planning offers degrees at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels in human and physical geography and a Bachelor of Arts in Regional & Urban Planning (RUP), an interdisciplinary program that began in 1968 and is professionally accredited by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and the Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan. Three new faculty members have been added to a strong cadre of senior professors in the past few years to teach in the RUP and human geography programs, and the successful applicant will be expected to make important contributions here as well. While much of the RUP curriculum is offered within the Department of Geography & Planning, one of its strengths is that it includes fundamental courses in disciplines such as Economics, Political Studies, and Sociology. Students also have the opportunity to take courses from professional affiliates who work as senior planners and planning managers in the community. It is an important and exciting time to be teaching planning in Saskatchewan and the RUP program enjoys a good relationship with practitioners and alumni throughout the province and further afield.

Applicants must have, or be eligible and willing to apply for, full CIP membership, and must hold a doctorate in Planning or Geography. This position will be offered to a scholar who can build upon one of the two areas of research and teaching strength in planning and human geography, namely, 'Sustainable Cities & Regions' and 'Environment & Health'. Preference will also be given to applicants with research or applied work experience in urban land-use planning, growth management, urban design, planning law, or ecological principles applied to urban planning and development. The term 'urban' here refers to cities or towns and can include a regional focus.

The position includes responsibilities for undergraduate and graduate student teaching and supervision. A successful applicant will be expected to develop a strong research program supported by peer-reviewed funding from sources external to the university (e.g. SSHRC, CIHR).

The University of Saskatchewan is a comprehensive teaching and research university with one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada. It is located in the city of Saskatoon, a mid-size Canadian city, with a national reputation as a community in which academics and their families can enjoy a high quality of life.

Applications, including curriculum vitae, a statement of research activities, a statement of teaching philosophy and three letters of reference should be sent by October 31, 2008, to:

Professor Dirk de Boer, Head
Department of Geography & Planning
University of Saskatchewan
117 Science Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 5C8

Questions regarding this position may also be directed to Professor de Boer at dirk.deboer@usask.ca or (306) 966-5671.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority. The University is strongly committed to employment equity and especially welcomes applications from Aboriginal persons, members from visible minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Members of these designated groups are encouraged to self-identify in their application.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources is an international leader in applied research and scholarship with expertise in, and integrated across, three primary scientific and social domains: food and bioproduct sciences; environment, ecology, community; and sustainable production systems. It has an almost century-long reputation for teaching, research, and outreach and has been a consistent strength for the University. The College has played a pivotal role in the development of the agriculture and food industries in Saskatchewan, and continues to build on a legacy of public engagement and cooperative partnerships. Our faculty is committed to providing an exceptional learning experience and preparing graduates for leadership in the new bio-economy.

The Department of Soil Science invites applications for a tenure-track position in soils and agroforestry at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin May 1, 2009. This position will contribute to the College of Agriculture and Bioresources initiative in agroforestry and afforestation.

The successful candidate will teach and conduct research in the area of soils and agroforestry. A Ph.D. in soils or related areas, with appropriate training in soil biogeochemistry, carbon sequestration and ecosystem modeling is required. The candidate is expected to develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses with a focus on agroforestry, afforestation and biomass energy systems, and will contribute to undergraduate

teaching in the Renewable Resource Management program. Research priorities include nutrient cycling, tree nutrition, carbon sequestration and modeling long-term productivity for woody crop systems. Experience in land use planning, First Nations land issues and field research programs would be a definite asset.

The University of Saskatchewan is the home of the Canadian Light Source (CLS) facility, a third generation synchrotron, and the Saskatchewan Structural Sciences Centre (SSSC). The SSSC houses a variety of instruments to support molecular-scale research. Candidates with an ability or interest to utilize these resources in both their teaching and research programs are encouraged to apply.

To apply, submit a letter of application, including a brief statement of research interests and teaching philosophy; curriculum vita and academic transcripts; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references to:

Dr. Fran Walley, Head, Department of Soil Science
University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Drive
Saskatoon, SK, S7N 5A8
Tel: 1-306-966-6854;
e-mail: fran.walley@usask.ca

Consideration of applications will begin after November 1, 2008.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Saskatchewan is committed to employment equity. Members of designated groups (women, Aboriginal peoples, people with disabilities and visible minorities) are encouraged to self-identify on their application.

More information on the University of Saskatchewan, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, the Department of Soil Science, the Canadian Light Source and the Saskatchewan Structural Sciences Centre can be found on our website: <http://www.usask.ca>.

YORK UNIVERSITY

York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York's website at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling the Affirmative Action Office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Temporary entry for citizens of the U.S.A. and Mexico may apply per the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

Position 1 - The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University, Toronto, invites applications for one

(1) tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in *Urban Sustainability and Transportation Planning* to start July 1, 2009.

Candidates should have research expertise in the planning and design of sustainable transportation systems, including transportation demand management and the integration of land-use and transportation planning, as well as alternative approaches to transportation. Familiarity with current transportation land-use planning and sustainability issues in a Canadian and Ontario context is required along with the ability to contribute to research on the economic, social, technical and environmental dimensions of transportation systems. Candidates should have an interest in placing their research expertise and activities within a broader interdisciplinary setting that examines the sustainability of urban communities in an integrated manner. Candidates should have a PhD degree in a relevant field by the time of appointment or have equivalent academic or professional experience, a demonstrated record of excellence in research in sustainable transportation, and the potential to develop a nationally and internationally recognized interdisciplinary research program. Membership in the Ontario Provincial Planners Institute (OPPI) or the ability to qualify for OPPI membership is preferred.

We are seeking candidates who will provide leadership in expanding research and collaborative action on sustainable transportation systems with a focus on reduced energy consumption and energy systems within FES, across the York community, and with agencies and institutions in the Greater Toronto region. The successful candidate will develop courses in sustainability and transportation planning at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Candidates must be able to contribute to teaching, advising, and research in the undergraduate and graduate degree programs and the accredited graduate program in planning, including the supervision of doctoral research. Ability to contribute to one or more of the certificate and diploma programs offered at FES would be an asset.

FES is an interdisciplinary Faculty that adopts a broad definition of "environmental studies" including natural, built, social and organizational environments. The MES program emphasizes student-centred learning and collaborative research with faculty. We encourage students and faculty members to engage in interdisciplinary and collaborative teaching and research that engages diverse communities and publics. More information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies is available at www.yorku.ca/fes

York University is a leader in interdisciplinary social science research and outreach efforts that enable partnerships between researchers and policy makers. This appointment will build upon and expand the University's strengths and prominence in the areas of Sustainability, Climate, and the Urban Environment. This position will

complement recent hires in the Faculty of Environmental Studies in the areas of energy policy and renewable energy, as well as existing strengths in urban sustainability and urban and regional planning. In addition to this appointment, appointments will be made in the Faculty of Science and Engineering in the area of Biology of the Environment, and in the Faculty of Education in the area of Urban Education, and in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies in the area of Physical, Biogeochemical Processes. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in this growing cluster of researchers with complementary strengths across the University who are engaged in collaborative and interdisciplinary work in this area.

A letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests and three academic references (with complete contact information including email address and telephone number) should be sent by October 31, 2008 to: Sustainable Systems Search Committee
Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 126 HNES
York University, 4700 Keele Street
Toronto Ontario M3J 1P3
Fax: 416. 736.5679 / E-mail: feshires@yorku.ca

Position 2 - The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University, Toronto, invites applications for a three-year contractually limited appointment (CLA) at the Assistant Professor level in the area of *Urban and Regional Planning* commencing July 1, 2009. The Faculty of Environmental Studies offers interdisciplinary courses in undergraduate and graduate degree programs and an accredited graduate program in planning. A PhD in Planning or Urban Studies with an emphasis in planning is expected to be completed by the start of employment.

The successful candidate must be able to contribute to both graduate and undergraduate programs. The candidate will demonstrate strong teaching interests in interdisciplinary and critical approaches to planning and urban problems and be able to teach upper level undergraduate courses as well as courses in the master's program in planning. The candidate will also demonstrate promise of a strong research and publication record or equivalent professional contributions. Experience in applied settings is an asset. OPPI membership preferred.

The candidate will teach the equivalent of three half-year (one semester long) courses and carry a full advising load in the graduate program in planning. Courses to be taught over the years will be chosen from among the following: Undergraduate courses: ENVS 3225 Regional Governance; ENVS 4225 Urban Sustainability; Graduate courses: ENVS 5021 Urban Development Processes; ENVS 6124 Urban and Regional Planning; ENVS 6130 Planning Theory, and a planning workshop or courses as assigned by the Faculty's Dean. Short

descriptions of the graduate courses can be found on-line at www.yorku.ca/fes/programs/mes/cs_courses.asp

A letter of application that addresses teaching, research and professional interests, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a pedagogical statement, a sample publication and three academic letters of reference should be sent by November 21, 2008 to:

Urban and Regional Planning Search Committee
Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 126 HNES
York University, 4700 Keele Street
Toronto Ontario M3J 1P3
E-mail: feshires@yorku.ca

Position 3 - Applications are invited for a tenure-stream appointment at the Assistant Professor level. The Department seeks a physical geographer in the area of *biogeochemical processes*, to start July 1, 2009. All positions at York University are subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have demonstrated strengths in research in terrestrial or aquatic nutrient cycling and its relationship to hydrology and vegetation and/or soil dynamics. Preference will be given to scholars conducting research that complements existing departmental strengths in biophysical processes. A PhD is required at the time of appointment, and preference will be given to applicants with experience supervising graduate students. We seek an individual who will develop a vigorous research program in an interdisciplinary environment, and can demonstrate a commitment to high-quality undergraduate and graduate teaching. The successful candidate must be suitable for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

York University is a leader in interdisciplinary social science research and outreach efforts that enable partnerships between researchers and policy makers. This appointment will build upon and expand the University's strengths and prominence in the areas of Sustainability, Climate, and the Urban Environment. In addition to this appointment, appointments will be made in the Faculty of Environmental Studies in the area of Urban Sustainability and Transportation Planning, in the Faculty of Education in the area of Urban Education, and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering in the area of Biology of the Environment. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in this growing cluster of researchers with complementary strengths across the University who are engaged in collaborative and interdisciplinary work in this area.

On July 1, 2009, York University will launch the new Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS), combining the strengths of the existing Atkinson Faculty of Liberal & Professional Studies and the Faculty of Arts. This is the outcome of an ambitious initiative to provide the most comprehensive range of interdisciplinary academic programs and researchers in social sciences, humanities and related professional

programs in Canada. As a champion of pioneering and socially relevant liberal arts education, related professional programs and research, LA&PS will be a leader in addressing the complex issues that affect societies worldwide.

For information about LA&PS go to www.yorku.ca/laps. For more information about the Dept of Geography go to www.yorku.ca/geograph/

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and a statement of research interests and selected publications, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent by October 31, 2008, to:

Professor Patricia Burke Wood, Chair,
Department of Geography, N418 Ross Building
York University, 4700 Keele Street
Toronto Ontario M3J 1P3
Tel.: 416.736.5107. Fax 416.736.5988
E-mail: pwood@yorku.ca

Applications will not be accepted via fax or e-mail.

* TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Department of Geography (<http://geography.tamu.edu>) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Climatology with research interests in hydroclimatology or land-atmosphere interactions to begin in September 2009. We seek a scholar with the ability to enhance the department's strengths in physical geography, and who will take advantage of the outstanding collaborative opportunities within geography and with other departments, research units, and interdisciplinary initiatives within the College of Geosciences and university (e.g., Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Center for Atmospheric Chemistry and the Environment, Watershed Management and Hydrological Sciences program; <http://geosciences.tamu.edu>). The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to quality teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels and supervision of undergraduate, M.S. and Ph.D. level research; and demonstrate the potential to initiate and maintain a vigorous externally-funded research program. The Ph.D. is required at time of appointment.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses (including e-mail addresses) of three referees to Dr. Andrew Millington, Search Committee Chair. Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Texas A&M University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic community committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We strongly encourage applications from women, under-represented groups, and individuals with disabilities.

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