



## CAGONT Division Report (May 2025)

The Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at Toronto Metropolitan University on November 1-2, 2024. The conference was part of the larger 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Geographic Analysis program at Toronto Metropolitan University. The conference website can be found [here](#).

### Conference Information:

- Attendees: 120
- Sessions: 18
- Total papers/posters: 105, including:
  - 66 papers
  - 20 thesis proposals
  - 19 posters
- Keynote Speaker: Kelly McClinchey - *Where We Came From and Where We are Going: the Future of Geography Research and Teaching*
  - Discussant: Emmanuel Kyeremeh

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Emmanuel Kyeremeh, the student volunteers, and the rest of the organizing committee, as well as the entire Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the Toronto Metropolitan University that made the conference a tremendous success.

### The **Student Presentation Awards** were given to:

- **Antonina Struminski-Bodden**, University of Guelph
- **Olivia Thom**, University of Guelph
- **Satveer Dhillon**, University of Waterloo

### The best **Student Posters** were awarded to:

- **Henry Shaver**, Western University
- **Mickey Chen**, University of Toronto

### The best **Thesis Proposals** were awarded to:

- **Leanne Ferguson**, Western University
- **Lara Durksen**, University of Guelph

There were no nominees this year for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). Please consider making a nomination for the 2025 award.

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CAGONT hosted the first **Canadian Geography Undergraduate Research Symposium** on May 2, 2025. Nine undergraduates from across Canada presented their work. Thank you to the presenters and to those who came out to show their support.



The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on November 2, 2024. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Evan Cleave**, Toronto Metropolitan University, President (2023-2025)
- **Jesse Sutton**, University of Western Ontario, Vice-President (2023-2025)
- **Andrea Rishworth**, University of Toronto Mississauga, Secretary (2023-2025)
- **Francesca Cardwell**, University of Waterloo, Treasurer (2023-2025)
- **Amanda Norton**, University of Toronto Mississauga, Student Representative (2024-2025)
- **Ben Woodward**, University of Waterloo, Student Representative (2024-2025)
- **Tara Chen**, University of Waterloo, Student Representative (2024-2025)
- **Manuel Spiller**, Western University, Student Representative (2024-2025)
- **Emmanuel Kyeremeh**, Toronto Metropolitan University (Host Representative, 2024-2025).

Several executive members completed their terms this year. CAGONT would like to thank **Joseph Aversa**, Toronto Metropolitan University (Past President, 2023-2024) and **Milad Malekzah**, University of Waterloo (Student Representative, 2023-2024) for all their efforts.

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There are currently 272 members of CAGONT, including:

- 84 Regular Members
- 87 Student Members
- 16 Postdoc Members
- 21 AAG Associate Members – Regular
- 14 AAG Associate Members – Student
- 50 Other Members (Past CAG-ACG Presidents, Lifetime Members, Low-Income, Retired, RGS-IBG Associates, Family, and CAG-ACG Student Award winners)

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CAGONT President, Evan Cleave, Toronto Metropolitan University provided the following financial information:

- Total balance from previous year (October 2023): \$10572.71
- Revenue: \$7881.71
- Expenses: - \$4876.78
- End of year balance (October 2024): \$13577.40

Revenue accrued included:

- CAG Divisional Rebate: \$1000.00
- CAG Travel Grant: \$2000.00
- 2023 CAGONT conference registration: \$4881.71



Expenses incurred included:

- Student travel support: -\$500.00
- Executive travel support: -\$349.66
- CAGONT awards: -\$200.00
- 2023 CAGONT conference expenses: -\$3827.12

The CAGONT account is held centrally by the Canadian Association of Geographers.

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For the 2025 CAGONT Annual Meeting funding will be made available for students from Ontario educational institutions to defer the costs associated with attending (\$50 per student). Guidelines are established each year and are normally published on the pertinent Annual Meeting website. To be eligible, students must be members of the Canadian Association of Geographers in the year that the meeting is held and must present at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee would like to remind students about the Student competitions that are hosted at the CAGONT conference each year. Additional information about this competition and previous winners can be found at: [www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards](http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards).

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CAGONT will host an undergraduate research symposium in spring 2025. More details will be announced in early 2025.

More details on the 2025 CAGONT Annual Meeting will be announced in the spring of 2025.

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Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2025!

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