



CAGONT Annual Report 2018

The Canadian Association of Geographers - Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at the University of Toronto - St. George from October 19-20, 2018.

Numbers of note:

- Attendees: 186
- Total papers/posters: 142 including
 - 116 papers,
 - and 26 posters

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Matt Farish and the entire team in the Department of Geography and Planning that made the conference a tremendous success.

The **Student Paper Awards** were given to:

Shishuo Xu (Ryerson University), **Best Doctoral Research Paper** and \$200 for *“Detecting Local Events using Geosocial Media Data: A Case Study of Toronto International Film Festival”*

Esra Alkim Karaagac (University of Waterloo), **Best Doctoral Paper** and \$200 for *“Everyday Experiences of Debt in Economic Geography”*

The **Best Student Posters** were awarded to:

Emily Ham and Michael Pisaric (Brock University), \$200 for *“The occurrence of microplastics and microfibers in municipal water systems of the Niagara Region, Ontario”*

Izabela Jasiak (University of Waterloo), **Mackenzie Schultz and James Telford** (Wilfrid Laurier University), **Roland I. Hall** (University of Waterloo), **Brent B. Wolfe, Leah Mindorff and James McGeer** (Wilfrid Laurier University), \$200 for *“Tracking legacy pollution: assessing spatiotemporal patterns of arsenic and other metals in sub-arctic lakes using paleolimnology”*

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). The recipient this year was **Steven Tufts, York University**. Please consider making a nomination for the 2019 award.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 20, 2018. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Wayne Forsythe, Ryerson University**, President (2018-2019)
- **Susan Elliott, University of Waterloo**, Vice President (2017-2019)
- **Evan Cleave, University of Western Ontario**, Treasurer (2016-2020)
- **Danielle Mitchell, Ryerson University**, Secretary (2018-2020)
- **Siera Vercillo, University of Western Ontario**, Student Representative (2017-2019)

- **Matt Farish, University of Toronto**, Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting (2018-2019)
- **Jennifer Silver, University of Guelph**, Representative from the department that will hold the next CAGONT Annual Meeting (2018-2019)

CAGONT would like to thank **Sarah Mason-Renton, University of Western Ontario** (2017-2018 President), **Wayne Forsythe, Ryerson University** (2017-2018 Past President), **Sandra McCubbin, Queen's University** (one of the 2017-2018 Student Representatives), **Andrea Rishworth, University of Waterloo** (Secretary 2016-2018), **Matt Farish, University of Toronto** (2017-2018 Representative from the department that will hold the next CAGONT Annual Meeting) and **Warren Mabee, Queen's University** (2017-2018 Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting) for their efforts on behalf of CAGONT.

The Treasurer, **Evan Cleave, University of Western Ontario**, provided the following financial information.

- Total balance from previous year: \$16165.94; \$4098.77 in revenue; \$ 4712.71 in expenses; end of year (September 2018) balance of \$15552.00

This year CAGONT provided additional funding of \$110 each to assist 37 students and postdoctoral fellows (income \$45000 or less) in attending the CAG/IGU 2018 meeting in Quebec City.

The Executive Committee would like to remind students about the [Student Paper Competition](#). Annual prizes are as follows: Undergraduate \$200, Master's \$200, and Doctoral \$200. Additional information about this competition and previous winners can be found at: www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards.

Funds are made available by CAGONT to support student participation in the CAGONT Annual Meeting. 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 **CAGONT 2019 Annual Meeting** will be hosted by the [Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics at the University of Guelph](#) in October 2019! More details to follow...

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2019!

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