

GHHCSG September 2023 Communiqué

What's happening in Canadian Health Geography?



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Geographies of Health and
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***A note from the executive :** We hope that everyone is settling back into their autumn routines! This month's edition brings updates on conferences, news on the GHHCSG website, a new podcast series, and some beautiful images from your summers hard at work. If you have anything you'd like to highlight in our monthly communiques we warmly welcome your ideas - do reach out! - Jenna, Andrea, Emily, Abraham and Cynthia.*

Here are 5 things to know this month:

1. Details on the 2024 CAG annual meeting announced

It's official! The 74th Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers will be hosted by Memorial University of Newfoundland, on **August 14-19th, 2024**. Join fellow geographers in-person in the country's easternmost province, rich in history, culture, and natural beauty.



Summer 2024 is shaping up to be an unusually busy period, as Canadian health geographers also eye the IMGS in Atlanta during July. As always, our group will look to support multiple student members to attend these conferences (details to come). *And faculty - this is a great reminder why it is important for you to renew your membership with the group to make this support possible!*

2. Introducing the new GHHCSG website

We are pleased to share that the Geographies of Health and Health Care Study Group is now more accessible to our membership via our new website. If you would like to look up previous communiqués or are interested in more information about the work of the study group you can access all this information at: <https://www.cag-acg.ca/sg-ghhcsg>

Please note that content is still going up and it is a bit bare at the moment. Coming shortly expect to also find the group's by-laws and governance, information about the award competitions we run annually, and a list of past award recipients. If there are other items that you think would be a valuable addition to the site, please reach out and let us know. Our thanks to the CAG for hosting this content and to Philip Thibault for the work behind the scenes.

3. All are welcome! Join our mailing list to receive the communiqués

These monthly communiqués are made possible through the efforts of the Geography of Health and Health Care Study group in the Canadian Association of Geographers. But recognizing that the group's overall purpose to **“facilitate the exchange of ideas and information and build community among researchers interested in health geography”** we do not want to limit the reach of the communiqué to only active members. So, let's build this community! If you know any colleagues that do work related to health geography and that would benefit from our monthly updates have them sign on to our mailing list! Simply send a note to ghhcsg@gmail.com with the subject “add to mailing list” - all are welcome!



4. Arriving this Fall: new podcast series by Dr. Castleden and colleagues

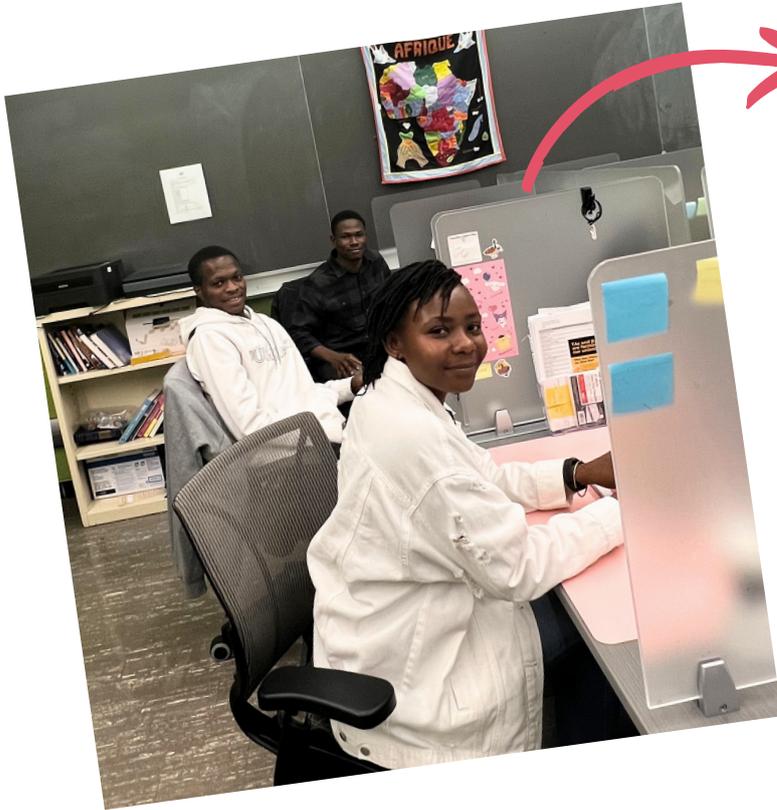
Dr. Heather Castleden (Professor, Impact Chair in Transformative Governance for Planetary Health, University of Victoria) leads a new podcast series: *SCHOLARSHIP, ACTIVISM, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS IN CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR PLANETARY HEALTH GOVERNANCE*.

“The drivers of our climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and pollution are colonization, capitalism, extractivism, globalization, and racism, underpinned by concomitant policies, systems, and structures that reinforce this worldview. If we want collective futures that sustain all planetary life, we must respond with urgency and creativity across political and epistemic boundaries toward reconciling the damage we have done to the planet's health, our health, and the health of all our relations. Planetary health science holds promise: an understanding of how human health and all life flourishes when our natural systems are healthy. This understanding, through sensing and seeing, are powerful attributes of Indigenous ways of being and knowing since time immemorial. Inspired by the array of Indigenous Peoples who are leaders in Planetary Health scholarship, activism, science and the arts, this new podcast series, called “Archipelagos” aims to reflect the diversity of perspectives on climate justice for planetary health. Indigenous Peoples from across Turtle Island and throughout the Islands of the Oceania and the Pacific Northwest are interviewed by our co-hosts and guest hosts about their perspectives on Indigenous-led resurgence, giving real-life examples, deep theorizing, and creative responses to our current planetary crisis.”

The first season of the series will be released in Fall 2023: keep an eye on our “important dates” (below), and <https://heclab.com/> for updates.

5. Your summer hard at work in the field

Canadian summers are often times that geographers take to the field. We asked you to share photos of your summer (in the field or at a desk!) and you answered! Thank you to everyone who participated. Here's a quick look at a very productive and fun summer in health geography:



From rear to front: Julius Jebuni, Pascal Meho-Akakpo (both Master's students from Ghana) and Joan Kaburia (PhD student from Kenya) settle into a day in office of the GoHelp lab. Their research seeks to understand health inequities in the Global South.



In May, Alexa Bennett participated in a water and sanitation field school in Colombia through the University of Victoria. Pictured right, she is using a low-cost testing kit to determine the e.coli levels of river water. Pictured left, she is at a drinking water treatment plant, where she learned about the processes needed to treat surface water of varying characteristics.



Cynthia Itbo Musah, known to many as the GHHCSG Student Rep, spent the summer months in Northern Ghana to better understand links between water insecurity, gender-based violence and empowerment from an intergenerational lens. “Most of these women considered the interview sessions an opportunity to share their experiences with the younger generation” she reflects. Fieldwork is not without challenges though, Cynthia notes that “on top of heat stress, there is a high risk of mosquito-borne illnesses like malaria, which demand stringent precautionary measures that complicate research logistics. Also, poor road network infrastructure posed difficulties. Many of the rural communities we visited were quite remote, requiring long travel times over rough terrain to reach. These issues had implications for my safety and timely access to participants during a limited field schedule.”

But, all together, “My favourite and most rewarding part of the fieldwork was the opportunity to engage directly with older women, and hearing first-hand their daily struggles and resilience in accessing basic WASH services since childhood – it made me realize how privileged I am.”

Note: research participant images only shared after receiving their informed consent.



Pictured above: Rodrigo Curty Pereira on his ‘summer’ field work (winter in the Southern Hemisphere) in Brazil, collecting data about Water Sanitation and Health inequities. Pictured bottom: Bridge over the Guandu river, in Rio de Janeiro.

Job postings

Associate/Full Professor Human Geography, Dartmouth College. Open until filled.
<https://apply.interfolio.com/130044>

Assistant Professor of Indigenous Geographies, Simon Fraser University. Open until filled.
<https://www.sfu.ca/geography/about/work-with-us/ap-indigenous-geographies.html>

Assistant Professor (tenure-track) Geography and Sustainability, Memorial University. Closing October 13, 2023.
https://grenfell.mun.ca/Departments/Documents/Job_Ad_Human%20Geography%20TTA%28UPDATEDf.pdf

Faculty Member - Disaster and Emergency Management, Royal Roads University. Closing October 15, 2023.
<https://royalroads.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/1847>

Assistant Professor Biocultural Medical Anthropology, University of Toronto. Closing October 18, 2023.
<https://jobs.utoronto.ca/job/Toronto-Assistant-Professor-Biocultural-Medical-Anthropology-ON/572973217/>

Assistant Professor/ or Lecturer, Health Care Management (limited-term), Cape Breton University. Closing October 22, 2023.
<https://www.cbu.ca/faculty-staff/human-resources/employment-opportunities/assistant-professor-or-lecturer-health-care-management-limited-term-2/>

Associate/Full Professor Planning, University of Toronto. Closing October 23, 2023.
https://www.cag-acg.ca/files/ugd/513bc6_be87a18a427242e6b205efb4fc7aa1f9.pdf

Assistant Professor in Environmental and Resource Economics, University of Alberta. Closing November 1, 2023.
<https://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A100151619>

Assistant Professor - Experiential Education in Global Health, York University. Closing November 1, 2023.

<https://www.yorku.ca/dighr/assistant-professor-in-experiential-education/>

Assistant Professor - Global Health Knowledge Mobilization & Implementation Science, York University. Closing November 1, 2023. <https://www.yorku.ca/dighr/assistant-professor-in-global-health-knowledge-mobilization-implementation-science/>

Assistant Professor - Human Geography, Université de Montréal. Closing November 3, 2023. https://www.cag-acg.ca/files/ugd/513bc6_6027e0e5810d4f5bad4c86bc56093256.pdf

Assistant Professor (Contractual Limited Term Appointment) - Urban Innovation, University of Toronto Mississauga. Closing November 20, 2023.
<https://jobs.utoronto.ca/job/Mississauga-Assistant-Professor-Contractual-Limited-Term-Appointment-Urban-Innovation-ON/574146417/>

Assistant/Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, Tier II in Economics of Sustainable Global Prosperity, Carleton University. Closing November 29, 2023.
<https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/2023/assistant-or-associate-professor-and-canada-research-chair-tier-ii/>

Assistant Professor - Human Dimensions of Climate Change, University of Waterloo. Closing November 30, 2023.
<https://uwaterloo.ca/geography-environmental-management/available-positions>

Send us your job openings at all levels (undergraduate through to faculty) at ghhcs@gmail.com to have it highlighted in the next communiqué.

Dates of note

October 15, 2023 - email the GHHCSG with anything you would like to see in the next communiqué

October 16 to 18, 2023 - The 2023 Canadian Conference on Global Health in Ottawa, Canada and virtual. Registration now open. See <https://cagh-acsm.org/en/register-ccgh-2023>

October 25 to 28, 2023 - AGX (formally Applied Geography Conference) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Registration now open. See <http://www.appgeogconf.org/>

October 27 to 28, 2023 - CAGONT (CAG Ontario Division) annual meeting in Toronto, hosted by Toronto Metropolitan University. Registration and abstract submission now open. Abstract deadline October 6. See <https://cagacgont.wixsite.com/cagont-2023>

November 15 to 17, 2023 - RGQ (CAG Quebec Division) annual meeting, virtual. Event details can be [found here](#). See <https://www.cag-acg.ca/rgq-congres-annuel>

April 16 to 20, 2024 - American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Abstract submission and registration now open. November 16 abstract submission deadline. See <https://www.aag.org/events/aag2024/>

May 15 to 16, 2024 - Human geographies of climate change adaptation in Bergen, Norway. Registration now open. See <https://tinyurl.com/adaptconf>

July 14 to July 19, 2024 - The International Medical Geography Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia. Abstract submission and registration dates TBA.

August 14 to 19th, 2024 - Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland. Details TBA.

The GHHCSG executive recognizes that the vast landscape that the members of the CAG reside on is land that has been stolen from Indigenous Peoples, and this land is now also home to im/migrants, forcibly emplaced peoples, and refugees from the around the world. Learn more about Decolonizing and Indigenizing action within the CAG at <https://www.cag-acg.ca/decolonizing-indigenizing>

have a great month

