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## Goldring Chair to a geographer

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

The recently established Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies at University College has been awarded to a geographer. Professor Meric Gertler has been given the appointment in recognition of his significant contributions to Canadian scholarship through his research and teaching.

Professor Gertler has undertaken a substantive body of research into urban and regional restructuring of Canada, Canada's role in the global economy and Canada's interactions with the rest of the continent and the world. Since arriving in the department in 1983, he has taught a number of economic geography courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as several courses in the Planning Program and is currently its director. He is also co-director of the Program on Globalization and Regional Innovation Systems (PROGRIS) at U of T's Centre for International Studies.

The Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies was established with a \$1 million donation from Warren and Barbara Goldring. With matching by the university a \$2 million endowment fund was created. This fund was used to create the endowed chair and will also trigger the establishment of a junior faculty position in a field relevant to the Canadian Studies Program—a position that will also be filled by a geographer. Warren Goldring, the former chairman and CEO of AGF Management is an alumnus of University College (BA 4T9). In an interview with the *University of Toronto Magazine* he said that strong feelings about Canada and Canadian unity guided him when he decided to make his donation. The Goldrings are among the many benefactors who have been inspired by the university's goal to create endowed chairs to provide high-quality education in perpetuity.

"The appointment of geographers as Chair holder and to the junior faculty position is in part a tribute to the hard work and effort of Professor Aidan McQuillan," says Professor Joe Desloges, Chair of the Department of Geography. A historical geographer from the department, Professor McQuillan has been Director of the Canadian Studies Program since 1997. "Professor McQuillan has worked tirelessly to bring social sciences generally, and geography specifically, into the Canadian Studies Program. His efforts have resulted in a heightened awareness of the role of geography in the understanding of Canada," said Desloges.

When asked for his feelings about the chair, Professor McQuillan replied, "Geography is unique among academic disciplines. It provides a bridge between the humanities, the social sciences and the physical sciences. It creates a strong base for a truly interdisciplinary approach to the study of Canada and that has been our target in re-designing the new program in Canadian Studies."

The Goldring Chair will complement other chairs the Faculty of Arts and Science plans to create with its proposed \$13 million endowment fund for Canadian scholarship. In addition to creating five endowed chairs, the fund will also be used to provide scholarships and

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## New endowed scholarship in science and technology for geography

By Professor Larry Bourne

Professor Emeritus William Dean, B.A. 4T9, M.A. 5T0 and LLD 9T7 has very generously offered to endow a permanent scholarship in the department for a graduate student studying in fields related to science and technology.

Under the current provincial government program—The Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (OGSST) program, donations are matched five to one by the province and the University, to create an endowment base that will provide an annual (and named) scholarship of \$15,000 (or \$5,000 per term), in perpetuity.

There are only 39 such matches available in the entire Faculty of Arts and Science. The purpose of the program is to attract students to, and encourage excellence in, graduate studies in science and technology.

Further details on the scholarship will be provided in a future issue of GEOPLAN.

Thanks Bill! The department, and most importantly, future generations of graduate students, thank you.

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# Department News

## Announcements

**Professor Kim Bolton** is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter Maggie, born July 15, 1999, weighing 7lb 5oz. Congratulations Kim and welcome to the world Maggie! Kim is currently on maternity leave, but does not plan to return to the University (see Departures for details).

**Professor Larry Bourne** became acting chair of the department on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue in the position until **Professor Joe Desloges** returns from research leave on January 1, 2000.

Congratulations to **Professor Larry Bourne** for being invited to receive the degree Doctor of Environmental Studies, *honoris causa* from the University of Waterloo. Larry will be addressing the graduands at Waterloo's Fall Convocation ceremonies for the faculties of engineering, environmental studies, and mathematics on Saturday October 23, 1999.

**Professor Ferko Csillag** has been appointed for a three-year term as the associate chair for the Department of Geography at Erindale.

Congratulations to **Professor Amrita Danieri** who recently received tenure and a promotion to associate professor. In addition to visiting Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City this fall on a new research project, Amrita will be spending part of her research leave year at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. Amrita is on research leave until June 30, 2000.

We are pleased to announce that the following individuals have accepted contract positions with the department for the coming year: **Randy Dirszowsky**, B.Sc. 9T2 and Ph.D. candidate, Joe Desloges supervisor, **Kevin Hanna**, M.A. 9T1, Ph.D. 9T8, **Joe Leydon**, Ph.D. 9T5 and **Scott Mitchell**, M.Sc. 9T4.

**Professor Gunter Gad** is the department's graduate co-ordinator this year.

**Professors Jock Galloway** and **William Gough** are on research leave until June 30, 2000, while **Professor Danny Harvey** will be on research leave from January 1 to June 30, 2000.

Congratulations to **Professor Tom McIlwraith** on being appointed to the Conservation Review Board, a province-wide body of eight people, by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, for three years, from March 30, 1999.

We are happy to announce that the following three students were recipients of 1999 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards: **Laura Murphy**, B.A. 9T9, **Kristi Ross**, B.A. 9T9 and **Aspasia Tzaras**.

Cressy awards are given by the University of Toronto Alumni Association to recognize outstanding students who have made substantial extra-curricular contributions.

**Professor Rodney White** is currently on a one-year administrative leave.

## Arrivals

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to the department. Readers can look forward to more complete profiles on our new faculty members in future issues of *GEOPLAN*.

**Kanishka Goonewardena** (Ph.D. 1998, Cornell) and **Elizabeth MacDonald** (Ph.D., UC Berkeley) both joined the department on July 1, 1999. Both will be helping to develop and teach in the new urban design program, planning and geography.

**Kanishka Goonewardena** has expertise in critical theory of urban development, ideologies of urban space, and planning theory. He has a background in planning and architecture and has focussed recently on urban development history and theory in Los Angeles and Colombo. Kanishka taught at NYU this past year with courses in urban studies, history and theory of planning, and "globalization and developing countries".

**Elizabeth MacDonald** has expertise in the areas of urban design, planning, landscape architecture and architecture. Her recent research has focussed on physical form, social use, public management and environmental quality of parkways, multi-use boulevards and other urban corridors. She has teaching experience in urban design studios, planning and research methods in environmental design.

On July 1, 2000 **Scott Prudham** will be joining the department filling a tenure-track position in environment and resource management joint with the Institute for Environmental Studies. He is currently in the finishing stages of his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkley in the Energy and Resource Group. His research deals with the appropriation and regulation of natural resources, and the integrated analysis of social and natural systems in natural resource policy. His current Ph.D. work is looking at the organization of Oregon's forest products sector and understanding the relation between natural processes and the political economy of industrial organizations. Before joining the department, Scott will be taking up the first year of a SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship spending part of that time at the University

of British Columbia studying the BC forest sector.

On August 16, 1999 **Carla Vitoria** joined the department as assistant to the chair. Prior to joining the department Carla had been employed by the University as Program Secretary for Landscape Architecture since 1990. For the past year she was also Program Secretary for the Bachelor of Architecture Program. Welcome Carla!

## Departures

**Professor Kim Bolton** has resigned her position at the University of Toronto at Scarborough effective December 31, 1999. Kim arrived at Scarborough on a contractually limited appointment in 1994 and was appointed to a tenure stream position in 1995. She held graduate appointments in Chemical Engineering as well as Geography. Having completed a Ph.D. in Soil Science in 1993 at the University of Guelph, Kim quickly developed a reputation as an excellent undergraduate and graduate instructor and she cooperated widely with faculty both at Scarborough and St. George. Her expertise lay in the chemistry of heavy metals and their interactions in the environment; this and her research in environmental remediation made her a sought-after collaborator and she provided a clear focus for Environmental Science at Scarborough. Kim's dedication to undergraduate and graduate students and her consistent good humour will be missed. As many will already know, Kim has now added another form of "production" to that of her research, with the birth of her daughter Margaret Diane Jamieson Bolton on Thursday, July 15 at 11:59 p.m. We wish her and Randy all the best for the future and thank her for the contributions she has made in such a short while to research and teaching both at Scarborough and St. George. *Prepared by Professor Brian Greenwood.*

**Professor Jan Gerits** left geography on June 30, 1999. Jan joined the department in 1989 as a physical geographer and soil scientist having conducted research on physical-chemical controls on soil erosion in Europe and South America. Over the years he built a laboratory in the department that was devoted to both soil and water quality issues in lakes and terrestrial surfaces at various field sites in North America. This included applied local work on metal transport in the Don River and assessment and remediation strategies for contaminated soils in reclaimed areas of the Toronto waterfront. Jan will be continuing collaborative research projects on several

aspects of soil chemistry with colleagues in the US and Australia. We wish him all the best and thank him for all his contributions to research and teaching in the department over the last decade. *Prepared by Professor Joe Desloges.*

**Vala Holmes** left the department on June 30, 1999 to take up a position as student counselor in the Department of English. Although only with us for a brief eight-month period, Vala made a very significant contribution to the operations of the department in her role as chair's assistant. This included the organization of one of our busiest years for interviewing job candidates (16 at last count). We will miss Vala and her energetic 'leaping and running' from task to task and we wish her all the best in her new position. *Prepared by Professor Joe Desloges.*

## Program Initiatives

Plans for the establishment of a joint **Masters in Spatial Analysis (MSA)** program with Ryerson Polytechnic University have been submitted to the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies for approval. First admissions are expected in September 2000.

Plans for the new **Master of Urban Design Studies (MUDS)** and **Master of Urban Design (MUD-in)** in the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design degrees continue to move forward. At present formal approvals for both programs are being sought from the School of Graduate Studies and then the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies. If all goes according to plan, the first class will be admitted to both programs in September 2000. Also, a new urban design specialization is expected to be added to the existing Master of Science in Planning degree [**M.Sc.Pl.(urban design)**] starting in September 1999 pending approval from the School of Graduate Studies. For further information about these initiatives please contact our Graduate Counsellor Marianne Ishibashi at 416-978-3377 or [ishi@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:ishi@geog.utoronto.ca).

## Research Initiatives

Researchers in the department recently received a grant from the NEPTIS Foundation to fund "The GTA Portrait Project". The project is an interdisciplinary undertaking led by Principal Investigator **Professor Larry Bourne**, with Co-Investigators: **Dr. Pamela Blais**, Metropole Consultants; **Professor Meric Gertler**, U of T geography & planning; **Professor Eric Miller**, U of T engineering; **Dr. Enid Slack**, Enid Slack Consulting Inc.; **Professor Rob Wright**, U of T,

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## Message from the (Acting) Chair

It is a pleasure and an honour to contribute, as acting chair, to the last *GEOPLAN* newsletter of the century. As you probably know, Joe Desloges is on a well-deserved six-month research leave until January 1, 2000. For reasons that escape me at the moment, I agreed to serve as acting chair in his absence. After only one month in the position, I now have an even greater admiration for the efforts of previous chairs, and for the quality of work and dedication of our administrative staff.

As Joe pointed out in his spring message, this has been a busy year in the Department, and the fall term promises to be at least as busy. Longstanding friends and colleagues Lino Grima and Siegfried Schulte retired in July; and Kim Bolton has left the University (and had a baby). To our good fortune, Katharine Rankin joined the teaching faculty in January, and Elizabeth Macdonald and Kanishka Goonewardena will begin teaching in the Planning program and urban design stream this September. A fourth new colleague, Scott Prudham, will arrive next summer. The fall term will also see at least four new faculty searches underway (in hydrology, soils, China, and Canadian studies). The front office has also seen changes: Vala Holmes has moved to the position of student advisor in her original home, the English Department. We wish her well. In her place we welcome Carla Vitoria, formerly of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, as the chair's assistant.

Several new academic programs and research projects are now underway. Two new collaborative masters programs are in process of review for initiation in the fall of 2000: a joint Masters in Spatial Analysis (MSA), with Ryerson; and a Masters of Urban Design Studies (MUDS), with the Faculty of Architecture. Among the new research projects that have recently taken flight, one is a team-project (geography, planning, engineering, landscape) to develop a detailed issue-based, graphics and GIS-driven portrait of the GTA, funded by the Neptis Foundation; and second, a long-term (five-year, \$5 million) project funded by CIDA on waste management and environmental education in Vietnam and neighbouring countries, in which Virginia Maclaren is the key actor.

We should also acknowledge a number of special awards to faculty and students: Betsy Donald (Ph.D., spring 1999) won the Governor General's Medal for her doctoral dissertation (only one medal in Divisions I and II); Jock Galloway received a richly-deserved outstanding teaching award from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in April; Miriam Diamond received the Premier's Research Excellence Award in Science; and, to the surprise of no one, Meric Gertler has been named the first holder of the new Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies at University College. Congratulations.

In addition, the fellowship resources available for graduate studies in the Department has recently increased through a generous donation by Professor Emeritus William Dean to the Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (OGSST) program. This donation, as described on page 1, is matched on a five to one basis by the province and the University to create an annual (named) scholarship (of \$15,000) in perpetuity.

Finally, the strength of any department is its people. This emphatically includes the alumni, and other friends of geography and planning. In the face of tight budgets, and the increasing financial stress placed on students, the contributions of friends and alumni become even more important. I urge you to continue your contributions to the department and to its varied fellowship and student award programs. We need and welcome your input, advice and support.

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# Message from the Director of Planning

The theme of this message is success. Our third annual spring get-together was an unqualified success from several different perspectives. It was extremely well attended so much so that we may have to consider finding another venue for next spring's event. Significantly, we also succeeded in attracting a good number of alumni from not only the '90s and '80s, but also the '70s and earlier years. Moreover, for the first time in the short history of this event, we sought and secured financial sponsorship from the professional planning community in the GTA. As Nina-Marie's story on page 7 notes, the very hard work of the Planning Alumni Committee of UTAGA paid off handsomely.

We have also enjoyed tremendous success in the search for two new faculty members to teach urban design and planning. With the arrival of Kanishka Goonewardena from Cornell (via NYU) and Elizabeth Macdonald from Berkeley we have both restored the vital teaching capabilities lost with recent retirements and put into place the key resources required for our new program offerings in Urban Design (by the way, we remain committed to a September 2000 launch date for the new MUDS program, pending provincial approval).

Still on the theme of success, it was with great pleasure and pride that we learned about the latest of our alumni to be honoured by the Canadian Institute of Planners, when Peter Walker (B.A. 6T6, M.Sc.Pl. 6T9) was elected to the rank of Fellow — one of three conferred at CIP's annual meeting in Montreal in June. Congratulations, Peter!

It is against the backdrop of these successes that we prepare ourselves for the challenge of raising funds for a new Distinguished Visitor in Planning Chair. Dean Carl Amrhein's announcement at our spring get-together that the University has made this new Chair eligible for a 2:1 matching grant under the Connaught Distinguished Visitors in the Humanities and Social Sciences initiative represents yet another coup for us, since it effectively reduces by a half the size of the capital fund we need to generate through private donations. Onward and upward!

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landscape architecture; and **Mr. Byron Moldofsky**, Cartographic Supervisor. **Lorne Cappe** of City Planning is serving as project co-ordinator.

The purpose of the project is to provide a comprehensive picture, or portrait, of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in its temporal and geographical contexts, through statistical analyses, description, mapping and other visual and graphic methods. It is intended to contribute to improving the knowledge base for understanding the growth of Canada's dominant urban region and to enable more effective public policy formulation to deal with emerging problems and opportunities in the GTA.

**Professor Miriam Diamond** was recently awarded a Premier's Research Excellence Award. The award is in support

of excellence in research for new faculty (i.e. those hired in the last eight years) and will be used to support her research on contaminant accumulation on impervious surfaces (i.e. windows!). She has also received funding as the Principal Investigator in a multi-disciplinary study of urban air toxics. Funding is from the new Toxic Substances Research Initiative of Health and Environment Canada. The research hit the press as part of a front page article in *The Toronto Star* this summer.

**Phil Graniero** (Ph.D. candidate, Vince Robinson, supervisor) recently presented papers at three international conferences. Excerpts are available on-line at <http://eratos.erin.utoronto.ca/grad/graniero/papers/papers.html>.

# Opportunity for planning announced

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

At the April 22, 1999 Friends of Planning Spring Social, Dean Carl Amrhein announced that the Planning Program's proposed endowed Distinguished Visitor in Planning position, has qualified to receive matching funding through the Connaught Distinguished Visitors in the Humanities and Social Sciences initiative.

The Distinguished Visitor in Planning position will enable the university to attract (on a rotating basis) distinguished planning practitioners from either the public or private sector to teach, participate in research and help strengthen the links between traditional academic enterprise and practice. In order to create this endowed position \$500,000 in private donations will need to be raised. These funds will then be matched by both the Connaught Fund and the university, thereby creating a \$1.5 million endowment, with an anticipated \$75,000 annual payout. These special 2:1 matching funds are available for a total of only four Distinguished Visitor Programs across the entire university, and the Planning Program hopes to be one of the areas able to capitalize on this exciting initiative.

Alumni and friends interested in supporting the creation of the Distinguished Visitor in Planning position are encouraged to contact Professor Larry Bourne or Professor Meric Gertler at 416-978-3375.

# Visiting Professor in planning

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

David Gurin, former Commissioner of Planning for Metropolitan Toronto (1995-1998) has accepted a one-year Visiting Professorship in the Department of Geography and Program in Planning. During this year he will be teaching several courses including Transportation Geography and Planning, Urban Transportation Policy Analysis: Car, Culture & Politics and the Current Issues Paper course. He will also be helping to co-ordinate the Workshop in Planning Practice.

"David is keen to lend his wisdom to a new generation of geographers and planners," says Meric Gertler, Director of the Program in Planning, "his background and experience enable him to bridge the gap between the academic and the practical—to the significant benefit of our students. He was with us as a sessional instructor last year and we are delighted to have him take on an expanded role this year."

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# Graduate Program Announcements

Congratulations to the following graduate students for successfully completing their degree requirements for convocation in January or June 1999. (Note: The \* denotes students who completed the Environmental Collaborative Masters degree and in the case of M.Sc.Pl. graduates, the paper cited is their Current Issues Paper.)

**Silvio Abate, M.A.\*** *An Assessment of Industrial Ecology Practices of the Metal Plating and Finishing Industry in Metropolitan Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area.* S. Labatt, Supervisor.

**Natasha Louise Amott, M.A.\*** *Decision-Making Structures for Soil Erosion Management in Rural North China.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

**Robert Michael Anderson, M.Sc.Pl.** *On the Right Track? The Feasibility of a Fixed Rail Link from Union Station to Pearson International Airport.* R. Soberman (Eng), Supervisor.

**Devina Bahadoorsingh, M.Sc.Pl.** *Planning for Empowerment: Recommendations for a Microfinance Program for Poor Women in Trinidad and Tobago.* A. Daniere, Supervisor.

**Christopher James Broughton, M.Sc. Pl.** *Environmental Impacts and Private Sector Development: A Case for Municipal Environmental Assessment.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

**Corwin Cambray, M.Sc.Pl.** *Grey Power - An Engine for Downtown Revitalization.* J. Farrow (Cdn Urban Inst.), Supervisor.

**Jeffrey Wah Chow, M.Sc. Pl.** *Planning for Community Facilities in King-Spadina.* S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

**Elizabeth J.(Betsy) Donald, Ph.D.** *Economic Change and City-Region Governance: the Case of Toronto.* M. Gertler, Supervisor.

**Penelope Ann Duda, M.Sc. Pl.** *Unraveling the Industrial Real Estate Dilemma in New York: Land Use Planning for Industrial Retention and Expansion.* M. Gertler, Supervisor.

**Richard Anthony Fernandes, Ph.D.** *The Influence of the Scale of Moss Cover and Soil Hydrologic Parameterization on Model Estimates of Evapotranspiration and Net Ecosystem Production in Boreal Conifer Landscapes.* L. Band, Supervisor.

**Graham Paul Flanagan, M.A.** *Towards an Understanding of Restaurant Location: A Case Study of Mississauga, Ontario.* K. Jones (Ryerson), Supervisor.

**Barbara Gosse, M.Sc. Pl.** *Development Charges, Are They an Appropriate tool for Revenue Generation to Support Affordable Housing and Other Supportative Housing Needs?* S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

**Timothy Robert Haldenby, M.Sc. Pl.** *Protecting the Past: The Ontario Realty Corporation and the Sale of Heritage Property.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

**Angela Jennifer Han, M.Sc. Pl.** *A Catalyst for Change: Municipal Initiatives for Promoting the Use of Renewable Energy Technologies in the New City of Toronto.* B. Savan, Supervisor.

**Ingrid Jane Hartmann, M.Sc. Pl.** *A Retail Analysis of King Spadina.* M. Gertler, Supervisor.

**Tanuja Kulkarni, M.Sc.\*** *Urban Floods in Southern Ontario: A Methodology to Determine Causality.* R. White, Supervisor.

**Ashij Jain Kumar, M.Sc.\*** *Validation of a Critical Sulfur and Nitrogen Load Model in Southern Ontario, Canada Using Soil Chemistry Data from MARYP.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

**Shellen Liao, M.Sc. Pl.** *Multi-Functional Uses of Grand Public Spaces: Designing for Diversity, Culture, and Events in Nathan Phillips Square.* E. Relph, Supervisor.

**Niall Charles Majury, Ph.D.** *Local Knowledge, Global Markets and the Geography of Investment Banking.* M. Gertler, Supervisor.

**Peter Anton Menes, M.A.** *Characterization of Fine Pattern Variation of Forested Landscapes.* F. Csillag, Supervisor.

**Claire Nicole Millington, M.Sc. Pl.** *Why Preserve Farmland? A Review of the Non-Economic Benefits of Agriculture in the GTA.* R. DiFrancesco, Supervisor.

**Mimi Ng, M.Sc.Pl.** *Home Sweet Home?: An Evaluation of Condominium Tenant Rights Under Current Legislation.* J. Miron, Supervisor.

**Lisa Dawn Orchard, M.Sc. Pl.** *A Supportive Single Room Occupancy Implementation Strategy for the City of Toronto.* S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

**Mark Edward Pfeifer, Ph.D.** *"Community", Adaptation, and the Vietnamese in Toronto.* G. Gad, Supervisor.

**Chantal Marguerite Rheault, M.A.\*** *Environmental Policy and Implementation: A Case Study of TransCanada Pipelines Ltd..* R. Jaakson, Supervisor.

**Carol Anne Robinson, M.Sc.** *An Evaluation of Factors Affecting Sea Level Variation in Hudson Bay.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

**Maja Saletto Jankovic, M.A.\*** *Land Cover Change in the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve: A Case Study of Artemesia Township.* R. Jaakson, Supervisor.

**Vivienne Skoberne, M.Sc. Pl.** *Brownfield Sites in Rexdale: A Framework for Understanding.* R. DiFrancesco, Supervisor.

**Susan Hildegarde Smith, M.A.** *The Development of Toronto's Crown Reserves as Industrial Areas, 1793-1900.* G. Gad, Supervisor.

**Gregory Martin Spencer, M.Sc. Pl.** *The Reurbanization of the Allen Road Corridor.* R. Wright (Arch), Supervisor.

**Terence Tam, M.Sc. Pl.** *Enhancing Efficiency of Electricity Distribution in the New City of Toronto: Rationale, Strategies and Challenges.* A. Daniere, Supervisor.

**Dianne Yeuk Sze Tom, M.Sc.Pl.** *Cleaning Up Our Sewers: Exploring Enforcement and Compliance Alternatives for the City of Toronto's Sewer Use Bylaw.* B. Savan, Supervisor.

**Yoko Ujike, M.Sc.Pl.** *Improving the Level of Community Safety in the City of Toronto: What can be Learned from Japanese Policy Systems.* A. Daniere, Supervisor.

**Romila Verma, M.A.\*** *The Impact of Weather Variables on Summer Water Use in the City of Toronto: A Case Study and Policy Implications.* L. Grima, Supervisor.

**Sarah Jill Wigle, M.Sc.Pl.** *Deregulation in King-Parliament: Market Response and Implications for Employment Uses.* P. Blais, Supervisor.

**John Scott Wintrup, M.Sc.Pl.** *Portfront: Design Guidelines for Redeveloping Toronto's Port Area.* E. Relph, Supervisor.

**Andrew Roy Wolfe, M.A.** *Permafrost: Human Adaption to Climate Change in the Hudson Bay Region.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

**Stella Yee Ping Wu, M.Sc.Pl.** *The Housing Preferences of Vancouver's Aging Baby Boomers.* J. Miron, Supervisor.

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## *Focus on...Research*

# Waste management project funded

by Megan Easton

A U of T project that will, among other things, aid Southeast Asian waste-pickers — mostly women and children — has received \$5 million from the Canadian International Development Agency.

The five-year waste management program will take place in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Under CIDA's University Partnerships in Co-operation and Development Program, **Professor Virginia Maclaren** of the Department of Geography and her U of T team will work with research and government partners to develop an integrated waste management approach to growing pollution problems in Southeast Asia. Called the Waste-Econ project, it will build on the work of Professor Emeritus Joseph Whitney of geography who recently completed the Vietpro 2020 project, also funded by CIDA; it focused on environmental training in Vietnam.

"These countries are going through periods of very rapid economic development and they've had very little experience in dealing with the environmental management problems that accompany such growth," said Maclaren, Waste-Econ's director.

Urban growth and industrialization have added new, sometimes hazardous, material to the waste stream and the countries don't have the resources or knowledge to cope with new demands. Through pilot projects and educational initiatives at the local and national level, Waste-Econ will promote waste reduction and recycling, sustainable urban development and better employment conditions for waste management workers.

All three countries have a waste trade system involving waste-pickers and junk buyers who sell recycled material to industry. One of the Waste-Econ project's priorities is to educate and empower these low-level waste workers.

"The working and living conditions of the waste-pickers are terrible," Maclaren said, "so we're going to provide training in small enterprise development -- things like giving them access to credit so they can purchase better equipment and helping them to form co-ops."

Other educational projects will target local professors, university students and public and private waste managers. Waste-Econ's integrated, interdependent approach considers all players in the waste economy, Maclaren said. "If you don't have the policies in place at the national level it's very difficult to achieve results at the local level, and similarly if you don't have community support and awareness it's very difficult to implement those national policies."

The primary partner in Vietnam is the government's National Institute for Science, Technology Policy and Strategy Studies, but the Waste-Econ team also includes a variety of local research centres and training institutes with expertise in scientific, economic and social issues of waste management. Faculty and students from U of T's departments of economics and geography, the Faculty of

Applied Science and Engineering and the Institute for Environmental Studies will make up the Canadian contingent, along with the non-government development organization Gems of Hope and the non-profit Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement Inc.

Maclaren said the university's strong support of Waste-Econ played a role in securing the CIDA funding. A \$200,000 contribution from the university's Connaught Fund, which supports key U of T research initiatives, will allow several U of T students to travel to the host countries each year of the program. "The educational opportunities for our students and the chance to bring back the experience to our courses at U of T is an important aspect of this project," Maclaren said.

Though it is a program with a definite beginning and ending, Maclaren's vision of the Waste-Econ project goes beyond the five-year term. Her goal is to establish a strong knowledge base in waste management in the host countries that will continue after her team leaves. "We want to leave behind something that is sustainable, so our objective in the end is to have individuals in place who can carry on the delivery of knowledge about waste management problems and pollution."

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## Goldring Chair to a geographer

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support colloquia, symposia and other activities that will encourage public debate and contribute to a better understanding of our country's past, present and future.

Just how will this appointment affect Professor Gertler's significant role in the Department of Geography and the Program in Planning? "I will continue to serve as Director of the Planning Program this year, after which I will continue to teach and supervise geography and planning students," replied Professor Gertler. In due time Professor Gertler will become responsible for overseeing

the fourth-year Canadian Studies thesis course, a course comparable to GGR 491Y. Gertler adds, "I am also looking forward to contributing to the growth of Canadian Studies at this University." How did his family react to the news of his appointment? "When I told my 9-year-old son he asked if I was getting a throne. He was disappointed when I told him that it wasn't that kind of chair." While there won't be a throne, it's no doubt that Professor Gertler's family will be with him when this significant honour is formally recognized at a reception planned for this fall. It's an honour that couldn't have gone to a more deserving or nicer individual. Congratulations Meric!

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# Friends of Planning celebrate spring!

By **Nina-Marie Lister, B.A. 9T0, M.Sc.Pl. 9T2**

On April 22, 1999 UTAGA's Planning Alumni Committee (PAC) held its third annual Friends of Planning get-together. This year's event was a Spring Social at Massey College, featuring cocktails, canapés, and plenty of stimulating discussion. Attended by more than 120 alumni, practitioners and other friends of planning, the evening was highlighted by an engaging presentation on the new Dundas Square and revitalization of Yonge Street by James Brown and Kim Storey of Brown + Storey Architects Inc.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and the donations of many thoughtful individuals, we've been able to provide a significant gift to the Friends of Planning Fund. Special thanks go to our corporate sponsors - Bousfield, Dale-Harris, Cutler & Smith Inc.; DS-Lea Associates Ltd.; Fasken Campbell Godfrey; Hemson Consulting Ltd.; IBI Group; Urban Intelligence Inc.; Urban Strategies Inc.; Walker Nott Dragicevic Associates Ltd.; Wittington Properties Ltd.; and Zawadzki Armin Stevens Architects Inc. - all of whom generously made this evening possible.

In all, the event was a resounding success, and is indeed on its way to becoming a tradition. We hope that our many esteemed graduates, their colleagues and friends in the diverse field of planning will continue to mark the Spring Social in their calendars as a "can't miss" opportunity for conversation, networking, and good fun all around!

*Editor's note: PAC will soon begin its plans for its 2000 event. If you are interested in assisting in any way please contact [pac@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:pac@geog.utoronto.ca) or the UTAGA office (see page 20).*

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*Left top: Paul Stevens and Nina-Marie Lister, B.A. 9T0, M.Sc.Pl. 9T2. Left bottom: Professor Emeritus Alan Waterhouse, M.Sc.Pl. 6T6 and Ann Borooah, M.Sc.Pl. 8T2. Right top: Luciano Piccioni, M.Sc.Pl. 8T9, Professor Rick DiFrancesco, Tony Volpentesta, M.Sc.Pl. 9T1. Right Middle: Antony Lorius, B.A. 9T6, M.Sc.Pl. 9T8 and Professor Meric Gertler. Right bottom: Nancy Mudrinic, B.A. 9T0, M.Sc.Pl. 9T7.*

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# Applying Geography...Opportunities abound

By Roger Clarke, B.A. 7T1

In my last article in *GEOPLAN*, I outlined a varied environmental and geographic career both in teaching and the public service. As a sidebar I mentioned a growing interest, now a passion for genealogy and the search for my roots in Ireland and England. This passion, frenzy or just plain craziness has held my focus for more than a year (and I expect for the next 10 to 20) and has divulged some 900 relatives in the family tree so far discovered in North America, Ireland and Britain. During this quest, I realized that opportunities exist here in a variety of ways for students, historical geographers and others to develop courses, research papers and research information that can be of extensive value to novice and advanced genealogists and those who search out family origins.

## *The Context*

It is currently estimated that some 40 million persons are working on their family tree in North America. Everyone I talk to is either doing some sort of family research, would like to do it or knows someone who is doing it. There are an estimated (and growing daily) 50,000 genealogy-related websites on the Internet. A genealogy forum on COMPUSERVE, hosted by Don Eastman draws large crowds of participants. Rootsweb ([www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)) hosts some two thousand conferences and surname groups while processing some 2.5 million pieces of e-mail per month. Time magazine (US Edition) had genealogy on the front cover in April 1999.

## *The Church of the Latter-day Saints*

The Church of the Latter-day Saints (LDS) have established a network of Family History Centres (FHC) worldwide to provide patrons (members and non members) access to its two million microfilms, microfiche and books, a collection that started in 1938. Each year the Family History Department of the LDS preserves and catalogues about 100 million new pages of historical documents. Most records date from 1500 to 1920.

The LDS has developed an Ancestral file of genealogies of families from around the world submitted by fellow genealogists. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche lists dates of birth, marriage and baptism taken from parish registers around the world. The Family History Catalogue is a library catalogue of the most extensive collection of history books, films, fiche and records. Until recently all the LDS information was available at a local FHC but now the indexes, the ancestral file and the History Catalogue are available on line at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

In addition, the LDS has made available for sale at extraordinary prices a series of data bases on CD-ROM including vital statistics for Britain, North America, Australia (indexes of church and civil records). Most recently the LDS has released after eight years of cataloguing, indexing and inputting, the 1881 Census for England, Scotland and Wales on 24 CDs (cost \$33.00US). These CD-ROMs contain 30 million records. Further release of the LDS collection of information and indexes can be expected.

The online e-commerce site out of Milton Ontario provides Canadians with access to old and reprinted books, directories, new books, research CD-ROMS, fiche and other materials, all available in Canadian funds. SEL Enterprises in Thornhill offers access to many British Family History Society pamphlets and monographs normally not available in this country. The industry on the web flourishes.

Needless to say, the computer has over taken genealogy research, as in many other disciplines and enabled an industry to

flourish over the Internet whereas it could not grow before. Individuals are now cataloguing, indexing and synthesizing old manuscripts, Town directories, gazetteers, maps and unpublished documents to assist in family research.

## *Historical Geography*

Historical geography used to have a small niche in the U of T Geography Department in the 1970s. As an undergrad, I always cynically wondered about historical geographers and the study of older communities within the country or city (my apologies to Lawrence Grossman, B.A. 7T2), barn types and styles in southern Ontario (my apologies to Peter Ennals, B.A. 6T7, M.A. 6T8, Ph.D. 7T8), but now as I pursue an adventure in historical geography and history (my thanks to Michael Bliss for that excellent Canadian History course I took in third year), I see the importance of historical memory.

The avenues and opportunities for students are endless. Most encouraging for departments and students alike, is that much of this research may be marketable to the many who search out their roots.

Most family researchers want to know more than just their family tree and their relatives, they want to know what life was like in the European country of their origin, what did their relatives do, occupations, family addresses, and of course the search for lost kin.

For example, my wife's family came to Canada from Ireland in 1864. The store in Bailieborough, County Cavan that they owned still stands and is still owed by the family that bought it some 135 years ago. Her great grandfather's brother became the Mayor of Toronto in 1881-1884 (Edward Frederick Clarke) and later the MP until his death in 1905 at the age of 55. He was eulogized in the *Globe* by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A huge stone marks his family plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Of course the rest of our families are a bunch of blackguards and common folk; but it is nice to find one significant and illustrious relative in the tree.

## *Skills*

What is needed to become a good family researcher? See if these concepts and skills ring any bells. A good researcher needs to know how to do research, to scour the libraries and government sources for information, synthesize, evaluate, compile and provide authorities, footnotes and sources. Much of the potential data such as Census information is full of errors including spelling errors (yes it was all hand transcribed). Some is unintelligible without computer enhancement.

A familiarity with historical references and terms is necessary. I am constantly running into terms that seemed irrelevant to my world in high school and University such as Non-Conformists, diseases and famines, workhouses, Poor Law Unions, topographical dictionaries, gazetteers, Guilds, deportations and transportation.

History and geography unfold in a different and magical way when one does a family research project

## *Opportunities*

The skills are the same, the topics similar, the opportunities are boundless for term and final year research, papers and perhaps marketing. Many consultants have now emerged to assist family researchers and do the research for them. For many, contacts in Britain and/or Europe are essential for a full family history research project.

Family research involves analysis, a keen eye for detail, accuracy and sourcing, organizational skills, the study of data sources, travel, intuitive reasoning and a solid base in geography

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and history, as well as a chance to discover oneself and family. Those stories that grandfather told often turn out to be family myth and legend. My grandfather told all his family that he was born in Wales and many to this day still believe that. (Not true - he was just a common Englishman.)

Old gazetteers and topographical dictionaries are being discovered and reprinted, often on CD-ROM. Samuel Lewis produced a series of topographical dictionaries in the 1830's and 1840's on Ireland and Britain that have now been released in hard cover to assist researchers. Topographical dictionaries describe the country side and every town and feature from a historical, economic and social perspective. Many early theses and research papers in the department (often examined counties or regions) followed this approach for areas of Ontario. Is there an opportunity here to share some important Ontario knowledge with family researchers?

Some of the other projects that are under way (food for thought) are the cataloguing of old cemeteries across Ontario, indexing local census records for towns and counties in North America and Europe, re-issuing of antiquarian books, surveys and maps, local town histories and family histories, parish records, the history of groups and organizations that have helped shape communities and politics, surname lists and the list goes on.

Many of these projects are coordinated through the Ontario Genealogical Society(OGS) and other local family history groups and societies.

University studies today provide opportunities to be focussed and current. The historical, economic and urban aspects of geography blend well with the current trends that society is following. Additionally, opportunities exist to accomplish relevant research that may benefit the community and individuals. This research also lends itself to career opportunities during and beyond the University.

Genealogical Advice freely given.

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# Historical Geography at U of T

By Professor Jock Galloway

Roger Clarke I am sure will be pleased to know that historical geography still has a significant place in the Department and indeed had rather more than a "niche" when he was an undergraduate. The Department continues to offer several courses in historical geography that attract a good number of students. There are even a few graduate students. At St. George, Robert Lewis has taken over teaching in urban historical geography from the retired Jim Lemon, Aidan McQuillan continues his work on Quebec and historic preservation, and I keep up my interests in Latin America, the Caribbean and the sugar cane industry. Joe Leydon, who holds a contract position, adds to our teaching strength. At U of T Mississauga (UTM), Gunter Gad writes about urban historical geography and Tom McIlwraith has just published *Looking for Old Ontario*, a book that anyone interested in Ontario should enjoy. Also at UTM, Cecil Houston does research on Irish immigration to Canada. At Scarborough, Ted Relph and Michael Bunce have interests in cultural geography.

For many years, the *Historical Atlas of Canada* was the focus of much of the research effort of historical geographers, in this Department and across Canada. The *Historical Atlas* has proved to be an on-going research project. Byron Moldovsky, our cartographer, is directing the *Historical Atlas On-line Learning Project* which will put on the internet maps based on the *Historical Atlas*. Aidan McQuillan and Carl Amrhein, in collaboration with historical geographers at Laval, have received a grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to build on the *Historical Atlas* and the *Atlase Historique du Québec* to develop data bases on health and the environment.

These two projects exemplify some of the changes that are taking place in the practice of historical geography. Both use GIS technology. Secondly, the joint project with Laval, which will contribute to our understanding of the environmental history of Canada, reflects the boost the environmental movement has given to studies of how human activity in the past has brought about environmental change. Environmental history, a relatively new term, covers a field of research in which historical geographers have long been active. In true geographical fashion, environmental history draws not only on the documentary record but also on the evidence of past human activity that is to be found in landforms and vegetation. Tony Davis in our Department is keen on the contribution biogeography can make to historical geography/environmental history.

So historical geography continues to have a place in the Department, providing an historical perspective to geographical understanding.





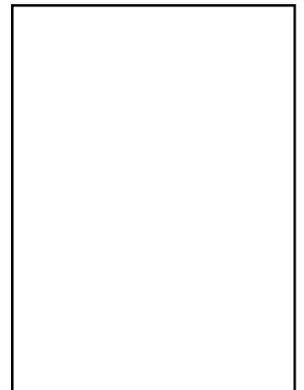


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## Gold for Betsy

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

Elizabeth J. (Betsy) Donald, M.Sc.Pl. 9T4 and Ph.D. 9T9 was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal this spring. The Governor General's Gold Medal is awarded to the graduate student in each Canadian University who achieves the highest academic standing. Based on its graduate enrollment, U of T receives two gold medals.



"In selecting Betsy to receive this award the University chose to recognize not only Betsy's exceptional academic achievements, but also her other considerable accomplishments while a doctoral student at U of T," said Professor Meric Gertler, her supervisor. "Among other things, Betsy served as policy advisor to President Robert Prichard for his work on the Provincial Government's Task Force on the Greater Toronto Area, chaired by Dr. Anne Golden. Her performance in this post earned her rave reviews from all those with whom she worked. She also played a major role in the organization of the highly successful conference, 'Urban Regions in a Global Context' which was sponsored in part by the Department." This award is the latest in a long line of honours Betsy has already received, including the Macpherson Award, the CIP Award for Academic Excellence, and a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship.

Betsy recently accepted a tenure-stream assistant professorship in urban-economic geography at Queen's University. Congratulations Betsy!

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# UTAGA NEWS

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni (UTAGA) has been scheduled for **Tuesday October 19 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the association's activities of the past year and to discuss plans for the coming year. All geography and planning alumni are welcome to attend. A free pizza supper will be provided. Please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) if you wish to attend.

## Awards Night

UTAGA and the department will co-host the "Fifth Annual Awards Presentation and Graduation Reception for the Department of Geography and Program in Planning" on **Thursday November 18, 1999 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in Alumni Hall, Old Vic, Victoria College. The purpose of the event is to honour the department's graduating class and to present various scholarships and awards to students and alumni.

Among the numerous awards presented by UTAGA two deserve special mention, the UTAGA Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna and the UTAGA Honorary President Awards. The Distinguished Alumnus award is given to an alumnus/alumna of the department who has made a significant contribution to the discipline of geography. In 1999 this award will be given to **John Warkentin, M.A. 5T4, Ph.D. 6T1**. The Honorary President award is given to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the development of the department, its programs and its alumni. In 1999 the award will be given to **Dick Baine, M.A. 5T2**.

Graduates and award winners will be mailed invitations. Anyone else wishing to attend this event may do so provided they RSVP Donna Jeynes at 416-978-3375 or [jeynes@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:jeynes@geog.utoronto.ca) by November 11, 1999.

## Introductory GIS Workshops

UTAGA continues to offer Introductory Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Workshops. The purpose of the Workshops is to provide the uninitiated with an opportunity to be introduced to the basic principles of GIS and to gain some experience using the MapInfo software. Previous experience in GIS or MapInfo is not required. Workshops are kept small with a maximum of 12 registrants per session. Approximately half of the time is used for instruction and the second half for hands-on practice.

These Workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 2 and November 13, 1999 (provided sufficient registration is received). Additional dates can be added if sufficient demand exists. Registration fees are \$75 for alumni without corporate funding and \$100 for alumni with corporate funding or non-alumni. Lunch, light refreshments and course handouts are included. Advance registration is required. Please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) to obtain a registration form.

## Putnam Biography & 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Alumni, especially those from the 1940s through early 1970s will be pleased to learn that a biography of Professor Donald Putnam is currently being written by Marie (Lustig) Sanderson, B.A. 4T4 and Robert Putnam, B.A. 5T9. The book, which will include many fond reminiscences by Professor Putnam's former students and colleagues, will be published and distributed by

UTAGA and the department. It is expected to be available in the spring of 2000.

The year 2000 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto, the first geography department in Canada. To mark this milestone, UTAGA plans to hold a special event to launch the publication of the Putnam biography. Alumni interested in assisting with the plans for this event should contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

Look for additional information about the biography and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities in the next issue of *GEOPLAN*.

## U of T Day

**Saturday October 16, 1999** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is **U of T Day** at the University of Toronto's St. George campus. It's an event designed to provide prospective students, alumni and the community an opportunity to explore the campus and discover (or re-discover) all that U of T has to offer. Throughout the campus various colleges, faculties and departments will be hosting a wide-range of activities for the young and not-so-young alike. It's a great opportunity to visit the campus with family and friends, or even on your own!

On U of T Day UTAGA and the department will be co-hosting the **Geography Open House** in the Physical Geography Building, 45 St. George Street. The event will feature numerous hands-on displays and demonstrations that highlight the diverse nature of the discipline and the department at U of T. Come and try out computers for geographic information systems (GIS), cartography, remote sensing or satellite imagery, see flume demonstrations, play the soil-site matching game, find out about research activities by the department's graduate students and faculty, and enter the GeoQuest contest to win a copy of *The Concise Historical Atlas of Canada*.

For further information contact 416-978-8638 or the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

## Volunteers wanted

Looking for a way to get involved with the University, in a fun setting? Consider assisting with one of the following UTAGA initiatives.

**Join the UTAGA Executive.** The Executive is responsible for guiding the work of the Association and is looking for new members to assist in its ever-increasing list of undertakings. Alumni from any U of T Geography or Planning program are eligible to join. The group meets regularly in alternate months. Time commitments vary depending on the interests of the members. Please contact Susan Werden at 905-841-4347 or [utaga@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:utaga@geog.utoronto.ca) if you are interested.

**Assist the Planning Alumni Committee (PAC).** PAC is a Standing Committee of UTAGA. At present the Committee's efforts have focused on organizing its annual Spring Event and on administering the Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship. PAC is looking for volunteers to assist with its activities. Responsibilities and commitments vary. Contact Thelma Gee at 416-585-6330 or [pac@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:pac@geog.utoronto.ca) for information.

**Be a contact volunteer.** UTAGA is looking for volunteers to assist with phone-a-thons to inform people about upcoming UTAGA events, to update the database and gather information for the Alumni Bulletin Board. Interested individuals should contact Penny Henry at 416-483-2881 or [penelope@mail.interlog.com](mailto:penelope@mail.interlog.com).

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# Class of 7T4 reunites at Spring Reunion

By Rick Clow, B.A. 7T4

For a class that graduated 25 years ago the modern convenience of email proved to be a significant tool in coordinating a reunion get-together for class of 7T4 members. Interestingly, and perhaps it shows that geographers can keep current with modern technology, all those that attended the 7T4 reunion, at the University's Spring Reunion on June 5, 1999, utilized email to keep abreast of the final arrangements.

Class of 7T4 members that attended the reunion enjoyed lunch at Hart House and strolls through the St. George campus - reviving old memories - prior to attending the session for all geography alumni. The class members thank Byron for the information sign posted at Hart House.

"The Ghost Town Hunt" presentation by Ron Brown and hosted by UTAGA, brought back memories of attending classes in Sidney Smith Hall. For those of you who couldn't be present, the seats, and a-v facilities, have been significantly upgraded. This session and the refreshments and discussion that followed were appreciated by all.

Afterwards, the 7T4 group strolled en-masse to Hart House, with many comments about what used to be and what had changed, and then boarded buses for the President's Garden Party.

Upon return, the group proceeded to dinner at Hua Sang restaurant, on Baldwin St. On the walk there, the high temperature of the June day and the act of passing the Mechanical Engineering building brought back memories of the first university class for the 7T4 grads. It was September, 1970, GGR 100 with Professor Ken Hare in the Mechanical Engineering building, the day was very warm and the heat was on in the building.

Those of the class of 7T4 that were present thought it best for any class newsletter to concentrate on St. George campus grads of the years 7T3 to 7T5, only. Class members should watch for the next class newsletter, which will be sent soon.

It was also agreed that I would try to coordinate regular get-togethers of, at least, some of the class members, which could include inviting former professors. If any class members are planning to be in the Toronto area at any time they should contact me as far in advance as possible so that likely dates for potential get-togethers can be listed in the class newsletter. The group of 7T4 grads that were present looks forward to future gatherings with their classmates.

If you were a geography grad of the 7T3-7T4-7T5 era and can recall interesting facts or memories of your time at the university feel free to forward them to me for inclusion in the class newsletter.

Thank you to all those who participated in the geography class of 7T4 reunion.

*Editor's notes: Rick Clow can be contacted at [rick@reach.net](mailto:rick@reach.net) or through the UTAGA Office (see page 20).*

*The class of 6T9 also used UTAGA's Spring Reunion event as the base for a mini-reunion. UTAGA encourages alumni interested in organizing reunions for their classes to consider doing so around the Spring Reunion festivities. Assistance is available. Please contact the UTAGA Office for more information. In 2000 the classes of 4T0, 4T5, 5T0 etc. through to 8T5, 9T0, and 9T5 will be honoured by the University at Spring Reunion.*

# Cool websites for geographers & planners

Compiled and reviewed by Fenton Chin, B.A. 9T4

- (1) <http://geography.miningco.com>. An excellent starting point for both budding and professional geographers. Diverse subtopics cover almost every conceivable subject in the discipline of geography, to satisfy all tastes and interests—maps and cartography, census and demographics, population and cultures, history and politics, environmental protection, urbanization, landscape architecture, travel and tourism, geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing, etc. It also links to many other good sites and topics, such as subscriptions to geographic newsletters, clubs, chat lines, etc. Suitable for all ages. A sister site of the search engine <http://www.miningco.com> and mini-reference library <http://www.about.com>.
- (2) <http://www.geography.com>. Now who could have thought of a better name for a geography-related home page for the internet? Features new, daily world facts trivia to test your knowledge.
- (3) <http://www.gymgeography.com>. Gymnasium Geography. An interactive site with very educational and entertaining trivia. Lots of fun. Great for motivating your kids into studying geography at school. Also good for geography teachers who need ideas on lesson plans for the classroom.
- (4) <http://www.vtourist.com>. What would geography be without the stereotype of the travel agent? The virtual tourist acts as a message board where you could post your emails to persons from all over the world when one wants to learn a little more about his/her next vacation spot. And, like most other travel sites, it IS possible to book your own flights here.
- (5) <http://www.chelt.ac.uk/el/philg/gdn>. This is the Geography Discipline Network, or GDN for short. A fairly good association, giving surfers access to news, conferences, discussion papers, new ideas and archived literature, and a database to other useful resources.
- (6) <http://www.eelink.net>. For the many environmentally-inclined, this can be called THE site for everything that you always wanted to know, and didn't want to know, about the planet we live on, including what's being done about it.
- (7) <http://dialup1.csu.man.ac.uk/student/cidd/signpost/Geograph.htm>. What a long name! Too easy to forget. But it's worth checking out, especially by geography students and recent graduates. Think of it as your on-line counsellor. One would be surprised at the versatility that an education in geography can provide for short and long-term career goals.
- (8) <http://www.esri.com>. A good site for keeping up with the latest GIS technology. Free GIS and mapping software downloads are provided.
- (9) <http://www.geo.u-szeged.hu/FFT>. Another association. This one focuses on training teachers and professional geographers.
- (10) <http://www.geosearch.com>. A pseudo-search engine, with a human-resources orientation. Not your traditional employment agency. But a good starting point nevertheless. Geosearch Inc. recruits sales, marketing, technical, and managerial employees for GPS, GIS, and Information technology industries.

*Editor's note: We would be pleased to receive your suggestions for "cool" or interesting websites to visit. Please send your suggestions to [utaga@geog.utoronto.ca](mailto:utaga@geog.utoronto.ca).*



# Missing Alumni

While we make every effort to stay in touch with our alumni, inevitably we find that there are some of whom we have lost track. In an effort to help find our "missing alumni" we will be including a portion of our list of alumni for whom we no longer have a valid address, in each of the next several issues of *GEOPLAN*.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would review the lists and if you happen to have a valid address for any of the "missing alumni" would you either send it to us or let the person know that we are looking for him/her. Address information should be sent to the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

Note: maiden names are in **bold italics**.

Thanks in advance,  
Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8  
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# Many ways to help

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

Over the years we have approached our alumni for financial assistance to fund an increasing number of initiatives aimed at improving conditions for students in our programs, and many have been very generous in their support.

At present, the Department of Geography & Program in Planning is encouraging alumni and friends to donate to its many worthy funds (see descriptions in side box). While in the past two years our efforts have focused on raising funds for our scholarships and bursaries, this year we have returned our two general funds, "The Friends of Geography" and "Friends of Planning", to our list in order to give donors more choice in how they would like to see their donations allocated. These various funds can make a significant difference in the lives of students facing ever-increasing tuition fees and to a department facing shrinking budgets and increasing demands.

To those interested in our graduate students—you have an opportunity to make a bigger difference. The University has extended its "Matching Program" in which it will match 1:1 every dollar raised for endowed graduate scholarships and bursaries. Under the program money can be donated for the current year and/or pledged for any year up until 2002. Provided the donation/pledge form is received by June 30, 2000, the money will be matched—effectively doubling its impact.

Alumni and friends of U of T Geography and Planning can and do provide their assistance to the department in many intangible and valuable ways, which are greatly appreciated. But, when considering your charitable donations this year, please consider our initiatives and give what you can.

Donations and pledges can be made using the form found on page 19.

*Note: The university will issue charitable tax receipts for all donations.*

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### **The Alpar Scholarships (Undergraduate & Graduate<sup>1</sup>)**

The Alpar Scholarship Fund is an endowed scholarship, which was established in honour of the late Zehra Alpar, the Department's student advisor from the 1960s to her retirement in 1994. These awards are presented to outstanding students with financial need who have made significant progress in completing their degrees.

### **The Friends of Geography Fund**

This fund has played a key role in several areas of student and alumni support including infrastructure upgrades to electronic classrooms and renovations to graduate study and office space. The flexibility of the fund has meant it can be used to attract significant additional resources from both inside and outside the university. It has also been used to fund a variety of alumni activities including UTAGA's student and alumni awards, Spring Reunion and the production of this newsletter.

### **The Friends of Planning Fund**

Created in recognition of the distinct needs of students enrolled in the Planning Program, this fund will be used to improve the quality of life in the department for planning students, to foster liaison and good relations between the program and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, as well as between the program and its alumni.

### **The GGAPSS Bursary<sup>1</sup>**

The Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society (GGAPSS) created this bursary in 1997. It is intended to help graduate students through financial troubles that arise during the school year.

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Established in honour of Anne McMaster in 1994 on her retirement after 27 years of outstanding service to the department, as business officer. The purpose of these bursaries is to help students in financial need to defray costs of fieldwork, the acquisition of data for research, and the expense of professional-experience courses. In the past year the bursary subsidized travel to field sites in the US and overseas, the costs of printing and postage for mail surveys, and subsistence while doing fieldwork.

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Funded by an endowment which was created from the proceeds of a gala dinner held on December 9, 1997, in honour of Alan Tonks, upon his retirement as Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto, with matching funding from the University, these scholarships will be awarded annually to up to four students entering the second year of the Planning Program. The awards will be made on the basis of academic merit to students concentrating their studies in the areas of urban planning, urban transportation and urban infrastructure. Under exceptional circumstances, an award may be made to an incoming first year student. Financial need may also be considered.

### **The Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship**

The Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship was created through the efforts of the Planning Alumni Committee of UTAGA and was named in honour of Peter R. Walker in recognition of his generous financial contribution to the funding of this award. It is granted to one or more exceptional students upon entering the second year of the M.Sc.Pl. program. Recipients are individuals with financial need who have made significant contributions to planning practice through applied work and thus exemplify the best qualities of an "all-round planner".

*(<sup>1</sup>these awards are available to graduate geography and planning students)*

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## Department of Geography & Program in Planning

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## **Upcoming Events *at a glance***

### **UTAGA Introductory GIS Workshops**

Be introduced to Geographic Information Systems, by taking this one-day course. See page 14.

**October 2, and November 13, 1999**



### **U of T Day & Geography Open House**

An open house for all to discover what U of T and the Department of Geography have to offer. See page 14.

**October 16, 1999 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. George Campus**

### **UTAGA Annual General Meeting**

The association will review its year and discuss plans for the coming year. See page 14.

**Tuesday October, 1999 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

### **Awards Night**

UTAGA and the department honour award winners and the graduating class. See page 14.

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