This is a landmark year in the history of the department. It is our 75th anniversary and we will be celebrating the event in many different ways. The highlight will be our 75th anniversary weekend on September 17th - 19th to which we warmly invite all alumni, friends of the department, current students, faculty and staff. Please mark the date on your calendar! The weekend will include a luncheon, social events, a talk by a distinguished academic geographer, walking tours, a book display, a poster and map sale, and much more. Details about the weekend and how to register can be found on pages 10-13. We are also preparing a short monograph on the history of the department, covering the decades from the department’s founding up to the 1990’s. The monograph will be released in September during the anniversary weekend.

A major event this past year has been the completion of renovations to departmental space in Sidney Smith Hall and the arrival (from the basement) of over 30 graduate students in new offices on the fifth floor. Having graduate student offices on the fifth floor, side-by-side with faculty offices, has been a dream of administrators in the department for decades and has greatly changed the culture of the fifth floor. Graduate student offices and lounge space in the basement were also upgraded, with new paint and new furniture. As a result of the renovations, we finally have an urban design studio with natural light, which is a big improvement over the old studio in the basement. We also have a new graduate seminar room that seats 30, a new lounge for faculty, staff and students, and a kitchen, all on the fifth floor.

Finally, I have some sad news to report, which is the passing of two major figures in the department’s history, Professor Emeritus William Dean and former Chair, Professor Emeritus William Birch. Bill Dean joined the department in 1956 and had a distinguished career that included editorship of the award-winning Historical Atlas of Canada. Bill Birch was only at the department for a short time (1963-67) but he oversaw a number of momentous changes that helped establish the department as a major player among geography departments in North America.
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumnus John H. R. Horner establishes two new scholarships in Geography

We are delighted to announce the creation of two new scholarships in the department. One is the John Horner Undergraduate Scholarship in Geography and the second is the John Horner Graduate Scholarship in Geography. Matched 2:1 by the University of Toronto, this generous donation from John Horner, MA’67, will recognize excellence and enhance the educational opportunities of both undergraduate and graduate students in geography.

Alumnus Peter Walker funds new fellowships in planning

We are equally delighted to announce a second generous donation by Peter Walker, MSc.Pl.’69, that will create the Peter Walker Master of Science in Planning Fellowships. Again matched 2:1 by the University of Toronto, these fellowships will support student recruitment to the planning program, student travel for practical learning experiences and urban research projects.

PAC Fundraising results in two new scholarships

PAC is thrilled to announce that it has partnered with the Faculty of Arts & Science to fund a new GSEF scholarship award. An endowment of $50,000 from our revenues will be matched by the University to create a scholarship, in perpetuity. The Friends of Planning Graduate Scholarship for Innovation is made possible through donations to PAC, as well as through funds generated by our annual Spring Social.

PAC has also “topped-up” a second award, also in partnership with FAS, in memory of Matthew Hanson, our classmate who passed away in 2006. There are now two Matthew Hanson Scholarships, also to be awarded in perpetuity. Great news for students!

To register for this FREE GeoTrip, simply contact:
Andrew Malcolm at mainoffice@geog.utoronto.ca or 416-978-3375

Re-discover Garrison Creek - One of Toronto’s Lost Rivers

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Rain or shine!)
Where: Start at south end of Christie Pits Park (Christie and Bloor) and end at Fort York
Lunch: Bring your own food for a picnic lunch at Trinity Bellwoods Park
Of interest to: Geographers of all kinds, history buffs, aficionados of Old Toronto, and Environmental and Urban Planners

Garrison Creek is one of the numerous streams in the GTA, now buried and often converted to storm sewers, that originated after the Wisconsin Glacier departed some 12,000 years ago. It is named from the fact that the Creek entered Lake Ontario just to the east of the former garrison at Fort York. We shall be walking about 5 km of the Creek’s 7.5 km length.

“Lost River Walks” is a program run by the Toronto Green Community and the Toronto Field Naturalists and founded in the late 90s by Helen Mills, a former Physical Geography student of the Department. Helen, together with other members of the Lost River Walks Group, will be with us on our GeoTrip. At our final destination, Fort York, we will have a special presentation by the Fort’s National Historic Site staff and David O’Hara, MSc.Pl. ’01 and Administrator of the Fort. They will be joined by Dr. Andrew Stewart, Director of Strata Archaeological Services Inc. who has recently completed part of the archaeological assessment in preparation for the new Visitor Centre proposed for the site.
Kam Wing Chan, PhD, ’88, Professor at the U of Washington, has studied the impact of the global financial crisis on migrant workers in China. He was recently interviewed by BBC World News and was a panelist on China Radio International (Beijing). He also appeared as a commentator in a documentary entitled Manzou: Beijing to Shanghai. More details are on his webpage at:
http://faculty.washington.edu/kwchan

Mark Pfeifer, PhD, ’99, published Hmong-Related Works, 1996-2006: An Annotated Bibliography with Scarecrow Press in 2007. He is editor of A Hmao (Hua Miao) Songs, Stories, and Legends from China published in 2009 by Lincom and is editor of a forthcoming scholarly anthology of articles related to Hmong adaptation in the United States with the University of Hawaii Press. He is also editor of the Hmong Studies Journal, a peer reviewed scholarly journal that is part of the ProQuest Ethnic News watch and EBSCO Academic Search Complete databases. This journal may be accessed at www.hmongstudies.org. Mark works as an academic librarian at the growing Texas A and M University system campus of 9,000 students in Corpus Christi, TX.

After over a decade as Director of Planning Services at Giffels Corporation, Valdemar Nickel, MScPl ’97 is pleased to announce the relocation of his Registered Professional Planning practice to NORR Limited Architects, Engineers, Planners. Valdemar will continue in his role as Director of Planning Services.

THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PROGRAM IN PLANNING WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING ALUMNIS...

Thelma Gee, MScPl ’90, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for speaking to PLA1601F Environmental Planning and Policy; topic: Ontario’s Provincial Policy Statement.

Kevin Plautz, MScPl ’94, Ministry of Environment, for speaking to JGE 1413S Workshop in Environmental Assessment; topic: Ontario’s transit regulation and related initiatives.

Shayna Stott, MScPl ’05, City of Toronto, for speaking to PLA 1601F Environmental Planning and Policy; topic: Toronto’s Green Development Standard.

Luciano Piccioni, MScPl ’89, RCI Consulting, for speaking to PLA 1601F Environmental Planning and Policy; topic: Brownfield redevelopment in Ontario.

Phil Brown, PhD, head of shelter service at the City of Toronto, for speaking several times to JPG 1507S Graduate Seminar in Housing.

Leigh McGrath, MScPl’07 Planner at Urban Strategies Inc. and Michael Nobel MScPl ’08, City of Toronto, for presenting in the PAC Planning Skills Module 1 (Planning Framework); topic: Planning Framework in Ontario

David McKay MScPl ‘07, Partner, MHBC Planning, for presenting in PAC Planning Skills Module 2 (Advanced Site Planning); topic: The Importance of Design in the Site Planning Process. David was joined with renowned architect, Ralph Giannone.

Corwin Cambrey, MScPl ’90, City of Toronto, for hosting the Matthew Hanson Planning Opportunities Workshop; and panelists Jeff Cantos, MScPl ’04, City of Toronto Affordable Housing Office; Leigh McGrath, MScPl’07 Urban Strategies, Inc.; Reid Henry, MScPl ’01, Office for Urbanism; Louisa Sotamayor, PhD Candidate, Program in Planning; and Andrew Dales, MScPl ’97, Andrew Dales Consulting.

Renee Gomes, MScPl ’04, Urban Strategies, Inc., and Auvneit Tehara, MScPl’09 Board of Trade, for hosting and informal discussion on interview techniques and job search strategies at the PAC Mentoring Meet and Greet.
On June 12th, 2009, William Birch passed away at age 83 in Bristol, England. A former Chair of the Department of Geography, he was only at the University of Toronto for a short time (1963-67), but it was a period of significant rebuilding for the department and marked an important turning point in its history.

Following his war service, Birch earned his BA and PhD at the University of Reading and then lectured at the University of Bristol. In 1960, he moved to Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, followed by another move three years later to take up the position of Chair here at Toronto.

By the early 1960s, the Dean of Arts and Science and the President of the University of Toronto had become somewhat discontented with the performance of the Department of Geography, which they described as having lost ‘some of its momentum’. Other departments were being more successful in gaining funding to make new appointments from an expanding University budget. The Dean and the Chair Search Committee contacted Birch about the position. He was still young (38), but would bring youth and ambition to a department that desperately needed to expand, both in appointments and national/international reputation. Moreover, he was warmly recommended from England.

Birch cautiously agreed to the offer, leaving an editorship at Economic Geography and a new line of research into agricultural systems, but his acceptance began a long and successful career as an administrator. Between 1963 and 1967, Birch made 15 appointments in the fields of physical geography, historical geography, urban geography and the new quantitative, theoretical geography. These latter appointments may have been responsible for the widely held view that Birch was a promoter of the ‘quantitative revolution’. He was, but only to a limited extent. He also saw value in the study of regions, maintaining courses on Canada, Europe, the Soviet Union, Latin America and China. Many of the appointments were young PhDs from some of the most well-recognized graduate schools at the time. They were successful in attracting national and international graduate students and increasing enrolment from 20 graduate students in 1964 to 52 in 1967. Indeed, by the summer of 1967, the Department of Geography was very different from what it had been four years earlier: less provincial, more a national, and even international. It had been a remarkable period of expansion and the legacy of William Birch’s leadership would be felt for decades to come.

In 1967, for family reasons, Birch abruptly ended his term to return to England to take up a chair at the University of Leeds. He went on to have a very distinguished career as an administrator and transformer of polytechnics (secondary institutions below university level), including a long directorship of Bristol Polytechnic and service as Chairman of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics. Benefiting from his preparation, Bristol Polytechnic evolved into the University of West England in 1992.

Many geographers across Canada will be saddened to learn that Professor Emeritus William (Bill) Dean died on 29 December 2009. Bill will be best known to University of Toronto geography students, where he taught for over 30 years, and to the numerous participants in the two major atlas projects he led to outstanding success, the Economic Atlas of Ontario (1969) and the Historical Atlas of Canada (3 vols., 1987, 1990, 1993 and the Concise Historical Atlas of Canada, 1998). He was also editor (1960 to 1967) of the Canadian Geographer during its formative years. Bill belonged to the generation of university students whose late teen years and early twenties were spent in the armed forces during World War II. In Bill’s case it was in the artillery in the Royal Canadian Army in Great Britain, where he was a gunnery instructor. After the war he enrolled in the Honours geography programme at the University of Toronto (BA Hons., 1949), and then quickly went on to his M.A. (UofT 1950), followed by a PhD (McGill, 1959). In his doctoral work he carried out an aerial reconnaissance of the physiography and vegetation of the Albany River watershed in northern Ontario, and later in his career he specialized in Pleistocene geomorphology and the geography of Arctic Canada. He started his professional career working as a research geographer for the British Columbia Department of Lands (1952 to 1953) but he wanted to be a university teacher and in 1953 became the founding professor of geography at United College (now University of Winnipeg). In 1956 Bill was invited to teach at his alma mater, where he remained until retirement in 1987. Bill was a generous supporter of the department at UofT, where he endowed an Ontario Graduate Scholarship and an award for undergraduate field studies. A celebration of Bill’s life will be held at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto, on 12 May 2010. If you would like to attend, please contact Andrew Malcolm at mainoffice@geog.utoronto.ca.

Bill had great curiosity and broad geographical interests, and he enjoyed collaborative work. These characteristics found their outlet in the two big atlas projects that he initiated and organized. These were conceptualized in an era when two editions of the national atlas were produced, and provincial atlases were developed in British Columbia and Manitoba, and then in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Bill recruited Geoffrey Matthews to the University of Toronto to establish its cartography laboratory and to work with him on his first major atlas. He was the editor and Geoff the cartographer/designer of the Economic Atlas of Ontario. Bill enjoyed working with colleagues in creating many of the maps in this atlas. In the subsequent massive Historical of Canada project Bill led the team that found the essential start-up grants, recruited volume editors, chaired the executive committee, and administered the enterprise over a period of 14 years, with about 150 academics and researchers involved. He liked to be hands-on, and here he authored some of the maps pertaining to military matters. Both atlas publications have been given numerous awards. These include the Gold Medal and recognition as the “Most Beautiful Book in the World” from the Leipzig International book Fair for the Economic Atlas of Ontario, and Bill along with Geoff and each of the volume editors of the Historical Atlas of Canada received the Gold Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He was given the rare distinction of an honorary LL.D from his own institution in 1997 and was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni in 2000.

Bill was an avid curler and sailor. In retirement he spent much time sailing and cruising in the Great Lakes, U.S. internal and coastal waterways, the Caribbean and on occasion in the Mediterranean. He was predeceased by his first wife Betty and later moved from Ontario to Nova Scotia with his second wife, Wendy, who survives him along with the two children of his first marriage.

By John Warkentin
NEW LEADERSHIP: JEFF CANTOS & CARLY BOWMAN

Jeff Cantos now takes over as PAC Chair (2009-2011) after two outstanding years as Vice-Chair making significant contributions on a number of committees including chair of the Creative Committee. Jeff's energy and passion will help to further build PAC’s ability to provide valuable activities for alumni and students alike.

At its May 5th, 2009 meeting, PAC unanimously endorsed Carly Bowman as its incoming Vice-Chair. Carly has co-chaired the Sponsorship Committee the past two years including the redesign of the Spring Social’s corporate sponsorship program, which helped the 13th Annual Friends of Planning Spring Social set a new fundraising record this past Spring. Her successes to date bode well for PAC’s future and will serve her well as she assumes the Vice-Chair position.

PAC is very fortunate to have such talented alumni on its executive. Jeff and Carly will make a dynamic 1-2 combo. Great for PAC - Great for Alumni and Students - Great for the Program!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI: U OF T’S PLANNING ALUMNI COMMITTEE LAUNCHES AN ALUMNI OUTREACH INITIATIVE

In preparation for the 50th Anniversary of U of T’s Masters of Planning Program (approaching in 2013), PAC has launched an Alumni Outreach initiative. Led by Alumni Outreach Committee Chair Keith Potter, the Committee aims to encourage and support connections between alumni at large, and between alumni and current students in U of T’s Planning Program.

A number of initiatives are already underway: a Facebook Page for “University of Toronto - Program in Planning Alumni” and an independent Alumni Listserv (http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/alumni/pac/listserv) have been created, and plans are being developed for a quarterly Alumni News newsletter.

The Alumni Outreach Committee is currently assembling a list of contacts of graduates of U of T’s planning program, and is seeking “champions” from each graduating year to act as connectors between the program and their former classmates.

Contact PAC at pac@geog.utoronto.ca for more information, or to get involved.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2009-2010 PAC MEMBERS

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PAC can be reached at pac@geog.utoronto.ca or 416-978-3375 or by visiting www.geog.utoronto.ca/alumni/pac.
On Friday, November 6th, nine U of T Geography and Planning students went to Mr. Crombie’s grade 4/5 class at St. Richard Catholic School in Scarborough to do a World Town Planning Day educational activity with the kids.

The grade 4/5 students were introduced to planning as a profession, encouraged to think and learn about how their homes, communities and cities are built as well as to think about their “sense of place” relative to their homes, schools and other important buildings. In turn the U of T Geography and Planning students had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with several rambunctious youth, figuring out the best way to communicate planning ideas in interesting and relevant ways.

Together, the groups carried out several exercises to convey key lessons about the importance of planning practice. They started with a land-use colouring activity so that the kids could gain a sense of how compatible and incompatible uses can be arranged effectively. This was followed by a reflective, writing based activity that asked student’s questions about their neighbourhoods and communities which covered everything from “Are there any places in your neighbourhood that you don’t feel safe?” to “What kinds of things would you like to see more of in your community?” Finally, everyone got out the construction paper, pencils, glue and tape to create their very own model cities, which tended to chock-full of candy stores, video arcades and places to play.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Crombie and St. Richard Catholic School, the Department of Geography and Planning at U of T and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute for their support in this endeavor.
DEVELOPING OUR INTERVIEWING SKILLS
BY HUGO BONILLA

On Tuesday February 2nd, 2010, a group of fifteen first-year planning students attended a professional development session on job strategy and interviewing skills presented by Jeff Muzzerall and sponsored by the Planning Alumni Committee.

Jeff is the Director of the Corporate Connections Centre at the Rotman School of Business and a renowned specialist in career advice and communication. He is a very energetic New Bruns-wicker, eager to share with students his life experiences and career path as an environmentalist, investment banker, entrepreneur and communicator.

Jeff used a host of examples from real life to illustrate “to do’s” and “not to do’s” when looking for a job and writing resumes and cover letters. He provided numerous tips on how to approach a job search and what are the things that employers are looking for in successful candidates.

Two planning students volunteered to participate in mock interviews for typical entry-level planning positions and they agreed to do so in front of the entire audience. Their skills were put the test when Jeff proved to be a keen interviewer with difficult questions. After each interview, the audience analyzed the highs and lows of the interviewee and Jeff provided some tips on what to do in specific situations. The main lesson learned from this section was, practise, practise, and practise.

In sum, students were highly appreciative of this hands-on and entertaining session that helped prepare us for the round of interviews that we are all likely to encounter in our search for internships. Now I am off to practise! ☹

PAC’S ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOSTERS STUDENT - ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT
BY CORWIN CAMBRAY

On November 17, 2009, the Planning Alumni Committee ran its Matthew Hanson Planning Opportunities Workshop. Each year PAC invites recent graduates to share their insights on their Program experience and career paths with current students. The popular workshop is part of PAC’s efforts to provide opportunities for students to benefit from alumni resources.

This year’s workshop panel featured: Jeff Cantos (City of Toronto Affordable Housing Office), Leigh McGrath (Urban Strategies, Inc.), Reid Henry (Office for Urbanism), Luisa Sotamayor (PhD Candidate, Program in Planning) and Andrew Dales (Andrew Dales Consulting). Mr. and Mrs. Hanson also attended as the evening’s special guests. Their son, Matthew Hanson, graduated from the Program in 2004 and practiced as a planner with Meridian Planning Consultants Inc. in Barrie, Ontario. Matthew passed away in March 2006 at his home in Barrie. The annual workshop is named in his honour.

The workshop attracted twenty graduate students eager to hear from panelists about specific courses that have helped their careers, techniques for approaching potential employers as well as expectations of new planners. Key messages from the panel included the range of jobs available to graduates both locally and abroad; the benefit of exploring a variety of planning and related opportunities to find the “best fit”; and that employers are looking for people with both the ability and desire to grow professionally within their organization. Panellists agreed that detailed technical knowledge is largely acquired through on-the-job training. Overall, the evening helped to guide students through the challenges of course selection, finding internships and “life after graduation”.

To learn more about PAC and its various initiatives visit www.geog.utoronto.ca/alumni/pac. ☹
round the same time that this issue of GeoPlan goes to print, Planning Alumni, students and faculty will be enjoying this year’s guest speaker at the Friends of Planning’s Spring Social - David Peterson. They’ll enjoy the Social’s usual fun festivities and networking opportunities, but also Peterson’s celebratory talk, ‘Pan Am 2015: Toronto’s Moment is Here’. The talk is about how winning the Games is a transformative victory for the Greater Toronto Area that will result in the acceleration of planned developments and infrastructure such as the West Don Lands “Pan American Village”, and will leave a legacy of six premiere sport facilities spread across the region.

David Peterson is Chancellor of the University of Toronto, Chair of the Successful Pan-Am Games 2015 Toronto Bid Committee and served as Premier of Ontario between 1985 and 1990. He is also a senior partner and Chairman of the Toronto law firm of Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP and director of St. Michael’s Hospital, the Shaw Festival and the Toronto Community Foundation.

The Friends of Planning and the Department of Geography and Program in Planning would like to thank this year’s sponsors for their enormous support. Sponsorship money helps continue the success of the Spring Social, and the Planning Alumni Committee’s efforts in providing a better academic experience for Planning students at the University of Toronto.

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In-Kind Sponsors: NRU Publishing Inc., Ontario Professional Planners Institute
This map of alumni distribution in the world was created by undergraduate student Mike Dror as part of our 75th anniversary activities. It shows the diversity of locations where alumni live and work. This is just a taste of the many maps we will produce this year, so keep your eye out for them!
This year marks the Department of Geography’s 75th anniversary. To celebrate the events, UTAGA and the department have a number of activities planned, from book exhibits to alumni mapping projects. Our activities will peak during a weekend of celebrations (September 17th to 19th), which will bring together alumni, current students, faculty and staff for three days of events and field trips.

The 75th celebration weekend will connect and reconnect hundreds of alumni with each other and strengthen our alumni network for years to come. The following schedule will help you decide which events to register for, and the call for submissions will show you a number of other ways to connect and get involved with your alumni community.

Thank you, and happy 75th!

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**BOOK DISPLAY — CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

As part of our 75th anniversary celebration, the department will display a collection of books and other materials related to our history at Robarts library from September to December. The eight display cabinets will present books published and other materials provided by alumni, faculty and the GIS and cartography office. Materials will include:

- Secondary, senior elementary, high school or college text books published by alumni.
- Scholarly books published by alumni.
- Fiction, photography, history, art or any non-academic book published by alumni.
- Photographs significant to the history of the department
- U of T Geography memorabilia

If you would like to submit a book or any other materials you think would be representative of the department’s history, please contact the Geography Office before May 30th at:

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Map by Mike Dror.

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 17TH TO 19TH, 2010 ACTIVITY AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION NEXT PAGE**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** http://alumni.utoronto.ca/geography75
There's no better way to discover more about Toronto and the GTA than on a field trip with geography alumni, students and faculty. For the 75th Anniversary weekend we have lined up a few excursions that explore Toronto's cultural and natural landscapes.

**QUEEN’S PARK TREE TOUR**
Sunday, Sept. 19th, 10am to 12pm
Suggested donation: $10

Some of Toronto's oldest and best examples of native trees live in beautiful Queen's Park, sandwiched between two three-lane roads, rumbling with the vibrations of a subway line below, and nestled within the Provincial Legislature and U of T’s downtown campus. The Department of Geography and Program in Planning partners up with Toronto Tree Tours for this excursion into an urban oasis.

**BRICK WORKS TOUR**
Sunday, Sept. 19th, 10am to 12pm
Cost: $15
(Includes transportation from U of T)

A top ten finalist in National Geographic’s Geotourism Challenge, Brick Works is a historical landmark transformed into an international showcase for urban sustainability and green design. The Department of Geography and Program in Planning partners up with Evergreen for this exciting tour.

**SCALING MOUNT NEMO WITH TONY DAVIS**
Sunday, Sept. 19th, 9am to 3pm
Cost: $15
(Includes transportation from U of T)

A look at the relationships between geology, geomorphology, soils and vegetation at Bronte Creek and the Mount Nemo section of the Niagara Escarpment. Revisit your GGR 100 experience or just come for fun and fresh air.
David Phillips, Canada’s foremost weather expert and winner of the 2008 UTAGA Distinguished Alumni award, has been with Canada’s weather service for forty years. As Senior Climatologist with Environment Canada’s Meteorological Service of Canada in Toronto, his work involves studying Canadian climates and promoting the importance and understanding of weather and climate in this country. He’s been called “a genuine Canadian legend” and “our unofficial weather guru”, but likes to think of himself as a weather ambassador for Canada, boasting that we have been blessed with one of the world’s healthiest and safest climates.

David is well-known as the Weather Expert on The Weather Network, and has also appeared regularly on The Discovery Channel and CBC-TV. Canadians will also be familiar with David from his long-standing “Weather-wise” column in Canadian Geographic magazine, and from the thousands of newspaper, television, and radio interviews he has done over the years. In addition to his frequent appearances in the media, David has been a national lecturer for the Association of Canadian Clubs, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, and presents talks to local service groups, naturalist groups, universities, and schools. He frequently participates in community functions in order to raise awareness of weather and climate and to promote youth and environmental causes.

75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

City Prov/State

- Reception and Alumni Book Launch (FREE)
  - I would like to register myself and ___ number of guests

- Luncheon with David Phillips
  - $35/ticket x ___ number of tickets = ______ Total

- GeoTrip: Scaling Mount Nemo with Tony Davis
  - $15/ticket x ___ number of tickets = ______ Total

- GeoTrip: Queens Park Tree Tour
  - (FREE to register, $10 suggested donation upon arrival)
  - I would like to register myself and ___ number of guests

- GeoTrip: Brick Works Tour
  - $15/ticket x ___ number of tickets = ______ Total

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QUEEN’S PARK TREE TOUR, 2009
BY ANDREW MALCOLM

Our second geotrip of 2009 was a wonderful follow-up to the sculpture tour. Arborist and Toronto Tree Tours guide, Todd Irvine, led the walk around Queen’s Park, and lived up to his reputation as an entertaining speaker and an arborist with a very in-depth knowledge about Toronto’s urban forests. Irvine and Toronto Tree Tours lead walks regularly through the summer and in many parts of the city, raising awareness of environmental issues and introducing audiences to the biology of urban forests. This time, however, their tree tour was infused with a little geography.

Associate Geography Professor Tenley Conway (UTM) started the tour with a talk that highlighted the benefits of urban forests, citing psychological research studies that measured the recovery rates of physically and mentally ill patients, who had either a view of trees through their window or no view of trees. The studies showed faster recovery rates for patients with even just a window-view of a few trees. This coupled with the environmental benefits of urban forests inspired her interest in urban vegetation patterns.

Conway explained that much of her research uses satellite imagery, which has advanced in resolution to the point where she can measure canopy cover in urban areas. Applying this to the GTA, Conway was able to ask what drivers affect vegetation patterns in particular areas. Her research has shown that socio-economic status of an area and policies set by local governments play very significant roles. After concluding her talk, Conway answered a few questions from the audience, then handed the microphone over to Irvine.

The tour began South of the Legislature and ended at the North end Monument. Along the way we were shown Copper Beaches, English Oaks, and in the North end huge Kentucky Coffee trees and White Oaks. Irvine gave an introduction to these trees and also drew attention to ones showing disease, recovering from trunks or limbs blown down, and a completely downed tree which was one of the largest and certainly the oldest tree in Queen’s Park (a devastating fact that Irvine learned while giving the tour). The talks weren’t only limited to trees. Both Irvine and Toronto Tree Tour’s Project Coordinator were able to tell tales of some of Queen’s Park’s sculptures, and we even learned of an underground ravine that travels along the West side, a ravine that some may know as Taddle creek, which also travels beneath U of T’s philosophers walk.

The University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni was very pleased to lead a trip in partnership with Toronto Tree Tours. Suggestions for future geotrips are always welcome.

Thank you to Todd Irvine and a big thank you to Tenley Conway for a great talk on a beautiful day in Queen’s Park.
Last May 23, about 15 UTAGA members assembled at the old Tip Top Tailor building at the corner of College and Spadina for a sculpture-viewing walk. John Warkentin, PhD ’61, who was our guide, briefly described the route we were to take to view some 50 sculptures/monuments and markers around the University and Queen’s Park. John’s information comes from research he has carried out over the last few years resulting in a book just published (see pages 29 & 30 for details). He pointed out that many aspects of Toronto’s history and culture are revealed in distinctive ways through the sculptures we were to see.

What I found most startling was how unobservant I had been in walking past so many of the works we saw without really seeing them. Some of the most memorable were: “Broken Bicycle, Tiananmen Square” (1992) located on the east ivy-covered façade of the SAC building opposite Hart House, featuring Gu Xiu Hei’s tribute to the student protestors killed in Beijing in 1989 and commissioned by the Toronto Association for Democracy in China. Another was: “Great Minds in Conversation as the World Goes By” (1973) by William McElcheran outside the Kelly Library at St Michael’s College. If you look at the statue from the street, you will see a crowd of people going about their business. If you look at the side facing the library, you will also see a smaller, more contemplative group of people, some of whom you may recognize: including Gandhi, Marx and Einstein.

A statue that resonated strongly with me was Walter Allward’s “North-West Rebellion, 1885” (1895) sculpted when he was only 19 years old and a forerunner to his internationally acclaimed work: “The Vimy Ridge Memorial”.

All in all, the walk was a wonderful tribute from John to some of the great sculptors and figures of Toronto’s and Canada’s history.
Awards Night 2009

Geography and Planning’s Awards Night is one of the department’s biggest events of the year. It is one of the rare functions when everyone—alumni, graduates, faculty, staff, students and friends of the Department—can all gather at the same place at the same time. Many come from afar (it’s time well-spent), just for the opportunity to celebrate each others’ accomplishments and contributions. Geographers truly have no borders!

Awards Night this year was held on November 12th at Victoria College’s Alumni Hall. Over 60 undergraduate geography students, graduate geography students and graduate planning students received awards for academic excellence, many of them funded through the contributions of our alumni. UTAGA honoured Trudi Bunting, Professor Emerita at the University of Waterloo, with its Distinguished Alumni Award for her contributions to research on urban social geography and Canadian cities. Corwin Cambray was named Honorary President for his work and leadership with the Planning Alumni Committee (PAC). Renée Gomes and Eileen Costello received Outstanding Service Awards, for their work in securing corporate support for the PAC’s spring social event, and the student-alumni mentoring program in the Program in Planning.

Your help is needed in naming the next award winners. To nominate someone for one of the four UTAGA awards, just send us the name of a classmate or graduate, along with yours, and a written citation, explaining why you think he/she deserves an award, to the UTAGA office mainoffice@geog.utoronto.ca, no later than May 30th, 2010.

“I would like to thank the generous donors and the Department of Geography to grant me this award! Thank you so much!”

- Dema Ali, recipient of the 2009 Edie Yolles Award in Urban Planning
UTAGA AWARDS

NAMES OF AWARDS, AND HOW WINNERS ARE CHOSEN

UTAGA Distinguished Alumni Award: This award is given to alumni of the Department and its programs, who have led a career of exceptional distinction in any field, in any industry (not necessarily in geography) and brought honour to the department.

UTAGA Honorary President Award: This award is given to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the development of the Department of Geography or its programs, and its alumni. He or she need not be a graduate of the Department or of the University, and can hold, or have held, a career in any field, such as business, education, politics, research, and self-employment.

Outstanding Service Awards: This award is presented annually to up to five individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions to the Department of Geography, its programs, its students or its alumni. Nominees could be alumni or friends, but NOT students currently enrolled with the department. There may be multiple recipients in one year.

Geography Toronto (GT) Awards (Graduate and Undergraduate): This award is presented to students who have made outstanding contributions to the life of the Department of Geography. Note: only students who are able to graduate during the same year that these prizes are awarded are eligible. So, for 2010, nominees must receive their degrees during either the Spring (June) or Fall (November) Convocation ceremonies. Award winners are individuals who have been extensively involved in the undertaking of extra-curricular activities targeted at fellow geography/planning students, while at the same time achieving above average academic success. Like the Outstanding Service Award, there can be more than one recipient per year.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:
MAY 30, 2010

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Annual Awards Presentation: Awards will be presented at the department's annual Awards Night this year scheduled for Thursday November 4, 2010.

PREVIOUS WINNERS


AWARD WINNERS 2009

UTAGA AWARDS

Honorary President Award:  
Corwin Cambray

Distinguished Alumni Award:  
Trudi Bunting

Outstanding Service Award:  
Eileen Costello

Outstanding Service Award:  
Renée Gomes

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Alpar Undergraduate Scholarship  
Laurence Simard

Ben Shindman Scholarship in Geography  
Johnny Au

Canadian Association of Geographers Award  
Kristin Bourne

Daniel Wilson Scholarship in Science  
Antonio De Franco

F. Kenneth Hare Undergraduate Scholarship in the Environment  
Jonathan Weyman

Outstanding Performance Award for GGR 201/203/205/206  
Stephanie Mah

Outstanding Performance Award for GGR220  
Maria Bianchi

Outstanding Performance Award for JGI221  
Holly Grace Vaughan

EXTERNAL AWARDS — UNDERGRADUATE

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)  
Alexander Spackman

Stephanie Mah

Vito Lam

EXTERNAL AWARDS — GRADUATE

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)  
Carolyn Winsborough

Maryam Ramin

John Paul Iamonaco

Trudeau Foundation Scholar  
Martine August

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)  
Lake Sagaris

Tyler Hunt

Jason Cooke

Charles Levkoe

Jason Burke

Carolyn Hatch

Victor Lorentz

Laura Tozer

Brendan Salakoh

Naeem Farooqi

Royal Bank Award  
Carla Klassen

Mia Baumeister

Vanier Scholarship  
James Nugent

Back row, left to right: Alexander Spackman, Vito Lam, Stephanie Mah, Simona Rasanu;  
Front row, left to right: Anne-Marie Croce, Antonio De Franco, Holly Grace Vaughan,  
Kristin Bourne
GRADUATE AWARDS

Alpar Graduate Scholarship
Claire Oswald
Zoe Dalton
Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship
Caroline Winsborough
F. Kenneth Hare Graduate Scholarship in the Environment
Benita Tam
George Tatham/Geography Alumni Graduate Scholarship
James Nugent
Graduate Geography Toronto Award
Jennifer Ridgely
Griffith Taylor Graduate Scholarship
Heather Dorries
John D. Barnes Geodetic Sciences Fellowship
Ting Zheng
Jennifer Weaver
Joseph A. May Scholarship
David Robert
J.P. Catungal
J.E.R. Ross Scholarship
Peter Czurylowicz
Oscar J. Marshall Graduate Scholarship
Feng Deng
Christopher Wellen

ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Government of Ontario/ESRI Canada
Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology
Christopher Wellen
Edward Sorbara-Urban Development
Institute of Toronto/Ontario Graduate scholarship in the Department of Geography, Planning Program
Carla Klassen

PLANNING AWARDS

Alan Tonks Planning Scholarship
Matthew Armstrong, Tammara Soma, Kirsten Stein, Meghan Joy
Benjamin Sonshine Urban Planning Scholarship
Sheila Htoo
Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) Award for Academic Excellence
Dan Cohen
Centre for Urban and Community Studies
Urban Planning Research Awards
Dan Cohen, Stephanie Gris
Edie Yolles Award in Urban Planning
Dema Ali, Anna Wai Man Wong
Ian D. Macpherson Award
Erika Jerme
LEA Consulting Ltd. Award in Planning and Transportation
Stefan Cermak, Paul Johnson, Kyra Lubell, Matthew Armstrong

Matthew Hanson Scholarship in Planning
Stefan Cermak, Jessica Nelligan, Bryan Sherwood
Mitchell Goldhar Award for Excellent Achievement in the Planning Program
Andrea Garcia
Peter R. Walker First Year Planning Scholarship
Naeem Farooqi, Jessica Nelligan
Planning Merit Award
Grace Nzinga
Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship
Asiya Bidordinova, Craig Cal, Roger Da-Cunha, Carol Lue, Brian Vandervecht

Back row, left to right: Raktim Mitra, Kristin Stein-Tavares, Dan Cohen, Bryan Sherwood, Matthew Armstrong, Claire Oswald, James Nugent, Jennifer Ridgley, Christopher Wellen, Peter Czurylowicz, Feng Deng

Middle row, left to right: Jessica Nelligan, Brendan Salakoh, Asiya Bidordinova, John Paul Catungal, Erika Jerme, Tyler Hunt, Naeem Farooqi, Lake Sagair;

Front row, left to right: Sheila Htoo, David Roberts, Carla Klassen, Carol Lue, Grace Nzinga, Benita Tam, Ting Zheng

Johnny Au and Jason Hackworth
UTAGA AWARDS 2009 - NOMINATION FORM
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Name of Nominee: ______________________________________________________________

Name(s) of Nominator(s):  _______________________________________________________

Award Category:  _______________________________________________________________

In the space below, please explain how the nominee meets the award criteria. You may use additional pages, if needed, and attach extra, supporting documents, if any, that you believe will help the selecting committee. Use only one form per candidate, per award.
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On Sunday August 30, 16 students from the University of Toronto descended on New York City for the first undergraduate human geography field course offered by the Department in recent memory. Led by Professor Robert Lewis and TA Patrick Vitale, the seven-day excursion covered a wide range of urban landscapes in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Armed with census data and a history of each area visited, GGR 382 students were urged to consider how their constructed understanding of those neighbourhoods compared with their own observations of the sights. Urban redevelopment, immigration, and housing were popular conversation topics as students toured early public housing projects and tenements in the Lower East Side, the well-known privately funded Stuyvesant Town development, and the iconic brownstone homes in Harlem, among many others.

At each site, students were encouraged to consider the roles of industry, government, and planners in shaping the urban landscape over time. At Ellis Island and the East Side Tenement Museum, the class explored how successive waves of immigration shaped the city from its very beginning. Farther uptown in SoHo and Greenwich Village, students explored the role of artists in transforming those communities. At Coney Island, discussions turned to residential segregation when students observed wealthy gated communities alongside some of the poorest areas in the city.

Having trekked Manhattan for days, most students were exhausted by the end of the week. Despite this, all agreed that the trip was a fantastic opportunity to explore one of the world’s most dynamic cities.
Our trip to Sutton, Quebec started on a crisp morning in September, 2009, outside of the Physical Geography building. At that time, I had no idea what an adventure lay ahead or the fantastic sights that we would see; for the time being I was mainly just concerned with finding a place for myself and my luggage in one of the cars that a few students, a TA, and two professors had graciously volunteered to drive. So the long car drive from Toronto to Sutton began, but it passed by surprisingly quickly what with getting to know fellow classmates and trying to spot the landforms that the informative field guide described for us. Through the window, I was able to catch sight of what had always been there, but I had never really paid attention to - ground moraines, drumlins, and more.

My first glimpse of Sutton was of picture-perfect images of rustic, Victorian residences with cheery signs announcing their services and welcome as we passed through the town. At last, we reached our destination at the summit of a little hill. Hotel Horizon, a charming, flower-decked hostel, greeted us with the Appalachian Mountains looming behind it, as we stretched our legs. In no time at all, I was assisting Professor Desloges with setting up our weather station, a nifty contraption that recorded wind speed and direction, temperature, humidity, rainfall, and solar radiation all on one tripod. The digitally recorded data would help us understand the local climatic patterns when we used it to make graphs for our first assignment. Our first day ended soon after a filling meal of spaghetti.

The next day saw us all up at dawn for a strenuous hike up Mt. Sutton. Despite a hazy morning mist, we were fortunate to have good weather that day and for the rest of the week with clear skies and the rising sun driving the last vestiges of the mist away. Along the hike, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the changing biogeography as Professor Finkelstein pointed out the various tree species. As we trudged up the mountain, the mixed forest gave way to a predominantly coniferous forest with red spruce and balsam fir featuring prominently. When we reached the top, the marvelous Sutton countryside spread below us, but conspicuously barren, skeletal trees were closer at hand. These we discovered were the detrimental byproducts of acid rain.

After a pleasant lunch by a tranquil mountain lake, we separated into three groups to be taught about surveying, soil science, and biodiversity on a cyclical basis. The techniques we learned such as measuring changes in elevation with a stadia rod, creating biogeographical quadrants, and analyzing the soil from different soil horizons were applied in the course of our later project work.

For me, it was to be my last time on Mt. Sutton as my group’s work shifted to the Sutton River valley instead, but the learning experiences would stay with me. In subsequent days, I would be arising early to take the morning measurements at the weather station or hurrying down to the river to measure the river’s widths and depths, obtain tree cores of the riverside trees, and record the sizes of river rocks in order to gather data for my group’s project of reconstructing the past flood magnitudes of Sutton River. In this way, the days passed quickly yet productively as the scientific work engaged me mentally and physically. When the trip drew to a close, I was truly sorry that it had to end because by that time I had already been caught up in the passion of geographical field work. §
What do you think Toronto should look like in 2109? That was the question second year planning students were challenged to answer over 5 days (Aug. 30 to Sept. 3) on a field trip to Chicago. Students and faculty had the opportunity to experience the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham’s plan for Chicago. They spent time exploring Chicago’s approach to architecture, transportation, social housing, sustainability and more. Meeting with city staff, creative entrepreneurs and academics, students had the opportunity to study another jurisdiction, and learn lessons to bring back home to Toronto.

The Chicago field trip was made possible by proceeds from the Planning Alumni Committee’s Spring Social. Proceeds from the Spring Social provide financial support for annual field trips for second year planning students, along with many other PAC programs aimed at enriching the educational experience of graduate students in the Program in Planning. Previous trips include Pittsburgh, Boston, St. Louis, Portland and Mexico City.
During the second half of April 2009, I and a group of graduate planning and geography students spent Friday evenings learning about the history of Berlin and influences on planning in the city - everything from the 1871 German Empire, the Weimar Republic, and Nazi Germany, to East Germany and reunification. The seminars brought threads of past, current, and counter planning initiatives alive – most of which we saw firsthand in the 10 day trip in May.

The experience walking through the streets and neighbourhoods of Berlin cannot be summarized in a few words. All aspects of social, urban, economic, and environmental planning manifested themselves in the areas that we visited. The tour included visiting the Unter den Linden, the Holocaust Memorial, University of Toronto Berlin (didn’t know it existed), Potsdamer Platz, Marzahn, and suburbia (Potsdam and Adlershof). All the tours enriched our understanding of planning issues and provided valuable lessons to bring home.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the people who helped us in Berlin.

Professor Marlies Schulz from our partner Humboldt University arranged a rich program of lectures and field excursions. She pressed a lot of her colleagues and several graduate students into service. Professors Kemper, Kulke and Enderlich gave us critical insights. PhD candidate Kathrin Paetzold gave a talk and took us on a very informative tour of a suburban town just outside of Berlin. We spent one afternoon at the Humboldt Geography department and took part in the annual departmental picnic, where we could make lots of contacts with the German students. In honour of 15 years of the UofT-Humboldt partnership, they planted a maple tree in full sight of their offices and class rooms.

Professors Margit Mayer and Gerhard Braun from the Free University of Berlin also took us on most interesting tours regarding creative industries in Berlin and urban development problems in the city of Potsdam. On the last day of the field trip Thomas Buerk introduced us to the Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning at Erkner, where a massive archive on post-war building and planning in Germany is being kept and which might well become a place where some of our PhD students might be heading. We also discovered with considerable joy a bit of Toronto in Berlin: the University of Toronto in Berlin http://www.utoronto-berlin.org/utb/en/. We were hosted for a breakfast and we saw a film on building in Berlin in the rooms of our university. Thanks to Director Michal Bodemann and his assistant Tim Kremser.

Last but not least, I want to acknowledge the contributions of all my classmates and pass on a special thanks to the guidance of Professor Susan Rudnick and Professor Gunter Gad for the memorable field trip! I was also very lucky to have invited and been joined by my brother, Hakam, on the trip.
In the four+ years since my formal retirement (from the payroll at least), I have maintained an active agenda of research, travel and publication, while also serving in two administrative positions. In the first year I was asked to return as director of the Graduate Program in Planning, and in the second year I agreed to serve as the founding director of the University’s new urban research initiative, the multi-disciplinary Cities Centre, with responsibility for defining a mandate, a vision statement and governance structure for the new unit.

The Cities Centre is now (2010) firmly established (having absorbed the former Centre for Urban and Community Studies), with a new director and renovated space. In last three years I have also taught a graduate seminar in housing markets and public policy (JPG1507S) with 15 to 25 students annually. After 40 years I have finally graduated from undergraduate teaching, which I truly enjoyed. Ironically, one of our exceptional former students is writing the book-end entry below.

My research agenda, at least that portion focused on urban Canada, has continued along lines established much earlier. Following completion of a SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council) project on the global linkages of Canadian cities, I have been involved in several collaborative projects in Canada and abroad. The largest and longest has been an ongoing project funded since 1999 by the Neptis Foundation (of Toronto) and entitled ‘the New Architecture of Urban Regions’. This is a GIS-based project of research and visualization on the form and growth of the greater Toronto region, intended as a basis for understanding the physical expansion of such large and complex city regions while providing the information base to encourage region-wide thinking among politicians and the public at large, and coordinated policy initiatives among government ministries and agencies. The latest report from this project is a detailed examination of intensification efforts and policies in three metropolitan areas – Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary. The second major activity is a collaborative CURA (Community-University Research Alliance) project on ‘inclusive neighbourhoods’ (with D. Hulchanski, A. Walks, et al). My role here has been in analyzing population dynamics, housing stock changes and spatial inequalities in income and well-being.

A third project is a study of restructuring in the economies of Canada’s major metropolitan areas (with T Hutton, R. Shearmur and J. Simmons). Initially funded with an networking grant, this study is due for completion in 2010 and is to be published as a book-length monograph from Oxford University Press. In addition I have continued to undertake research and to publish on growth and change in the Canadian urban system and on the determinants and consequences of growth (and decline) in individual cities. Finally, I am a member of two other collaborative projects, through Dalhousie (J. Grant) and Waterloo (P. Filion) Universities, on challenges to the implementation and evaluation of smart growth principles. Obviously, rapid shifts in both global and local circumstances continue to pose new challenges for policymakers in Canadian cities, and to pose new questions for researchers, myself included.

Over the next few years my research agenda includes completion of the above projects and pulling together extensive notes and empirical materials for papers on new urban forms, regional governance, social and income inequalities, and the potential impacts of the coming demographic transition on cities and neighbourhoods.

Among the other highlights of the last three years has been the arrival of four grand-children (including twin girls), and receipt of an honorary doctoral degree (D.Litt.) from the University of New Brunswick in 2008. ✷
Years ago, as a first-year undergraduate student in the Department of Geography, I took Larry Bourne’s GGR124: Urbanization, Contemporary Cities and Urban Life. I am now very honoured to teach this course annually myself.

Since the summer of 2007 when I returned to the University of Toronto as a faculty member, time has flown by. It has been an inspiring, challenging and productive three years, and I have been surrounded by top-notch staff, faculty and students. In the department, I have been actively involved in the formation of the research clusters, specifically the Political Spaces group. The cluster convenes reading groups, workshops and social events, and fosters active debate among members on a wide range of political geographic issues. I have helped organize a series of events in the department such as the 2008 ‘Suburban Speculations’ forum, which featured the mayor, local activists and academics on the theme of suburban decline. Also in 2008, Amy Siciliano, Jen Ridgley and I organized a panel discussion on the quantitative revolution that featured senior professors from our department. With Emily Gilbert, I organized a workshop in the fall of 2007 ‘Securing Citizenship’, which involved members of the department alongside interdisciplinary guests from across Canada.

More recently, I have been very active beyond the bounds of the department. In 2009 I was appointed to the Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University (Humanities). In January of the same year, I was invited to become a co-editor of the journal Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, and have learned immeasurably from the experience. Also in 2009, I was invited to serve on the Social Science and Humanities Research Council 2010 Standard Research Grant selection committee for Geography, Urban Planning and Environmental Studies. I remain involved in the community, specifically in a range of participatory planning initiatives in east Scarborough, and I regularly contribute to public forums and media debates about issues that connect to my research areas.

I have devoted time to developing new courses and reorganizing two existing offerings. In addition to GGR124, I have also restructured GGR339: Urban Geography, Planning and Political Processes, possibly my favourite course to teach. A new fourth year undergraduate seminar entitled simply The Post-War Suburbs, explores the historical geographies of postwar landscapes, but through a contemporary lens. This connects directly to one of my research areas on questions of suburban ‘decline’, the racialization of inner suburbs, and issues of local citizenship. My own research in this area is currently focused on a study of targeted social policy in suburban areas (the ‘Priority Neighbourhood’ framework), and with PhD student Vanessa Parlette and community partner, the East Scarborough Storefront, I am preparing a report funded by the CURA project on ‘inclusive neighbourhoods’ (with D. Hulchanski, et al).

I have also introduced a new graduate course called Geographies of Violence and Insecurity. This course connects to my main area of research in political geography. Most of my published work concerns the military as an institution of citizenship and investigates the role of organized violence in shaping intimacy, political space, and social citizenship. This research formed the basis of my PhD thesis which was published in 2008 as a book “Military Workfare: The Soldier and Social Citizenship in Canada” (University of Toronto Press), and contributed to the collection that I co-edited with Emily Gilbert “War, Citizenship, Territory,” (Routledge).

In 2009, I received a SSHRC standard research grant to pursue my current project, entitled “Securing Systems? Supply Chains, Logistic Space, and the Rebordering of Security.” Like much of my work, the project centers on the nexus of citizenship and violence, but takes up economic as well as political geographic questions. This research explores the ways in which the globalization of logistics has provoked experimentation with new forms of ‘network’ or ‘systems’ security, and the implications for sovereignty and citizenship. I will be researching this project for the next two years and have begun to develop a book manuscript.
The sub-title of this book is *My Life as a Geographer and Climatologist* and what a full life that has been!

Following the career path of the intrepid Dr. Sanderson is both invigorating and daunting. The lady has astonishing energy and enthusiasm and has always taken great joy in her work. Such joy is manifest on virtually every page of this fascinating and refreshingly readable book.

*High Heels* consists of seven chapters and an Epilogue and is organized basically in chronological order. It presents a skillful mix of professional and personal reflections. The arresting title is a clever metaphor for the life of an eminent scholar who boldly sallied forth into what was essentially a male professional world and spent a significant part of her highly successful research in rather difficult physical environments. Her peregrinations took her to a great many and diverse parts of the world. These travels were frequently a result of special invitations from various colleagues and institutions around the world that had become aware of the important, innovative research she had undertaken as a distinguished and increasingly acclaimed scholar. She is endlessly curious about the world and strongly motivated to cast her sharp geographer’s eye toward newer and newer horizons. She includes a quotation from Tennyson’s poem *Ulysses*:

> I am part of all that I have met;  
> Yet all experience is an arch wherethro’  
> Gleams that untravell’d world, whose  
> margin fades  
> Forever and forever when I move.

Her interest in the disciplines of geography and climatology arose when she enrolled in the University of Toronto and took up her studies in those disciplines under Griffith Taylor, the founder of the geography department, who became a very strong influence in her life. At his urging, she applied for a graduate scholarship to the University of Maryland where a prominent American geographer, O.E. Baker, had recently started up a geography department. Upon receiving the scholarship she moved to Maryland in 1945 and embarked upon her graduate program.

It was at Maryland that she studied climate classification based on potential evapotranspiration and water budgets. C.W. Thornthwaite and Baker were strong influences on Sanderson and the key persons in her decision to become a climatologist. Applying the Thornthwaite system, she carried out field studies in Canada’s Northwest Territories and, eventually, several other areas - work for which she gained fame and high respect in the geographic/climatological community.

In 1965, Dr. Sanderson was awarded her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and began her quest for a teaching position at another university. That turned out to be the University of Windsor where she stayed for the next 23 years.

During all that time, she travelled extensively (to put it mildly!), published numerous journal articles, received many academic honours, and accepted all sorts of invitations in all sorts of academic institutions to teach as a visiting professor. It is nothing short of inspiring to read her account of those years and the satisfaction they brought her.

Dr. Sanderson retired from the University of Windsor in 1988 but continued to work in the disciplines of geography and climatology in a variety of ways. Books on Griffith Taylor, Donald Putnam (co-authored with his son Bob) and books and numerous articles on weather and climate have been published in this post-retirement period. The latest is *High Heels in the Tundra* - a gem! Never one to waste or mince words, her writing is terse and clear - a triumph of both substance and style.
Creating Memory's two introductory sections examine the factors behind this expansion over time and the changes in style as one generation of sculptors succeeded another. It looks at the reasons behind the changes as sculptures were conceived, sculpted and erected. More than 10 categories of sculptures are defined and discussed, including Founding the City, Natural Environment, Immigration, Ethnic Groups, Economic Activities, Disaster and Calamity, War And Conflict, Leaders, Ordinary Citizens, Community Life, and Works of the Imagination.

To describe the sculptures in their setting, Toronto is divided into three main axes and over 25 districts, covering the major concentrations of public sculpture across the city. Thirty three maps show the location of every major sculpture. Each one is described, including its dimensions and the name of the sculptor, usually in the context of the local area, and its purpose. All inscriptions are reproduced as closely as possible. Thirty full page photographs, taken especially for this book by Noemi Volovics, provide a glimpse of the range of sculptures in the city.

Through Toronto's sculptures the character of the city and its local communities, and many facets of Canadian life, are remembered and revealed in distinctive ways. Creating Memory provides a new and very human perspective on Toronto, its history and its local geography.  

Creating Memory contains over 60 images, maps and graphs.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Dr. Frank Barrett 5T8 (Hons. BA Geog.) has received the British Desmond Chamberlain Cup (best research in 2009) for his book. Ernest Ibbetson Military Artist and Adventure Story Illustrator. The book is available from fbarrett@yorku.ca

Ernest Ibbetson Military Artist and Adventure Story Illustrator.

ALUMNI PUBLISHED BOOKS

CREATING MEMORY
(Becker Associates, 2010)
BY JOHN WARKENTIN

Toronto has over 600 public outdoor sculptures, works of art that provide a sense of the rich variety of life and work in the city, its peoples, cultures and aspirations. Interest in commissioning public sculpture began slowly in the nineteenth and early twentieth century, but increased rapidly after the 1950s. This is a book about the sculptures and how they disclose the city to itself.
ARRIVALS

Stefanie Steele accepts a permanent part-time position as the department's Undergraduate & Office Assistant, effective April 12th. Most of you know Stefanie already since she has been a casual employee with our department since August 2008 where she has assisted our Undergraduate and Graduate offices and has provided backup to the front office. Stefanie is very familiar with our department, having completed her B.Sc. in the Physical & Environmental Geography Specialist program here. She has also worked with Prof. Desloges as an NSERC USRA Research Trainee on work related to Holocene and contemporary environmental changes in the Ausable River study area.

Jessica Finlayson joined the department as our new Graduate Student Advisor at the height of scholarship application season in November 2009. Although it was one of the busiest times of the year, she quickly settled in. Jessica comes to us from the Institute of Medical Science where she worked as the Student and Faculty Affairs Coordinator.

Kundan Kumar has joined the department for a three-year appointment and will be teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on environmental justice. He holds a joint appointment with the Centre for Environment. Professor Kumar received his doctoral degree from Michigan State University where he wrote his dissertation on 'Territorialisation, Resistance and Democratic Spaces in Forested Landscapes of Orissa, India'.

Joe Leydon is not really a new arrival since he has been a very popular sessional instructor and part-time lecturer in the department for many years. This year, his appointment became full time when he was made Lecturer, with half of his time to be spent teaching downtown on the St. George Campus and half at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. His courses will include the Geography of Canada, population geography, recreation geography, and others that will vary from year to year.

DEPARTURES

Marianne Ishibashi retired from her position as Graduate Student Advisor in October 2009 after 15 years of service. She helped many hundreds of geography and planning students through the administrative hurdles of their graduate programs and was greatly appreciated by all. She will be sorely missed.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Daniel Griffith, the Ashbel Smith Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas and PhD’78. He is this year’s recipient of Distinguished Scholarship Honors from the Association of American Geographers. AAG Honors are the highest awards offered by the association. They are presented annually to recognize outstanding accomplishments by members in research & scholarship, teaching, education, service to the discipline, public service outside academe and for lifetime achievement. Dan Griffith is being recognized for his contributions to spatial statistics and quantitative geography. The nomination refers to him as ‘among the most influential spatial statisticians in any discipline...[his] rigorous and imaginative scholarship has significantly advanced Geography’s spatial analytic tool kits, enhanced its visibility and reputation among quantitative social scientists, and helped train new generations to further improve methods of spatial analysis’. (Source: AAG Newsletter 45(3):7, 2010)

GRADUATE STUDENT DAVID ROBERTS TESTIFIES BEFORE THE UN

by David Roberts

On October 7, 2009, I traveled to the United Nations Headquarters as part of the Guam delegation to testify at a hearing of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly. This is a committee that is tasked with ‘Special Politics and Decolonization’. The committee holds annual hearings attended by representatives of the 16 remaining non-self governing territories, of which the island of Guam is one - a colony of the United States. The primary objective of the Guam delegation was to call for the recognition of the indigenous people of Guam’s right to self-determination, especially in the face of plans for a significant American military build-up on the island as the U.S. is being asked to close its military bases in Japan and the Philippines. Drawing comparisons to my current research, which focuses on post-apartheid development in South Africa, I advocated for the end of the present colonial relationship between the indigenous people of Guam and the United States. I argued that even though the social fissures that are the legacy of apartheid run very deep, the end of apartheid and the right of all South Africans to have a voice within their government - a say in what is taking place on their land - provides for possibilities for change that were simply unimaginable under apartheid rule. The people of Guam have not yet had the opportunity to imagine such possibilities.
BEYOND STATES AND MARKETS: THE CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL REPRODUCTION  
(Routledge, 2008)  
EDITED BY ISABELLA BAKKER AND RACHEL SILVEY

Seeking to extend our understanding of the contemporary global political economy, this book provides an important and original introduction to the current theoretical debates about social reproduction and argues for the necessity of linking social reproduction to specific contexts of power and production.

It illustrates the analytic value of the concept of social reproduction through a series of case studies that examine the implications of how labour power is reproduced and how lives outside of work are lived. The issues examined in countries including the Ukraine, Chile, Spain, Nepal, India, and Indonesia, consist of human trafficking and sex work; women and work; migration, labour and gender inequality; microcredit programs and investing in women; health, biological reproduction and assisted reproductive technologies.

The book lends a unique perspective to the understandings of transformation in the global political economy precisely because of its simultaneous focus on the caring and provisioning of the everyday and its relationships to policies and decisions made at the national and international levels of both formal and informal institutions.

With its multi-disciplinary approach, this book will be indispensable to students and scholars of international political economy, development studies, gender or women’s studies, international studies, globalization, and international relations.

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PROGRESS IN SPATIAL ANALYSIS: METHODS AND APPLICATIONS  
(Springer, 2010)  
Edited by Antonio Páez, Ron N. Buliung, Julie Le Gallo and Sandy Dall’erba

Space is increasingly recognized as a legitimate factor that influences many processes and conceptual frameworks, including notions of spatial coherence and spatial heterogeneity that have been demonstrated to provide substance to both theory and explanation. The potential and relevance of spatial analysis is increasingly understood by an expanding sphere of cogent disciplines that have adopted the tools of spatial analysis. This book brings together major new developments in spatial analysis techniques, including spatial statistics, econometrics, and spatial visualization, and applications to fields such as regional studies, transportation and land use, political and economic geography, population and health. Establishing connections to existing and emerging lines of research, the book also serves as a survey of the field of spatial analysis and its links with related areas.

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ENVIRONMENT: THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE STORIES (CANADIAN EDITION)  
(Pearson Education Canada, 2009)  
BY JAY WITHGOTT, SCOTT BRENNAN AND BARBARA MURCK

This is the first Canadian edition of the very successful American environmental science textbook by Withgott and Brennan. The book gives a truly Canadian perspective on environmental science, with a particular focus on the groundbreaking work being done by Canadian environmental scientists in a variety of disciplines. One unique feature of this book is an entire chapter devoted to Campus Sustainability initiatives across Canada.

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Under the current colonial conditions, the indigenous people of Guam simply cannot come to the table to address the needs of their population.

When I arrived at the UN the day of my testimony, I learned two things: 1) that I was not just testifying in front of a committee meeting but rather a plenary meeting of the entire General Assembly hosted by the 4th committee - in front of over 500 delegates representing most of the countries of the UN; and 2) that I had to cut my testimony from 7 minutes to 4 minutes. Luckily Guam was not the first to go, so I was able to do some editing while representatives from Gibraltar testified.

I first got involved with advocacy work on behalf of Pacific Islanders as an undergraduate student at the University of Washington. I was involved in various committees and organizations that worked on advocacy and equity campaigns for Chamaror and other Pacific Islanders. I attended and lent my support to various cultural and mentoring programs and was instrumental in the establishment of a student commission designed specifically to advocate for the needs and desires of Pacific Islander students on campus. Through this work, I developed life-long friends, as well as a keen interest in the struggles of the indigenous peoples of Guam against ongoing colonization and militarization of their island. Testifying at the United Nations was an opportunity I could not pass up. 

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