



A few more Introductions

If there are still a few individuals wandering the Geography halls that you can't identify, perhaps this issue will solve the mystery. Read on to meet the remaining new Geography graduate students and one grad student that we are sharing with Atmospheric Science.

Sarah Brown: Ph.D.

Supervisor: Juanita Sundberg



Hello again UBC Geography!

I'm very happy to be starting my PhD this fall under the supervision of Dr. Juanita Sundberg. My doctoral research will focus on the historical, geographical, and political implications of the impulse to help in volunteer tourism development projects. I'm hoping to return to the same field site where I did my Master's re-

search in San Andrés, Guatemala. I was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. I first came to Vancouver to attend UBC as an undergrad in Latin American Studies in 2000. I returned again in 2007 to start my Master's in Geography and have felt at home here ever since.

Ian Parfitt: M.Sc.

Supervisor: Brian Klinkenberg



Ian graduated from UBC's Landscape Architecture program with a Bachelor's degree in the last millennium. He worked briefly in a landscape architecture firm in Vancouver before joining Western Canada Wilderness Committee's mapping and research department. In this capacity he became interested in GIS technology and spearheaded a public access to information campaign in

an attempt to eliminate the high fees and restrictive licenses for TRIM and other data required for undertaking large scale

GIS analysis projects in support of wilderness conservation activities. He later worked for UBC's Dr. Fred Bunnell and the Long Beach Model Forest Society with the support of Dr. Brian Klinkenberg, preparing data and training community-based GIS technicians. Ian moved to Nelson BC, working first for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, and then as an Instructor at Selkirk College. He is a co-author of many grey-literature reports and a couple of journal articles. At Selkirk Ian manages several Internet mapping projects, including the Biodiversity Atlas for the Columbia Basin (www.biodiversityatlas.org) and the Kootenay Spatial Data Partnership (www.kootenayspatial.org). Ian is interested in public data access, community mapping, and Internet geography.

Kim Bryson: M.Sc.

Supervisor: Greg Henry



I was born and raised in Winnipeg, MB, and received my undergraduate education at the University of Winnipeg. I completed a degree in Biology in 1999, and made a return trip to university from 2006 to 2008 to upgrade to a four year degree in Environmental Studies. While my course work spanned a nice variety of disciplines, it was weighted heavily in the physical geography realm where I

developed a passion for climate science, biogeography and arctic ecosystems. The opportunity to come to Vancouver and work with Greg Henry is thus allowing me to combine my diverse research interests into one endeavour. Prior to coming to UBC, I was a research analyst at Manitoba Hydro in the Environmental Licensing and Protection department where I worked in the Major Projects section. Most of my work involved research tied to environmental license applications for new hydroelectric generating station projects. I am currently on leave from my job while I pursue this degree, but after experiencing a west coast winter, I may never want to head back to the interior!

Rosemary Collard: Ph.D.

Supervisor: Trevor Barnes



I am interested in nonhuman animals, particularly wildlife, and how they matter to the socio-natural constitution of the world. Theoretically, my interests are informed by work in posthumanism, actor-network theory, animal studies, economic geography, and feminist science studies. I am less interested in drawing on theory to understand the human condition

than to understand the condition of animal lives (and deaths). My Ph.D. research will ethnographically trace the networks of human and nonhuman entities assembled to circulate live wildlife within the international animal trade.

Sarah Panofsky: M.A.

Supervisor: Juanita Sundberg



I am an anglophone, Quebecer, having grown up in Montreal, but Vancouver has been my home for the last five years. I completed my undergraduate degree, here at UBC in the department of Anthropology. My background in Anthropology provided me with a strong theoretical background and ethnographic experience but for my master's I was looking for

a bit of a change. After some time of travelling, rockclimbing and teaching English I find myself in Geography. I am interested in exploring water governance in Chiapas, Mexico, particularly the role of Coca-Cola in water privatization and its cultural significance. I will be working with Juanita Sundberg.

Matthew Goslin: Ph.D.

Supervisor: Simon Donner



I grew up in Oregon and have been living in Portland for the past several years, working for a regional environmental non-profit doing research around forestry and fisheries (salmon) issues. My academic background has been primarily in plant ecology, having completed an M.Sc. in forest science at Oregon State University with a thesis focused on

reconstruction of fire histories and post-fire species pattern analysis. After completing my M.Sc., I began working for NOAA Fisheries in California on salmon recovery plans and began to fall in love with rivers. Now, I am planning on doing research around fluvial geomorphology and the interaction between physical and biological processes. While my career has focused primarily on issues of the Pacific Northwest region, I also have a passion for the international, especially the non-Western world, beginning with my studies in Africa as an undergraduate. In addition to hiking, my favorite activities for fun include cooking and dancing, from Irish Ceili dancing to salsa.

Carmen Emmel: Ph.D.

Supervisor: Andreas Christen



I came to Canada 2 months ago to start my Ph.D. in the Atmospheric Science program. Before that, I finished a "Diplom" (similar to a M.Sc.) in Meteorology in Mainz/Germany and worked for one year as a weather forecaster. While studying I traveled a lot. I took some courses in Italy and Norway and I participated in field campaigns in the Sahara and on Cape Verde. I heard that there are

some bears and cougars in BC ... let's see if I will need the self defense techniques that I learned in the Norwegian Arctic against polar bears. I love to spend time in nature, so my research about the micrometeorology and the effect of Mountain Pine Beetles in pine canopies around Prince George is just perfect. Although, I heard that my biggest enemy there will not be the bears and the cougars but the mosquitoes! After being eaten up by them I'm sure I will appreciate working in the "safe" lab.

Wesley Attewell: Ph.D.

Supervisor: Derek Gregory



The mysterious Wesley Attewell, although rarely spotted, is still a part of the UBC Geography Department. He completed his M.A. and will be carrying on in the Ph.D. program.

Celebrating Geography!



The Gala Dinner, hosted by Sage Bistro



The best part of the celebration!



Geographers reunited: geography alumni and Dr. John K. Stager



The next generation of geographers: Scott Krayenhoff, Christian Abrahamsson, Michael Smith, Sara Koopman and Pablo Mendez.



Featured speaker David Demeritt with Angela and Derek Gregory and Graeme Wynn.

The 2009/10 school year got off to a rousing start with several exciting social events. A particular highlight was the GEOG@50 celebration that took place September 25th and 26th. The department kicked off the weekend with a lecture series, featuring some of UBC Geography's most accomplished graduates: Kay Anderson, Sue Grimmond, David Demeritt, Barbara Kennedy, George Lin and Matt Sparke. The lectures were followed by a Geopit to mark, not only the Department's 50th year of existence, but also the 40th anniversary of the GSA! The evening culminated with a Gala Dinner. Hosted by Sage Bistro, the Gala Dinner drew more than 100 attendees composed of faculty, grad students, staff and alumni. The evening included a number of speeches by faculty old and new recognizing the accomplishments and significance of the Geography department over the past 50 years and looking forward to future endeavors. On Sunday the festivities continued with an educational walking tour of False Creek led by David Ley and finally the Welcome Back BBQ, an annual Geography event that was this year opened to alumni. The weather cooperated providing a sunny if brisk afternoon for the Geographers to enjoy good food and good company at the UBC farm. A big thank you to Graeme Wynn and Trevor Barnes for organizing GEOG@50 and to the Geography Social Committee for putting together the BBQ!

On October 3rd 30 grad students old and new partook in an annual Geography tradition and headed up to Whistler for a weekend of bonding and debauchery. The group began with a hike up the Chief, then continued north to Whistler where they cooked dinner at the UBC AMS lodge before an evening spent enjoying the Village. Thank you to the Geography Social Committee: Yolande Pottier-Sherman, Lisa Erven, Amy Nicoll and John (Nez) Nesbitt for all of their hard work in putting this weekend together!



New Post-Doctoral Fellow

Emilie Cameron



Emilie just completed her PhD in the Department of Geography at Queen's University. Her thesis examined the materiality of stories and the ways in which stories structure geographies of imperialism, Indigenous self-determination, and mineral extraction in the Central Canadian Arctic. Drawing on feminist, postcolonial, antiracist, actor-network, and posthumanist theories, along with ethnographic and archival research methods, Emilie is particularly interested in Indigenous/non-Indigenous relations, issues of power, resistance, and responsibility, and in advancing critical and collaborative northern research. Here at UBC Emilie plans to focus on northern mineral economies and histories of work in the Central Arctic, working with Trevor Barnes. She's particularly interested in how mining and multinational investment in contemporary Nunavut intersect with histories of colonialism and Inuit political mobilization, and with more recent cultural, environmental and political shifts in the territory. Emilie holds a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship until November 2011 and looks forward to spending time in the Department. Emilie will be working in Room 121 if you would like to stop in and say hello. You can email her at Emilie.cameron@geog.ubc.ca

MCHEL Grand Opening

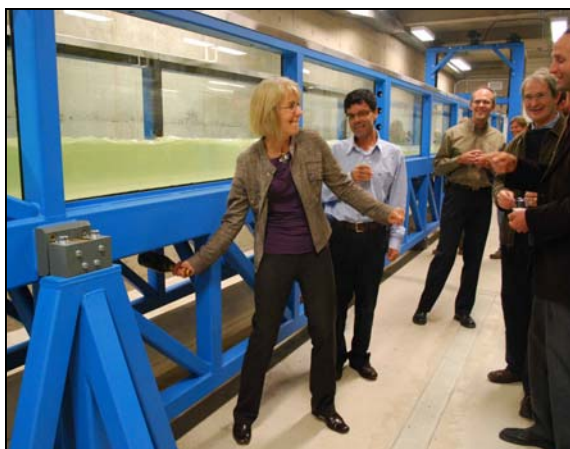
October 8th marked the grand opening of the new Mountain Channel Hydraulic Experimental Laboratory. Spearheaded by Marwan Hassan the MCHEL is a state-of-the-art facility for the experimental study of channel stability and sediment transport in steep mountain streams and the effects these processes have on stream channel ecology. The celebration drew staff and faculty from all corners of campus, many of whom played a role over the years in making the MCHEL a reality. In the speeches marking the opening, the lab was referred to as the stuff of departmental legend, reflecting the fact that the MCHEL is the culmination of years of hard work lobbying, campaigning and searching. Talk of a new flume lab had been circulating for over a decade, but it was the energy and devotion of Marwan Hassan and Graeme Wynn that truly brought it to fruition. Perhaps the biggest



Flume in action!

challenge to creating the MCHEL was finding a space that could accommodate the lab equipment needed. Thanks to the Dean of Arts office and Campus Planning, Geography finally managed to secure the basement of the Ponderosa building for the lab. There, Ivan Liu our masterful engineering technician, spent much of the past year coordinating renovations, assembling flumes and setting up equipment. Now complete, the MCHEL houses

four flumes of varied sizes, the largest being 20 m long and distinctive for its adjustable slope design, allowing researchers to simulate gradients up to 10%, and its relatively deep channel, useful to study the infiltration of fine sediment into the gravel bed. The MCHEL is currently the only facility with a flume with this particular combination of qualities in Canada! To see more images visit: <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/~mhassan/photos.html>.



Nancy Gallini does the honours, breaking a bottle of champagne on the flume!

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