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Best Laid Plans...

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Graeme Wynn

A little more than two years ago, when I was the sole candidate for the department headship, I was asked to give a talk outlining my plans for the next four or five years. In response I said that my experience, and Robbie Burn's wisdom, indicated that the best laid plans gang aft a-gley. Little did I know how prophetic those words would prove to be.

The last year has been a fairly tumultuous one for UBC as the bright promise inspired by a new university president evaporated into anxiety over the discovery of a significant budget deficit. Some \$36 million later (and the adjustments and claw-backs continue to be made and discussed) we contemplate a significant recalibration of plans for the future – a recalibration that will be even greater as the institution is forced to adjust (especially in the next five years) to impacts produced by the abolition of mandatory retire-

ment at age 65.

In the middle of all this, I am happy to report that the department has fared rather well. Although we lost one of three faculty positions advertised in the fall to budget cuts, we expect to make two promising appointments to begin in 2008. One of these is a mid-career scholar of world-renown for whom we hope to secure a Canada Research Chair in human geography and the second is a highly promising physical geographer with expertise in biogeochemical cycling, climate change issues and human-environment interactions.

We were also happy to welcome Dr. Andreas Christen and his family to the department in July 2006. Dr. Christen comes to us from the Berlin University of Technology with a PhD from the University of Basel on Atmospheric turbulence and surface energy exchange in urban environments. He is a fine researcher who is already involved in a number of international field experiments in boundary layer meteorology and climatology. He is stepping into Tim Oke's large shoes (vacated by retirement in December 2006) and contributes to our teaching program in climatology.

On his inauguration in September 2006, President Toope announced a program to bring approximately eighteen post-doctoral teaching fellows to UBC. As a result, two outstanding young teachers, Michele Koppes, a quaternary geomorphologist from the University of Washington, and Dawn Biehler, an environmental historical geographer from the University of Wisconsin, will join the department for 2007-2008. Each will teach nine credits "in conjunction with" a senior faculty colleague (or colleagues) who will serve as mentor(s). Michele and Dawn's contributions will help to meet important teach-

ing needs next year, and their presence will add a great deal to the intellectual vibrancy of the department. Both these young women strike me as wonderful additions to our community. They are significant young scholars in their own right and I trust that we will collectively do our very best to assist them in making propitious starts to their careers.

The success of our hiring surge that began less than a decade ago is being reflected in the granting of tenured appointments to Juanita Sundberg, Karen Bakker, Jim Glassman and Marwan Hassan (all effective July 2006) and Matthew Evenden (July 2007). Karen, Jim, Marwan and Matthew have also been promoted to associate professor.

Department members continue to garner an impressive harvest of awards and accolades. Michael Church and Simon Dadson (M.Sc. 2000) received

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the Wiley Award of the British Geomorphological Research Group for best paper published in 2005 ... Professor David McClung has been awarded a 2007 UBC Killam Research Prize, in recognition of his very highly reputed contributions to avalanche science ... Dr. Tim Oke received the Helmut E. Landsberg Award, for exemplary contributions to the fields of Urban Meteorology, Climatology, or Hydrology ... The University of Wales bestowed the honorary degree of Doctor of Science upon our friend and colleague Olav Slaymaker at a special congregation in Carmarthen in March 2007 in recognition of his stature as one of the world's leading geographers and geomorphologists. Olav has had a remarkable career (including a term as president of the UBC Faculty Association, some nine years as head of Geography and three more as associate vice-president, Research ... Professor Derek Gregory is to receive an honorary degree from the University of Heidelberg (or, more formally, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg) in October 2007 ... Dr. Lori Daniels has been selected as one of the Faculty of Arts Killam Teaching Prize Winners for 2006-07. This is a splendid feather in Lori's cap and richly deserved recognition of her strong and effective dedication to teaching ... Professors David Ley and Brett Eaton were recognized by the Geography Students' Association, as Human and Physical Geography professors of the year (respectively). These tributes are organized and awarded by the GSA which polls students in order to identify outstanding undergraduate teachers ... Dr. Karen Bakker is a 2007 Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (UBC) ... Dr. Marwan Hassan has been selected as one of the Institute's "Senior Early Career Scholars" for next year ... Continuing through the ranks, graduate student Sara Koopman has been selected for the 2007 Faculty of Arts Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. This is a very significant achievement and well-deserved recognition of Sara's thoughtfulness, dedication, effectiveness, creativity and considerable talents as a teacher.

In addition to being impressive scholars and busy teachers, some of our colleagues have assumed new parental duties in the course of the year. We congratulate Kirsty Johnston and Matthew Evenden on the birth of Margaret (Maggie) Clyde (their first), and also Tanya and Andreas



(L-R) Ian McKendry, Trevor Barnes and Graeme Wynn at the GIC Christmas party

Christen on the arrival of Noemi, a sister for Valentin. Congratulations also go to Mariko Simonds, a valued member of our secretarial staff, and her husband Fraser on the arrival of Naima Miyoko Josette.

Tim Oke retired after an illustrious career, most of which was spent at UBC, on 31 December 2006. A former head of the department (1991-96) he has received numerous awards for his fundamental and foundational contributions to the fields of urban and boundary layer climatology. These include The Massey Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

On the graduate front, we admitted another impressive cohort of students in September 2006. Our graduate enrolment now exceeds 100 and we feel we have the best and most productive graduate program in Geography in the country. Three of our students hold the highly prestigious Trudeau Graduate Fellowship and many others are recipients of major awards from the Natural Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities granting councils, and University Graduate Fellowships. We also gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Mr and Mrs Knigge, benefactors who have funded two UBC Special Graduate Fellowships for Geography students this year.

Our undergraduate programs continue to thrive. Course enrolments total approximately 4750, and we expect to graduate approximately 125 majors and honours students in 2006-07. Seven of our students were among the 100 Arts graduates acknowledged by the Dean at a reception held to honour those who had made special and effective contributions to the Faculty community. The Geography Students Association remains one of the liveliest and most effective student groups on campus and this year achieved a notable first, the publication of Trail Six, a journal of undergraduate research papers. I congratulate them on this worthwhile initiative and wish those of the GSA who are moving on every success. They have contributed much and learned a great deal, and they are well fitted to follow our strong group of alumni into the world.

We hope that you enjoy this annual newsletter. Please visit our website to read our monthly newsletter (September-May) and remember that you are always welcome to visit the department in person. If you are in or near the Vancouver area, keep an eye on the website for special alumni events in the fall and beyond.

A Reflection on Professor Tim Oke

By Iain D. Stewart, PhD graduate student

On the occasion of Professor Tim Oke's retirement, we have opportunity to ponder and appreciate an extraordinary career. It would be an impossible task to condense all that Tim has done over thirty-five years as a professor of Geography into a single page, but it would be a disservice not to try.

Here in our department, in office 234, Tim Oke has become a marvel in his field. For nearly four decades, he has taught courses in Atmospheric Science, Micrometeorology, Agriculture and forest Climatology, Urban Ecology, and Urban Meteorology. He is founder of the UBC Atmospheric Science Program and of the International Association for Urban Climate, and he served as head of the Geography Department from 1991 to 1996. He is an honoured Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Canadian Geographic Society, the American Meteorological Society, and the Guggenheim Foundation of New York.

A domain dear to Tim, Urban Climatology has seen no greater impact across more than a century of discovery than the two hundred scientific papers and eight books he has authored on the subject. For this remarkable contribution, the International Association for Urban Climate honoured Tim with the 2004 Luke Howard Award. That Tim should be the inaugural winner of this prestigious award—its namesake the nineteenth-century founding father of Urban Climatology—could not be more fitting.

But perhaps more telling than any prize, tribute, or publication is Tim's devotion to his students. Two years ago, on a spectacular September afternoon, I met Tim for the first time. I was a nervous graduate student standing before this giant of geographers. As I stepped into office 234, I was overcome by a sense of calm and repose: curiously, I felt neither dwarfed nor intimidated by this giant, or by his den of scholarly works stacked high above us.

Tim had made me feel this way. His enthusiasm, his humility, and his passion were unmistakable from the moment we shook hands. It made perfect sense that so many students before me—more than I can imagine—had similar September experiences with Tim in office 234. And it made perfect sense that so many of his students had developed successful careers: one after another, year after year,

they spread like seedlings in a forest, gathering on occasion as they did last summer at the International Conference on Urban Climate.

This conference—my first as a student—was reminiscent of a family reunion. I listened with fascination to everyone who spoke of a cherished connection, however remote, to Professor Oke. And bonding before me like brothers and sisters, his students from years gone by told fond stories of different journeys, but of a common origin. This origin, I am told, is the "Oke" tree, its canopy fruitful and steady, its persona gracious and wise. Indeed, the legacy to be found in Professor Oke's career is a figurative one. If you haven't discovered it yet, go and find it for yourself—down the hall, in office 234. You'll know exactly what I mean when you get there. Best wishes, Tim, for a happy and healthy retirement.



Tim Oke

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Thanks so very much to all who contributed.

New Course: Urban Field Study

By Dr. Katherine Richardson
Sessional Lecturer

Geography 447 – Urban Field Study was an experimental pilot course that ran this spring. It was a blend of seminar, workshop, and field study, and topic areas covered a wide variety of urban issues from the perspectives of Geography, planning, and public policy.

To provide some background, Geography 447 was broadly a continuation of Geography 450 (Urban Analysis) from winter term 2006. In addition to individual assignments, Geography 450 required that the students conduct a major field based group study on an urban topic of their choice. Thus, seven group projects emerged. Three of them were dedicated to the development of City of Vancouver urban agricultural initiatives in partnership with the non profit, Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC). The other four were an organizational study of Quest Food Exchange; a critique of the City of Vancouver's 2006 Downtown Eastside Housing Plan; a policy analysis of affordable and social housing in Coal Harbour; and a critique and assessment of "Green Buildings" on the UBC campus.

By the end of the winter semester, the students realized that they had just begun to scratch the surface. The final group projects from Geography 450 garnered attention and interest from the City of Vancouver and local nonprofits such as SPEC and Quest, who were willing to continue partnering with the class beyond the winter term in order to "polish up" the students' materials into professional quality documents.

Hearing this, Dr. Graeme Wynn saw a wonderful opportunity to create a new pilot course that would be dedicated to undergraduate field based community learning. Thus, Geography 447 – Urban Field Study was born!

The course focuses on planning with group projects being the primary thrust of the class. This being said, the course also spends considerable time examining some of the new ideas and theories emerging in Geography and planning disciplines; exploring (and using) new and more traditional qualitative and quantitative methods used in these fields, as well as the social sciences in general; and from a practitioner's perspective, it considers group and team work, the client-consultant relationship, project management, and the student as his/her own unique person.

Dave McClung's High Mountain Adventures



Dave McClung (right) and ropemate Helen Sovdat (ACMG guide) on top of Mongolia's highest peak in the Altai Range last July

By Dr. Dave McClung

In July and August, 2006, I visited Mongolia. The first part of the trip involved mountaineering in NW Mongolia in the heavily glaciated Altai Range. Here, I climbed the highest peak in Mongolia and three other high peaks including Narimdal on the border of Mongolia, China and Russia. I also visited a valley with 10,000 Bronze Age petroglyphs. The second part of the trip was 2400 km across the steppes and Gobi desert by Bactrian camel, horse, foot and a 4WD vehicle. A highlight was visiting the dinosaur digs where Roy Chapman Andrews found the first dinosaur eggs in the 1920's. I believe this is called "Old School Geography"! I will give an invited lecture on Mongolia at the Institute of Asian Research this fall.

Graduate Student Report

By Derek van der Kamp, Josh Josh Caulkins, Roza Tchoukaleyska

The past academic year began with a trio of social events in September. First was the meet-and-greet at Thea's Lounge in the Graduate Student Centre. Next came the Graduate Student Potluck, organized by the social committee and held within the rustic setting of the UBC farm. Frisbees were thrown and good food was had, but this event was also a chance for the dedication and hard work of our top teaching assistants to be acknowledged with the department's TA awards. Sara Koopman received the Human Geography award, while Nira Salant received the Physical Geography award. Sara was also recognized as one of the top TAs within the university and received an award from the Faculty of Arts. Congratulations, Sara!

Finally, as a last hurrah before the work really set in, the graduate students headed up to Whistler for an overnight retreat. This event included a choice of hikes through the gorgeous Garibaldi Provincial Park, more lasagna than you could shake a stick at, the entire UBC Whistler Lodge to ourselves, and a terrific time for all.

And then it was time to study. This year's home seminar series, which provides an opportunity for students to present their work in a relaxed and social atmosphere, kicked off with the first-ever joint human-physical home seminar. The event featured the research of Joe Shea and Joanna Reid and focused on the Fraser River Basin from the

perspective of glacier dynamics, land-use practices and eco-system conservation.

By the time the record-setting snow, wind and rain arrived in November, the graduate students were hard at work. This year saw the continuation of the Human Methods seminar which was introduced the previous year. These seminars cover a variety of topics such as interviewing techniques, the use of archival material, and social statistics.

At the departmental level, graduate students were involved in the search process for a new Climatology professor. This involved lunch-time meetings with the candidates, who were all interesting and accomplished scientists. This year also marked the retirement of Dr. Oke (December). As graduate students we feel lucky to have had the chance to be taught and inspired by a man who contributes so significantly to his field.

The Graduate Forum was also active in campus-wide issues, sending an open letter to the University administration asking for clarification on the proposed removal of the Ph.D. tuition award and questioning how the university planned to adequately fund graduate students at UBC without the award. VP Research, Dr. John Hepburn, thanked us for our initiative and assured us that the university was working on a new guaranteed funding package for all graduate students.

Of note this year was the annual Jared Stan-

Tri-mentoring Program

By Sally Hermansen

Geography participated for a second year in the UBC Mentorship program sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Career Services. Twenty alumni were matched with forty 3rd and 4th year students. One of the alumni mentors, Kate Eliot (BA '80), writes: "Both of the students I mentored were very keen to pursue graduate studies in environmental sustainability. I'd encourage other alumni to respond positively if contacted for this program. It's very helpful to young geographers to have the benefit of our experience and contacts." The tri-mentoring program will continue next year; if you live in the Lower Mainland and would like more information on the program, please contact Sally Hermansen: sallyh@geog.ubc.ca.

ley Memorial Mountain Safety Lecture, held in December. Jared Stanley was a graduate student in the department who died two years ago in a tragic skiing accident while traveling in the local back-country. The purpose of the lecture is to increase awareness of back-country and avalanche safety as well as to raise money for the Jared Stanley Scholarship Fund. The event was extremely successful with more than 100 people in attendance and hundreds of dollars raised.

Geography Student Association Report

By Jessica Klug

This year the Geography Students' Association was composed of a small group of dedicated students. In September, we put in a lot of effort to boost our membership numbers and were quite successful with the GSA booth that we set-up during AMS Clubs Days. We excelled in our social events and were finally able to jumpstart a wonderful initiative—a journal of works by geography undergraduates.

In an attempt to reinforce the Geography community and encourage greater interaction, the GSA held popular monthly social events in the geography lounge. Each of the beer gardens was special in its own way, including September's Back to School BBQ, the Halloween Movie Spooktacular, February's Trivia Night, and the March Mass-Wasting basketball tournament. We were a hotspot for undergrad, graduate, and post-grad students, as well as faculty and alumni (including a rowdy bachelor party coming back to relive the glory days!)

In the fall, we invited faculty to facilitate information sessions about graduate schools for human and physical Geography, as well as planning programs, in order to help graduating students (and other interested students) decide on

their next steps. Unfortunately, too few members meant we were unable to hold ski or field trips this year. But the GSA executive made other positive steps by holding a bake sale fundraiser towards the end of the first term that raised \$150 for the Vancouver Food Bank.

We are proud we revived the idea of having an undergraduate journal this year. We received paper submissions for it throughout the year and anonymous versions were read by a group of volunteers who then chose the best pieces for publication. We called the journal Trail Six in honour of the nearby path to the beach, and we were excited to hold a release party on April 5. Print copies will be in limited supply, but we will post an online version for all to enjoy.

The school year has flown by. We celebrated our achievements at this year's Geo Gala in March and once more at the April 5 BBQ, beer garden, and Journal Release Party! We always love to hear from fellow geographers, and if any questions or suggestions ever come to mind please contact us at ubcgsa@hotmail.com or keep up with us at:

<http://www.ams.ubc.ca/clubs/gsa>.



GSA students enjoying themselves at a bzzr garden

Alumni Night: Awards, Lecture & Reception

By Jennifer Hamilton

On October 12, 2006, the Department hosted an alumni night awards presentation, lecture and reception. The alumni awards recognized third year Geography major or honours students with the highest GPAs across a minimum of 27 credits for 2005 winter term courses. The winners were: Wesley Attewell, Cameron Balfour, Gehron Burkholder, Kenneth Leung and Cindy Weger.

The presentation took place in room 100 and followed an excellent, thought-provoking lecture on strategies for developing sustainability within universities, given by Dr. Michael M'Gonigle, from the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. Dr. M'Gonigle's new book (with Justine Starke) *Planet U: Sustaining the World, Reinventing the University* (New Society Publishers, 2006) can be found in the GIC book stacks.

The lecture was followed by a reception in the GIC, where wine and hors d'oeuvres were served.

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Living Sustainably in Spannocchia, Italy

By Tenny Bache, MA '06

I'm very thankful for the three months I spent this spring as an intern on an 1100-acre pastoral farm called Spannocchia, in the Chianti region of Tuscany. I worked with seven other interns, learning about sustainable agriculture techniques and participating in an Italian language and culture immersion program.

The farm grows strictly organic fruit, vegetables, grains, olives, and wine grapes, and has a large number of free-range, rare-breed animals: chickens, sheep, pigs, cows, horses, and donkeys.

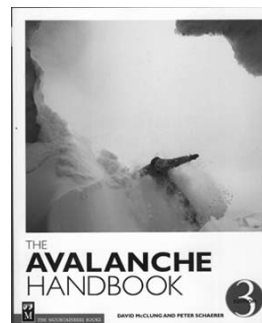
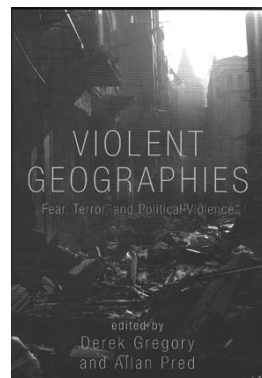
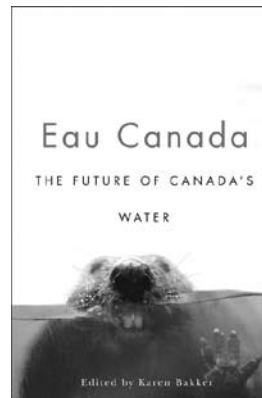
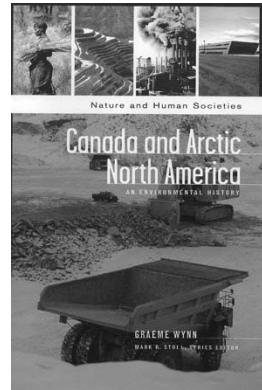
The estate is mostly forested with oaks and chestnut trees, with deer and wild boar roaming the property daily. There are a number of ancient ruins on Spannocchia, including a beautiful bridge apparently mentioned in Dante's divine comedy, and a long-abandoned 11th century monastery covered in vines.

All of our heat and hot water came from a low emissions wood burning furnace, fuelled by the carefully managed forests on the property. The water we used is conserved with grey and black water systems, and due to complicated recycling and composting systems we produced virtually no waste and lingered over five-course organic meals every night—authentic Tuscan fare, complete with wine and dessert.

I worked as a shepherd (pastorella, in Italian). I started my morning by biking across the property to where the sheep are stabled, and then using my staff, a bucket of grain, and my alluring call of "andiamo, peccore" (let's go, sheep!) to entice the herd to follow me. I would lead them to pasture in one of many different vineyards or fields. At night my job was to bring them inside, feed them, complete health checks, and make sure that the mothers were feeding their babies properly. I also learnt about using homeopathic remedies to cure the sheep if they had problems—no antibiotics allowed here!

In addition to my shepherding duties, I pruned olive and grape vines, and learned how to make prosciutto, which was lesson in anatomy and alchemy.

Books



Canada and Arctic North America: An Environmental History

By Graeme Wynn

Graeme Wynn's beautifully written book considers the story of human-environment interactions across thousands of years and millions of square miles of Canada and Alaska. Beginning with the Wisconsin Ice Age and ending in the present, it encompasses themes such as trade, human settlement, climate change, logging and mining as well as the impacts of economic development on northern communities. The book is organized into five major sections, each marking a significant set of environmental transformations: ice ecology and people; contact and its consequences; settlers in a wooden world; nature subdued; and industrial nature. It draws on the work of historians, geographers, anthropologists, archeologists, earth scientists and others. Accompanying the text are seventeen maps by the departmental cartographer, Eric Leinberger, and numerous photographs which document the patterns and processes of environmental transformation in Northern North America. The 525 page work is the first comprehensive interdisciplinary environmental history of Canada.

Eau Canada: The Future of Canada's Water

Edited by Karen Bakker

As the sustainability of our natural resources is increasingly questioned, Canadians remain stubbornly convinced of the unassailability of our water. Mounting evidence suggests, however, that Canadian water is under threat. Eau Canada is a collection of essays from geographers, environmental lawyers, former government officials, aquatic and political scientists, and economists who argue that weak governance is at the heart of Canada's water problems. The book seeks to have a policy impact; for example, with the support of the Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation a free copy of the book was sent to every Member of Parliament. It is even being carried in Chapters! So the book speaks well to the 'Geography and public policy' debates that have occurred in the discipline recently.

Violent Geographies: Fear, Terror and Political Violence

Edited by Derek Gregory and Allan Pred

This collection of essays explores the complicity of political violence in diverse locations across five continents. It seeks to reveal how the critical geographical imagination can illuminate the spaces through which terror, fear and political violence are abroad in the world. Contributors include colleagues Jim Glassman (Imperialism Imposed and Invited); Philippe Le Billon (Fatal Transactions); Derek Gregory (Vanishing Points); and Mitchell Gray and Elvin Wyly (The Terror City Hypothesis). Contributions by former graduate students in the department include Eric N. Olund (Cosmopolitanism's Collateral Damage) Jennifer Hyndman and Alison Mountz (Refuge or Refusal) and Matthew Farish (Targeting the Inner Landscape).

The Avalanche Handbook

By Dave McClung (with Peter Schaerer)

This new edition (the previous edition sold 40,000 copies) includes new chapters: The Elements of Applied Avalanche Forecasting (which Dr. McClung says was the result of 15 years spent teaching about human factors in The Geography of Natural Hazards - Geog 316), and *The ABCs for Backcountry Avalanche Forecasting and Decisions*. McClung also notes that Chapter 1, *Character and Effects of Avalanches*, comprises new material.

Where are They Now?

1940's

Gordon Taylor BA'49 MA'50 retired from Tourism Canada and has been keeping active researching family history. He hopes that Geography does not lose its central strength of an intimate relationship with the total picture.

1960's

Rick Beardsley BA'68, MEd(Curriculum Studies) taught in Richmond for 33 years covering secondary social studies, geography, and economics; he served as district social studies coordinator, adjunct professor in Curriculum Studies at UBC, and spent five years as an assistant director in the Professional Development Division of the BC Teachers' Federation. He has won many accolades including his selection as BC Social Studies Teacher of the Year, 2001.

1970's

In June, **Bill Rapanos BA'70, MA'74(Planning)** retired from his position as a planner for the City of Burnaby, where he got to apply many of those lessons he learned in Geography. He wishes to thank his many mentors in Geography, in particular Dr. J. L. Robinson for stimulating his interest in a field that has provided him with 31 years of interesting and challenging work. Bill is now working on his list of places to see ... **David Mark MSc'74** has been promoted to Distinguished University Professor at the University of Buffalo where he researches machine intelligence and cognitive related issues in the Dept. of Geography ... **Ian Thomson BA'75** is still teaching Geology 12 and Social Studies at Elphinstone Secondary in Gibsons and also chairs his local water board and is on the board for the local museum. His wife thinks he should be "in" the museum ... **Mike Thorne BA'75** is a Certified Financial Planner with Worldsource Financial Management in North Vancouver and invites all Geography grads to call for a free analysis. He also encourages anyone interested to Jericho Sailing Centre during the summer to work with the Disability Sailing Association ... **Eric Vance BC'75, MA'81** has owned a planning and management consulting firm since 1995, focused primarily on land use planning and economic analysis for all three levels of government and major resource companies around BC. He has been an adjunct professor at SCARP since 1998. He has been married for 26 years and has

four kids, three of whom are now in post-secondary education programs (none with the Geography bug so far) ... **Bob Warner BA'75** is manager of CRSA Logistics, Port Coquitlam, who supply exclusive services for a group of primarily Canadian retailers that pool their import traffic under an association called the Canadian Retail Shippers Association. Bob works at the head office in Port Coquitlam managing traffic that start at ports in countries from South Korea to Karachi and enters Canada only in the ports of Vancouver and Halifax as ocean shipments ... **Hu Wallis BSc'77** is director of the Environment Quality Branch at the BC Ministry of Environment ... **Joe Rogers BA'79** is owner, president & CEO of Strategic Real Estate Ltd., one of Canada's leading tenant mandate retail real estate brokerages. It specializes in market development planning and site acquisition for multi-unit retailers across Canada who wish to plan and execute expansion strategies in broad geographic areas. Joe feels that the background obtained from his degree in Geography, combined with business and negotiating training and experience, has been fundamental to building and maintaining Strategic Real Estate Ltd. as a successful business venture.

1980's

Kate Eliot BA'80 just completed a UBC mentorship with 3rd and 4th year Geography students ... **Colin Wolfe MA'81** heads INTERREG (European regional cooperation), Directorate General for Regional Policy, at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. He is working for the "new Europe" and regional development programs that tackle borders (cross-border transport, environment problems). A Geography degree is very relevant to understanding many of the issues ... **Sabrina Chen BA'82** is working in property management in downtown Vancouver ... **Denise Mills (Nadler) MSc'84** is currently working for the Washington Dept. of Ecology in Yakima as the water quality manager in central Washington. She oversees permits for wastewater and stormwater discharges into surface water and groundwater, and a range of watershed planning and nonpoint source pollution assessment activities. She continues to work toward a PhD in Geography at the university of Hawaii in Manoa ... **Cynthia Clerc (Crockett) BA'85** is teaching

middle school (Gr. 6/7) in Coquitlam. In May she graduated from UBC with an MEd in Curriculum Studies ... **Lauren Banerd BA'86** is a senior technical writer and trainer for Offshore Systems, a local North Vancouver company specializing in electronic chart display and navigation software for large ships ... **Sean Love BA'88** is a minister in an independent Anglican church in Richmond ... **Bruce Martin MA'89** is a minister at First Baptist Church in Lethbridge.

1990's

Andrew Gay BA'92, LLB is a partner at the law firm Gudmundseth Mickelson LLP in Vancouver practicing civil and commercial litigation. He was co-counsel to the Province of British Columbia at the BC Supreme Court and the BC Court of Appeal in Her Majesty the Queen v. Canadian Forest Products, a case which ultimately went to the Supreme Court of Canada on the issue of civil damages for environmental harm (destruction by fire of trees set aside in Environmentally Sensitive Areas) ... **Kate Boyer MA'94** was married this winter and will be starting as a lecturer in the School of Geography at Southampton (UK) in July ... **Andrew Telfer BA'94** is living in Halton Hills (Ont) with wife Sylvie and one young son, Jesse. He is working for Wal-Mart Canada as National Pricing Manager, Consumables ... **Mike Smith MSc'95** is a senior lecturer at Kingston University in England ... **Richard Koo BA'96 MSc.PI 98 (UofT)** is based in Toronto, working at the Canadian Television Fund as a senior research analyst. He is also the senior editor and associate producer with Reach For The Top. Richard was planning to run in the London Marathon in April – he has been appointed by the Canadian Olympic Committee as male Canadian delegate to the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece ... **Kimi Sekhon BA'96** is completing an MA in Conflict Studies at the University of Ottawa ... **Simon Wong BA'96** is VP of security and planning InterVISTAS, a transportation and tourism consulting firm. He volunteers with leadership development in Volunteer Vancouver ... **Jessie Barkley BA'97, MA (Urban Planning, University of California)** is employed at a private consulting firm in Los Angeles and working on

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a light rail project in Santa Monica ... **Susanne Ignatzi** BA'97 MEd'05 acquired a teaching degree and for the last 6 years has been working in the public school system as a high school social studies teacher with the Surrey School District. This year she took some personal leave and joined Utopia Academy's Vancouver Campus as associate dean of education for the Faculty of Massage Therapy program ... **Van Le** BA'97 MSES'03 (Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage) is an associate planner with the Municipality of Anchorage working on long range community plans in the Physical Planning Division. She is married and has a one-year-old baby named Jack ... **Alexandra Philbrook** (Bertram) BA'97 has a 10-month-old daughter, Poppy Adeleine, and enjoys being a stay at home Mom ... **David Campbell** BSc'99 MSc'05 recently had a baby girl, Nemiah, and has moved to Nanaimo to work for the Ministry of Forests as a Research Hydrologist Geomorphologist.

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Kelvin Chiu BA'00 is studying Medical Dosimetry in Houston, Texas ... **Megan Koch** (Stubbs) BA'00 married her "great Dane" in Victoria in July and held a second wedding party in Denmark in September. She has started her graphic design education in Roskilde, Denmark, and is pregnant ... **Geoff England** BA'02, MSc(Town and Country

Planning, University College London) is working with the London Borough of Newham as a transport planner. He is engaged to **Haley**, BA'04 (Geography), and enjoys London football matches ... **Jonathan Ho** BA'02, BSc(Earth & Ocean Sciences)'06 is working at NAVTEQ, producers of digital map data for car navigation systems. He is still involved with Friends of Wetlands. See his website and maps at johomaps.com ... **Julie Robinson** BA'02 is a GIS technician with Equity Engineering. She is going to Yukon for a project, and in January was in Argentina as GIS database administrator for Viceroy Exploration ... **Jolene Bales** BA'03, BEd'06(Minor in Curriculum Development and Instruction) is an SFU Elementary School Teacher with the Vancouver School Board ... **Lilina Lysenko** BA'03, LLB'06(Program for Natural Resources Law and Policy) is practicing law in the Kootenays. She is working on land use planning issues with the Legal and Lands department of Teck Cominco Metals Ltd ...

Scott Pillsbury BA'03 BEd is an elementary school teacher in the middle of doing his masters in Education. He is moving to Edmonton with his fiancé ... **Michael Wang** BA'03 is a GIS specialist for Ducks Unlimited, Canada ... **Jason Hill** BA'04 was involved in real estate and is now a pilot ... **David C. Taylor** BA'04 is completing

an MS in Real Estate at Johns Hopkins University ... **Ying Yuan** BA'04 is working towards an MDiv (Masters of Divinity) degree while working as a pastoral apprentice at South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church ... **Tiffany Lunday** BA'05 is studying for a masters degree in Glaciology at the University of Cambridge, England ... **Ashley Perkins** (Horne) BSc'05 married Toby Perkins in September, whom she met in geog405, and is working on her MSc with Mike Church ... **Angela Hutton** BA'06 is completing an internship at the WorldFish Center, Malaysia. She is involved in a project developing GIS maps that relate socio-economic indicators to the status and health of coral reef areas. The goal is to develop a Livelihood Index for coral reef dependent coastal communities ... **Rey Smith** BA'06 is the labour relations coordinator for Providence Health Care.

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