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Looking Back with a Hopeful View Forward

After his 3-year term as Head of Department, Dr. David Ley reflects on the changing state of UBC Geography



Recently, that shrinking violet, Tony Blair, reflected on his leadership of the UK government, observing that when he started in office he knew little and was widely admired, but when he came to the end of his term he knew much more but was significantly less popular. The Blair Axiom (he would like that!) probably has considerable truth, for unrealistic expectations are typically associated with limited knowledge at the start of a term in office, while the steady recognition of impassable barriers to full goal achievement results in some levels of disappointment all around.

Certainly I have become aware of barriers to departmental objectives as my 3-year term comes to an end. But at the same time the department is continuing to make significant

forward progress. Last year, in this column, I detailed many of the individual accomplishments; this year I take a longer view.

A significant milestone of the past three years was an external departmental review in 2011, the first for a decade. In preparing documentation for the review panel, I looked back at earlier reviews in 1999 to 2000 as well as 1992. The 1992 review revealed a department already achieving at very high levels, among personnel largely recruited some years earlier. The panel identified the department as 'a model of accomplishment', 'displaying credentials of considerable distinction' and ranked it among the top 5 in the world. Twenty years on, with a substantially different faculty complement, the 2011 review panel reached the same conclusion, ranking UBC Geography as the best department in Canada and among the top 5 in the world.

Reviews are not just celebratory of course. In 1992 (as in the first review in 1986), the abysmal condition of laboratories was noted, illustrated by the trenchant comment of an undergraduate that his high school labs were superior to what he found in the Geography building. But, finally, substantial progress has been achieved, and an entire floor of a building now under construction on West Mall is dedicated to lab space for physical geography, an immense improvement. Expect a photograph in this column next year!

Meanwhile, what of the Geography building itself, that most functional of structures beloved by many of us, but somewhat lacking

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in 'mod cons'? The 2011 review was critical of the inadequacies of the building, portraying it in the language of a Dickensian poor house as 'shockingly unacceptable'. Certainly substantial renovations are required and possibly in the future there may be a new building. This past term, a departmental committee has been meeting with a building consultant and UBC staff, and has established a comprehensive analysis of necessary activities and associated space needs. The back of the envelope estimate of the new structure is \$27 million, a bridge too far in current economic conditions, unless Geography (like the Faculty of Law) can find generous off-campus donors. But, at the very least, the Dean has promised significant renovations in the near future.

From the 1992 report we can also see the growth in student numbers over the past 20 years. The 299 Geography Majors (and Honours) students in 1992 have grown to 420 in 2012. (Reflecting the dynamic growth of the new Environment and Sustainability major, the back of the building now includes

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the fresh vegetables of the undergraduate-inspired GeoGarden). The high-quality graduate program is at least 20% larger than it was in 1992. Yet faculty numbers of around 26, when Dr. Jennifer Williams arrives as our new biogeographer in January 2013, have not risen from the numbers who were instructors in 1992. This has created significant capacity problems, and one of the casualties has been the offering of too few graduate seminars as faculty have been obligated to cover high-demand undergraduate courses. As a top UBC department, in terms of international standing, and with the pressure of student numbers, we badly need 2-3 additional appointments to sustain our high quality programs.

This is one of the cases made in UBC's current Capital Campaign. Geography is one of the departments in Arts that is being profiled to the donor community, with a fund-raising target of \$10 million. No doubt many of you will be hearing more about this campaign and I hope you will contribute, as you are able, to the next generation of development for Geography at UBC. Please contact me should you want additional information.

At the end of my term as Head, I wish to thank the community of faculty, staff and students, past and present, for making 1984 West Mall the centre of excellence and collegiality that it has been these many years. As I pass the baton with confidence to my successor, Marwan Hassan, I alert him to the Blair Axiom, so that forewarned and forearmed, he may refute it. My warmest wishes to all of you.

Graduate Student Updates

For the month of June, **Lisa Henault** attended the Natural Disaster Management Course at the Engineering Research Centre in Selfoss, Iceland. The course was one month long during which time she led a team to work under the UN's International Strategy for Disaster Relief, to develop preparedness and planning frameworks for institutions in the town of Selfoss. Frameworks were developed based on magnitude and probability and risk assessment of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and flooding. The final presentations, held at the research centre, had attendees from the municipality, emergency services, corrections and the dairy plant. Question and answer periods followed each presentation. The success of the presentation was reiterated at the end of the course when two awards were presented. One was for the presentation that most captured the essence of the program and effective planning strategies, which was awarded to Lisa Henault's team. Not only was the course a success, but the plans developed over the month will be sent to, and reviewed by, the UN and cooperating stakeholders. This unique and unforgettable experience in Iceland was not only a geomorphologist's dreamland, but provided the opportunity to learn and develop management skills within the UN framework for disaster management.

Alan Grove has received a 2011-2012 Canadian Studies Doctoral Student Research Award for his dissertation research: "Icebergs Dead Ahead: Policies Anticipating Increased Maritime Shipping in the Canadian Arctic". The award is funded through the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC and the Department of Foreign Affairs. It will support his fieldwork in Ottawa and the territorial capitals to interview civil servants and key individuals in non-governmental agencies.

Geoff Hill, in the final phase of his PhD, conducted research on remote site waste management systems in the French and Swiss Alps. Accepted by the journal "Waste Management", this research, titled "Vermicomposting toilets, an alternative to latrine style microbial composting toilets, prove far superior in mass reduction, pathogen destruction, compost quality, and operational cost", adds depth and novel solutions to a seldom-studied field. UBC's composting toilets in the CK Choi building were included in this paper and found to be failing in comparison to industry standards for compost quality and hygiene. Management of the toilets has been given to a contractor specializing in handling biosolids and alternative solutions are being sought.

Arts Co-op a Wealth of Experience

By Lisa Dam, Editor of Geogramme & Victor Ngo, Undergraduate Student



Victor at a community event doing water conservation outreach

Human geography undergraduate student Victor Ngo took on two Co-op placements in 2010, one at the Arts Club Theatre Company where he did market share mapping and geographic analysis and the other at UBC CTLT (Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology) where he assisted in engaging the UBC community on what makes an ideal learning and teaching environment. Having gained what he deemed as useful practical experience relevant to his education and career goals, Victor took up a third placement in the summer of 2011 at the City of Vancouver in the Engineering Department where he worked as a water conservation program assistant. Here, along with a fellow Co-op student, he was responsible for designing and conducting a pilot study evaluating the effectiveness of using community-based social marketing for public engagement and education to promote and inspire water efficient behavior. His work contributed to the City's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan and made progress in achieving the Plan's target of reducing per capita water consumption by 33% from 2006 levels.

Initially, Victor chose to do Arts Co-op because he wasn't sure what he could do with a geography degree, he adds, "Learning [in a classroom] about interesting and critical issues affecting the environment and cities is great, but being able to actually do something and have a meaningful impact in the real world is far more valuable."

Because Victor was involved with the City's pilot study from the beginning, he gained and enhanced a variety of skills that was beneficial to his education and future career path, which is currently to pursue an MA in Planning at UBC SCARP (School of Community And Regional Planning). He was able to learn about research methodologies, literature reviews and survey designs; exercise his GIS and cartographic visualization skills; perform both qualitative and quantitative analyses; practice report writing and presentation skills; design engaging and educational materials; and practice public engagement and communications skills with stakeholders. He also learned how to work with orthophotos, census data, community planning documents and the City's internal GIS.

On his overall experience, Victor says, "Engaging and interacting with the public was enjoyable as I got a chance to meet and speak with many people of a variety of ages and backgrounds. Particularly, practicing my communication skills when speaking with people who did not approve of the cause, and learning how to represent my employer by communicating sensitively and diplomatically was a very valuable learning experience. As a result, I am now much more confident in public speaking and education, and how to successfully engage people on a variety of issues."

When asked if he had tips to share with fellow students about Co-op, he said, "The most difficult aspect of Co-op is the job search...[so] be persistent in your search and be open to what employers are looking for, as you may not necessarily get your ideal job in the first round. Nonetheless, you may be surprised and find yourself learning very relevant skills. Co-op is what you make it."

As a result of his placements, Victor gained a job as a research assistant at UBC SCARP. He is currently working on a research project investigating the capacity of social and digital media as a public engagement tool for climate change planning to catalyze sustainable behavior. The upcoming 2012-2013 academic year will be Victor's fifth and final year before graduating.

Year on Sabbatical

David W. Edgington has spent the last academic year on sabbatical carrying out research into the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northern Japan (the Tohoku region). This led him to field work in the affected region and a study of the role of various levels of government and non-government agencies involved in the immediate aftermath of the disaster. His research question revolved around 'whether or not there was a Japanese model in post-disaster responses'. Based upon field research carried out in the coastal town of Ishinomaki and Sendai city in Miyagi prefecture, as well as Soma city in Fukushima prefecture, he compiled a chronology of the decision-making process followed by each of these three local municipalities in the first few days after the disaster. His preliminary results indicated that there were problems in bringing speedy relief to each location from outside agencies (e.g. Japan's Self Defense Forces and the Japanese Red Cross), and difficulties relating to provisions and conditions at the cities' designated emergency shelters. He presented these findings to the Canadian Association of Geographers meeting in Waterloo in May of this year.

A newspaper report of his presentation can be found at: <http://www.exchangemagazine.com/morningpost/2012/week22/Friday/12060105.htm>

Emeritus Update

At the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Geographers held at the Universities of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier, Professor Emeritus Olav Slaymaker gave a paper entitled "Norway's polar presence". The paper explored some of the possible connections between Fridtjof Nansen, Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian Polar Institute and the University of Norway in Svalbard. The 2011-2012 year marks the sesquicentenary of Nansen's birth and the centenary of Amundsen's trek to the South Pole.

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Geographers Get a Green Thumbs Up

By Sarah Lone, Undergraduate Student & GSA VP Sustainability 2011-2012

Wander into Geography back in April, wondering what was missing? Members of the Department might have noticed that shrubs in the back courtyard have been removed, but luckily they were quickly replaced by planter boxes built by the GeoGarden Team. Fast forward to the summer and now the planter boxes are in full bloom with a large assortment of vegetables!

The GeoGarden Team spent the last year developing a proposal to establish a community garden, receiving departmental approval, along with a Developing Permit, a Streets and Landscaping Permit, and funding from the AMS

Sustainability Grant, to make their plans a reality. The garden is meant to be a demonstration garden that gives students, staff, and faculty a chance to put sustainability theories into practice. The Team hopes it will foster a sense of community while providing opportunities to learn about urban agriculture through the Team's blog, workshops, and a forthcoming mini-library.

So far, a couple dozen volunteers have been involved in the garden, from the planning stages to harvesting. The broader community has expressed enthusiasm for the garden, and this community support keeps the GeoGar-

den Team driven!

Interested in volunteering or learning more? Contact the team at ubcgeogarden@gmail.com and check out their blog at ubcgeogarden.wordpress.com.



Volunteers enjoying the social space created by the garden

Community Service Learning in Action

By Anna Sparks and Molly Clarkson, Former Students of Geography 495



Geography 495 students and Dr. Juanita Sundberg gather around their mural before its send off

It's a tough job but someone's got to do it. GEOG 495 (Geographies of Social Movements in the Americas) held a rocking event in April at the Russian Hall in Strathcona. The event focused on educating attending family members, friends and community groups about the politics of Canadian mining operations in Latin America. It was also a forum for the students to present projects they had been working on all semester, including a letter writing campaign in support of Bill C300, a mobile mural, and a music video. Delicious food, margaritas and a salsa lesson by Más Movement made the event fun as well as educational.

The course, based on a community service model, is designed in conjunction with a community organization under the supervision of Professor Juanita Sundberg. Students research flows between Latin America and Canada and present their findings to the class, discuss readings on solidarity, history and theory and decide collectively on the projects they wish to pursue with their community partner. This year, the class worked with Mining Justice Alliance, a broad-based, grassroots alliance of activists in Vancouver working in solidarity with communities affected by the operations of Canadian-based mining companies. Past community partners of Geography 495 have included CIPO-Van

and Jolom Mayaetik (Mayan Women Weavers).

The first project was a portable canvas mural, facilitated by Melanie Schambach of the Mining Justice Alliance and painted by the students of GEOG 495. The mural, which depicts people from the North and South pushing up a metaphorical "curtain" of lies told by mining corporations, was the product of several weeks of conceptual planning and a week of late, paint-splattered nights. After the painting stage, we wrote personal messages to people affected by Canadian mining developments on the Mixtec-inspired speech scrolls on the mural. A month later we saw the mural again via skype; this time, however, it was in a radio station in San Miguel Ixtahuacán, a community in Guatemala directly affected by the Marlin Mine, an operation owned by Vancouver-based Goldcorp. This type of connection to subject matter is what community service learning courses are meant to promote - laterally, through individual connections rather than vertical or hierarchical relationships between observer and observed. This immediate and visceral connection to the challenges of solidarity work, and working with marginalized groups to find justice was not easy. As students, we struggled to put our class experiences into the context of

academia and the rest of our lives. We, the authors cannot speak for the entire class, an eclectic mixture of students of Human Geography, International Relations, and Latin American Studies; however, if the level of commitment and enthusiasm we saw in our classmates is anything to go by, this course is a unique and rewarding example of the value of community-based learning.

Anna Sparks and Molly Clarkson are former students of Geography 495. Anna is in her final year in Latin American Studies and is looking forward to life on the other side. Molly graduated from UBC with an honours degree in Human Geography in April 2012 [and will be returning as an MA student in September.

Visit the class blog for more details at <http://blogs.ubc.ca/geog4952012/>.

Students Gain Community-Based Research Skills

by David Brownstein, Sessional Instructor

On March 28th, the 21 students of GEOG 419 (Research in Environmental Geography) presented their term's work at a small conference held downtown at the YWCA. Confident, articulate and optimistic, it was hard to imagine that a short four months earlier, these same students had been apprehensive, twitchy, and wondering if it was yet too late to escape the class before the add/drop deadline.

Each student was paired with a unique community partner, being either an environmental NGO (non-governmental organization), a government agency, or a corporate entity. These partners each 'sponsored' a pressing environmental research question, which represented the full breadth of geographical inquiry, ranging from assessing methods to determine lead waste risks to surveying outstanding North American environmental education programs.

From initial proposals, via ethical approval and literature reviews, to tentative analysis and triumphant recommendations, these collaborations helped students to realize that their professional lives had already started. For the community partners, it was a chance to inform research priorities and mentor students (a lot of people like to teach, but not all great mentors have access to students).

The GEOG 419 final reports are going up online, and you can find them at: <https://circle.ubc.ca/handle/2429/34125/browse?type=title>

New Home for Premiere Air Photo Collection

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The proposed renovated and expanded Geographic Information Centre (GIC) at UBC, will house the largest and most comprehensive collection of air photographs documenting BC. Industry professionals, researchers, students and community members will be able to access the collection of approximately 2.3 million air photos.

Taken from an aircraft or elevated position, air photos serve as essential tools for site and regional investigations for engineers, geoscientists, foresters, biologists and planners in the field. Since the Provincial Air Photo Warehouse closed in April 2010, the collection of approximately two million high-resolution air photos has been moved into storage, eliminating access to this vital resource. Over the past two years, digital copies have been available for purchase, but at a relatively high cost and with a significant

wait time. In addition, digital copies are not a standard industry practice and do not provide the same value as original hardcopy images.

With support from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC), the Province of British Columbia is in the process of transferring the Provincial Air Photo Collection to UBC, renewing public access to this valuable resource. The GIC will merge the province's collection with the University's air photo collection of 366,000 images including some of the earliest air photos of British Columbia.

While a nominal fee will be charged to cover the expense of curating the collection, searching for images and organizing loans, academic users in provincial educational institutions can access the collection free of charge, as will the general public for personal, non-commercial use. The GIC currently loans photos for one-week periods with approximately 2000 loans each year; it will continue to provide convenient access to photos within one day. The Department of Geography

anticipates that the number of loans will increase once the two collections merge.

Alongside this impressive collection, the GIC will continue to house maps specializing in BC and Canada, atlases, books, video recordings and course reserves on geographical topics.

The renewed GIC at UBC is a key part of the university's fundraising and alumni engagement campaign, start an evolution, which aims to increase student financial support, promote research excellence and renew facilities.

To achieve this \$400,000 expansion project, the Department of Geography seeks support from alumni, donors and industry leaders. To learn more about the GIC and how you can get involved, please contact:

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One Month in Madrid

Urban climatology PhD student Scott Krayenhoff reports on his time spent in Madrid, Spain.



Looking out over the medieval town of Cáceres, Spain

In late February, I set off to Madrid for several weeks of collaboration with Dr. Alberto Martilli and his colleagues Dr. Jose-Luis Santiago and Andres Simon at the Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas, Medioambientales y Tecnológicas (CIEMAT). The Spanish capital is a lively place despite obvious signs of economic downturn and stories of young adult unemployment hovering near 50%. The centre of Madrid is dense and exceptionally walkable, with excellent metro service. Even in late winter, temperatures reach

20°C and sunny skies abound. The madrileños are friendly people, yet their daily schedule takes some getting used to; dinnertime starts around 10pm, even on weeknights, and weekend parties continue until sometime around sunrise. Workdays at CIEMAT include an hour-long lunch at the cafeteria with the whole research group. Eating at your desk is unheard of, and, to the extent that I understand the native tongue, nobody "talks shop" over lunch.

I first met Alberto in 2002 when he was a post-doctoral fellow in Atmospheric Science at UBC. He helped me make headway on a rather challenging project I had been tasked with at the time: how much cooler would Toronto be on a hot summer day if every second building had a greenroof? Alberto had recently completed one of the first state-of-the-art urban climate models for his PhD. Since then, he and his group have become renowned in numerical modeling of air pollution transport and microclimate formation in cities.

How cities are designed and built impacts their climate. This, in turn, affects how much energy they use and how comfortable and healthy they are. The best-known urban effect on local climate is the urban heat island (UHI), the characteristic warmth of cities relative to the surrounding countryside. In many regions urban heat exacerbates air pollution, energy use (for cooling), and heat-induced discomfort and mortality.

One of the most effective antidotes to urban heat is believed to be the (re-)addition of vegetation to urban landscapes; however, at present, we lack models capable of assessing the impacts of vegetation on different neighbourhoods. Moreover, many cities already boast numerous trees, many of

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them taller than the buildings (perhaps your Vancouver neighbourhood comes to mind?). As a part of my dissertation, I am developing a model to assess the impacts of trees on city climates. Alberto and his colleagues have tools and expertise that are indispensable in this endeavour, and we spent many warm Madrid days in animated collaboration, fast-tracking development.

I am fortunate to have had some evenings and weekends to explore. Although not exceptionally touristy, Madrid offers a myriad of worthwhile distractions: top-notch art museums, nearby medieval towns, a flourishing tapas scene, traditional Moorish baths, and Flamenco shows. During my last week in Madrid, I was especially touched by the friendly madrileños. The small hostel where I stayed is run by a lovely mother

and son duo. The son and I talked about futbol incessantly, he a Real Madrid fan and me a Barcelona fan (Messi-Xavi-Iniesta...has the world ever seen such quality futbol?). Despite my wayward allegiance, he rented a pitch and set up a game of futbol with his mates so that I wouldn't spend a month in Spain without getting a few kicks in. Meanwhile, the mother insisted on sending me home with some tasty olive oil and wine she had delivered from her native pueblo's co-op. I headed home with a marked affinity for the culture and people of Madrid, and a dissertation in full swing.

Thanks to the Office of the Vice President, Research and International at UBC, Alberto Martilli, and Tim Oke (NSERC) in particular, for making this trip possible.

Alumnus Profile In-Depth

Angela D'Amato (BA'11) graduated from UBC Geography's Environment and Sustainability Program. She went on to work for Callinex Mines Inc., a mineral exploration company.



Angela logging core at the Coles Creek Project in Northern BC

Describe your undergraduate experience at UBC Geography.

I lived in the Geography building with its many ancient quirks, and the GIC was my study hall. I had good relationships with many of my professors and I worked closely with a few of them on special projects. Undergraduate advisor Karen Young saved my sanity more than once over the years it took me to finish my degree part-time.

Why did you choose Geography?

I have always been fascinated with physical geography. I think it's amazing to look around, no matter where you are, and explain why the natural environment looks the way it does. My program of study allowed me to explore a multitude of my fascinations, including marine biology, petrology, natural disasters, atmospheric science, ecology, oceanography, etc.

Describe your role at Callinex Mines Inc.

I work at the head office in Vancouver as well as in the field in northern British Columbia and Manitoba. I am a GIS analyst and a corporate

social responsibility manager. I am responsible for maintaining a healthy and safe environment for employees and contractors; I build relationships with First Nations and other communities surrounding our projects; and I implement and manage policies to protect the environment.

How has UBC Geography helped you shape your career path?

Many of the courses I took helped me to understand the issues that my company and I face every day; however, my GIS and cartography training is, by far, what I use the most on a day-to-day basis. My degree, in general, taught me to be professional and it helped me to become an effective business writer and communicator. As much as I hated class presentations, those exercises helped me to develop my presentation skills, which I use on an ongoing basis. Since graduation, I have been asked to speak at several conferences and I am very lucky to have a job that uses so much of my educational background.

What are some tips or advice you would like to share with current UBC Geography students?

Figure out what your true interests are and focus your efforts on them. Be confident and choose a concentration that makes you happy. To Environment & Sustainability students: know that we are in a time of change. Companies are looking for a way to become more environmentally and socially sustainable, but they don't know how to begin. You are a perfect fit for this scenario – let them know that!

Any last words?

One of the best pieces of advice I received while I was a student was from Dr. David Brownstein. He told us to become members of student associations that we were interested in. Amazing tip! I still belong to all of my associations and most of them at a reduced price. The events are great for networking, and the news and updates are always relevant.

New Geography Professionals Leadership Network

In December, the Department of Geography, in consultation with student representatives, surveyed the graduate student body on ways to enhance their learning experience in Geography. One of the key findings was a need to increase opportunities for students to network with individuals outside of academia.

After careful review, the Graduate Committee is launching a Geography Mentorship Program under the umbrella of a new Professionals Leadership Network. It will be the first graduate-professional networking program of its kind in the Faculty of Arts.

In its first stages, graduate students will be matched with individuals from government, NGOs, and industry. This mentorship will provide an opportunity for participants to share workplace experiences and expectations with students. It is not a job-finding program; however, it is an excellent occasion for students to expand their networks and gain insight.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to participate, please contact Suzanne Lawrence at gradprogram@geog.ubc.ca.

Student Award Recipients

With generous support from donors, alumni and friends, the Department of Geography is able to provide students with financial assistance through student awards. Here are some of the recipients:



Matt Dyce, 2011 J. Lewis Robinson Memorial Scholarship recipient

Doctoral candidate **Matt Dyce** is investigating environmental science, archival knowledge and state formation in Canada from 1860s to the present. He received the 2011 **J. Lewis Robinson Memorial Scholarship**, established in honour of the founding head of the department. Matt has taught Regional Geography of Canada at UBC for three years, and in 2012, he was appointed to the Department of Geography at The University of Winnipeg.

"This award is especially meaningful because part of my

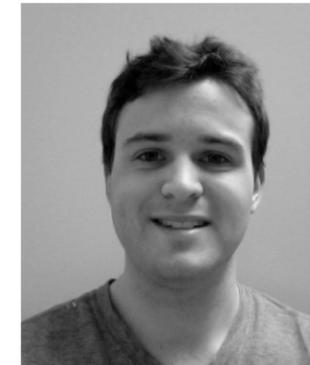
doctoral research looks at the development of geographical theory in the 20th century. J. Lewis Robinson was central in developing a regional approach useful for explaining large geographical patterns across Canada and also accounting for unique expressions of belonging to place."

Anne Bjorkman (MSc'09), a doctoral candidate investigating the consequences of climate change on plant communities in the Canadian High Arctic, was an inaugural recipient of the **Jimmy Grewal Memorial Award in Geography**.

"I was extremely honoured to receive the Jimmy Grewal Memorial Award in 2011. This award has provided valuable funding for my thesis work at UBC and my final summer of fieldwork on Ellesmere Island. I am immensely grateful to Mr. Grewal and the other donors for their generosity."

Geography Alumni Scholarship

The **Geography Alumni Scholarship** was established by alumni who recognize the importance of Geography scholarship and fieldwork. In the 2011-2012 academic year, the Department awarded six \$1,000 awards to Geography students entering their final year of studies. Here are a few words from the recipients:



Liam O'Callaghan, Geography Alumni Scholarship recipient

Liam O'Callaghan (BSc'12) studied geographical biogeosciences and will pursue a Masters of Management degree at the Sauder School of Business in the fall.

"This award had a great impact on my career as a student. It meant so much to be recognized for my academic achievements and it provided me with the ability to focus more deeply on my studies. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to donors for providing me with the means and determination to continue my studies to the best of my abilities."



Allison Franko, Geography Alumni Scholarship recipient

Allison Franko (BA'12) studied environmental geography and international relations. During final exams, Franko began working at leading design and consulting firm, Stantec, where she currently works in the area of environmental services.

"The award helped me to offset tuition during my last year at UBC and allowed me to focus on my studies and career goals. I am so grateful for the support."

Alex Pysklywec (BA'12) recently worked with Dr. Juanita Sundberg on investigating the social impacts of increasing militarization along the United States-Mexico border by focusing on the community of Brownsville, Texas. Pysklywec plans to continue this research in his master's program in Geography.

"Receiving the Geography Alumni Scholarship was an honour. It strengthened my confidence as a student and scholar, and it served as a validation of my hard work. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the alumni of Geography. Thank you."

Alumnus Featured in AAG Career Resource

Alumnus Andrew Telfer (BA '94) is currently the manager of sustainability for Walmart Canada, and is a program mentor for business students interested in careers in the green economy at the Universities of Ottawa and Western Ontario. He was recently profiled in a comprehensive new resource from the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and Pearson entitled "Practicing Geography: Careers for Enhancing

Society and the Environment". Funded by the National Science Foundation, this book discusses workforce needs, expectations, and core competencies in professional geography, profiling the professional applications of, and opportunities in, geography today.

More details can be found here: <http://www.aag.org/cs/education/edge/books>

Undergraduates Attend National Conference

By Joanna Yang, Undergraduate Student and GSA Member



Undergraduate students left to right: Sara Ravensbergen, Owni Toma, Meredith Alder, Lia Dengler, Danalee Harvey, Lawrence Book-McKnight, Joanna Yang, Kevin Chan, Yida Lin, Victor Ngo

With an open and engaging academic atmosphere, the WDCAG Conference is ideal for first-time conference goers. This year, fourteen undergraduate students formed the UBC-Vancouver delegation, and actively participated in academic discourse with professors and fellow peers. Multiple posters and paper presentations were featured, and four students from the delegation were selected to represent the UBC Geography Department. Congratulations to Lawrence Book McKnight, Kevin Chan, Lia Dengler and Victor Ngo for their successful presentations/posters!

The trip was a logistical success – and feedback from students who attended was overwhelmingly positive. As an intellectually and socially stimulating experience, the GSA is eager to organize next year's delegation!

Of course, this trip would not have been possible without the support of Dr. David Ley, Sandy Lapsky, Catherine Aldana, and Karen Young. The GSA would like to thank the Geography Department, the AMS, AUS and SUS for supporting the group financially.

Deconstructing a Housing Crisis

Sage Ponder (doctoral student) along with Pierson Nettling, Bosco Ho, Sophie Ellen Fung, and Zachary Liebowitz (undergraduate students) collaborated on a project in Geography 450 (Urban Research) documenting the ongoing housing catastrophe in the United States. They are coauthors on an article that has been accepted for publication in "American Quarterly", the journal of the American Studies Association. Title: New Racial Meanings of Housing in America.

Jeanne Yang Joins 25 Year Club

On May 15, 2012, Jeanne Yang, Geography's Departmental Assistant, attended the annual 25 Year Club Dinner where she was inducted into the University of British Columbia's 25 Year Club. This club acknowledges UBC staff members who have worked at the university for 25 years. The club has grown to over 1,000 members. Her heartfelt thanks go out to Percy (her husband), Sandy Lapsky, Rosemary Cann, Paul Jance and his wife, Sue, who were at the dinner to celebrate with her.



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cializing in environmental planning and sustainable development ... Robin Ross BA'67 has served churches in Whitewood and Moosomin, Saskatchewan; Trenton, Ontario; and Mission, British Columbia, where he retired in 2008 ... After a 27-year career in the Ontario government, Richard Lundeen BA'69 founded a consulting firm which provides planning, governance, organizational development and business transformation services to government and public sectors.

1970s

Chris Brangwin BEd'71, MA'73 is retired after teaching for many years at Australian private schools and serving as Deputy Headmaster. He was awarded an Order of Australia in 2009 ... John Bottomley MA'71, PhD'77 is retired and living in Peterborough, Ontario after a career in distance education in BC and Australia ... Rusty Joerin BA'71 is currently living in Qualicum Beach, working as a supply management consultant and pursuing a continuing interest in photography (www.woodsgift.ca) ... Mark Griggs BA'72, MA'76 is the Manager of Port Development at Port Metro Vancouver ... Ian K. Hayes BA'72, MBA'78 is the Vice President Corporate Finance at the Bank of Montreal in Toronto. He is beginning to wind down and looks forward to retirement while his three adult children and wife return to school ... Jim and Janis Connolly both BA'73 Janis is the Alumni Relations Liaison at Capilano University. She has worked in various alumni relations capacities for UBC and the University of Western Ontario over the past several years. Jim is an independent yacht broker and co-founder of YachtBC, an organization that promotes BC as a cruising destination ... Marilyn (Davis) McKelvey BA'73, MA'76 (Waterloo), BEd'00 (Toronto) is the incoming Department Head of Geography at a large high school in central Toronto. She worked as an urban planner and wrote about heritage issues, including "Toronto: Carved in Stone" (1985). She has been married since 1975 and has three children ... Michael Thorne BA'75 is President of Thorne Financial Planning in Yaletown ... Ian Thomson BA'75 has been retired for four years but still enjoys taking geology students from Elphinstone Secondary in Gibsons on field trips. His recent adventures include climbing volcanoes in the Aeolian Islands in Northern Sicily ... Robert (Bob) Glen Warner BA'75 worked within the transportation industry in Vancouver for 34 years and for the last 23 years, he has worked at CRSA Logistics ... Holger Burke BA'76, MA'83 is a planner with the City of Richmond and is married to his university sweetheart. Together, they have four children and three grandchildren ... Lorna Seppala BA'76, BSW'97 has been working in environmental and sustainability management for the past 25 years. After her time as the Associate Director of Sustainability at UBC (2008-2010), she has been working in a consulting capacity with PowerSmart on the culture and behavior change components of BC Hydro's internal energy efficiency program (2010-2012) ... Michael Vermilyea BA'76 currently works for Central 1 Credit Union in Vancouver as a Systems Integration Architect. He is married with a son who is a Tibetan Buddhist Monk living in a retreat high in the Himalaya Mountains in northern Nepal ... Kathleen (Warren) Wood BA'76 has been living in Whitehorse since 1985 as an environmental consultant. For five years, she worked on the negotiating team that concluded the Yukon First Nations Final Agreement ... Joy (Jenkins) Connelly BA'77 has worked for 30 years in social housing. She is now fostering debate about the future of social housing through her blog openingthewindow.com ... Karl Gustavson BA'77, BArch'81 owns an architectural practice, Karl Gustavson Architect Inc., which was established in 1985. Karl and his wife have recently completed a full restoration of a farmhouse in the south of France and they are currently looking forward to their first olive harvest ... Angus Robertson BA'72, MA'77 lives in Whitehorse and was also part of the federal negotiating team that concluded the Yukon First Nations Final Agreement ... Joan Schwartz MA'77 is Associate Professor and Queen's National Scholar in the Department of Art History and Art Conservation at Queen's University. She is cross-appointed to the Department of Geography and is also an Adjunct Research Professor in History and Geography at Carleton University ... Philip Suckling PhD'77 is Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography at Texas State University-San Marcos, a position he has held since 2005. Prior to joining Texas State, Philip served as professor and head at the University of Northern Iowa for 14 years ... David Phipps BA'78 currently spends his time

between Vancouver, Lake Errock and San Joaquin de Flores, Costa Rica.

1980s

Adriane Carr BA'74, MA'80 taught for 12 years at Langara College and was Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. Adriane left teaching to join the executive team at Western Canada Wilderness Committee before being elected to Vancouver City Council in 2011 ... Andrew Lee BSc'80 became a Chartered Accountant and is a partner with Morgan & Company, Chartered Accountants. After graduating, Andrew spent time with the Geotechnical Group, Ministry of Highways, getting paid to hike the province. He is married and has two sons, one of which is hoping to attend UBC this year ... Randy Milner BA'81, LLB'84 has been Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Methanex Corporation since 2002. He has been fortunate to travel broadly and thinks that his study of human and social geography has made those travels richer ... John Butcher BA'82, MA'86 is completing his dissertation at the Australian National University in Canberra, examining policy frameworks that support government/not-for-profit sector cooperation ... Ian Okabe BSc'82, PhD'95 retired as Head of the Weather Centre, Environment Canada in Vancouver. He will return to teaching on a part-time basis ... Colleen (Hardwick) Nystedt BA'83 founded PlaceSpeak.com a location-based public consultation platform ... Jason Riley BA'84 won the Vanier Cup with UBC in 1982 and went on to play professional football in the CFL for 11 years winning the Grey Cup with the Hamilton Tiger Cats in 1986. Jason is currently teaching religious studies and social science at a secondary school in Burlington, Ontario ... Chris Sonnendrücker BA'83 returned to France in 1984 to finish graduate studies. He is currently working for the Université de Toulouse as Project Manager for the French National University Campus Renovation Program. He has been married since 1985 and has three sons ... David Tuchsneider BA'83 is working on rural development, decentralization and indigenous issues in the World Bank, Washington ... Matthew Baldwin BA'84 is the Director of Planning for BC's fastest growing city, Langford, on Southern Vancouver Island ... Andrew Farncombe BA'84 is the Vice-President, International Partnerships, at the Canadian Urban Institute in Toronto. He is currently working on urban and regional planning initiatives in Ethiopia, the Philippines, Jamaica and Ukraine, putting his skills as a geographer to good use ... Sue Grimmond BSc'84, PhD'89 is a professor at King's College London ... Fiona James BA'84 works as a special education teacher and in lives in Washington, DC with her husband (Ted Alden BA'86) and two children ... Donna Rodman BA'84, MLA'99 is a Registered Landscape Architect. Perhaps the only geographer-landscape architect with a nursing background in North America, Donna is working towards making a difference for seniors and people with disabilities ... Wayne Wilson BA'84, MA'89 was part of the six-week 2011 David Thompson voyageur canoe expedition down the Columbia River systems (1800 km voyage). This expedition was recorded by documentary filmmaker Jay Macmillan and it has won two awards since its release in the fall of 2011. Wayne was the narrator (www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoqmiFyHNs8) ... Trevor Gale BA'86 spent 17 years teaching overseas. He recently returned to Vancouver and is currently the Principal of the Senior School at St. John's School ... Bruce Martin BA'86, MA'89 is a pastor at First Baptist Church in Lethbridge, Alberta and an adjunct professor of geography at Crandall University and Tyndale University College. Bruce also works with the City of Lethbridge's affordable housing and homeless initiatives. He is married and has three sons ... Brian Mills BA'86 is currently Director of Service and Infrastructure Planning at TransLink, Vancouver's regional integrated transportation authority ... Michele Wiens BA'84, MA'86, MLIS'09 works at the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health as an information specialist (health sciences librarian), as well as at the BC Centre for Disease Control in Vancouver. She is also a lecturer in the Geography Department at Simon Fraser University ... Beth Sywulsky BA'87 is the Deputy CEO at a small not-for-profit organisation, Australian Business Volunteers, working in the Asia-Pacific region. She is the recipient of an Australian Government Endeavour Award and will be undertaking a project in Canada over the summer, which looks at best practices in project management within Indigenous and First Nations communities in conjunction with ABV's Canadian counterpart

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1950s

Charles Dick BA'59, BEd'62, MA'64 (Oregon) is retired, and for the last 5 years, has been working on a project for the Ladysmith Archives on "The Timberland Lumber/Timberland Development Company from 1906 to 1959" with specific interest in the period 1906-1929.

1960s

Upon retirement in 1997, Victor Warren BA'60 travelled to Fiji and farmed sugar cane for 10 years. Since then, he has sold his sugar cane operation and now grows Noni, called Kurra in Fiji, which is said to do wonderful things for the body ... Ross MacKinnon BA'64 currently lives in Tucson, Arizona after retiring in 2009. Prior to retirement, he held academic geography positions at the University of Toronto, SUNY University at Buffalo (Dean of Social Sciences) and the

University of Connecticut (Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences) ... Rod Logan BA'65, MA'67 is retired and living on Capital Hill in North Burnaby ... David Murdoch BA'65, MEd'72 is a retired secondary social studies and geography teacher who is now now travelling the world and living the life of a geographer ... Edmond R. Cuyllits BA'66, MA'72 is happy to retire a second time. He is leaving the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in North America where he was the Executive Director ... David Keenlyside BA'66, PhD (Calgary) took on the position of Executive Director at the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation in 2007 after he retired from 35 years with the Canadian Museum of Civilization as Atlantic Provinces Archaeologist ... While Blair Fitzharris MA'67, PhD'75 has retired from full-time teaching, he is a professor emeritus at the University of Otago, New Zealand and review editor for the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ... Edward (Ted) Manning BA'67, MA'69, PhD'72 (Wellington, New Zealand) is President of Ottawa-based Tourisk Inc., an international consulting firm spe-

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organisation, CESO-SACO ... Arthur Fallick MA'80, PhD '88 is Co-Principal Investigator of an applied research program to design regional food systems for southwest BC and the Yukon. He is currently Director of Sustainable Urban Systems in Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Institute for Sustainable Horticulture ... Adam Brosgall BA'89 went on to complete an MA (Human Geography) in England, and then studied law at the University of Calgary. He recently opened his own law firm specializing in civil litigation. In 2005, Adam married Erica Trister BEd'01, MEd'05. They have a six-year old boy and a four-year old girl ... Kevin McKechnie BA'89, MD'05 is a family physician in Nelson.

1990s

Helen Cleugh PhD'90 is deputy chief of CSIRO's Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research (Canberra). She is co-editor of Climate Change Science and Solutions for Australia (2011) ... Andrew Gay BA'92 now practices law with the litigation firm Gudmundseth Mickelson LLP in Vancouver. He fondly remembers the undergraduate Geography program ... Since graduating, Mark LaFleur BA'92, BEd'95 taught in School District 57 (Prince George). He currently teaches math and social studies at Duchess Park Secondary (grades 8-12) and has also coached high school volleyball since 1995, club volleyball since 2002, and the Team BC Volleyball Program for the past four years ... Kara (Thornbury) Solberg BA'92 is an engineering team lead for General Electric Canada based in Burnaby. She has been working in the field of GIS/OMS software projects for electric/gas/water/telco utilities across North America for the last 17 years ... David Baldasso BA'94, BEd'97, MEd'06 is currently a vice-principal at Elgin Park Secondary in Surrey. He spent five years as Vice Principal at Queen Elizabeth Secondary in Surrey, and prior to that, he taught for 10 years. For six years, David taught IB Geography Higher Level at Semi-hmoo Secondary and put his degree to work! ... Chris Needham BA'94 is a publisher at Now Or Never Publishing ... Michael Penalosa BA'94 is Managing Principal with Thomas Consultants Inc., a retail development consulting firm where he has worked for 14 years. Michael has participated in a wide range of real estate development consulting projects throughout North America, Asia and the Middle East, and he has been part of the leading edge in defining successful approaches for viable retail and mixed-use projects ... Suzanne Smith BA'94, MA'02 is a planner with the City of North Vancouver. Current projects include a focus on the integration of sustainability and energy in community planning and reaching beyond the usual suspects in community engagement efforts to update the City's Official Community Plan ... Andrew Telfer BA'95 is currently the Manager of Sustainability for Walmart Canada, and is a program mentor for business students interested in careers in the green economy at the Universities of Ottawa and Western Ontario ... Alex Cannon BSc'95, Dip.Meteorology'96, MSc'00, PhD'09 is now working as a research climatologist at the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium at the University of Victoria. He continues to keep ties with UBC as an adjunct professor in the Atmospheric Science Program ... Jessie Barkley BA'97 completed her MA in urban planning at the University of California in 2000. She has been an urban planning consultant in Los Angeles for 12 years, working on many mixed use and affordable housing projects along coastal California. She currently works in Santa Monica ... Chad Wasilenkoff BA'96 is currently the CEO of Fortress Paper Ltd., a company he founded in 2006. In 2010, he was the recipient of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year award, pacific and manufacturing division ... Kathleen Keilty BA'96, LLB'00 is a practicing lawyer and partner in the Vancouver office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. Kathleen specializes in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, acting primarily for public companies in the mining and forestry sectors ... Chris Keylock MSc'97 is currently working in the Civil and Structural Engineering Department at the University of Sheffield, researching environmental flows. He continues to stay in touch with various UBC alumni in the U.K. as well as several academic staff at UBC ... Georgia Minopetra BA'96 is working as an elementary teacher with the Burnaby School District ... Geoff Rempel BA'96, BEd'97, MA'01 is a member of the Immigration Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada in Vancouver ... James Kilgour BA'98, MSc'05 (Coventry University) is the Manager of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Toronto. He is responsible for emergency management and business continuity. James is

married with two daughters who he hopes will go to UBC ... Nick Konto-georgopoulos PhD'98 is currently Professor and Director of the International Political Economy Program, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington ... Vince Warry BA'98, BEd'99 teaches senior geography and human geography in the Burnaby School District and is still making music! ... Andrew Forrest BA'99 has been teaching in the Vancouver Catholic Schools since 2002 and has recently completed a Masters of Educational Technology through UBC Education ... Brent Galster BA'99 is a semi-retired bilingual communications professional in the finance industry in Toronto where he engages with Swedish- and Italian-speaking colleagues. Brent hopes to launch an e-book of his novel "Chameleon On Plaid" later this year as well as some short stories such as "The Wet Coast" which are based on his 12 or so years in Vancouver ... Noel Genoway MA'99 is the former Assistant Chair of the Langara School of Management and a current instructor in the Bachelor of Business Administration program. He also teaches at the Capilano School of Business/Tourism. He recently returned from teaching in France, where he has been going for five years to teach at Ecole de Management Normandie ... Crystal Huscroft BSc'99 recently received tenure as a lecturer at Thompson Rivers University.

2000s

Niko Vujevic BA'00 is an urban planner for Otak International in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates ... Simon Dadson MSc'00 is a university lecturer in physical geography at the University of Oxford ... Grant McKenzie BA'02 is currently pursuing his PhD in geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara ... Jennifer Sawka BA'02, BEd'03, MEd'12 and is currently teaching grade one in Vancouver. She recently completed her master's in the joint program of Administration and Leadership/Curriculum Studies at UBC ... Aleksandra Brzozowski BA'03, MA'06 is seeing how municipal planning works in Africa. She is interning with the Imagine Durban long-range planning department, exploring women and youth's involvement in the green economy ... Judi Krzyzanowski MSc'03, PhD'10 runs her own consulting firm in Stirling-Rawdon, Ontario and continues to work in the area of oil and gas in north-eastern British Columbia. Her work also focuses on issues of air pollution, climate change, sustainable agricultural systems, waste-to-energy projects and environmental policy ... Ana Cristina (Niña) Laureles BA'03 is currently a visual effects artist and creates computer generated dynamic simulations that represent natural phenomena in feature films (www.imdb.com/name/nm4215989) ... Lilina Lysenko BA'03, LLB'06 is currently working as a lawyer in the Kootenays ... Kyle MacDonald BA'03 is the founder of One Red Paperclip Inc., an important world famous corporation that pulls off the most unlikely schemes of all time for personal profit and public good ... Michael Wang BA'03 is a GIS specialist at International Northair Mines Ltd. ... Mark Kirsop BA'05 is enjoying life as a new father of a baby girl with his wife; he is working for ICBC in regulatory affairs after a stint in local government-First Nation relations ... Mike Rae BA'06, BEd'10 teaches Geography and History 12 at a British Columbia international school in China. He is loving the adventures that come with the job! ... Michael Watson BA'05 lives in Revelstoke, BC and has worked for CP Rail as a Railway Conductor since 2007. He also volunteers for the Advisory Planning Committee and the Environmental Advisory Committee for the City of Revelstoke ... Jason Chan BA'06 is working towards his CGA and volunteers with the Lions Club and Toastmasters ... Rebecca Klady MSc'07 is working towards candidacy for her PhD in the Faculty of Forestry at UBC. Her research looks at assessing whether wind power and greenhouses can enhance energy and food resilience in Canadian Arctic communities ... Lisa Blachut BA'07, BEd'09 teaches Spanish and coordinates the Outdoor Education Program at Southpointe Academy, a K-12 school in Tsawwassen ... Samuel Cameron BA'07 made contact with Graeme Wynn to discuss his current research interest in strategies and possibilities for "re-activating Vancouver laneways." After completing his BA, Sam worked as a planning assistant in Calgary, before enrolling in the Planning Program at KTH Stockholm, where he is building on his laneway research as part of his MA ... Kendra Ferguson BA'07 is a planning consultant at the multi-disciplinary consulting firm, Urban Systems Ltd. Kendra works with all types of clients including developers, local

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queer activism and progressive politics. By the time this goes to print, he will have moved to Toronto in search of exciting new opportunities and adventures ... Emma S. Norman PhD'09 recently accepted a position at Michigan Tech University as Assistant Professor in geography and Research Affiliate with the Great Lakes Research Center ... Ryan Schnell BA'09 spent a year and a half in South Korea teaching English and he is now an online banking analyst in San Francisco, California ... Simon Springer PhD'09 will be returning to BC in July 2012 to begin an assistant professor position in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria. Prior to this, he held the positions of lecturer at the University of Otago, New Zealand, and assistant professor at the National University of Singapore ... Baoling Wang PhD'09 works in Beijing, China on regional planning and development ... Creighton Connolly BA'10 is finishing an MA in geography at Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's), which concerns the international trade/traffic in secondhand electronics. He is a national track and field team member, specializing in the 20km Racewalk event, and competed at the World Cup of Racewalking on May 12, in Saransk, Russia ... Shannon Lambie BA'10 is completing an MA in international studies at Simon Fraser University. Currently, she is working in the office of La Asociación de Instituciones de Promoción y Educación in La Paz, Bolivia. She is writing her MA thesis on food sovereignty and will graduate in December 2012 ... Jeremy Sanbrooks BA'10, BEd'11 currently works as an alternate education teacher for the Central Okanagan School District and he is completing a Master's in Educational Counseling and Leadership. Jeremy married in the summer of 2011 and is the proud father of an 8-month-old canine daughter ... Pedro Schmid BA'10 is currently completing his MSc at the University of Fribourg-Switzerland ... Daniel Lai BA'10 is currently completing a Master of Public Policy at the University of Calgary and is a University of London LLB candidate ... Kelly Si Miao Liang BA'11 is studying Sino-African relations at the School of International Studies, Peking University, China.

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