

Building success through
participation and
learning exchange



Autumn 2013

PLN Enters a New Year!

PLN's 2nd Annual Reception, UBC Robson Square

On October 3rd, the Department of Geography's Professional Leadership Network (PLN) hosted its second annual reception for graduate students, faculty, alumni and PLN members.

The reception was held in the main foyer of UBC's Robson Square campus, in the heart of downtown Vancouver.



The reception gave over 60 PLN members, UBC alumni, faculty members, and graduate students the opportunity to meet discuss research as well as employment opportunities with field experts.

The reception event was highlighted by guest speaker, Vancouver City Councillor Heather Deal, who spoke to the group of the important between establishing bonds between students and their community.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

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Sarah Przedpelska, a third year MA student with a focus on urban geography and international migration, was encouraged by the number of guests from diverse sectors: "being exposed to many professionals from so many different sectors of society it became apparent to me that there are many opportunities out there for someone with a geography degree" and that, "it was great to meet professionals who clearly appreciated and were curious



about the knowledge we geographers have gained through our masters."

We thank everyone for attending this year's event and making the program a success!



Photos taken by Bret Petersen

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You are invited to ...

Geography's Colloquia and Research Series

Every other Thursday at 4pm unless stated otherwise at <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/department/colloquium.html>.
Room 201, UBC Geography Building (1984 West Mall)
Brief speaker profiles will be posted on our website the week before each meeting.

Department of Geography's Graduate Symposium

April 24th, 2014, 9:00am to 4:00pm
UBC Geography Building (1984 West Mall)
At the end of April all second year Master level student offer a 15 minute presentation on their research. More information will be posted at <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/department/springsymposium.html> in early April.

Visit www.geog.ubc.ca for additional event listings.

SEND US YOUR EVENT!

Do you know of a speaker, conference, or event which may be of interest to the PLN or Department members?

Email event details to Geography.PLN@ubc.ca

The Benefits of Joining a Network

When Professionals Volunteer their time and efforts to enhance the student experience, they also forge relationships that span the professional disciplines and create new experiences for themselves and the student body.

Volunteering to join a network and mentor student allows professionals to build their careers and add value to their work while giving to students and the broader community.

By attending PLN events professionals will learn about the most current research in their field. It also affords them the opportunity to deliver presentations at colloquia to students and faculty members in the Geography department and will serve their own career.

Connect, Engage and coach with tomorrow's leaders, urban planners, policymakers, and climate specialists!

Visit <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/pln/> today!

Welcome Mimi Yu! New PLN Coordinator

The Department is pleased to welcome Mimi Yu as staff support for PLN! Mimi began in her position in September 2013 and will continue until the end of April. She works in membership relations and communications. Mimi is from Vancouver and in her final year of an BA Honours degree in English Literature at UBC. In her spare time, Mimi enjoys reading, baking, and playing with her two tabby cats, Taco and Salsa.



2013-2014 Geography Graduate Mentorship Partners

Thanks to everyone who participated!

Scott Babakaiff, BC Ministry of Environment — David West, MSc Student
 Dave Campbell, BC River Forecast Centre — Joel Trubilowicz, PhD Student
 Brendan Connors, ESSA Technologies — Sarah Davidson, PhD Student
 Natasha Cowie, Rescan — Lawrence Bird, MSc Student
 Darren Ham, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants — Matt Chernos, MSc Student
 Georg Jost, BC Hydro — Lucy MacKenzie, MSc Student
 Tom Pedersen, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions — Christopher Quick, MSc Student
 Jane Pickering, City of Vancouver — Craig Jones, MA Student
 Dawn Ursuliak, Justice Institute of BC — Nicholas Byrne, MA Student
 Heather Wood, Department of Fisheries & Oceans — Molly Clarkson, MA Student
 Dan Woyntillowicz, Tides Canada — Emilia Kennedy, PhD Student
 Andre Zimmerman, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants — Leonora King, PhD Student