

# GEOGRAMME

A Newsletter for Friends of UBC Geography

Summer, 2004

## A Very Good Year

Mike Bovis, Head

Now that classes are over and things are slowing down to merely hectic, we turn our attention to a signal event – the retirement of Professor Olav Slaymaker. Olav is just completing his 40<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and research (all at UBC, apart from four years at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth).

In that time, he has been head of Geography ('82 - '91), associate VP, Research, ('92-'95), and academic director of the Liu Centre. He has also been president of the Canadian Association of Geographers ('91-'92) and of the International Association of Geomorphologists ('97-'01).

He is a distinguished scientist and colleague who has given his life to his department, to his university, and to the discipline of geography. It is fitting that The Simons Foundation and UBC have endowed the Olav Slaymaker Scholarship in Environment, in recognition of Olav's

contributions to research on environmental issues. We salute Olav and have organized a special conference to honour him. The general theme is "Sediment and Geochemical Budgets in Geomorphology." Complete details of the event can be found at:

<http://www.geog.ubc.ca/olav2004>

Coupled with Olav's retirement was a faculty search for a physical geographer. We made two appointments: Marwan Hassan, a fluvial geomorphologist with a strong international profile in sediment transport and drainage basin studies; and Brett Eaton (UBC PhD pending), who studies theoretical models of alluvial channel stability. This is only the third time in 34 years that the department has hired one of its own PhDs.

Also joining us is Dr. Markus Weiler, who holds one of the FRBC Endowed Chairs in Forest Hydrology and is cross-appointed to the department of Forest Resources Management. His research specialty is hillslope hydrology in steep-land basins.

### Awards and Prizes

Professor **Derek Gregory** was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the sixth FRSC in the history of the department ... Emeritus Professor **Cole Harris** was awarded the 2003 Massey Medal of the RCGS for contributions to Canadian historical geography. His latest book, *Making Native Space: Colonialism, Resistance, and Reserves in British Columbia*, won the 2002 Sir John A. Macdonald Prize of the Canadian Historical Association ... **Tim Oke** received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biometeorology from the



Mike Bovis, Head of Geography

American Meteorological Society and the Patterson Medal from the Meteorological Service of Canada (the highest national award for meteorology), and was elected Fellow of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society ... **Olav Slaymaker** was the 2003 recipient of the David Linton Award from the British Geomorphological Research Group ... **David Ley** received the Distinguished Scholar of Ethnic Geography award from the AAG ... Last fall, **Trevor Barnes** received the Distinguished University Scholar Award from UBC ... **Lori Daniels** and **Matthew Evenden** received Professor of the Year awards from the Geography Students' Association ... **Sally Hermansen** and **Mike Bovis** received citations in the Popular Professors section of the Maclean's Guide to Canadian Universities 2004 ... **Dan Hiebert** and **Ian McKendry** have been promoted to full professor ... Dr. **Alison Mountz**, was appointed assistant professor at Syracuse University.

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## Professional Activities

Trevor Barnes is editor of *Environment and Planning A*, and this year served as advisor to Canada Research Chairs for SSHRC ...

**Michael Bovis** continues as BC provincial rep to the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board ... **Michael Church** is a member of the Inter-Governmental Hydrioriparian Working Group ... **Lori Daniels** is on the board of the Biogeography Specialty Group of the AAG ... **Ken Denike** has just concluded his term as board member of the BC Public School Employers' Association ... **David Edgington** is completing the second year of a three-year term as director of the Centre for Japanese Research at UBC, is chair of the Asian Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, and president of the Canadian Regional Science Association ... **Greg Henry** is chair of the International Tundra Experiment ... **Dan Hiebert** serves on the Advisory Committee for CIC, and is co-director and financial officer of the Metropolis Project ... **David Ley** has completed a one-year term for the College of Advisors, Canada Research Chairs ... **Ian McKendry** is a member of the Research and Grants Committee, RCGS ... **Dan Moore** is past president, Canadian Geophysical Union Hydrology Section ... **Tim Oke** served last year on the Scientific Advisory Team on urban atmospheric monitoring for the US Dept. of Homeland Security ... **Geraldine Pratt** is chair of the Honors Committee and the Urban Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, and is editor of *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* ... **John Robinson** has been appointed to the Minister's Advisory Panel on Sustainability, Public Works Canada ... **Douw Steyn** is associate dean, Research, UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies ... **Roland Stull** is a member of the Science Committee, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society ... **Graeme Wynn** is chair of the Cecil and Ida H. Green Visiting Professorships program for 2003-6, and convener of the inter-disciplinary Vancouver-Green College Lectures on Nature, History and Society.

This is a remarkable range of professional activity for just one department, and underscores the strength of our inter-

disciplinary contributions and the high regard that geographers command.

## Events

**Philip Austin, Trevor Barnes and Michael Church** participated in a three-day, interdisciplinary symposium at the Peter Wall Institute on the topic Science Envy, dealing with the 20th century preoccupation with science over other disciplines. Visit [www.pwias.ubc.ca/programs](http://www.pwias.ubc.ca/programs) ... Dr. **Merje Kuus**, one of our faculty, was invited to be an early career scholar at PWIAS. Another new faculty member, **Dr. Mike Buzzelli**, co-organized a PWIAS workshop on Environment and Health ... Dr. **Dan Hiebert** is spearheading a curriculum review within our department. Changes will become effective in 2005-06 ... **Karen Bakker** delivered a bouncy baby girl, Solenne, in November, 2003. She and partner Philippe LeBillon beam proudly when parading their infant through the department ... **David McClung** completed a ski ascent of Muztagh Ata (7,546 m), the third-highest peak in the Chinese Pamirs. Almost as difficult as his Geography 408 course!

## Graduate and Undergraduate Programs

The department continues to enjoy a vibrant graduate program (53 PhD, 16 MA, 17 MSc). It admitted 21 grad students last fall, including ten PhDs. This winter we had an unusually large number of applications – close to 150, of which 26 were accepted this spring.

Undergraduate enrolment is holding steady, with about 4,700 three-credit equivalents enrolled during Winter Session. Enrolment is up in second-year science courses, and holding steady at other levels. For 2004-05 we will offer 91 courses – 79 undergraduate and 12 graduate.

Geography at UBC continues to flourish in so many ways. The breadth of our achievements is mirrored by those of our alumni, many of whom continue to apply geographical principles and knowledge in their present employment. We extend our best wishes to all of you.

## Forty-Five Years Ago...

In 1922, UBC's Department of Geology and Mineralogy became the Department of Geology and Geography, thereby making UBC Canada's oldest Department of Geography. In 1959, 45 years ago, the University Senate and Board of Governors approved the separation of Geology and Geography into two units with Dr. Lew Robinson appointed as the head of Geography. At this time, the department had 6 full time members, 3 part time from other departments and a student enrolment of approximately 1200 in 12 full-year undergraduate courses.

*Adapted from a Geography newsletter written by Lew Robinson in January 1959*

## Geography Student Plays with Canucks

Last December, as 3<sup>rd</sup> year geography major Chris Levesque was studying for his Geography 310 exam in the library, he was contacted and told to get down to GM Place to be the backup goalie for the Vancouver Canucks game that evening against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Chris, who plays for the UBC Thunderbirds, signed a one day amateur contract with the Canucks and dressed to be backup goalie for Johan Hedberg because the Canucks no. 1 goalie, Dan Cloutier, had hurt himself during the morning skate.

"All the guys were really friendly – introduced themselves as if I didn't know who they are," said Chris. During the warm-up, Chris took a few shots. Todd Bertuzzi whizzed one past his ear. "Bertuzzi came in and shelved on me, so I couldn't do too much about that. I had a great time," said Chris, who was back at UBC the next morning at 8:30 for his exam.



*Members of the GSA are much fitter after a year of hiking, skiing, camping and longboating.*

## Geography Student Association Gets Active

Amy Spencer, GSA President

Like the groups that have gone before us, this year's Geography Student Association had an eventful and exciting year. With a large increase in enthusiastic members, the GSA was able to host new events that we hope will become traditions in years to come.

Alongside the usual BBQs, ski trip, photo contest, and career night, we added camping trips, hiking trips, a movie night, a second field trip, and a pancake breakfast every Monday morning. The breakfasts turned out to be a huge success. I'm guessing there were more than a few students whose mothers lectured on breakfast being the most important meal of the day.

The GSA decided to change its image by becoming more physically active. Being geographers, we took advantage of the surrounding landscape and organized events that required us to get outdoors and explore. A camping trip in September was followed in November by a trip in the department van to Tofino to do some storm watching. Fortunately, the weather didn't co-operate and we enjoyed two beautiful, sun-filled days on the beaches instead. Not too many of us complained.

Close to a full bus load of people, along with professors Bovis, Denike, and Evenden, explored the Mission area for the March field trip. There were also a

couple of smaller hiking trips to Squamish and North Vancouver.

And the GSA even became a dominating force at the various sporting events hosted by the university. We started off a little rusty in the longboat, but finally showed our skills at Winterfest by winning the highly coveted Tournament Champion T-shirts.

Even though focusing on becoming more involved in the outdoors, we still maintained the old GSA spirit with our bzzr gardens. Some of them were themed (from trivia to an 80s night) and were a great success. In March we hosted our annual Career Night, where five geography alumni, Craig Nistor, Wil Hilsen, Suzanne Smith, Paul Kariya, and Rob Zwick, spoke to sixty students about how they utilized their geography degrees.

In April we celebrated the end of the year with the annual Geo Gala. It was a wonderful night filled with great food, wine and dancing, but for most of us this was the beginning of our final exam period. To truly celebrate the end of the year, the GSA has organized a camping trip to Salt Spring Island for some much needed and well deserved R&R.

I would like to thank all the students, alumni, and professors that have made the events of this year a great success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Geography Graduate Student Society

Bonnie L. Kaserman  
and Shane McCloskey

Once again, the year began with a Vancouver-area field trip to welcome and orient new graduate students. Afterwards, faculty, post-docs, and graduate students gathered at the home of Professor Lori Daniels, bringing together old and new members of the geography community. Many other impromptu and scheduled social events have taken place during the year: drinks at Koerner's Pub in the Graduate Student Centre, the occasional party for a visiting scholar, many congratulatory post-comps celebrations and the frequent GSA Beer Gardens. At the most recent Beer Garden, the graduate team took home top honours in the annual Geopardy competition. Congratulations to geo-geeks Sarah Roberts, Andres Soux, Francesco Brardinoni, Jon Tunnicliffe and Shane McCloskey.

Both physical and human geography graduates continue to work towards their academic goals and there have been a number of opportunities for them to present their work to others. The Home Seminar series allowed students preparing for conference presentations to toss around project ideas, and find out what other students are studying. At the Spring Symposium, second-year Masters students presented their work to the department. At departmental colloquia, a PhD student and a former graduate presented research. Graduate students also persevere in their teaching efforts; whether as instructors or a dedicated teaching assistants, they are honing their skills and creating a stimulating learning environment.

Recently, two graduate student-based committees have arisen that seek to improve the quality of the educational experience at UBC Geography. The Committee for Radical Unbiased Diversity is creating and implementing strategies to diversify the graduate student body, in particular on the grounds of ethnicity, race, and na-

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tional origin. Last school year, graduate students helped to organize two departmental colloquia that brought diversity concerns to the fore, and the new committee is following through with concrete actions. Headed by Jo Long, the committee is composed of both physical and human geography graduate students and is the first graduate student committee of its kind in the department.

The second committee, headed by Bonnie Kaserman, is developing a Human Geography Methods course proposal. For several years, human geography graduate students have noted the need for coursework in methods and methodologies, and many other top programs require this coursework for their students. In June of last year, Professor Karen Bakker created a preliminary proposal for the course, and currently the new committee and faculty member Elvin Wyly are producing a more comprehensive proposal for the department and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The Graduate Forum continues to be an important channel through which graduates can express views on the issues of the day. To that end, an informal survey will be distributed in the upcoming weeks, to assess those concerns most immediate to graduate students.

Graduate students are helping to define the future in the Department of Geography. Our input is essential to its success. The Graduate Forum, and more specifically, the graduate student body, remains dedicated to this worthy endeavour.

## Stay In Touch On-line!

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Sally Hermansen will send you the yearly request for information to include in the *Geogramme*.



*Field trip in Mission. Students marvelled at an 8-ft. long sturgeon, scratched their heads over the Mission Gauge, and downed plenty of beer.*

## Mission Impossible! Third Annual Geography Field Trip

Carina Cojeen

The weather mostly held out for the third annual geography department field trip on Saturday, March 6th. Twenty-three students and three professors took part in the day-long tour of Mission BC. First stop was a two-hour tour of the old Power House at Stave Falls. Led by two enthusiastic tour guides, it featured a well curated exhibit hall, and lots of interactive activities (including a few that show you just how much less power those new BC Hydro bulbs actually use!) Dr. Bovis thrilled the group with his amazing knowledge of all things mechanical. As one of the guides said, "If he'd just walk a little faster, he could do my job!"

On the way to the next stop, Dr. Evenden expounded on flooding and power generation in the Fraser Valley watershed, putting the hydro power dam system into a broader human and natural context. We then had a tour of the stunningly beautiful 1950s-era church at Westminster Abbey. After that, Dr. Denike, who lives in the Mission area and had been making sure that the bus didn't get lost, used his irresistible charm to get

us into the Inch Creek Fish Hatchery, even though it had officially closed for the day. (Thanks to Dr. Denike for saving the tour organizer some embarrassment on that one.) We were all awed by the 8-foot long, 80-year-old sturgeon. Then, so as not to leave out economic geography, Dr. Denike took us to a new suburban development. And finally, the highlight of the trip was the mysterious Mission Gauge, which records former flood levels of Fraser River. We ended off the day with dinner and some brewskies at the Mission Springs Brewing Company.

In the morning, students had been handed their mission – a quiz based on information available at each stop on the trip. (Some students treated this more competitively than others!) On the way home, the quizzes were marked and the winning team took home a movie gift certificate.

Thanks to everyone in the GSA who helped me organize the trip, especially to Drs. Evenden, Denike, and Bovis for sharing their time and expertise with us. I can't wait until next year's trip.

# Field Trip to Western Japan

David Edgington

Field trips to other countries are an especially rewarding way of bringing Canadian undergraduates closer to an understanding of different cultures. A two-week field trip to western Japan that I led last spring had similar goals. Fourteen 3<sup>rd</sup> year UBC undergrads, including majors in geography, were able to explore the old city of Kyoto, the nearby port town of Kobe – still recovering from its 1995 earthquake – and the vibrant commercial hub of Osaka. Weekly orientation lectures during the spring term allowed students to discuss themes such as Japan's distinctive history, regional geography and post-1945 economic growth, as well as current problems of economic maturity and stagnation, political malaise and population decline.

In Kyoto (a former capital with more than 1400 years of history) we were hosted by the Geography Department of Ritsumeikan University. This private university has a long-standing relationship with UBC, sending over about 100 students every year for a nine-month overseas education program. Ritsumeikan University has three campuses, its major site lying in Kinugasa, a suburb in the northwestern corner of Kyoto. This is a compact campus for nearly 18,000 students, where our hosts provided accommodation for us in a series of rooms attached to a unique peace museum. The museum is run by the university and is one of five in Japan focusing on the follies of war and Japan's role in regional conflicts during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Our daily routine involved breakfast at the nearby campus cafeteria – good wholesome Japanese food including rice, seafood and *natto*, or fermented beans (yum!), as well as some western staples including croissants and coffee. Then we would set out to explore various sites and sights, or take in a lecture (in English) from a Ritsumeikan geography professor on the spatial structure of metropolitan

Osaka. The first week passed quickly with visits to a Japanese kimono showroom, a presentation on historic building conservation in Kyoto, a trip to the restored and rebuilt Osaka Castle, and a walking tour of Fushimi – an old riverside town on the outskirts of Kyoto. May is on the cusp of the rainy season in Japan, but we only had two or three wet days.

Along with history and traditional culture, our students also wanted to experience the modern, high-technology face of Japan, and our hosts obliged by arranging a visit to the headquarters of Matsushita Electronics Industry Corp., Japan's largest firm in the electronics sector, located between Kyoto and Osaka. Here we were shown through a showroom of

advanced products and electronic gadgetry, including the very latest in flat screen technology, the miniaturization of video cell phones, and industrial products for use in reducing environmental emissions, and cleaning the atmosphere in homes and offices. It was certainly very impressive. Osaka itself is divided into Umeda, a white-collar district on its central northern side, and Nanba, an eclectic mix of blue-collar residential districts, factory zones and entertainment areas. Professor Kenkichi Nagao of Osaka City University led our group on an extended walking tour that traversed the southern sector of the city and ended at a 400 year-old restaurant, where we dined sitting on cushions around a long table of food and drinks.

## Arts Co-op Student Hired by UBC Geography Grad

Geography student Rheannon Wylie joined UBC's Arts Co-op program in 2001 and began her first co-op term at Fuel Cells Canada (FCC), a not-for-profit industry association in May, 2002.

After another semester of study, she was offered a second co-op term by Environment Canada in the Climate Change Branch. The position incorporated physical geography with human, political and urban geography – a dream job for this soon-to-be graduate.

Rheannon's supervisor was Wendy Avis, a graduate of the UBC Geography Masters program who joined Environment Canada in 1997. Wendy researched the impacts of climate change with the Adaptation and Impacts Research Group at UBC's Institute for

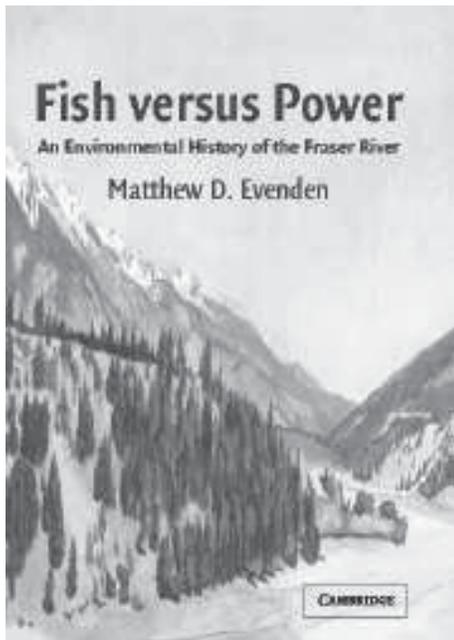
Resources, Environment and Sustainability. She then moved to the Outreach Division to work in public education on climate change and clean air issues. Soon after, she became climate change co-ordinator for the Pacific & Yukon Region.

Rheannon assisted in developing a program for 10 Chinese journalists visiting Vancouver to learn how Canada is tackling climate change and how it is reported on. The visitors met with non-governmental organizations, such as the David Suzuki Foundation, Better Environmentally Sound Transportation and the Alpine Club of Canada, to learn about their work. They also spoke with local Canadian Chinese journalists to hear about climate change issues Chinese communities are working on. Among other site visits, the journalists went to Goldstream Provincial Park and Whistler, where they learned how the BC wilderness is being protected.

Rheannon learned how best to communicate Canada's climate challenges and energy solutions to individuals from outside North America, and saw a small part of what Canada is doing on an international stage with regard to climate change.

### Hire Education Arts Co-op Program

If you think you can hire a Geography co-op student in your workplace, please contact Sally Hermansen: [sallyh@geog.bc.ca](mailto:sallyh@geog.bc.ca) or go to the Arts Co-op web site: [www.arts.ubc.ca/co-op/](http://www.arts.ubc.ca/co-op/)



## A Fishy Tale

Matthew Evenden

*Fish versus Power:*

*An Environmental History of the Fraser River*  
(Cambridge University Press, 2004)

**A**lumni who participated in Cole Harris's famous Fraser Canyon field trips will recognize the view portrayed on this book's cover. It is the perspective gained from the Lytton lookout (a short walk from the Lytton Hotel), where the confluence of the Fraser and Thompson rivers makes an impressive sight. The image was painted in 1969 by author Matthew Evenden's maternal grandfather, English landscape artist John Paton Walters.

*Fish versus Power* takes its title from the public debate of the 1950s and 1960s over whether or not the Fraser River should be dammed. "At that time," Matthew explains, "it was an open question whether or not the province would need to develop the Fraser to supply soaring power demands. This was before the upper Columbia or Peace projects had been developed. On the fish side, a diverse coalition confronted the power agenda, delayed individual projects, and built a case for protecting the river for salmon and their many human claimants." Although the fish versus power debate provides the book's climax, Matthew also explores the

early course of dam development in the lower Fraser Basin, the slides at Hells Gate and their aftermath, and the planning and construction of Alcan's Nechako River project after WWII. He seeks to understand how transnational forces shaped the river, how scientists understood the problem of fish and dams, and how environmental change variously set and unsettled the terms of discussion.

Although the book's focus is local, its implications are global. Amid contemporary debates over large dam development and declines in fisheries, *Fish versus Power* offers a case study of a river basin in which development decisions did not ultimately dam the river, but rather conserved its salmon. The Fraser is the world's most productive salmon river; it is also a large river with enormous waterpower potential. Very few such rivers in the developed world have remained undammed. On the Fraser, however, fish – not dams – triumphed, and Matthew seeks to explain why.

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## Obituary – Don South Lew Robinson

**I**n April, 2003, Don South died in a seniors' home in Victoria from Alzheimer's disease. He and wife Joan had kept in close touch with UBC geographers ever since Don's graduation in 1948.

In the 1970s, Don and Joan started the Geography Scholarship Fund for 3<sup>rd</sup> year geography majors to recognize 25 years of teaching by Dr. Lew Robinson. Fifteen years ago, Don and Kate Eliot organized UBC's first Geography Alumni division, and Don became its president. Don and Joan supported the scholarship fund with personal donations for many years, and in the 1980's it was broadened to encourage donations from geography alumni.

Don was a leader of a group of geographers in the 1950s who entered the profession of planning, and he became director of Urban and Regional Planning for the BC government.

Geography alumni greatly appreciate the excellent work that Don did over the years for Geography at UBC and in the province.

## Donations

### Lew Robinson

**F**rom March '03 to February '04, about 108 geography alumni donated \$17,000 to the Geography Alumni Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Joan South made a generous donation of \$5,000 and requested that donations in memory of her late husband, Don South, be sent to UBC's Development Office to be deposited in the Geography Alumni Scholarship Fund. We thank the many friends of Don who increased that fund to more than \$125,000. The interest from this capital is used to fund five annual scholarships for academic leaders in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of BA and BSc programs in Geography.

We also recognize significant donations from John Stager, UBC; Hok Woo, McMaster; Ann McAfee, Vancouver Planning; Jim Maxwell, Ottawa; Mary Lou Crerar, Victoria, and Edward Freeman, Toronto.

Donations from 27 people toward *Geogramme* publishing costs totalled \$1125. The additional \$2,000 required has had to come from the department's operating budget.

The department's Endowment Fund has grown thanks to royalties from the sale of its book *Vancouver and its Regions* and donations from alumni, notably one of \$25,000 from Mrs. Eleanor Hoeg (nee Cook) BA'50. Mrs. Hoeg has also included the department in her will. "We must support institutions and people beyond our immediate family because it's important to cast the net widely," she says.

For more than 15 years I have kept watch over the Geography Alumni Scholarship Fund and sent a personal note of thanks to each of the donors; I can no longer do this as I am 85 and have had a slight stroke, making it impossible to come to the department and look after alumni matters. I will miss the correspondence with you and the 58 years that the Department of Geography and its students have been the centre of my life.

# What Do Profs Do When on Sabbatical?

**David Ley** was on sabbatical at UBC's Peter Wall Institute for the first half of 2003. He spent his time writing several papers on immigration, housing markets and labour markets in Canadian cities ... **Olav Slaymaker's** 1-year sabbatical ended in August. He was senior associate at King's College, Cambridge, and visiting research professor at National Taiwan Normal University, Nanjing University and the University of Vienna, where the topic of his research was Sustainability of Mountain Environments ... **Dan Hiebert** spent the summer (well, winter, actually) in Sydney, Australia, visiting the University of New South Wales, and the fall at the University of Amsterdam. In both cases he was conducting research on the political economy of migration ... **Graeme Wynn** is on research leave for six months writing *An Environmental History of Canada and Alaska* for what he likes to call the "World Series of Environmental History" being produced by an American publisher. This is one of about twenty volumes in which authors are invited to treat different parts of the world. The Canada and Alaska volume begins with the ice (of the Wisconsinan Glaciation) and ends, more or less, in the Sydney Tar Ponds ... **Dave McClung** is working on fundamental mechanics of avalanche release in cooperation with the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research (Davos) and producing a revised edition of *The Avalanche Handbook* ... **Mike Church** is visiting the Geography department in Durham, UK, and working on stream channel stability, specifically steep boulder bed streams in the Yorkshire Dales, Weardale and in Northumbria ... **Tim Oke** is spending most of his leave time in Vancouver, with a short stay in Toulouse, where he is part of an observation campaign. He has written a guide for the World Meteorological Organization about how to site and expose instruments for meaningful climate observations in urban areas and has embarked on other writing projects, including a text on urban climates.

*Next year our faculty on leave will be Trevor Barnes and David Edgington. This will provide sessional teaching opportunities in 2004-05 in the areas of economic geography and the regional geography of the Asia-Pacific region.*

## Where are They Now?

### 1940-50s

**Gordon Taylor** BA'49, MA'50 has been spending some of his retirement in genealogy, gaining access to the 1906 and subsequent Canadian census reports.

### 1960s

**K.A. (Ken) Martin** BA'64 is working for International Freight Link, Inc., a third party logistics provider, at its office at the Pacific Highway Truck Crossing in Surrey, BC ... **Ed. R. Cuyllits** BA'66 is a consultant and Director of the Canadian Construction Research Board ... **Don Hull** BA'66 plays the drum with the Shuswap Pipes'n Drums in Salmon Arm ... **Ann McAfee** MA'67, co-director of Planning, City of Vancouver, was a guest lecturer this fall for the course on Vancouver and its Region, and is sponsoring a research project on Camosun Bog ... **Rolf Kellerhals** PhD'69 is a woodlot licensee in Heriot Bay, BC.

### 1970s

**Warren Gill** BA'70 MA'72 PhD'81 is currently VP, University Advancement, at SFU ... Since the 1980's **Tom Hutton** BA'71, DPhil UK, has been teaching urban geography and planning at UBC Geography SFU and now with UBC's School of Urban and Regional Planning ... **Rick Jelfs** BA'74 has worked for the Toronto Transit Commission for 27 years ... **Eric Vance** BA '75 MA'81 has spent the last 25 years as a professional planner, economist and management consultant, specializing in community and regional planning, economic development, economic and

socio-economic impact assessments, organization and policy, strategic and business planning, and market analysis. He is also an adjunct professor in the School of Community & Regional Planning at UBC, where he teaches a course in economic analysis, impact assessment and other quantitative techniques. He sends his regards to all fellow geographers from the 70s at UBC ... **Peter Ostergaard** MA'76 is chair and CEO, British Columbia Utilities Commission. He recently wrote a paper: "Energy resources in BC's Central Interior" in *Western Geographer*, 12, (2002).

### 1980s

**Katie Eliot** BA'80 has worked for the past four years at UBC's Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, coordinating programs and activities and promoting the UBC Sustainability program ... **Lorna Miller** (Dallyn) BA'80 has moved to Vancouver from Winnipeg, where she was a draftperson ... **Rob Buchan** '83 is married with four children and is director of Planning with the City of Langford, publishing papers on the Interface Fire Hazard and Rural Sprawl ... **Betty Elaine Hansen** BA'85 has her own environmental consulting business called Ecosystems International which does environmental research and environmental impact assessments primarily in Latin America. Recent jobs include an environmental assessment of the transfer of turfgrass technology and product to Cuba, and an environmental assessment of a proposed waste management system in Ecuador. Both were done for CIDA Inc. ... **Arthur Ng** BA'85, manager of Coldwell Banker Westburn Realty, Burnaby, married **Nancy Chan** BA'86, who is an accountant for a pharmaceutical firm. They met at UBC and have adopted 2 girls from China, aged 2 and 5 ... **C. Dino Falcone** BSc'86 was a military air traffic controller from 1987 to 1995 and retired as a captain; then a police officer for Vancouver Police from 1997-2000, and is now a police constable in Nelson and a mother of two young boys ages 4 and 5.

### 1990s

**Jonna Ebel** BA'90, BEd'91, a mother of

three, is living on a farm on Lake Huron, teaching history using M. North's advice on biogeography assignments and Cole Harris' teachings on the importance of geography in studying history ...

**Janis Chung** BA'90 is currently doing unpaid work in motherhood with Ethan, who was born August 14, 2003. She will be returning to paid work in September at Weyerhaeuser as a GIS Analyst ...

**Kamala Todd** BA'94 is an independent writer and filmmaker; one of her articles in the Vancouver Sun, August 2003, was referenced in a Geography 210 class ...

**Chris Knowlton** BSc'95 is working for the DND conducting environmental health risk assessments for Canadian forces on international deployments ...

**Scott Weston** BSc'95, MSc Royal Roads '03, is a principal in Madrone Environmental Services Ltd. ...

**Kim Turik** (Ferguson) BA'96, MA'97 (UofT), is working in the real estate field. She is currently with BC Assessment. She married Darren Turik ...

**Laura Beattie** MA'98 is the assistant registrar, Student Recruitment, University of Guelph ...

**Joyce Lee** BA'99, MA (Waterloo), is a planning assistant with the City of Vancouver.

## 2000s

**Julia MacKenzie** BA'01 is working on her MA in Geography at SFU with a focus on sustainability and the Olympics ...

**Troy Tenny** BA'01 completed an urban planning program at Ryerson and now works for the development group Oxford Properties, a division of OMERS pension fund. He enjoys Toronto, especially his view from home of the CN Tower ...

**Darren Chung** BA'02 has been transforming the urban landscape of Vancouver. He works with Adera Development Corp., a development firm that builds multi-unit residential communities in the Lower Mainland. Darren seeks rezoning, development and building permit approvals from various levels of government. He is currently involved in developing residential apartments on some of the once infamous, and now-defunct, B-Lots on UBC campus ...

**Anna McGuire** BA'02 is in Medical School at UofT and spending time in Central America clinics. She is still interested in the geography of infectious diseases ...

**Dawn Mooney** BA'03 is a cartographer at UBC's Centre for Health Services and Policy Research working on an

updated BC Health Atlas ... **Lisa Rogers** BA'03 is returning to UBC this summer to take the elementary education program, with the goal of raising geographically aware little citizens ... **Helen Szeto** BA'03 is in the BEd programme at UBC for secondary social studies with a goal of teaching Geography 12.

## Walter Hardwick

By his daughter, Colleen Nystedt

On February 25, 2003, I attended the Golden Jubilee Medal presentation ceremony at Government House in Victoria, BC, on behalf of my father, Dr. Walter G. Hardwick, former Professor of Geography at UBC. As many of you will know, Dr. Hardwick's health has suffered in recent years and he was unable to attend. I received the medal and a certificate, which we have since presented to Father at the Dogwood Lodge in Vancouver. Premier Gordon Campbell and Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnollo presented the awards.



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