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A Newsletter for Friends of UBC Geography

Summer, 2006

Something Old, Lots New

Graeme Wynn Professor & Head, Department of Geography



Graeme Wynn is back

Has there ever been an uneventful year in Geography at UBC? In the ten months since I returned to head the department (I'm the "something old" referred to in the title — I honestly thought I was done in 2002 after six years in the big office, but life is full of surprises) there has hardly been a dull moment in and around 1984 West Mall.

Yes, our location is the same, but the building was changed substantially last summer, with major renovations to Room 100 and several other classrooms. We now have up-to-date audio-visual facilities as well as improved lighting and (mercifully) better heating in all of our largest lecture rooms. The improvements are much appreciated. Still, the challenge of accommodating ever ex-

panding needs for research space and a large group of graduate students within a building that has an unusually high proportion of windowless and poorly-ventilated spaces persists, and we are working on ways to satisfy the various demands.

Meanwhile, we also face faculty changes. I'm sorry to say that Dr. Michael Buzzelli, who joined the department in 2002, has been lured away by the offer of a Queen's University National Scholar position in his home province. There are also new arrangements for our Atmospheric Science colleagues professors Austin, Steyn and Stull, whose joint appointments (Geography and Earth and Ocean Sciences) have been converted 100% to the Faculty of Science. In return we have hired an outstanding young climatologist, Dr. Andreas Christen from the Technical University of Berlin, who will join us later this summer.

Our Geography faculty continues to lead the profession in Canada and internationally. Colleagues have been astonishingly prolific, writing and editing books, publishing dozens of articles and producing substantial numbers of reports. Accolades keep showering down upon this exceptional group. I can note only a few to suggest the range and quality of these recognitions: Trevor Barnes received the Presidential Achievement Award from the Association of American Geographers; Derek Gregory was recognized for his graduate teaching with the Killam Mentoring

Award from UBC, and will receive the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, London, in June; Michael Church received the G. K. Warren award or his contributions to fluvial geomorphology from the National Academy of Sciences in the USA; other colleagues, including Brett Eaton and Lori Daniels, have received recognition for the quality of articles they have published in the last couple of years.

Two notable events in February also showcased the department. With the considerable assistance of Dr. Chris Burn, a former post doctoral fellow in the Department and holder of the NSERC Northern Research Chair at Carleton University, we held a one-day


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workshop in celebration of Dr J. Ross Mackay's 90th birthday. Dr. Mackay did his part by publishing yet another scientific article (he now has more than 200 publications to his name, more than fifty of these published since his formal retirement), and the event was very well attended by a wide array of specialists in periglacial geomorphology.

A few days earlier (on Valentine's Day, no less), the first of what we intend as an annual series of Alumni Night lectures was offered by Lance Berelowitz, author of the much noticed book on Vancouver, *Dream City*. The attendance of approximately 80 alumni, most of whom attended a wine and cheese reception in the Geographic Information Centre after the lecture, was gratifying and the event proved a lively one. Information on these events, and lots more department news, is available in our new newsletter, *GEOG@UBC*, which appears each month between September and May and is available online at www.geog.ubc.ca.

Our graduate programs continue to thrive. Half a dozen of our students won awards or honorable mentions for their presentations at the Association of American Geographers' meeting in Chicago, and we have another intake of outstanding masters and doctoral candidates arriving in September. Students are graduating into prestigious post-doctoral fellowships and various types of employment after completing excellent theses on a broad array of topics.

Undergraduate life in Geography is also as lively as ever. Our classes are full, the Geography Students Association again organized a range of events and presented not two but three Prof of the Year awards at the 2006 GeoGala to Lori Daniels, Matthew Evenden and Sally Hermansen. We have approximately two dozen students in the Arts Faculty Co-op program, where they continue to impress, and this year Geography was one of three Faculty de-

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partments to participate in the university sponsored Tri-Mentoring program involving junior and senior undergraduates and alumni. We had twice as many participants as other departments and our endeavours were judged the most successful. Thanks to all who took part. There is every prospect of a repeat of this program in 2006-07, so please consider volunteering as a mentor if you are resident in the Vancouver area.

Lively, able undergraduates are integral to any successful department and university, and we are fortunate in the high quality of both our undergrads and alumni.

Sally Hermansen, who produces the *Geogramme*, will be on leave next year but has done an excellent job building our alumni email address list (it now tops 1000). During her absence, we will do our best to sustain the momentum she has built in alumni affairs. Do keep in touch. We are always pleased to hear from you — and as the robust set of messages from former students in this issue of the *Geogramme* suggests, keeping in touch with us is also a way of keeping in touch with classmates.

May I wish you each every success as we embark on what is bound to be another year of something old, something new.

High Turnout for Alumni Night

Thanks to all alumni and friends of Geography who participated in the special alumni event on February 14. Some eighty of you congregated in room 100 (itself the focus of much discussion after last summer's makeover) for a thought-provoking lecture on *Vancouver present and future* by Lance Berelowitz.

Passionate about his adopted city, aware of its seductive charms, but far from a dewy-eyed romantic about its prospects, Lance Berelowitz was an excellent Valentine's Day speaker. An

architect and planner, and a principal of Urban Forum Associates, Lance revealed a deep knowledge of the city. He also demonstrated a capacity to surprise with his unusual, even provocative, claims about this place characterized in his recent prize-winning book *Dream City: Vancouver and the Global Imagination* (Douglas and MacIntyre, 2004) as being "a city on the edge" and "Hollywood North."

After a lively and prolonged question period, participants adjourned to an even livelier and more prolonged social gathering in the Geographic Information Centre. Alumni representing grad years from every decade since the 1960s were in attendance and the convivial discussion made the event even more worthwhile and memorable. We hope to see the same faces and plenty of new ones at our next Alumni Night on Thursday October 12 (see the ad on page four for details).

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Workshops: *Vulnerability of cryospheric and socio-economic systems in the Canadian north*

Principal investigator Olav Slaymaker organized this exploratory workshop in February / March. It was funded by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Science and the Liu Institute for Global Issues.

Geographers Chris Burn (Carleton University), our own Greg Henry, Gita Laidler (doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto) and Hok Woo (McMaster University) were among the presenters. Mike Church was also an active participant. Speakers included two of Canada's NSERC Northern Research Chairs, four Canada Research Chairs and several of Canada's top scholars and researchers in matters circumpolar. Representatives from Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans, Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian International Polar Year Secretariat and the former Commissioner to the government of Nunavut also contributed. The workshop responded to recommendations contained in IPCC Reports (2001), The Arctic Climate Impact Assessment Report (2004) and the Arctic Human Development Report (2004).

Donations

Since the last newsletter, we've received \$415 in donations to the Newsletter Operating Account. The last *ISSUE* cost \$3,128 (the Department's operating budget covers the difference). Donations to this account are tax deductible and we provide tax receipts.

We also received \$240 towards the Endowment Fund and \$10,480 towards the Scholarship Fund. Thanks so very much to all of you who supported these Funds and the Geogramme.

Geography Student Association: Year in Review

Deb Tan & Mike Issa

With some of last year's members taking on executive roles for this year, Association activities started strongly with an active membership drive and a number of BBQ's, Bzzr Gardens, and other social events.

The proceeds from various bake sales over the year (with goodies provided by talented GSA members) provided partial funding for a storm-watching trip to Tofino—ironically, the weather turned out to be mostly beautiful—as well as satisfying the sugar cravings of hungry geography students!

The Association also held several successful beer gardens where students, grads, and faculty could converse over some brew. This year's ski trip saw a switch in location to Big White, a great decision as continual snowfall meant two days of superb skiing conditions! GSA members also participated in UBC REC events such as Gladiator, (we won the tug-of-war), and Storm the Wall (we finished with a good time). And capping off the year was a successful Geogala dinner and drinks at Enigma Restaurant, an appropriate setting for the laid-back GSA crowd. It was a great group of people, with a strong showing from the faculty.

This year, the GSA has focused more on the organization of social activities and less on academic issues. But it was felt that organizing events for students was an essential step in generating awareness about the GSA. We anticipate that the coming year will build upon the past year's accomplishments and reintegrate career nights and guest-speaker programs, while maintaining the mandate of social cohesion and interaction within the department and across faculties (espe-



Deb Tan and Mike Issa of the GSA

cially by bridging the gap between human and physical geography).

Some great memories and friends were made through the GSA this year, and we know that the spirit of the club and its members will continue to grow in coming years! Several execs plan to return for next year's GSA council, which will indubitably create a very rich and exciting atmosphere for incoming and returning geography students! If there are any inquiries or comments, please feel free to contact us at ubcgsa@hotmail.com.



Students enjoy the last BBQ of the year

Graduate Student Update

Tenny Bache (MA candidate), Andre Zimmerman & Chris Drake

The school year got off to a great start in early September with a welcome back fest at Thea's Lounge, and two days later a chance to meet the many new intelligent, witty, smart graduate students during a welcome party held for them at the Vancouver Rugby Club. Despite a fair bit of smoke coming off the barbeque at times (we expect that much in BC), we all got through the evening in splendid fashion and there was much socializing between new, current and ancient grad students. (Thanks to Tenny, Sara, and Kristin from the 04/05 Social Committee for making this event happen, and to the department for providing the funding.) Continuing to feed the notion that graduate school is really all about socializing, 25 graduate students retreated to Whistler at the end of September to hang out, debate intellectual ideas (well maybe that happened), and most of all, to take in lots of fresh mountain air.

Sometime around October the social events waned and we started to work. For some of us this meant learning about the discipline of Geography, and for others it meant fieldwork, studying for comprehensives, writing and analyzing (or just plain old thinking). For most of us, it meant all of these activities — hence we never noticed the time fly by and suddenly it was April. A few of us graduated, others started in January and a number of excellent students received awards and scholarships along the way.

This year the Graduate Student Committee did not have any major issues to address (or did we just ignore them?) However, time was spent ensuring that the department's offer letters for

graduate students fairly represented the department, including clarification of wording problems. In addition, we sat on the department's ethics committee and worked on the departmental statement of ethics soon to be posted on the website. We updated the welcome package for the 2006/07 incoming students, and compiled a list of questions that all incoming students should ask potential supervisors/departments. The complete package is now on the website.

One of the most exciting things that took place this year, thanks to the efforts of Bonnie and Pablo, was the introduction of a new human geography methods course. Faculty and graduate students came together to discuss issues surrounding the use of archival material and social statistics; feminist methodologies; ways of researching the state; reading and writing landscapes; and the presentation of geographic data. We hope this will become a regular (for credit) installment in the department. Mention should also be given to the home seminars, which have proven tremendously successful this year with high turnouts for a wide and fascinating range of subjects. Writing this as the term draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating the spring symposium (April 26), when we will finally see the exciting ideas and results our students have produced over the last two years. Hopefully, this will kick-start the socializing that we thought graduate school was supposed to be all about!

The graduate students want to thank the staff and faculty of the department for making this year stimulating, exciting and welcoming for us all.

Tri-mentoring Program

Sally Hermansen

The UBC Tri-mentoring Program helps students to connect with industry and faculty members as well as their peers. It is part of the Arts Careers Resources Initiative (ACRI) project originated by Arts Academic Advising, the Arts Co-op Program and UBC Career Services. By facilitating mentoring relationships with industry professionals, the program encourages early career self-development and management in undergraduates.

This past year, 20 Geography mentoring triads were established from a pool of 20 alumni, 20 third or fourth year geography majors and 12 first years. Participants were matched with respect to common interests, but did not meet until the tri-mentoring kick off event at Green College (also attended by new triads from Economics and History).

Graeme Wynn and I attended for the first hour to meet Geography alumni who had graciously agreed to become mentors. It is always rewarding to talk with former students who are happily engaged in Geography-related careers, and still have strong ties to our department. Afterwards, the doors were opened to the students, and the introductions began. The triads continued to meet during the term and returned to Green College for a wrap-up in March.

Geography Alumni Night

*Thursday October 12, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Geography Building, rm. 100*

- Lecture (to be announced)
- Wine & Cheese Reception
- Awards Ceremony

check www.geog.ubc.ca/alumni for details closer to the date

Students Investigate Old-Growth Forests

Lori Daniels, Assistant Professor

Geography 407 is a new course that investigates vegetation dynamics, such as the impact of natural disturbance, climate change and people on forests. During field trips and labs, students learn and apply research methods. This year, the class divided into teams and completed two different projects.

Half the class spent spring break in Gold River on Vancouver Island, where members conducted a three-day study of old-growth forests. They collaborated with Western Forest Products, a forestry company using helicopter logging as a method of sustainable forest management. The study provided “baseline” information on tree species and structure of the old-growth forests, which will be compared with post-harvesting data. Highlights of the field trip included hiking off-trail in caulked (spiked) boots; spectacular views from helicopters flying to and from study sites over Muchalat Sound; challenges like crossing logs over white-water streams; and five days of blue sky and sunshine!

The second Geog 407 research team investigated the old-growth forests of Lighthouse Park in West Vancouver. During field work, the team mapped and measured living and dead trees in two plots. From the data, the students assessed the old-growth status of the forest and predicted future changes in trees species based on gap dynamics (the creation of openings in the forest canopy when trees die and understory trees grow larger to fill the gap). They prepared a poster and PowerPoint slide show of their research findings, which they presented to the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society in April.

To learn more about these research projects, visit our photo galleries at www.geog.ubc.ca/~daniels

News from the Field: Avalanche Research Group

Steve Conger,
MSc Candidate

A portable, capacitance-type snow sonde (sounding probe) was introduced in 1998 as a potential diagnostic tool for snow hydrologists and avalanche forecasters. During the winter of 2005/06, as part of masters candidate Steve Conger’s work, a second-generation probe was field tested in the Columbia Mountains of BC in an avalanche forecasting study plot environment. The research had two main goals. The first was to validate the probe’s ability to provide a statistically accurate snow density profile at a level equivalent or better than can be accomplished using existing methods. The second goal was to investigate the probe’s ability to provide additional



Steve Conger investigates

avalanche forecasting information relevant from a study plot perspective, such as layer stratigraphy and weak interfaces.

Multiple probe penetrations were accomplished along with an immediately adjacent, highly detailed snow profile over a sequence of several weeks. This provided a two-track history of snow pack changes for comparison. Results are being analyzed for significance regarding the probe’s ability to represent a density profile. Promising data about the probe’s additional relevance to study plot use also resulted from this investigation.



Books: *Cartographies of Disease*

Tom Koch, an adjunct professor (and 1978 grad) in Geography continues his work on historical mapping as a way of understanding contemporary disease problems. His 2005 book *Cartographies of Disease* has brought a series of lecturing opportunities and an advisory role with organizations seeking to build on historical data in developing techniques for the study of contemporary disease epidemics and

outbreaks. In March 2006, Koch and emeritus professor Ken Denike published a new look at perhaps the most famous study in epidemiology and public health: John Snow’s South London study. In their paper they uncover methodological errors in this paradigm work and demonstrate how they can be resolved using contemporary statistical methods.

Where are They Now?

1940's

Don Kerr BA'41 is perhaps our oldest grad. Any challengers? ... *Gordon Taylor* BA'49, MA'50 retired from Tourism Canada in '88. He lives in Ottawa and researches family history.

1950's

Chuck Dick BA'59, BEd'60, MA(Oregon)'64, PhD(Calif), FCCT'71 is retired and traveling with backpack by foot, snowshoe, cycle and canoe.

1960's

Ann McAfee BA'62, MA'67, PhD'75 is retiring as co-director of Planning for the City of Vancouver. She received the first Geography Division Alumni Award of Distinction ... *Frank Emery* MA'63, a retired teacher, is ranked #1 in Canada for over 65's badminton ... *Al Harvey* BA'67 markets more than 25,000 images for commercial use at www.slidefarm.com ... *Dr. Ted Manning* BA'67, MA'69 is president of Tourisk Inc. in Ottawa, which plans sustainable tourism to fragile natural and cultural sites around the world. He is also treasurer and a Governor of the RCGS and an adjunct research professor of Geography at Carleton ... *Gary Thorsteinson* BA'67 is retired and living in Richmond ... *Pauline McHardy* BA'68, MA'72 is a planning consultant in the Caribbean.

1970's

Deryck Holdsworth MA'71, PhD'81 is a Geography prof at Pennsylvania State U ... *Alice Beedle* BA'74 is living in Comox, near her son and daughter-in-law (Geog grads) ... *Paul Kariya* BA(Hon)'75, MA'79, PhD'87 (Clark) is executive director of Pacific Salmon Foundation (conservation and restoration) and periodically teaches at Trinity Western ... *Yolande Morin* MA'75 is teaching French for UBC Continuing Ed and taking people on tours of France to learn language and explore culture. She coordinates for

West Point Grey's Artists in our Midst and shows and sells her photography and greeting cards ... *Ian Thomson* BA'75 has taught Geology and Earth Science in Gibsons for 20 years. He completed a six-day trek across the Dolomites last September ... *Mike Thorne* BA'75, Ed-Cert'76, CFP is an independent financial planner and president of Thorne Insurance and Financial Services in North Vancouver (Retirement, Estate and Investment Management) ... *Eric Vance* BA'75, MA'8 is principal of his own planning and management consulting firm in Port Moody and adjunct professor in UBC's SCARP... *Hu Wallis* BSc'77 is director of the Water, Air and Climate Change Branch with BC Min. Environment.

1980's

Katie Eliot BA'80 is program coordinator for creative arts and humanities at Langara College ... *Bob Patrick* BA'80 is part-time geography instructor at Capilano College and online Geography instructor for Lakehead University. He's completing a PhD (Geog) at Guelph (*Barriers to drinking water source protection in the Okanagan Valley, BC*) ... *Ken Beresford* BA'81 is a retired TD Bank locations Mgr. now working on the Whistler Mountaineer train as a Guest Services rep ... *David P. Jones* MSc'81 moved to Kelowna in April to become associate director, University Industry Liaison Office for UBC Okanagan ... *Randy Milner* BA'81 is senior VP, general counsel and corporate secretary of Methanex Corporation in Vancouver ... *Lauren Peel* BSc'81 is a Native plant nursery owner in Mission ... *Colin Wolfe* MA'81 looks after regional development in Slovakia, working for the EC in Brussels ... *Rob Buchan* BA'83 was promoted from director of Planning to CAO for the City of Langford ... *Graham Heal* BA'83 is president of FrequentTraveller.com Inc.

(Bellingham), which operates several high-visibility e-travel sites ... *Colleen (Hardwick) Nystedt* BA'83 received The Vortex Award for Excellence in New Media Innovation at the McLuhan International Festival of the Future for inventing the MovieSet™ Internet portal ... *Kim Bittman* BA'84 is manager, Environment, for mining company Teck Cominco Ltd. in Vancouver ... *Janet Lee* BA'85 MA(Planning)'89 is married to *Orvin Lau* BSc'94, MSc'96 and on maternity leave after the birth of son Darren on January 13. She previously held planner positions with the cities of Vancouver and Richmond ... *Lauren Banerl* BA'86 is a technical writer and trainer at a navigation systems company ... *Andreas M. Olligschlaeger* MA'86 is president and CEO of TruNorth Data Systems, Inc. (Pittsburgh). He lives in a BC log cabin that was taken apart and reassembled in Pittsburgh ... *Doug Page* MA'86 works in housing policy for the Province of BC ... *Martin Cocking* BA'87 is a communications consultant ... *Beth Sywulsky* BA'87 is Country Program manager at PNG & Pacific, Australian Business Volunteers, in Canberra ... *Devon Brooks* BA'88 worked for the fed government in its Legal Surveys dept., and is now a journalist ... an architect for Engineering Ministries International, *Greg Young* BA'88 worked in Brazil designing housing for a NPO that provides housing, meals, education and job training to orphaned and abandoned kids ... *Adam Brosgall* BA'89 is a lawyer at Palkowski & Company practicing civil litigation. Wife *Erica Trister* BEd'00, MEd'04 is expecting their first child ... *Arthur Fallick* PhD'89 is based at the Office of Research and Scholarship at Kwantlen University College ... *Kathleen Laird* BA'89 owns a small business in horticultural therapy in Victoria ... *Kevin McKechnie* BA'89 is finishing a residency in family medicine in Victoria.

1990's

Richard W. Wallis BA'91 is at GVRD Parks, operating Pacific Spirit and several other parks ... *David Bruce* MA'90 is director of the Rural and Small Town Programme, Mount Allison University ... *Shawn McMahon* BA'90 is with Intermodal Sales (International) for CN Rail in Halifax ... *Kara Bingham (Thornbury)* BA'92 has been in GIS software development and implementation for the last 11 years, and is employed by General Electric as a project manager for Small-world GIS projects ... *Graham Elvidge* BA'92 MA'01 is an architect, currently restoring his 1898 Victorian house in Strathcona ... *Andrew Gay* BA'92 is a law partner at the litigation firm Gudmundseth Mickelson LLP in Vancouver ... *Maia (Chowdhury) Gilman* BA'92 lives in the NY area with husband Tom and their two boys. She works solo in her architectural practice ... *Stephen Hopkins* BA'92 is an information services supervisor at Chevron Canada Ltd ... *Julie Urban* BSc'92 MSc'01 works in Aboriginal Relations for Land and Water BC Inc. in Prince George ... *Francis Yee* PhD'92 is an instructor at Camosun College, Victoria ... *Joyce Atkinson* BA'93 works in Toronto for Immigration Enforcement ... *Karen Barclay* BA'93 is an occupational therapist for Vancouver Coastal Health ... *Brad Beaton* BA'93 BEd'04 teaches Math in Surrey ... *Carrie Brown* BSc'93 is on maternity leave from her position as environmental manager for the Vancouver Port Authority. Baby Dylan was born in January ... *Barbara Odenwald* BA'93 is a secondary social studies teacher with an upcoming three-year secondment as education outreach manager with the Library of Parliament, Ottawa ... *Michael White* BA'93 is a senior planner with the City of Vancouver ... *Joe Galat* BA'94 teaches Geography 12 at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in North Vancouver ... *Chris Needham* BA'94 is an author ... *Rachel Spronken-Smith* PhD'94 is senior lecturer in academic staff development at the University of Otago in Dunedin, NZ ... *Paul Blessin* BA'95 is a family law lawyer at Sliman Stander LLP in Chilliwack ...

Brett Christophers MA'95 is studying for a PhD at the University of Auckland ... *Wolfgang Depner* BA'95 lives in Penticton where he writes about urban development issues for the Penticton Western News ... *Chris Kennedy* BA'95 is principal of Riverside Secondary School in Coquitlam ... *Mike Smith* MSc'95 is senior lecturer in GIS at Kingston University, researching close range remote sensing, digital elevation models, and quantitative palaeo-glaciology ... *Ian Fisher* BA'96 is a transportation planner for TransLink ... *Nam Phan* BA'96 is a software developer for Enterra Systems ... *Geoff Rempel* BA'96, MA'01 is a pre-removal risk assessment officer with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Vancouver ... *Kimi Sekhon* BA'96 is completing a master's at St. Paul U/Ottawa U in Conflict Studies, after teaching English in Japan for two years and internships in International Development in Uganda and India ... *Scott Barker* BA'97 is a project facilitator for the City of Vancouver ... *Jessie Barkley* BA'97 MA(Planning)'00 (U of California) is working for EIP Associates, an urban planning/architecture firm in LA ... *Stephanie Brook* BA'97 is mother of one-year-old Emily and a teacher. She lives in Geneva, Switzerland, and hopes to move to S. America next summer ... *Mike Marlatt* BA'97 is an investment advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns (Private Client Division) and is engaged to be married ... *Glen Reid* BA'97 is a Sr. GIS Developer for IM Systems Group at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC ... *Mark Schmidiger* BA'97 is investing in Lower Mainland real-estate ... *Karen Halwas* MSc'98 is a biologist with Paramount Resources, but is currently on maternity leave ... *Scott McLeman* BSc'98, LLB'04 is a lawyer with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Calgary. His wife is an emergency doctor and they have a son (8) and daughter (6) ... *Sharon Chan* BA'99 is co-op coordinator for UBC's Engineering Physics Program ... *Brent Galster* BA'99 has been a Toronto-based writer since Aug, 2003 ... *Daniel Gibbons* MA'99 is a managing partner for business intelligence and analytics

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company SingleView Ltd., and publisher for Shine Media Inc., which publishes Orange Life, a Canadian arts and culture magazine ... *Teresa (Durfeld) Hanson* BA'99 is on maternity leave from her job as a development planner for the Township of Langley and taking care of her lovely little girl, Mattea ... *Sarah (Lowes) McJannet* BA'99 MA (Planning)'03 is a planning analyst with the Resort Municipality of Whistler ... *Trevor Newton* MSc'99 is a meteorologist/dispersion modeller at Levelton Consultants in Calgary, Alberta ... *Joyce (Lee) Uyesugi* BA'99, MA'02 (Waterloo) has been a planner with the City of Vancouver since 2002.

2000's

Chris Bates BA'00 is managing an advertising firm in Vancouver ... *Kelvin Chiu* BA'00 is based at the School for Radiation Therapy in Houston ... *Erica Ellis* BSc'00, MSc'04 is a fluvial geomorphologist for Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. in Vancouver ... *Greg Mitchell* BA'00 is a planner for the City of Surrey ... *Philip Watkinson* BA'00 is a realtor at Re/Max Crest Realty ... *Chris Ayles* MSc'01 is teaching Geography and Environmental Studies at Camosun College ...

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student at UBC ... *Jolene Bales* BA'03 teaches in Abbotsford ... *Shu Fen (Dina) Cheng* BA'03 is pursuing a masters in Counseling Psychology at Rutgers, NJ... *Garth Cox* BA'03 is a library assistant for the City of Vancouver ... *Tejas Ewing* BA'03 is undertaking a masters degree in Leadership for Sustainable Development, in London ... *Lilina Lysenko* BA'03 is articling in the Kootenays, having been seconded to the Legal and Lands department of Teck Cominco Metals Ltd ... Beginning with a red paperclip, *Kyle MacDonald* BA'03 started trading up a year ago hoping he would end up with a house. By April he had been offered a rent-free year in a Phoenix house. He continued to trade items (including an afternoon with Alice Cooper) until finally acquiring a farmhouse in Kipling, Sask ... *Ian Ponsford* BA'03 is finishing a master's in Resource and Environmental Management (SFU) and doing contract work for Vancouver 2010 ... *Frank Wong* BA'03 is studying for a masters in Urban Planning at the University of HK ... *Rob Zwick* BA'03 is publisher of *The Real Estate Book: Vancouver to Whistler* ...

William Chan BA'04 now works at Starbucks in Richmond ... *Taryn Eyton* BA'04 is studying environmental law at Dalhousie ... *Jason Hill* BA'04 works in commercial real estate for Torode Realty Advisors Ltd. He is completing his commercial pilots license and will be instructing at Boundary Bay ... *Tara Sharma* PhD'04 is a resource data and GIS specialist with the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve at Sidney ... *Amy Spencer* BA'04 is a planning technician for the Township of Langley ... *Angela Wakefield* BA'04 is assistant at Westbank Projects Corp. in Vancouver ... *Tracy Yik* BA'04 is a planner for Terasen Gas ... *Sandy Chan* BA'05 works for Telus in the Customer Sales and Care dept ... *Laura DeCruyenaere* BA'05 is enrolled in a 12-month elementary education program teaching Geog to a second grade class ... *Jamie Lang* BA'05 is studying for a masters in Regional and Urban Planning Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK ... *Kim McGarrity* BA'05 is enrolled in the Faculty of Law at UBC and due to graduate in 2008.



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