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Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

Friday, November 2, 2007

## Planetary Science Research Symposium

P. McCausland

Western is hosting the "Planetary Science Research Symposium" coming up on Friday, Nov. 9. Planetary scientists from across Canada are coming to this one day meeting and faculty + students from Physics & Astronomy, Earth Sciences and Geography at UWO are presenting talks or posters as well.

The Symposium is on all day Friday the 9th at Michael's Garden, over in Somerville House. For more information, please visit:

[http://aquarid.physics.uwo.ca/planetsci/PS\\_Research\\_Symposium\\_2007.htm](http://aquarid.physics.uwo.ca/planetsci/PS_Research_Symposium_2007.htm)

If you get any questions about this event, please feel free to direct them to myself or to Peter Brown (pbrown@uwo.ca)!

As part of that symposium, three talks will be given within the Earth Sciences Colloquium Series time slot:

## Department of Earth Sciences Colloquium Series

**Date: Friday November 9, 2007**

**Time: 1.30 p.m.**

**Place: B&G room 116**

>All Welcome<

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## Incoming Courier Packages

**Reminder:** All Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students are asked to ensure that the U.W.O. internal account number is given on the waybill for all reverse charges on incoming courier packages. It is impossible to reconcile if this information is not provided.

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## M.Sc. Public Lecture

**James G. Masters**

(Supervisor: N.A. Duke)

## “Depositional History of the Kipalu Iron Formation: Belcher Islands, Nunavut, Canada”

**Date: Thursday November 29, 2007**

**Time: 1.30 p.m.**

**Place: Chemistry Bldg. room 9**

>All Welcome<

Oral defence to take place the same day in B&G rm. 1015B commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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## Call for Applications - Mary-Claire Ward Geoscience Award 2008

Applications are invited for the Mary-Claire Ward Geoscience Award. **Value:** a \$3,000 prize, a certificate and an opportunity to attend the annual meeting of either the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada or the Geological Association of Canada.

The award will be made to support a graduate student whose research has a strong emphasis on field mapping.

**Eligibility:** Full time graduate students attending a Canadian university and undertaking a Canadian geoscience thesis that has a focus on field mapping (e.g., bedrock or surficial geology, geochemistry, geophysics) are eligible for the award. The student must have active student status until at least the last day of April, 2008. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible to apply.

**Selection Criteria:** Applicants will be assessed on the contribution of their work to geoscience mapping in Canada, their academic qualifications and supporting statements from



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sponsors.

**How to Apply:** Additional information about the award, application procedures and application forms will be posted on the websites of the PDAC (www.pdac.ca) and the GAC (www.gac.ca/awards/maryclaire.php).

**Application Deadline: December 15, 2007**

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### Christmas Appeal for Needy Families

*We (Marie, Katherine and Mary) invite you all* to be part of the sharing and caring Christmas Spirit this year. Many families in the City of London are in need of basic food and clothing; extra things such as gifts for children or a “Christmas meal” at Christmas time will not be available to them.

*We have undertaken to provide items for a “Christmas box”* for a family who have four daughters ranging in age from 6-21, one of whom suffers from autism, who are in need, and to help with provision of gifts to the children.

1 -age 21: size: medium, interests: electronics

2 -age 19, size XL; interests: Christian music CD

3 -age 15, size small/extra small;

interests: electronics

4 -age 6: has autism: size 6-6x;

interests: changes quickly but likes puzzles, sensory type toys, computer games, TVO kids (shows) - *she does not play with most toys.*

Parents: both size medium; father likes tools, mom is going to school and sells tupperware in her spare time. The parents would like to be able to obtain a flat screen monitor for their home computer for the family.

*We invite all members of the Department to contribute to our effort;* to this end, we will each have a basket in our offices available shortly for monetary donations, or if you wish to provide a food donation, that will also be very much appreciated (please take it to Mary’s office). A list is given below as a guide for you, with regard to items needed:

Turkey, Potatoes

Canned corn, peas, beans, Soup

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Sugar, flour

Hot and cold cereal, Crackers

Brown beans

Peanut Butter, Jam

Canned fruit

Stove top stuffing, Kraft dinner

Spaghetti sauce and noodles

Candy, Baked goods

Cranberries, either fresh or canned

Pudding cups, Applesauce

Fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, bread

*Please help to bring smiles to these peoples’ faces this Christmas Season!*

*Thank you for your help!*

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### Department of Geography Workshop Series

“Programming for Spatial Sciences”

This workshop consists of 5 sessions with the first one beginning Friday November 9, 2007 from 9-11.30 a.m. in SSC 1425.

Please contact Dr. Marco Van De Wiel to register at [mvan dewe3@uwo.ca](mailto:mvandewe3@uwo.ca). Space is limited.

For more information on the Workshop, please see [geography.ssc.uwo.ca/WorkshopopSeries1.pdf](http://geography.ssc.uwo.ca/WorkshopopSeries1.pdf)

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