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

Friday February 8, 2008

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

Dr. Charles Langston
University of Memphis

“Gradiometry, Thunder, and
tremor: An unusual excursion
Above and below ground”

Date: Fri. Feb. 15, 2008, 1.30 p.m.

Place: B&G Bldg. room 52

>All Welcome<

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Dept. Earth Sciences
M.Sc. Geology Public Lecture

Candidate: Celeste D.M. Dufresne

Supervisors: Drs. Penny King and Roberta
Flemming

“Effect of SiO₂, total FeO,
Fe³⁺/Fe²⁺, and alkalis in basaltic
glasses on mid-infrared spectra”

Date: Fri. Feb. 22, 2008, 10 a.m.

Place: P & A Bldg. room 123

>All Welcome<

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Congratulations ...

to Wayne Nesbitt on his award of the Robert and Ruth
Lumsden Sciences Award (for faculty) tenable from July
1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

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Undergraduate Graduation Photos

K. Johnston

Graduation photos for students graduating this
spring or fall with a Specialization or an Honors
Specialization in an Earth Sciences program will take
place on Thursday March 13, 2008. Please see me for
more details.

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News from the Outcrop Club

Nathan Bridge

Once again, the outcrop club will be hosting
Geoball. We would like to extend an invitation to
everyone in the department and their significant
others to attend the event. As always, Geoball will
be a fun time for everyone in the department to get
together, have a great dinner, enjoy some fun
dancing, and the department slideshow from events
over the past year. The event is taking place Friday
March 7, 2008 at the Windermere Manor. Tickets
are \$45 for outcrop members, and \$55 for non-
members. We ask that you buy tickets as soon as
possible because there are limited tickets available.

Also, Outcrop will be doing sweatshirts
again this year. The shirts are the same design as
last year, only different colours. They will be \$55
per sweater, then \$5 per line of text you would like
on the sweater. We hope to have all of the orders
for these in by FEBRUARY 28th!

As well, the Rock Sale will be taking place
on Friday February 15th from 10-3 pm in the main

hallway in the Natural Sciences building. We also hope to have more rocks set out in the new outcrop room for sale.

Finally, Outcrop nominations for next year's council are ready. We encourage second and third years to become involved in the department by spending a year on the outcrop council.

The board is up in the new outcrop room. If you have any questions, please contact anyone of the Outcrop executive members.



Western Research Forum

The Western Research Forum is an annual multidisciplinary conference organized by the Society of Graduate Students Academic Committee, featuring both poster and oral presentation from graduate students in the arts, biosciences, physical sciences, and social sciences.

The entire university community is invited to attend. There is no registration fee and presentations are judged, and are eligible for the Dean's Award for Research Excellence, as well as cash prizes.

The 21st Annual WRF has been scheduled for Saturday March 29, 2008 in The Wave, 2nd floor UCC building. The format for this year will include poster and oral presentations from graduate students throughout the day and will conclude with an Award Ceremony dinner in the evening.

The deadline for the abstract submission for both poster and oral presentations is February 15, 2008.

Instructions:

- Registration for presentation at the WRF is mandatory.
- To register, please complete the form and submit an abstract using the "Submit an Abstract" link provided by SOGS. Further details regarding the Research Forum will be forwarded to you upon registration.
- If you plan to attend the WRF as a non-presenter, registration is not required.



NSERC 2008 Innovation Challenge Awards – Call for Nominations

Value: Grand prize: \$10,000

Runner up prizes: 2 @ \$5,000

Honourable mention prizes: \$1,000 each

Each university may nominate up to 2 eligible candidates. Nominations must be submitted by the university industrial liaison officer (or equivalent). ***Nominations must be received by May 15, 2008.*** For full details on who is eligible and how to nominate students, please see the NSERC web site: www.nserc.gc.ca/innovation.



Advance Notice - Earth Sciences Graduate Thesis – 1st Seminar Day Friday March 14, 2008

