



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday, January 30, 2009

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

Dr. Jerry X. Mitrovica
Dept. Physics, University of Toronto,
and
Director, Earth Systems Evolution
Program, Canadian Institute for
Advanced Research

**“Resolving the enigma of 20th
century global sea-level rise”**

Friday February 6, 2009, 1.30 p.m.
Location: Kresge Bldg. room 203

>All Welcome<

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Congratulations on publication

The Department of Earth Sciences congratulates Ph.D. (Geology) graduate student Ranjeet Nagare, one of the co-authors, upon the publication of two chapters in the following book, which appeared in June 2008:

“Environmental Geology: Handbook of Field Methods and Case Studies”, Springer (K. Knodel, G. Lange, H.-J. Voigt, eds.), 2007:

Chapter 5.2.7: pp.643-649

Chapter 5.2.7.1: pp. 649-681

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Earth Sciences Geoball

Outcrop Club Executive
Coming to Geoball on Friday March 6th?
Buy your ticket before February 6, 2009 (Rock Sale!) and be entered into the early bird draw for a \$50 LCBO gift card! Tickets are \$45 for Outcrop members and \$55 for non-members. Get your tickets early before they're sold out! See an Outcrop Exec or e-mail mhewton@uwo.ca for more details.

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Graduate Defences

Congratulations are extended to Kadircan Aktas (Ph.D. Geophysics), Arslan Akhmetov (M.Sc. Geophysics), and Ruikun Liu (M.Sc. Geology) on their recent successful defences. Best wishes to all; please keep in touch.

TSC Fellowship in Teaching Innovation

2009 Call for Applications. Value: \$10,000.

The purpose of this award is to encourage fulltime faculty members to pursue teaching innovations at U.W.O. The award exists primarily, but not exclusively, to support undergraduate and professional school teaching at the university, matching Western's commitment to the highest standards and quality of undergraduate education.

For more information contact Dr. Debra Dawson, Director of the Teaching Support Centre, tel. 519-661-2111 ext. 84621 or e-mail: dldawson@uwo.ca.

Deadline: March 2, 2009. Application procedures can be found at www.uwo.ca/tsc.

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Robert and Ruth Lumsden Graduate Fellowship in Science

Reminder: Call for Applications: Four fellowships are available and one of these is reserved especially for an Earth Science awardee. Applicants must be Ph.D. students, and the awards are made on the basis of academic excellence only. *Value:* \$1,000.

Departmental deadline: February 3, 2009, 4.00 p.m., to Mary Rice.



Robert and Ruth Lumsden Graduate Awards in Earth Sciences

Reminder: Applications are invited for the Robert and Ruth Lumsden Graduate Awards in Earth Sciences. Application forms are available at the main desk in Health Sciences Addition room 110. *Value:* \$1,000 each.

Deadline: February 3, 2009, 4.00 p.m.



Writing Workshops for Graduate Students

Prof. Ryan Robb, lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy and Graduate Writing instructor at the Writing Support Centre, is offering his series of writing workshops designed specifically for graduate students in the 2009 Winter term. All sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 9.30-11.30 a.m. in University College room 222. Schedule:

February 10: Understanding the writing process

February 17: Clear and precise writing

February 24: Writing a literature review

March 3: Getting down to the dissertation

March 10: Writing an abstract

March 17: Getting your work published.

Additional workshops offered can be found at www.sds.uwo.ca/writing. To obtain more information please call 519-661-3031 (83031) or e-mail akeeler2@uwo.ca.



DEPT. GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP SERIES

Martin Healy

“How to put geographic data on the Internet”

Friday February 6, 2009

(12 noon-4.00 p.m.)

Location: SSC #1425

Please follow the link for additional information: www.geography.uwo.ca/Workshop_Series/Workshop_Feb6.Healy.pdf. Registration required as space is limited. Contact Martin Healy at mhealy2@uwo.ca



2009 Western (Graduate) Research Forum

The Society of Graduate Studies has issued a call for abstracts for the 2009 Western Research Forum, to be held on February 28, 2009 at the Wave. The cost is \$10 for each presenter. This includes snacks, dinner and entrance to the keynote speaker. All topics are welcome; select your preference for either a poster or oral presentation format; cash prizes awarded to top presenters *plus* your work will be featured in a future issue of the Western Graduate Review. The Awards dinner is free for all presenters, and will feature a Keynote Talk by Dr. Jorge Cham of PhD Comics (www.phdcomics.com) speaking about the “Power of Procrastination”. Attendance is limited to the first 150 people to submit an abstract. Visit www.uwo.ca/sogs/Programs/wrf.html for more information and to submit your abstract.

