



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday November 21, 2008

DEPT EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

Dr. Michael A. Hamilton
Jack Satterly Geochronology Laboratory,
Dept. Geology
University of Toronto

**“Frontiers of U-Pb geochronology:
High-precision dating of large
igneous provinces and associated
mineralization”**

**November 28, 2008, 1.30 pm
Kresge Bldg. room 203**

>All Welcome<

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GL/GP 9580/9680 Presentations

Reminder:

Saturday November 22, 2008

9.00 am-4.00 pm

B&G room 0165 (formerly 52)

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**Mary-Claire Ward Geoscience
Award Call for Applications**

The 2008 competition is now receiving applications from graduate students whose research has strong emphasis on field mapping. The Award honors the many contributions to the Canadian geosciences community of Mary-Claire Ward, a past-president of the GAC.

Value: \$3,000, 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.

Eligibility: Fulltime graduate students attending a Canadian university undertaking a Canadian geosciences thesis that has a focus on field mapping. They must have active student status until at least April 30, 2009. Previous recipients of the award are ineligible to apply.

Additional information about the award, application procedures and application forms are posted on the websites of the PDAC (www.pdac.ca/pdac/programs/awards/index.html#Mary-Claire) and the GAC (www.gac.ca/awards/maryclaire.php)

Deadline: December 15, 2008

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Congratulations ...

to Haley Sapers, one of our new graduate students this term, on being awarded the Chancellor’s Medal of Carleton University at Fall Convocation at the beginning of November. This medal is “awarded annually in the name of the Chancellor of the University to a graduating student of outstanding academic achievement”. Again, congratulations, Haley!

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**Departmental Food Drive for
Needy Families at Christmas**

M. Rice

As we have done for the last few years, we (Marie, Margaret and I) are establishing an appeal for food items and gifts for children in a needy family. Also, women and children who have escaped from abusive family situations very often have to leave their home with only the clothes on their backs; the Women's Shelter provides them

with space to sleep and help for the women to get back on their feet - *the need keeps on growing!*

I now have details regarding a family we can help – they are desperate:

Mom – size 12 – would like a coupon to have her hair done professionally (the family lives in the Sherwood Forest Mall area)

Dad – size men’s medium

Callum (boy) – age 8, size 10

Adam (boy) – age 7, size 7

Hanna (girl) – age 4, size 5-6

Campbell (boy) – age 2, size 4

The family can use any kitchen items: tea towels, towels, toaster oven, cleaning supplies. I would also invite you at this time to provide non-perishable food items for needy families. Alternatively, if you would like to donate funds to be used in this endeavour, they would be very much appreciated as well. Please bring all items to my office in HSA 110.

Thank you for your support in past years, and I hope you will be able to help out this year.



Western Innovation Fund

Reminder to faculty: Application and guidelines are available at:

www.uwoca/research/rds/internal/rds_funding_interfunding_technicalgrants_wif.html

Deadlines: LOI/ROI-December 15, 2008

Full application January 30, 2009



United Way Campaign

M. Rice.

Would you please consider donating to the United Way? Please complete the forms for one-time donations or payroll deductions and leave them with me; I will submit them. Thanks so much for your donations, they all help - large or small.



Special Geography 70th Anniversary Lecture

Dr. Michael Goodchild
Professor in Geography
University of California-Santa Barbara
(former Professor and Department Head of Geography at U.W.O.)

“Citizens as sensors: Web 2.0- and the world of volunteered geography”

Wednesday December 3, 2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Place: 3M Building, room 3250

A reception will follow in the Social Science Centre Faculty Lounge room 3036

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Monday December 1, 2008 online at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YN3_2fOVRGiWAzR11qxDD2w_3d_3d

Or contact Caroline Majeau (ext. 85031) caroline.majeau@uwo.ca

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