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

Friday October 17, 2008

DEPT EARTH SCIENCES ANNUAL SCUGOG LECTURE

Dr. W.D. Gunter,

Alberta Research Council

Contributor to 2007 Nobel Peace Prize (won
by Al Gore and the IPCC)

**“Toward a healthy environment
using gas, oil and coal: Capture and
storage of greenhouse gases in
geological (deep sub-surface)
environments or carbon-dioxide
capture and geological storage
(CCS)”**

Wednesday October 29, 2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Middlesex College

Room MC110

**Free and open to the general
public**

>All Welcome<

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**Geology/Geophysics 9580/9680
Presentations**

Advance notice: The presentations by graduate
students will take place Sat. November 22, 2008.

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DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Dr. Bill Martindale

Petro-Canada Oil and Gas

**Canadian Society of Petroleum
Geologists – University Outreach
Lecturer**

**“Is the modern Belize carbonate-
siliciclastic shelf an appropriate
analog for western Canadian
Devonian reservoirs?”**

Friday October 24, 2008, 1.30 pm

Kresge Bldg. room 203

>All Welcome<

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**Call for Session Proposals
Toronto 2009 AGU-CGU-
GAC/MAC Joint Meeting**

P. McCausland

The 2009 joint meeting will be held in
Toronto. This is obviously a fantastic opportunity
to organize a number of sessions of interest to Earth
and Planetary scientists, given the combined
geophysical-geological scope of the meeting and the
much larger than usual number of meeting
participants for a Canadian meeting.

Please consider organizing a session for the
meeting -it is the best way to ensure the presence in
Toronto 2009 of topics and meeting participants
that complement your research interests! AGU
requires that each session have at least two

convenors, so you can find assistance in bringing a session of your choice to the meeting.

To propose a session, or to just check out what sessions have been proposed so far, visit:

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/ja09/>

The deadline for session proposals is soon - Nov. 5, 2008!

Please do consider organizing -or suggesting- sessions you'd like to see in Toronto 2009.

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Graduate Advisory Committees

M. Rice

Reminder to all Graduate Supervisors:

Please let me have the names of the members of the graduate advisory committee for each new graduate student, if you have not already done so. These should be in place by the end of the first month of the first term in which the graduate student is registered.

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Research Funding through ACCELERATE Ontario and MITACS

Reminder from ACCELERATE Ontario:
ACCELERATE Ontario is currently seeking professors to participate in an innovative internship program - managed by MITACS – which connects a grad student/post-doc and a faculty member */_in any academic discipline_/ *with an Ontario partner company through 4 or 8 month research projects.

Details:

A graduate intern, under the supervision of a faculty member, spends approximately half of his/her time over a 4 or 8 month period onsite with a partner company, collecting data and developing a better understanding of a jointly-identified research problem. The balance of the intern's time is spent at the university with their professor, developing a solution to the company's challenge.

The company's contribution of \$7.5K per four-month internship is matched by MITACS, with funding support from the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada. The intern receives \$10K of the \$15K in funding, with the remaining

\$5K supporting other costs associated with the project. ACCELERATE Ontario is now open to *all* university faculties and departments, such as Engineering, Psychology, Nursing, etc.

For more information, contact Alison Lee at _alee@mitacs.ca _416.650.8439. For more information about ACCELERATE Ontario, visit www.accelerationcanada.ca. For more information about MITACS, visit www.mitacs.ca.

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Geophysics Travel Scholarship

Reminder: Call for Applications: Awarded to students who are travelling to scientific conferences that are related to their thesis research.

Deadline: October 31, 2008.

Value: \$1,000.

Apply by letter addressed to Dr. Kristy Tiampo, with a copy of your abstract approved for the meeting which is the subject of your application.

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Physics & Astronomy Colloquium

Dr. John Everett

**Physics Dept., University of
Wisconsin**

**“Standing on the shoulders of
relativistic particles: A kiloparsec-
scale wind in the Milky Way?”**

Thursday October 23, 2008

Time: 1.30 pm

Location: P&A Bldg. room 123

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