



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday October 24, 2008

DEPT EARTH SCIENCES ANNUAL SCUGOG LECTURE

**Dr. W.D. Gunter,
Alberta Research Council**

“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)”

**Wed. October 29, 2008, 7 pm
Middlesex College, rm.MC110**

***Free and open to the general public
>All Welcome<***

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The Western Award of Excellence

Nominations for this year’s award are now open. The Western Award of Excellence is the highest level of campus-wide recognition for the exceptional performance of Western staff. Please visit the web at www.uwo.ca/pvp/recognition for more information and to download a nomination form. All UWO members – faculty, staff and students – along with London community members, are encouraged to nominate an individual or team who help to exemplify Western’s aim of providing the best student experience among Canada’s leading research-intensive universities.

Deadline: November 21, 2008.

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B&G Bldg. Occupants: Electrical Shutdowns

Three electrical shut downs of the entire B&G Bldg. including the greenhouses are required in order to tie-in new electrical components. Two of the shut downs will be for 4 hours and one will be for 8 hours; they have to take place sometime in December, after the end of term. If anyone has major concerns for equipment, experiments, etc. which may be affected by this, please contact Vicky Lightfoot as soon as possible at vlightft@uwo.ca.

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Advanced Teaching Program (ATP) For Graduate Students

The Advanced Teaching Program is a hands-on, 20-hour seminar specifically designed for advanced graduate students who would like to develop the practical skills necessary to teach their own courses. Taught over 5 half-day sessions, the seminar will touch on a number of topics including teaching strategically for maximum impact, developing and maintaining a culture of respect in your classroom dealing with difficult students and authentically assessing student learning.

To register, go to:

www.lib.uwo.ca/tsc/calendar/view_program.php?id=131. Cost: free but a \$20 refundable deposit is collected, and this is returned to you after you complete your session.

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Graduate Session

**“Navigating Difficult Conversations with your
Supervisor”**

**Fri. October 31, 2008; 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Room 121 Teaching Support Centre
D.B. Weldon Library**

To register, please go to:

www.lib.uwo.ca/tsc/calendar/view_program.php?id=159

This session is designed to provide problem-solving strategies for graduate students for approaching difficult conversation through the use of scenarios. Focus will be on resolving conflict at the earliest stages emphasizing appropriate communication strategies.



Flu Clinics

Workplace Health and the Staff/Faculty Family Practice Clinic will be providing adult only influenza immunization clinics for UWO employees (staff and faculty) in the UCC Health Services Resource Centre. Please bring your Health Card. No appointment necessary:

Dates: Oct.31, Nov.6 (9 am-3.45 pm)

Nov.7, 14 (9 am-noon)

Nov.13 (9 am-1 pm)

Student employees, including graduate students, are asked to arrange an immunization appointment through Student Health Services (519-661-3030).

Children cannot be immunized at these clinics. Employees and family members registered with the UWO Family Practice Clinic (FPC) may make an appointment to take their children to the FPC for immunization. Other staff and faculty, please contact your family physician to arrange for immunization for children.



Departmental Photo Contest 2008

I. Foster

It is time to submit your photographs for this year's Earth Sciences Photo Contest. There are 5 categories: Landscape and Scenery; Flora and Fauna; People; Geosciences; Travel & Place. The contest will run until 4 p.m. *November 14, 2008.*

Contest date: November 19, 2008, 6.00 p.m. at the Grad Club. All photos will be evaluated by a panel of 3 judges, as well as your peers and two winning photographs from each category, as well as one People's Choice and one Judges' choice, will

be selected for use in the Earth Sciences custom calendar for 2009.

Rules: \$1 per photo; must be an original photo taken by you; minimum quality of 300 dpi (for 4x6" photograph). Photos may be submitted via e-mail on line to UWOGGS@gmail.com, or submit them on a CD directly to the GGS Executive or Larissa Pokoradi, Undergraduate coordinator. All photo fees should be given in person.



Geophysics Travel Scholarship

Reminder: Call for Applications: .

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.



Physics & Astronomy Colloquia

#1. Dr. Michael Way

NASA Goddard Inst. For Space Studies and
NASA Ames Research Center

“The prediction and detection of the expansion of the universe and the cosmic microwave background: A brief history”

Thursday, October 30, 2008, 1.30 pm

Location: P&A Bldg. room 123.

#2. Dr. William J. Turkel

History Dept., U.W.O.

“Material environment and historical consciousness”

Thursday, November 6, 2008, 1.30 pm

Location: P&A Bldg. room 123

