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

Friday September 19, 2008

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

Dr. Boz Wing
McGill University

**“Anomalous sulfur isotopes,
Paleoproterozoic climate, and the
permanent rise of atmospheric O₂”**

Friday September 26, 2008, 1.30 pm
Kresge Bldg. room 203

>All Welcome<

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Meet and Greet Success

Larissa Pokoradi
Outcrop President, 2008- 2009

On Thursday September 11, various faculty members, grad students, and senior students in the Earth Science dept. gave short presentations on careers, programs, scholarships, and job opportunities to the new 2nd year students. Around 40 students gathered including 20 2nd years students. We would like to thank the faculty, presenters, and grad students for showing their support by attending and making the night a great success. 2nd Yr students commented on the night and said it was very informative and well done. We would also like to thank Dr. Pratt and Marie Schell for funding the night. We hope that it will continue every year as an orientation event for the incoming second year students.

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Graduate Career Day

Friday September 26, 2008, 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.
The Great Hall, Somerville House

To register, please log in to Career Central <https://careercentral.uwo.ca/login.cfm> and select the “Events” tab. Please register separately for each workshop you plan to attend:

- Job Search Strategies for International Graduate Students
- Networking your way to a non-academic position
- Preparing for academic interviews
- Negotiating your first faculty contract

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New VANIER Canada Graduate Scholarships

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Please check out the new and prestigious **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships** announced below. This nomination is open to domestic and international PhD students. The value is \$50,000/yr for up to three years. To be eligible:

- You must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between zero and 24 months of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; **or**
- If you were admitted into a doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program, you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between four and 36 months of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding;
- You must not have previously taken up an NSERC PGS B, PGS D, or IPS 2,* or a CGS D for the program of study to which you are currently applying for funding; and
- You must not hold, or have held, a CGS D or a Vanier CGS from either CIHR or SSHRC.

The quota of Vanier CGS is expected to be very limited per university. We should aim to nominate our best eligible PhD candidate(s).

Please check the NSERC site on **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships** and let me know the possible nominees from our department as soon as possible. The Grad Committee will soon rank the candidates and select our nominee. *Departmental deadline: October 10, 2008.*



Pronunciation in the Canadian Classroom

These sessions are intended for graduate students, especially where English is not the first language. International students are very strongly encouraged to attend these sessions:

September 23–November 25, 2008

Tuesdays 3.30–5.30 pm Room UC 202, **OR**

Tuesdays 6.00–8.00 pm Room SH 3307

To register, please go online to https://www.lib.uwo.a/tsc/calendar/view_program.php?id=138. If you have any difficulty registering or want further information, please contact Janice Gray at jgray36@uwo.ca.



Space Society of London Presentation; 2008-09

General Meeting

“Mission to Mars in the High Arctic!”

Tues. Sept. 23, 2008, 5.30–6.30 p.m.

P & A Bldg. rm 123

Speakers: Melissa Battler, Simon Auclair



PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM

Thurs., 25th September 2008, 1:30 p.m.

Physics & Astronomy Bldg. room 123

Dr. Wayne Hocking

Physics & Astronomy Department

“Polar Research and Global Warming”



Mary-Claire Ward Geoscience Award 2009

A Call for Applications is now open to graduate students for the Mary-Claire Ward Geoscience Award, which comprises a \$3,000 prize, 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. The award is designed to support a graduate student whose research has a strong emphasis on field mapping.

Eligibility: Fulltime graduate students attending a Canadian university and undertaking a Canadian geosciences thesis that has a focus on field mapping (e.g. bedrock or surficial geology, geochemistry, geophysics). The student must have active student status until at least the last day of April 2009. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible to apply.

Application deadline: December 15, 2008.

To apply, please go to the websites of the PDAC: (www.pdac.ca/pdac/programs/awards/index.html#Mary-Claire) and the GAC: (www.gac.ca/awards/maryclaire.php).



Work Prospects: Belloy Petroleum Consulting Ltd.

This call is directed to graduates and upcoming Christmas 2008 graduates, or Co-op students available from January 1–April 1, 2009.

Belloy has openings for wellsite geology consulting work to be done at various sites throughout Western Canada. This involves travel with a personal SUV or truck from Calgary to well site, travel at site (if necessary) and return to Calgary.

Requirements: Minimum B.Sc. Geology for other than Co-op students. Experience using MS Office would be an asset.

Please see full advertisement on the Undergraduate Board in the B&G Bldg. opposite room 156.

