



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday, December 9, 2011

Undergraduate Award Winners

The first round of undergraduate awards were distributed in early December. Congratulations to all of our award winners so far!

- Aleksis Dreimanis Prize - **Aliya Pirani**
- Geophysics Scholarship for Excellence - **Krista Kaski**
- Harvey Hunter Memorial Award - **Kristyn Smith**
- Laurene Paterson Estate Scholarship - **Luke Howitt**
- Mark A Turner Award - **Kristyn Smith**
- Normal B. Keevil Award - **Luke Howitt**
- Robert & Ruth Lumsden Scholarship - **Adrian Smith**
- AAPG Austin Weeks Grant – **Adrian Smith**
- CMIEF Scholarship – **Jane Wilson**



New Website Launch!

Stage 1 of the new website of the Department of Earth Sciences has launched effective December 7, 2011. Functionality and ease of use were paramount in the new design. Check it out and let Kevin Jordan know your thoughts!

www.uwo.ca/earth

Special thanks to Kevin Jordan, Bernie Dunn, Barry Price, Wesley Moir of SGPS and Judy Steward of ITS for all their work in launching the new site.



Upcoming Defenses

Linada Kaci

Tue. Dec. 13, 9:30, B&GS1084
Strength & Elasticity Study of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) under High Pressure

Matt Zbyszewski

Wed. Dec. 14, 10:00, B&GS1084
Distribution and degradation of fresh water plastic particles along the beaches of Lakes Huron and Erie, Canada

Jeff Markle

Wed. Dec. 14, 1:00, B&GS1056
Thermal Plume Transport from Sand and Gravel Pits: Potential Thermal Impacts on Cool-Water Streams

Nevenka Nakevska

Mon. Dec. 19, 1:00, B&GS1084
Low-Temperature Geothermal Waste Heat Utilization from In-situ Bitumen Recovery Operations



Christmas Drive

As the Christmas season nears, it is once again time for the Department of Earth Science to start their annual drive to raise goods for our Christmas Family. As you may know, many families in the City of London are in need of basic food, clothing, extra things such as gifts for children or even a “Christmas Meal”. Last year’s family appears to be doing better, as they did not request help this year, so we have a new family this year. It’s a tall

order, but I know if we work together we can make a difference for this family.

We would like to provide our new family of 8 - (3 boys and 3 girls) with some clothing items, as well as a gift each and a proper Christmas Dinner. It would be very much appreciated if all items could be ready by **December 19th** for a pickup the next day.

All members of the Department are asked to contribute to our effort, in whichever means that is suitable to them. To this end, shortly available in Margaret's office, there will be a container for monetary donations, local grocery store gift certificates or food items. Any gift or donation would be greatly appreciated and will make such a huge difference in the lives of this family.

Mum (size medium) and Dad (size large) - they have an urgent need for socks, along with a dire need for food. There are no allergies in the family. The request is for all usual canned/dried/boxed food + a gift certificate at No Frills for a turkey (e.g. \$25-30).

Children: In addition to winter hats, gloves or mitts, and scarves, the following:

Girl - Maria - 14 years old, size Ladies medium, 32" waist

Loves to read and play games

Girl - Eve - 10 years old, size 11

Loves drawing, books, games

Girl - Alli - 9 years old, size 12 top, 13 bottom

Loves reading and playing games

Boy - "JD" - 8 years old, size 8

Loves toy trucks, colouring books and pencils

Boy - James - 7 years old, size 7

Loves cars, trucks, games and puzzles

Boy - Tyson - 4 years old, size 6

Loves Lego, cars, trucks, colouring books and pencils



Colloquium Series Schedule

All colloquia will be held in B&GS 0153 at 3:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

January 13, 2012

Guy Narbonne, Queen's University
When Life Got Big: The Mistaken Point Biota

Jan. 20

ES4490E Student Presentations

Jan. 27

Earth Sciences Faculty
Faculty Friday Presentations

For the most up-to-date colloquium schedule, visit
<http://www.uwo.ca/earth/news/colloquium.html>.