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

Friday December 5, 2008

ADVANCE NOTICE
DEPT. OF EARTH SCIENCES
M.SC. GEOLOGY
PUBLIC LECTURE

Candidate: Ruikun LIU
Supervisor: D. Jiang

“Deformation of the clast-matrix system and the application to the microstructural analysis of mylonites”

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: 1.30 p.m.

Place: Chemistry Bldg. room 9

>All Welcome<

Oral examination will take place the same day commencing at 2.30 p.m. in B&G Bldg. rm 1069.



Departmental Food Drive for Needy Families at Christmas

M. Rice

This is the “last call” for items for the needy family (the family lives in the Sherwood Forest Mall area) we are sponsoring - they are desperate:

- Mom – size 12
- 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: spatulas, ladles, vegetable and serving knives and spoons, ovenware such as “French White”, tea towels, towels, cleaning supplies; also hats, scarves, mittens for the children and gloves and scarves for the parents. 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.

Deadline for food or gift items: December 15, 2008
Deadline for cash/cheque donations: December 12, 2008

The responses from our student bodies, both undergraduate and graduate, have been awesome this year – thank you so very much for all your help!



United Way Campaign

M. Rice.

Last Call: 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.



Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award

Award: One award of \$12,500

Deadline: applications should be received in electronic and hard copy formats by February 16, 2009 to the Research Development Office.

Priority will be given to areas of special interest to Petro-Canada.

Application and guidelines are available at:
www.uwo.ca/research/rds/awards_dist/rds_funding_awards_sponsoredawards_petro.html

Applications are processed through Research Development & Services and must be accompanied by a completed RDAF:

Fill out the RDAF on ROLA:

<https://grant2.vm.its.uwo.ca/rola/servlet/submissionforms>



Silverhill Institute of Environmental Research and Conservation Graduate Award

A Call for Applications has been received from the Silverhill Institute of Environmental Research and Conservation.

Value: One @ \$3,500

Two or more @ \$500 each

The award is for a thesis/research project that:

- has an applied environmental or conservation focus;
- contributes in a direct way to society and/or provides specific community benefit;
- the project must have a Canadian or North American focus.

In addition to the main award, two or more smaller research assistance awards of \$500 will also be made.

For application details, please see the following web sites:

www.silverhillinstitute.com

www.silverhillinstitute.ca

Deadline: Applications will be accepted between January 23 and **February 27, 2009**.



Teaching Assistant Training Program Session January 9-11, 2009

Advance Notice:

Each graduate student is expected to take this course, preferably early in their respective program. It is a free seminar that offers both instruction and practical training on how to be a more effective TA.

The next session will run at the Teaching Support Centre in the Weldon Library on the weekend of January 9-11, 2009 on the following schedule:

Friday January 9: 12.30-5.00 p.m

Saturday: January 10: 8.45 am-5.00 p.m.

Sunday January 11: 8.45 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Daily light refreshments and Saturday and Sunday lunches will be provided.

To register, please e-mail tatp@uwo.ca or telephone 661-2111 ext. 80346.



Graduate Fees – Winter Term 2009

M. Rice

The deadline to arrange for payment of fees for the Winter term 2009 is January 8, 2009. I have been informed that online fee bills will be available for viewing commencing December 18, 2008.

