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

*Friday, March 5, 2010*

## **Dr. Robert Linnen is the new Robert Hodder Chair in Economic Geology**

We are very pleased to announce that **Dr. Robert Linnen** has accepted an offer to join the Department of Earth Sciences on July 1st, 2010, as the Robert W. Hodder Chair in Economic Geology.

The Robert Hodder Chair was established through a generous donation from noted alumnus Dr. Keith Barron (Ph.D. 1997). Dr. Linnen brings with him the experience of an 18-year career in mineral deposit geology and experimental petrology. He is a former holder of a Premier's Research Excellence Award, and a former Howard Street Robinson Distinguished Lecturer. His passion for geology and education, and his wealth of industry contacts will further enrich and enhance our departmental commitment to resource geology.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS...**

to **Lisa Cupelli** in regards to her recent success in the international competition for a handful of NASA positions in the Lunar Exploration Summer Internship program in Houston.

[http://www.lpi.usra.edu/lunar\\_intern/](http://www.lpi.usra.edu/lunar_intern/)

Lisa will represent Western well as she brings her thesis and industry experience in large impact geochronology, petrology and mapping at Sudbury and Vredefort to the group mission of evaluating potential lunar landing sites for robotic and human exploration.

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## **Ph.D. GEOLOGY PUBLIC LECTURE**

**DUNCAN BAIN**

**Supervisor: N. Duke**

**“A Metallogenic Model for NI-CU-  
PGE Mineralization at the  
Shakespeare Deposit, Sudbury Area,  
Ontario”**

**Thu. Mar. 11, 9.00 a.m.**

**Location: B&G Bldg. Room 1015**

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## **PUBLIC LECTURE**

**What Are the Parameters Controlling  
High Grade Uranium Deposits?**

**The Example of Unconformity Related Deposits  
of Saskatchewan**

Dr. Michel Cuney

Room: UC 85

2:30 pm Thursday, Mar. 11th

Michel Cuney is director of the research team, Genesis and Management of Mineral Resources, at the Henri Poincaré University in Nancy, France. He

has worked mainly on the geochemistry of uranium in various geological environments (metamorphic, anatectic, volcanic, alkali-metasomatic ...), the petrogenesis of granitic rocks, and the genesis of related U, rare metals, and W-Sn deposits in Europe and in other parts of the world.



## AAPG Student Chapter Distinguished Lecture Series

**Dr. Guy Plint**  
March 10, 2010  
B&G 1053, 6pm

“The evolution of a Cenomanian delta complex in the Western Canada Foreland Basin: Paleogeographic and stratigraphic responses to tectonic and eustatic forcing”



## Future Departmental Events

- **March 8th** PDAC Reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Fairmont Royal York, Manitoba Room, Departmental Bus, CFES Award presentation, Hodder Chair Announcement
- **April 8th**, Scugog - Battle Lecture, Neil Shubin – “**Finding your Inner Fish**”  
North Campus Building Room 101 at 7:00 p.m. - Book signing outside the lecture theatre at 8:30 p.m.
- **May 10th – 14th** GeoCanada 2010 (CSPG/CSEG/CWLS/GAC/MAC/IAH-CNC)
- **May 11th** – Reception Calgary



## Colloquium Schedule, 2010

The Earth Sciences Colloquium is held weekly on Fridays in B&G 0153, 3:30-4:30 PM.

**March 12** - Brian Hart, SSW, UWO  
“Where the Money is Made: Extraction/ Separation Technologies and Opportunities for Improved Recoveries through Surface Chemical Analyses”

**March 19** - Jie Li (COMPRES Distinguished Lecturer)  
Title TBA

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

