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

Friday, May 8, 2009

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES MSc. PUBLIC LECTURES

(i) Candidate: Brendt Hyde
Supervisor: Penny King

**“Bulk analysis, micro-analysis
and IR spectroscopy of iron
sulfates”**

Friday May 22, 2009, 9.30 a.m.
Place: B&G room 0165 (formerly 52)

(ii) Ian Foster
Supervisor: Gordon Southam

**“Characterization of halophilic
organisms and sulfate salts from the
hypersaline lakes of British
Columbia, Canada: An
astrobiological perspective”**

Monday June 1, 2009, 1.30 p.m.
Place: B&G room 0165 (formerly 52)

>All Welcome<
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Congratulations...

to Rebecca Vanderspiegel on her recent successful
Ph.D. defence.

Summer Undergraduate Science Student Library Drop-in Session

Taylor Library has scheduled a Summer under -
graduate Science student drop-in help session.
Time:: 1:00-3:00 PM, Wednesday May 27, 2009.

Arrive at any time. Where: Kellogg Room,
Allyn & Betty Taylor Library

This is an opportunity for Science
undergrads to get help finding articles, using Inter-
library Loans, etc.

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National Graduate Scholarship – Canadian Foundation for Geotechniques

Value: \$5,000; **Deadline to apply:** **June 1, 2009**
Eligibility: Any Canadian or permanent resident of
Canada entering or registered in a Canadian
university M.Sc. or Ph.D. program directly related
to an identified field of geotechnique. Nominees
must have a high academic standing; preference
given to those who have some practical experience,
are active, show leadership, in the geotechnical
community.

Nominations limited to one per academic
department. They require a letter accompanied by
rationale, written and signed by the graduate
supervisor. Rationale should include evidence of
academic standing, research output, contributions to
practice and leadership/activity in the geotechnical
community. Nomination packages are limited to 5
pages.

For further information contact Doug
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Teaching Support Centre Graduate Student Information

New graduate students will find these two events helpful:

-International TA day, Tuesday September 8, 2009

-Graduate Student Conference on Teaching (TA Day): Wednesday September 9, 2009.

-Communication in the Canadian Classroom Course for international graduate students:

-Session 1: Sept.14-30, Mon/Wed 3.30-5.30 pm

-Session 2: Sept.15-Oct.1: Tues/Thurs. 3.30-5.30 pm

All international TAs in the Department of Earth Sciences are expected to complete this course as soon as they can after starting their graduate program.

The TA Training Program (TATP) will be offered on the following dates starting at noon on the first day and running all day on the second and third days. *All graduate students in the Department of Earth Sciences are expected to complete this course at the outset of their graduate program:*

August 21-23, 2009

August 28-30, 2009

September 1-3, 2009

September 4-6, 2009

September 18-20, 2009

September 25-27, 2009

Information about other programs developed for graduate students may be obtained here:

<http://grad.uwo.ca/360/>

and

<http://www.uwo.ca/tsc/>

