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 undergraduate Science student drop-in help session.  
Time:: 1:00-3:00 PM, Wednesday May 27, 2009.  
Place: 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 VanDine, PEng/PGeo, tel. 250-598-1028, e-mail: vandine@islandnet.com.

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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/

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