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

Friday, October 30, 2009

## M.Sc. GEOPHYSICS PUBLIC LECTURE

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**Candidate: Caitlin Latimer**  
**Supervisor: Kristy Tiampo**

### **Congratulations...**

to **Andrea Prentice**, for her recent successful M.Sc. defense.

**“Determining the Effect of Large Magnitude Earthquakes on the Local Stress Field using Stress Shadows”**

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**Thu. November 5, 2009, 1:30 PM**  
**B&G Building, Room 1069**

### **Imperial Barrel Award**

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) organizes a prestigious annual competition known as the Imperial Barrel Award (IBA). Teams of 5 students will compete against one another in a real world prospect evaluation. The regional competition will take place in March 2010 following weeks of intensive preparation by students. Dr. Burns Cheadle has entered the first ever Western team on behalf of the department consisting of both geophysics and geology students:

## Ph.D. GEOLOGY PUBLIC LECTURE

**Candidate: Pengfei Chen**  
**Supervisor: Jisuo Jin**

- **Robin Buckley**
- **Hayley Edwards**
- **Meriem Grifi**
- **Michael Hamilton**
- **Joel Shank**

**“Taxonomy, Paleoecology and Paleobiogeography of Silurian Brachiopod Faunas of Arctic Canada”**

**Tue. November 10, 2009, 11:00 AM**  
**B&G Building, Room 1084**

The competition presents a great opportunity for students to put their acquired knowledge to the test, and if the team wins, Western would get to compete in the Final Global Competition in April 2010. The top prize for the winning team is \$20,000! Go Western!!!

>ALL WELCOME<

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## Colloquium Schedule, 2009-10



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

**October 30** - Ian Macdonald (APGO), "AGPO: Pride in Profession and the Registration Process"

**November 6** - Larry Brown (Cornell), "New Targets and Techniques in the Exploration of the Continental Lithosphere"

**November 13** - Charles Cockell (UK), "Microbial Diversity and Weathering in Volcanic Environments"

**November 20** - David Fernández-Remolar (Spain), "Recovering Terrestrial information of extreme habitats to understand early Mars environments: Rio Tinto acidic system and Atacama Desert"

**November 27** - John Armstrong, "Kimberlite Indicator Mineral Anomalies in a Regional, Local, and Bedrock context: Examples from Canada"

**December 4** - Brian Hart (UWO), Title TBA.

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



## Graduate Thesis Research Fund

**Call for Applications:** The Graduate Thesis Research Fund is a Faculty of Science initiative to offset thesis-based research costs. We invite all thesis-based graduate students to apply. Please do not leave the application to the last minute, as the application often includes getting quotes on travel and other expenses.

**Deadline:** November 16

**Value:** up to \$1,500

## Geophysics Travel Scholarship

**Call for Applications:** The Geophysics Travel Scholarship is awarded to students who are travelling to scientific conferences that are related to their thesis research. The scholarship is available to fourth year honors undergraduate Geophysics students and to full-time students registered in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students must have an average of B+ or higher. Any one student will be limited to one travel scholarship per M.Sc. program and two for the Ph.D. program. However, at the discretion of the Selection Committee, a student may be awarded one additional scholarship, provided that it does not deny an award to another qualified applicant who has received fewer Geophysics Travel Scholarships.

**Deadline:** October 30, 2009.

**Value:** \$1,000.

Apply by letter addressed to **Dr. Kristy Tiampo**, with a copy of your abstract approved for the meeting which is the subject of your application. Please mention in your letter that you give permission for the Selection Committee to access your transcripts.

