



NEWSLETTER



From the Department of Geography & Planning

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kathy Hoover who is counting down the days to her retirement. Kathy's last day in the department will be December 23rd when we will close the Main Office at 3:00 p.m. for the holidays. See the end of this newsletter for a great photo taken on December 8th when Kathy was surprised with a parting gift from the GSC!

Congratulations to Angela Balesdent who is also counting down the days to her retirement, although Angie will be with us until January 27, 2022, at which time she will finish at noon. See the end of this newsletter for a great photo when Angie was also surprised with a parting gift from the GSC on December 8th!

A MESSAGE FROM RYAN DANBY

REMINDER: I've decided to clear some shelves in my office. I have the last 10+ years of "The Professional Geographer" and "Annals of the AAG" in hard copy. I'm hoping that someone might want them, otherwise I'll be recycling them. Please drop me a note if you would like them (ryan.danby@queensu.ca) or phone (x78540).

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM KATHY HOOVER

Your incredible generosity and thoughtfulness shone through in the card, the messages and the gifts you gave to me. You didn't have to do that, thank you!

As I leave this month, I am overflowing with gratitude. You are a truly amazing group of colleagues and my heart is full because of the friendships we have made over my time here.

My humble thanks to each of you as I step forward on a new path. Thank you for showing me what a wonderful place work can be.

I wish each of you the best and look forward to keeping in touch!

I will miss you all,

Kathy xoxo

[The following photos are from the Staff luncheon at the University Club on Thursday, December 9th where Paul presented Kathy with her gifts on behalf of the Faculty and Staff]



Kathy opens her gifts!



On behalf of the Department, Paul thanks Kathy for all she has done – finishing with “you will certainly be missed!”

ACCESS/BoFED CONFERENCE 2022

The [Atlantic Canada Coastal & Estuarine Science Society](#) (ACCESS) is an affiliate society of the [Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation](#) (CERF) which focuses on research in coastal ecosystems of Atlantic Canada. Our main event is an annual conference where interested parties can present their research findings and students can compete for presentation awards. This year, the ACCESS Executive Team is happy to announce that we are moving forward with plans for a hybrid conference from May 18-21, 2022 with the [Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership](#) (BoFEP)! COVID permitting, of course.

The conference is planned to take place at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro, Nova Scotia, the original location for it back in 2020 before the first COVID outbreak. That said, we are planning to have a fully virtual option as a back-up, particularly with the Omicron variant spreading through Canada.

While most papers submitted to ACCESS are of a scientific nature (e.g. biology, geology, geography, environmental science), we accept submissions which are interdisciplinary and those which focus on the social sciences, as well.

If the hybrid conference does go forward, we will require masks and proof of vaccination for in-person attendees. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact our Secretary: matthewpenney@acadiau.ca. We hope to be able to see (most) of you in-person under COVID-friendly conditions.

ACUNS 2022-2023 AWARD COMPETITION

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) 2022-2023 award competition is open now!

ACUNS offers post-secondary awards and scholarships to full-time, part-time, college and university students at all levels. There are scholarships specific for northern residents, and southern students whose area of specialty is in the field of northern studies whether natural sciences, social sciences, health or humanities.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the ACUNS Awards Program, two new scholarships have been announced:

- [The POLAR Antarctic Doctoral Scholarship](#)
- [Dr. Weston Blake Jr. Memorial Doctoral Scholarship](#)

Visit their website acuns.ca for more information about their awards program. Deadline: **January 31, 2022.**

About ACUNS: The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies is a national, non-profit academic association, established in 1978. ACUNS responds to needs and priorities in the territories and provincial north by facilitating collaborative and inclusive research partnerships and educational programming, most notably through our student conference and awards program. Since 1982, ACUNS has supported post-secondary students and early-career researchers in diverse disciplines of northern studies who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to northern communities.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GSC PAY KATHY & ANGIE A SURPRISE VISIT



Members of the GSC present Kathy with a parting gift!



Members of the GSC present Angie with a parting gift for her pending retirement at the end of January 2022!

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