



NEWSLETTER



From the Department of Geography & Planning

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CALENDAR

Thursday, February 3; 1:00 p.m.; Zoom: SNID. Dr. Rebecca Hall (Queen's University) will moderate a panel discussion on "Theatre and Activism." Zoom link: <https://queensu.zoom.us/j/97416622727?pwd=cStoTFcvNXpaLysxeGdCWTIyRUswZz09> Meeting ID: 974 1662 2727 Passcode: 3.qMuy

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shahab Jozdani who successfully passed his PhD Oral Thesis Examination on Wednesday, January 26th. Thesis title: "Leveraging Multi-source Remote Sensing Images and Deep Learning to Map Caribou Lichens." Supervisor: Dr. Dongmei Chen. See a photo of **Dr. Jozdani** and his Committee at the end of the *Newsletter*.

Congratulations to Kim Hill-Tout who passed her Qualifying Examination on Wednesday, January 26th. Proposal title: "Everyday Culinary Practices: Meal Kit Delivery Programs Shaping Canada's Culinascape." Supervisor: Dr. Carolyn Prouse.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM ANGIE BALESSENT

Dear GPPL Faculty, Staff, and Students,

It's hard for me to believe that nearly 36 years ago I started my career at Queen's, way back in the good old 80's! Wow, what an adventure it's been!

I have learned so much over my time at Queen's and have had the good fortune to meet and work with truly exceptional people like all of you along the way!

I am very grateful to have been a part of the tight-knit SURP community for so many years and gratified to have then been so warmly welcomed into the Department of Geography and Planning. Thank you. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you and I wish you all the very best today and always.

GPPL Faculty and Staff, I am overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude at receiving your heart-felt words of farewell and your generous retirement gift. I plan to use the gift card toward the purchase of a hard-topped, screened-in dining room for our campsite, where my husband and I and our little Yorkie plan to spend our summers. I will see that dining tent every day, all summer long, and each time I will think of you all and smile. Thank you!

Stay safe, be well, and if you see me around town please do say hello 😊!

Warm regards,

Angie

[You will find a great photo of Angie at the end of this *Newsletter*]

NEWS AND IN THE NEWS

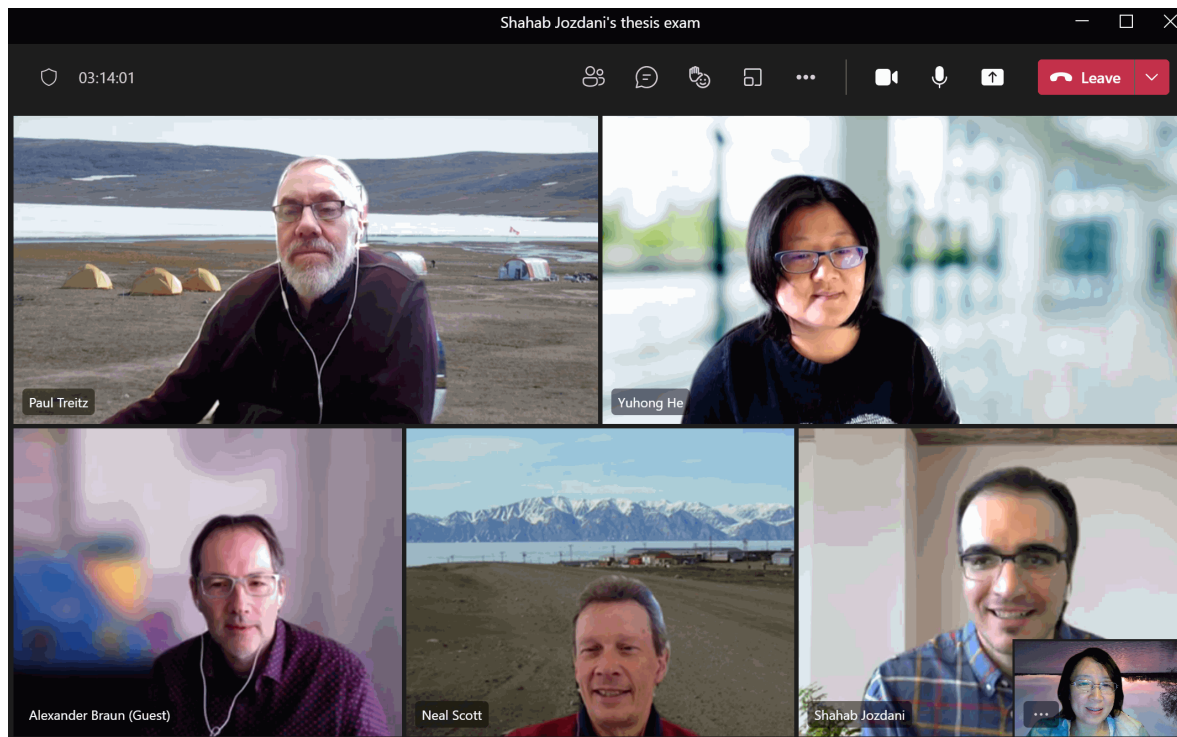
[The McGill Tribune](#) reports that Laura Jean Cameron (Geography and Planning) was part of a symposium hosted by McGill about friendship between scientists.

FACULTY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER: NEW FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH FUND: In February 2022, the New Frontiers in Research Fund is launching a [Special Call](#) aimed at supporting research for a post-pandemic recovery. This grant will provide up to \$250,000 per year for two years (including indirect costs). Projects are expected to be interdisciplinary, and all project teams must have an expert in social/economic/socio-economic research and implementation science among the team of principle investigators. For more information, please contact Andrea Hiltz, Research Project Advisor, ahiltz@queensu.ca.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. JOZDANI!

Congratulations Shahab! Below you see Shahab with his Examining Committee and Supervisor Dr. Dongmei Chen.



Screenshot provided by Dongmei.

ANGIE CELEBRATES!



Angie (along with her Yorkie, Daisy, sit along side her retirement gifts!

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