



NEWSLETTER



From the Department of Geography & Planning

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CALENDAR

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Friday December 21; 12 noon: The GPPL Main Office Closes for the Holidays! We will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!**

REMINDER...GEOGRAPHY SOCIAL COMMITTEE -- UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Door Decorating: December 1st to 14th. Gather your office mates and decorate your door to match the season. Awards given for: Most Creative Door, Best Snowflake, Funniest Door.

AUROVILLE BLOG

There are currently a group of SURP students in Auroville (with Dr. Ajay Agarwal) for their project course, SURP 827. They have a blog and welcome everyone to follow them. As they put it...

"If you're into cows, tourism impact management, and girl power, be sure to keep up with SURP's International Project Course through their awesome blog." These students are currently in Auroville, Tamil Nadu, India studying tourism impact management. It's never a dull moment so you definitely won't want to miss their updates! <https://auroville2018.home.blog>



The group in India!

NEW INITIATIVE BY A QUEEN'S GEOGRAPHY GRADUATE STUDENT

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!

Conference2Classroom

Last month Rachel Kuzmich (formerly Wasson) started an initiative called [Conference2Classroom](#) and with the help of the Queen's Business Law Clinic has begun the process of incorporating as a not-for-profit organization. In short, C2C connects experts attending conferences across Canada with local classrooms.

Rachel was inspired to start this initiative for three reasons. First, every conference she has attended has been great. However, she perceived it to be a missed opportunity that experts, who are so obviously impassioned by their area of research, have not been mobilized to local classrooms. Such an arrangement seems desirable and beneficial for both the conference attendees and the local classrooms. Second, she found herself in a discipline that she had no idea existed when she was a kid. She knew NASA was a thing, but she thought all they did was go to the moon and take neat photos. She said she had no clue that there are remote sensing scientists that analyze these data. Third, as a graduate student in the sciences she has applied for NSERC and 20% of the criteria for CGSD is based on "[communication, interpersonal, and leadership abilities](#)". C2C provides an opportunity for graduate students to get experience in these areas, which may ultimately help them be more successful in their applications. In fact, her current focus has been on recruiting graduate students to participate. She thinks she has even emailed every grad STEM program at Queen's, and has been reaching out to other institutions as well.

Rachel says she has proof of concept. So far, she has facilitated one event and connected a researcher from Guelph University, attending an entomology conference in Vancouver, with a grade 11 biology classroom. In December, two graduate students in Geography who are attending ArcticNet will be participating in an event to a grade 10 science classroom and she has more registered participants in the future as well. She is seeing 40+ visitors daily on her website. All the comments she has received so far have been positive and supportive.

IN THE NEWS

Dave Gordon was featured in a [Queen's Journal article about the United Way](#).

FACULTY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[2019 SSHRC Information Session - Dec 13, 2018](#)

[NSERC Connect Grant - Due: Jan 18, 2019, 8:00 PM](#)

[PHAC - Multi-sectoral Partnerships to Promote Healthy Living and Prevent Chronic Disease - Due: Continuous Intake](#)

[CIHR - Undergraduate Summer Studentship Award 2019 \(Musculoskeletal Health & Arthritis\) - Due: Jan 24, 2019](#)

[Options for Pregnancy Termination - Grand Challenges Canada - Due: Feb 12, 2019, 3:00 PM ET](#)

[CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars \(early career award\) - Due: Feb 5, 2019](#)

[Ernest C. Manning Innovation Awards - Due: Dec 17, 2018](#)

[Great Lakes Fishery Trust: 2019 Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Fish Populations - Due: January 11, 2019, 5:00 PM ET](#)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Ryerson University: Assistant Professor, School of Urban & Regional Planning](#)

[University of North Texas: Visiting Assistant Professor of Planning](#)

[University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC Assistant Professor](#)

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOODIES DAY

It was so great to see everyone at the “Staff Holiday Social” held on Thursday, December 6th in the Main Office. We wish everyone the happiest of holidays and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Angie, Joan, Jo-Anne, Kathy, Sharon



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