From the Department of Geography & Planning

Monday, June 24, 2019

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

PLEASE NOTE: Between July 2\textsuperscript{nd} and August 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 the GPPL Main Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m.). We will return to our regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, September 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2019. Have a safe and happy summer everyone!

OTHER EVENTS:

Monday, July 1: Canada Day. The University will be closed.

Monday, July 1: Deadline for Faculty Members to inform Warren Mabee of their application for Renewal, Tenure, and Promotion. (see Collective Agreement Article 30.7.3).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mohammad Hossain on successfully passing his Qualifying Examination on Thursday, June 20\textsuperscript{th}. Proposal title: \textit{A Hybrid Segmentation Algorithm and GEOBIA-based Classification Framework for Improving Accuracy of Urban Building Extraction}. Supervisor: Dr. Dongmei Chen.

Congratulations to Lorraine Hutton who received the award for the best paper by a Ph.D. student from the CAG Health and Health Care Study Group at the annual meeting of the CAG in Winnipeg, May 27-31, 2019. The title of the paper was, “Support or solicitation? An analysis of digital content from four parent-caregiver social media platforms.”

Congratulations to John Holmes who was invited to give the keynote address on \textit{The Future of the Canadian Auto Industry} at the Sustainable Pathways for Canada’s Onroad Transportation Sector Workshop held in Ottawa on June 12, 2019. The workshop was organized and sponsored by the International Council on Clean Transportation, Clean Energy Canada and équiterre.

Congratulations to Sean Kamin-Patterson, Super Fan of the Toronto Raptors who won two tickets (that included airfare, accommodation and two tickets to game 6 of the NBA playoffs in Oakland, CA!) Sean was there to see history made when the Raptors won the game! See a couple of photos at the end of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Warren Mabee who takes up his new appointment as Head and Associate Dean in the School of Policy Studies on July 1\textsuperscript{st}. You will find pictures from the Drop-in to wish him well, held June 18\textsuperscript{th}, at the end of the newsletter.

UPCOMING THESIS EXAMINATIONS


FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joanne Heslop, Robert Gilbert Postdoctoral Fellow, for having been awarded a competitive 3-year postdoc at the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences in Potsdam. Melissa Lafreniere would like to thank Joanne for her important contributions in leading their Cape Bounty graduate student research seminars, training students in the lab and sharing her enthusiasm for research. We all wish Joanne continued success in her future endeavours!

IN THE NEWS

Warren Mabee (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning, School of Policy Studies). The Conversation: *Canada declares a national climate emergency and approves a pipeline.* Dr. Mabee says there is a major disconnect between declaring a climate change emergency and approving a major oil pipeline.

Warren Mabee (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning, School of Policy Studies). Radio Canada International: *Major pipeline project approved.* Dr. Mabee says that with no legal or protest impediments, the earliest completion date would be about 18 months from now, but with challenges and/or protests, possibly double that time frame.

FACULTY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Geographic Society Grants - due 10/09/2019

Early Researcher Award 2019 (Round 15)- due 10/10/2019

NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR: Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Pre-Announcement)- due 08/01/2019

CIHR - Network Catalyst Grant-due 07/09/2019

CIHR Catalyst Grant - Patient-Oriented Research- due 06/25/2019

Bantering Post-Doctoral Fellowship Internal Deadline Extended to June 25, 2019 at 4pm

Facebook Economic Opportunity and Digital Platforms Request for Proposals-due 08/09/2019

Facebook PyRobot: Democratizing Robotics Request for Proposals-due 08/30/2019

Grain Farmers of Ontario Call for Letters of Intent-due 07/15/2019

Humanitarian Grand Challenge:-due 07/16/2019
Sean with the Raptors’ Mascot before the game!

Sean with other fans on the “Fan Flight” to Oakland courtesy of Air Canada.
Members of the department gathered on June 18th to wish Warren well as he wraps up his last two weeks as Head of Department in Geography and Planning.

The cake said it all!

Incoming Interim Head, Paul Treitz, offers a word of thanks to Warren for his time served as Head of Department.
Warren’s turn to speak!

Warren does a great job at cutting the cake!
Members of the department gather for the event.