



# NEWSLETTER



*From the Department of Geography & Planning*

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## CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 21; 10:30 a.m.; Kingston Hall, Room 200: NSERC Presentation regarding Strategic Partnership Grants. See full details further in the newsletter.

Tuesday, November 21; 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.; GIS Lab (M-C E223): GIS Career Talk by Andrei Rosu (GIS Data Technician, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry). *The Path: A Journey to the GIS Workforce*. Dr. Dongmei Chen welcomes faculty and students to attend this presentation taking place in her GPHY 346 class.

Tuesday, November 21; 3:30 p.m.; Dunning Room 10: The Mining Industry: A Discussion with Tony Hodge (Anthony Hodge Consultants).

Tuesday, November 21; 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.; Grad Club: DSC Drinks with Profs 2017. Join your favourite professor, TA's and the Geography & Planning DSC for this event. Take a study break, and come on down to enjoy casual drinks and chats with Geography & Planning professors and TA's!

Wednesday, November 29; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.; M-C E229; DSC Pizza Event.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Heather Castleden is delighted to be the bearer of some wonderful news! Priscilla Apronti (PhD student in GPPL) and her partner, Emmanuel Yohuno, have welcomed a precious baby into their family: Janelle Yohuno was born on November 11, 2017 here in Kingston. She is absolutely beautiful, she has her mother's gentle nature and her father's warm eyes. Congratulations Priscilla and Emmanuel, and welcome to the world, Janelle!! Heather speaks for all of us Priscilla and Emmanuel, **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## NSERC STRATEGIC PROGRAM OFFICER PRESENTATION

Michèle Takoff, NSERC Strategic Program Officer, will be on campus November 21<sup>st</sup> to provide information on Letters of Intent for the next round of NSERC's Strategic Partnership Grants. RSVPs are requested: <https://goo.gl/forms/gLItwTloCYspgCwD2>. LOI deadline: **February 1, 2018**.

## NEW GPPL TEACHING ASSISTANT EVALUATION FORM

In consultation with the Centre for Teaching and Learning, the Graduate Student Council has developed a short, standardized teaching assistant evaluation form that is available for all TAs to distribute and use in their classes. These forms are a great way to receive anonymous, constructive feedback that can be used in teaching dossiers and as a tool for professional development. For those who are TAs this semester, we recommend you implement ASAP and give your classes 2 weeks to complete these. The form and accompanying instructions can be found at this [link](#). The GSC will be requesting feedback from TAs early next semester on the forms.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph. School of Environmental Design and Rural Development. Two positions: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) or Associate Professor in Rural Planning and Development. <http://www.uoguelph.ca/facultyjobs/postings/ad17-71.shtml> Deadline: **January 12, 2018.**

## CONVOCATION 2017

CONGRATULATIONS to the graduating class of 2017! A departmental reception was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> just prior to the convocation ceremony that afternoon. Below are a few shots of some very happy graduates on their special day!



Photo provided by: Katherine Dearborn

L-R: Dasvinder Kambo (PhD '17), Mitchell Bonney (MSc '17) and Katherine Dearborn (PhD '17)



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L-R: Jonathan Byrd, Rob MacFarlane, Michael Giallonardo, Austin Norrie, Sarah Libera, Tyler Venable. All are MPL 2017 graduates!



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*Full details on items listed in the Newsletter are on file in the Main Office (E208).*

