NEWSLETTER

From the Department of Geography & Planning

Wednesday, November 27; 2:30 Coffee – 3:00 p.m. Talk; MC D216: Department Colloquium. Dr. John Sandlos (co-authored with Mica Jorgenson) (Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland) will present Dust to Dust: Aluminum as a Miracle Cure for Silicosis in the Mining Industry.

Monday, December 2; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; MC D201: GPPL Staff Goody Day. Don’t eat dessert with your lunch, come and join us for some festive treats to celebrate the start of the holiday season! Ho, Ho, Ho!!

OTHER EVENTS:

Thursday, November 28: There will not be a SNID talk this week, however, see a notice from SNID about next term’s talks further in the newsletter.

Monday, December 2; 5:00 p.m.; QUIC (2nd Floor, Mitchell Hall): Joint event hosted by the SGPS and QUIC. Geography PhD Candidates Priscilla Apronti and Joseph Braimah will participate in an International Research Seminar on Ghana. There will be snacks, tea, and coffee available.

UPCOMING THESIS EXAMINATIONS

Thursday, November 28; 1:00 p.m.; MC D326; Johnathan Rose’s PhD Oral Thesis Examination. Thesis title: Liberal Order and Climate Control: Ontario Parks as Environmental Settler Colonialism. Supervisor: Dr. Anne Godlewsk.

Monday, December 9; 10:00 a.m.; MC E314; Sandra McCubbin’s PhD Oral Thesis Examination. Thesis title: The Spectacular Environmentalism of Cecil the Lion. Supervisor: Dr. Alice Hovorka.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to PhD student, Martina Jakubchik-Paloheimo, on her recent invitation to Bogota, Columbia to lead the Academic Agenda by the Petroleum Association of Colombia and the Canadian Colombian Embassy as a representative of Global Indigenous Development Trust, Canada and as a PhD Candidate. The purpose of the Conference was to discuss the challenges of increased social conflict and inequality in the
resource sector. The title of her talk was *Los Desafíos del sector ante el creciente activism y conflictividad social en territorio: The Challenges of the sector amidst growing activism and social conflict in territories.* As social conflicts increase in the oil and gas sector, the industry recognizes that it needs to change and adapt its practices. They were looking for academic insight from a Canadian to International perspective as to why social conflicts in the resource sector were increasing in the oil and gas sector. What are the causes, and how can government + industry respond to resolve these conflicts? What are recommendations we can make for positive community engagement? In Martina’s talk, she explored what social conflict is, how it can be understood in terms of inequality and causes, and how can industry engage differently with communities to work to resolve conflict, and innovate the industry towards partnership, responsibility and sustainability?

Congratulations to George Lovell on the publication by Between the Lines of a new edition, the fourth, of his memoir of Guatemala, *A Beauty That Hurts.* See a synopsis further in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Shyra Barberstock (PhD Candidate) who is featured in *Flare Magazine!* You can read the article here - [https://www.flare.com/how-i-made-it/shyra-barberstock/](https://www.flare.com/how-i-made-it/shyra-barberstock/).

**GRADUATE PEER SUPPORT CENTRE NOW OPEN**

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) is proud to announce the opening of a new service for graduate students – the [Graduate Peer Support Centre](#). The Graduate Peer Support Centre is a group of student volunteers who provide a confidential and welcoming peer-based support to Graduate and Professional students at Queen’s University. The Centre adheres to a peer support model and the peer volunteers are trained in active listening, suicide intervention, and are well-versed in resource referral to suit the diverse needs of Graduate and Professional students. The Centre provides short-term support to students in need of assistance and to appraise students of services available on campus and in the Kingston community. The Centre is located in the JDUC - Room 205, and is operational as a drop-in service during the following hours: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday 1pm-5pm; Wednesday 5pm-9pm, and Thursday 1pm-5pm.

**Volunteer Opportunity:**
The unique opportunity to volunteer as a peer offers the chance to communicate empathetically while forming a connection with those accessing the service for support. Volunteers will also be trained to
intervene and respond to individuals in crisis, giving graduate students a safe place to come when they are in need. If you are interested in the chance to volunteer, please visit the application link provided. Students who are available are encouraged to apply during the summer months. We look forward to working with you! **Application Posting:** [https://sgps.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/GPSC-Volunteer.pdf](https://sgps.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/GPSC-Volunteer.pdf)

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**SNID**

Stay tuned for a great second term of SNID talks, including Kyla Tienhaara (Queen’s University) on environmental issues, David Webster (Bishop’s University) on Canadian foreign aid, a screening of the film *I am Rohingya: A Genocide in Four Acts*, El Jones (Mount Saint Vincent University/Halifax Poet Laureate) on prisons and poetry, Bronwyn Parry (King’s College London) on global fertility chains, Gerardo Hernandez (Casa de las Americas, Cuba) on Havana, and much more!


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**MPL GRADS FOLLOWING 2019 CONVOCATION CEREMONY**

L to R: Prof. David Gordon; Charlie Smith (MPL’19); Natalie Armstrong (MPL’19); Alanna Damp (MPL’19); Kelsey Jones (MPL’19); Bryanne Robinson (MPL’19); Taylor MacDonald-Plummer (MPL’19); Sarah Butt (MPL’19); Carling Fraser (MPL’19); Prof Leela Viswanathan. Photo courtesy of Sarah Butt.
January 16, 2020, Grand Theatre: Sustainable Kingston is planning their 2020 Kingston Climate Change Symposium. Their keynote speaker is Jennifer Keesmaat, Canadian urban planner who served as Chief City Planner of Toronto from 2012 to 2017. Students can find out more, and purchase tickets here: https://www.kingstongrand.ca/events/the-2020-kingston-climate-change-symposium (there is a student discount).

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RESEARCH AND OTHER:

Resources for Research at Queen's (R4@Q) - Next Session: December 11, 2019.


In her role as the International Student Affairs Commissioner for the SGPS, Claudia Hirtenfelder hosts a podcast titled Beyond Canada: International Thought and Scholarship which speaks to graduate and professional students about their experience of doing international research. Claudia has interviewed Geography and Planning alumni Prince Michael Amegbor and Geography PhD Candidate Nathalia Santos Ocasio about their work involving sub-Saharan Africa and Santiago, Chile respectively. The latest episode is with Siobhan Speiran (Environmental Studies) about her research on monkeys in Costa Rica.

Congratulations to George Lovell on the publication by Between the Lines of a new edition, the fourth, of his memoir of Guatemala, A Beauty That Hurts. The cover of the new edition is seen here. A synopsis of the book runs:

“When A Beauty That Hurts was first published in 1995, Guatemala was one of the world’s most flagrant violators of human rights. If any measure of peace has come to the country, George Lovell contends, it is a peace resembling war. Lovell revisits a seductive but tormented land to reprise, and revise, his classic account of the evil perpetrated by a military-dominated state on its indigenous Maya peoples.

A Beauty That Hurts frames the armed conflict that raged in Guatemala, off and on from 1960 to 1996, in historical, cultural, and political context. It also examines the shortcomings of the Peace Accord signed over two decades ago, concluding that the social and economic inequalities that triggered upheaval in the first place have yet to be addressed.”
Of earlier editions of the book, the late Eduardo Galeano, one of Latin America’s most eminent writers, had this to say:

“This is a true Guatemala Guide. George Lovell didn’t choose Guatemala—he was chosen by this land, in a magic way, to tell us about the shining voices that whisper in the heart of darkness.” Further details are available on the Between the Lines website at https://btlbooks.com.

Don’t forget to join us, the GPPL Main Office Staff, for some festive treats on Monday, December 2nd from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in MC D201.