March 13–15, 2015
Contested Economies and Environments
Welcome to the Kamloops Relocated Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers at Thompson Rivers University!

Kamloops, British Columbia
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Organized by the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Kamloops for the annual meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers. This is the fourth time our institution has had the privilege of hosting the WDCAG: the first was by Cariboo College in 1984, the second was by the University College of the Cariboo in 1994, and the third was by Thompson Rivers University in 2006.

This conference was initially to be hosted by the Geography Program at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), which unfortunately had to cancel the conference at the last minute due to a campus strike. The conference was relocated to Kamloops, and thanks to the preparation and co-operation of the UNBC organizing committee, we were able to put on this conference in short notice. That said, we must emphasize the amazing work of the TRU Geography Society (TRUGS) in making this conference happen.

We hope your stay in Kamloops is enjoyable and that you find the conference talks and posters stimulating.

The Kamloops Relocated Annual Meeting 2015 Local Organizing Committee

    Tom Waldichuk, Organizing Committee Chair
    Darryl Carlyle-Moses, Department Chair, Geography & Environmental Studies
    Organizing Committee Members: Jackson Baron; Sarah Cooke; Christine Cziglan; Ali Grzybowski; David J. Hill; Erin McLean; Michael Mehta; Kim Naqvi; Gilles Viaud; TRUGS

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Hester Jiskoot, University of Lethbridge
David Jordan, Trinity Western University
Neil Hanlon, University of Northern British Columbia

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ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
All conference sessions are in the Old Main (OM) Building, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops.

Friday 13 March 2015
17:00–18:00 Organization Meeting (assignment of chairs and judges): Arts & Education (AE) Room 108
18:00–19:00 Keynote Presentation in Old Main Room 3752 (doors open at 17:30)
Dr. Lisa K. Cooke and Dr. Kellee Caton, Thompson Rivers University (with Dr. Bryan S.R. Grimwood, U Waterloo)
“From Common Sense to Common Ground: Moral Geography in North America's Mountain Playgrounds”
20:00–? Geography of Beer Social Event: Concurrent Pub Crawl

Saturday 14 March 2015
8:00–8:30 Registration Atrium OM 3691
8:00–8:30 Hang posters in Atrium OM 3691 (posters will be up all day)
8:30–10:00 Parallel Paper Session 1: A (OM 3612) and B (OM 3632)
10:00–10:30 Refreshment Break and Posters (Atrium OM 3691)
10:30–12:00 Parallel Paper Session 2: A (OM 3612) and B (OM 3632)
12:00–13:00 Lunch (OM 3732, 3752, 3762) and Posters (Atrium OM 3691)
12:00–13:00 WDCAG Executive Meeting (closed meeting) in OM 3741
13:00–14:30 Parallel Paper Session 3: A (OM 3612) and B (OM 3632)
14:30–15:00 Refreshment Break and Posters (Atrium OM 3691)
15:00–16:30 Parallel Paper Session 4: A (OM 3612) and B (OM 3632)
16:30–17:00 Posters (last viewing)
17:00–18:00 Annual General Meeting (OM 3612): Everyone is welcome at this WDCAG-AGM!
19:00–21:00 Dinner: Mountain Room, 3rd floor of Campus Activity Centre (CAC)

Website: http://gaia.tru.ca/WDCAG2015/
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Papers will be given in two parallel tracks: Track A in Old Main Room 3612 and Track B in Old Main Room 3632. Posters will be presented in the Atrium, Old Main 3691.

PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 1: 8:30–9:50
Track A (OM 3612) – Geographies of Change and Empowerment. Chair Joseph Morong

Track B (OM 3632) – Class Matters in Studies of Human Geography. Chair: TBD
Organized by Simon Chilvers (UFV) and Tyler Blackman (UFV)
8:30–8:50 Chilvers, Simon (UFV). Multi-Class Alliances, State-Building, and the Politics of Regional Identity in India
8:50–9:10 Blackman, Tyler (UFV). Antimonies of Historical Materialism and their Significance for Political Geography
9:10–9:30 Sportel, Terah (UFV). Invented Community Histories and Scheduled Caste Studies in South India
9:30–9:50 Chilvers, Simon (UFV). Aspects of the Class Struggle over the Proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline

10:00–10:30 MORNING COFFEE BREAK + POSTERS (ATRIUM: OM 3691)

PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 2: 10:30–11:50
Track A (OM 3612) – Planning for Sustainability. Chair: Daniel Brendle-Moczuk
10:30–10:50 Janota-Bzowska, Katherine (U Vic). Sustainable Suburban Development in British Columbia: Case Studies from Langford and Coquitlam
10:50–11:10 Drouillard, Tanya (Trinity Western University) and Jordan, Geraldine (Trinity Western University). User Perception of Trinity Western University’s New Organics Diversion Program
11:10–11:30 Lamanes, Trina (U of Alberta), and Leith, Deacon (U of Alberta). Sustainable Urban Development and Recreation in Canada’s Premier Resource Based Community

Track B (OM 3632) – The Geographies of Asia. Chair: TBD
Organized by David Edgington (UBC) and Sponsored by the Geographies of Asia Study Group of the CAG
11:10–11:30 Fehr, Garry (UFV). Effects of Participatory Conservation Programs on Forest Biodiversity
PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 3: 13:00–14:20

Track A (OM 3612) – Resilience and Human-Disturbed Landscapes. Chair: Doug Brown

13:00–13:20 Deacon, Leith (U of Alberta) and Lamanes, Trina (U of Alberta). Resiliency and Resource-Based Communities: A Canadian Case Study

13:20–13:40 Valiquette, Marie-Josée (King’s U) and Ferber, Michael (King’s U). Trash Talk in Edmonton: Converting Garbage to Greenery

13:40–14:00 Brendle-Moczuk, Daniel (U Vic). Dam(n)ing BC or Remembering the Dam(n)ed: Site C and Mega Dams in the Era of Contested Economies and Environments

Track B (OM 3632) – Urban Geography: Quantifying and Theorizing. Chair: Ivan Townshend


13:20–13:40 Rhodes, Michelle (UFV). How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the BC Box: Morphological Resilience in BC’s Most Ubiquitous House Form

13:40–14:00 Dragon, Brent (U of Alberta). Quantifying Edmonton’s Sprawl: A Look at Density, Street Accessibility, and Land Use Mix

14:00–14:20 Ferber, Michael (King’s U) and Joshua Noble (King’s U). Landscapes of Illth: Applying Ruskin to Contemporary Cultural Landscape Geography

14:30–15:00 AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK AND POSTERS

PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 4: 15:00–16:20

Track A (OM 3612) – Biogeography and Rivers. Chair: Darryl Carlyle-Moses

15:00–15:20 Mana, Kate (VIU) and Lewis, Jeff (VIU). Indigenous Edibles of Vancouver Island: Viable Species for Foraging and Increasing Food Security

15:20–15:40 Jordan, David (Trinity Western U), Yospin, Gabriel (Montana State U), and Johnson, Bart (U of Oregon). Developing a Network of Garry Oak (Quercus garryana) Tree-Ring Chronologies for the Willamette Valley, Oregon

15:40–16:00 Zwamborn, Emily (Trinity Western U), Zwamborn, Elizabeth (Dalhousie U) and Jordan, Geraldine (Trinity Western U). Spatial Distribution of Long-Finned Pilot Whales (Globicehala melas) off the Northwest Coast of Cape Breton Island

16:00–16:20 Marsh, Stephen (UFV), Gillies, Sharon (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), Peucker-Ehrenbrink, Bernhard (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), Voss, Britta (US Geological Survey), Janmaat, Alida (UFV), Yakemchuk, Ashleigh (UFV), Smith, Sophie (UFV), Faber, Audrey (UFV), Clemence, Ellen (UFV), Koseos, Aphrodite (UFV), Luymes, Rosalie (UFV), Epp, Audrey (UFV), Bennett, Michelle (UFV), Franslau, Jenna (UFV), Downey, Bryce (UFV), Wiebe, Brayden (UFV), Macklam-Harron, Garrett (UFV), Fraser, Helena (UFV), and Herbert, Jocelyn (UFV). Authentic Research Opportunities through the Global Rivers Observatory Project for UFV Undergraduate Students
Track B (OM 3632) – Urban Geography: Neighbourhoods and Commuting. Chair: Joanne Brown

15:00–15:20  Townshend, Ivan (U of Lethbridge). A New Method for Identifying Neighbourhood Change: Social Structural Transition Matrices

15:20–15:40  Neuscheler, Ursula (Trinity Western U), Jordan, Geraldine (Trinity Western U), and Spinnney, Jamie (Saint Mary’s U). Factors Affecting Active Commuting to School in Fort Langley, BC

15:40–16:00 McGowan, Aimee (Trinity Western U), Jordan, Geraldine (Trinity Western U), Spinnney, Jamie (Saint Mary’s U) and Jordan, David (Trinity Western U). Comparative Analysis on Active Commuting to and from School for Dorothy Peacock Elementary and Gordon Greenwood Elementary, Langley, BC

16:00–16:20  Van Wermeskerken, Amanda (Trinity Western U), and Jordan, Geraldine (Trinity Western U). Assessing Walkability: Comparison of Street Segment Indices for the Catchment of James Kennedy Elementary School, Langley, BC

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (ALPHABETICAL)

1. Abongbung, Marcel (King’s U), and Wong, Dominic (King’s U): “Sheky” Africa
2. Adema, Waurner L. (King’s U), and Zanusisi, Alexandra (King’s U): Quagmire Under Fire: A Look at Edmonton’s Wetlands and Urban Development
3. Barnes, Julia (Western Washington University) and Tataran, Joshua (Western Washington University): Columbia River Watershed: A Historical Geography
5. Barszczewski, Sara (King’s U), and Walker, Phil (King’s U): The Big Bad Wolf? Environmental Contestation in the Blackfoot Grazing
6. Binnema, Kathryn (King’s U): Getting Where You’re Going: The Construction of Groat Road, Edmonton
7. Buhire, Etenia (King’s U), Ferber, Michael (King’s U), and Willson, Leanne (King’s U): Envisioning the End: The Impact of End-Times Beliefs on Environmental Mindsets
8. Buss, Alli (TRU), Dhandli, Hardeep (TRU), Folk, Lisa (TRU), Kinsella, Abi (TRU) and Pankratov, Vlad (TRU): Analyzing Walkability and Transportation in the Rural-Urban Fringe of Barnhartvale, Kamloops, British Columbia
9. Carter, Colin (Western Washington U): Creating healthy trans-border salmon populations through efforts of Salish Sea Tribes
10. Clemence, Ellen (FVU), Marsh, Steven (FVU), Gillies, Sharon (FVU), Peuker-Ehrenbrink (FVU), Bernhard, Janmaat (FVU), Alida, Yakemchuk (FVU), Ashley, Smith (FVU), Sophie, Koseos (FVU), Aphrodite, Josh (FVU), and Rempel, Jos (FVU): An Investigation of Water Chemistry at Silverdale Creek, Mission, BC
11. Collett, Tara (U of Lethbridge): Spatial Statistics Applied to the Fincastle Site
12. Cooke, Sarah (TRU), Dimambro, Lauren (TRU), Fraser, Cheryl (TRU), Grzybowsk, Alicja (TRU), Gudmundson, Amber (TRU), Louverse, Emmalie (TRU), Mockford, Emily (TRU), Munro, Randy (TRU), Rookes, Carley (TRU), Sprickerhoff, Conlan (TRU), Youwe, Kathryn (TRU), Naqvi, Kim (TRU), Baron, Jackson (TRU), Buss, Allison (TRU), Folk, Graham (TRU), Hayley (TRU), Hanna, Derek (TRU), Harvey, Taylor-Rae (TRU), Hawrys, Katherine (TRU), Hedlund, Johanna (TRU), Karakatsoulis, Alexis (TRU), Peterson, Jeffrey (TRU), Rehein, Ian (TRU), Russell, Sarah (TRU), Yu, Richmond (TRU), and Zerrath, Roger (TRU): Defining Geography after Sixty Years of Theoretical Changes: A Student Perspective
13. Flasha, Samantha (King’s U): **Preserving Urban Wild Spaces: Fort Saskatchewan’s Prairie**
14. Fraser, Cheryl (TRU), Gunnlaugson, Michelle (TRU), and Fell, Kary (TRU): **Landscape of Fear: A Study of TRU Students based on Gender and Campus Familiarity**
15. Hayashi, Anna H. (TWU): **Disappearing Palestine: Political Land Loss in the West Bank since 1949**
16. Howey, Lorne (U of Lethbridge), and Jiskoot, Hester (U of Lethbridge): **The GBCs Glacier Image Alphabet: A New Climate Change Learning Tool Using Google Earth**
17. James, Heather (TRU): **Quality of Life Assessment for the Senior Residents of Sun Peaks Resort**
18. Knoop, Joel (King’s U), and Wiebe, Kailyn (King’s U): **Oil A Pollutza: Tracking the Media Concert of Conflict and Contestation Over CNRL Bitumen Leaks**
19. Lacap, Elijah (King’s U), and Hutchison, Kendra (King’s U): **Paving Over the Poor? A Case Study of the Fight to Save Lady Flower Gardens**
20. Letain, Kara (King’s U): **Wood You Rather? A Case Study of an Innovative Wood Pellet Industry in Northern British Columbia**
21. Marsh, Heather (UFV) and Sportel, Terah (UFV): **Geography of Dog Parks within Abbotsford BC**
23. Moore, Kirsten (UBC-O), and Stockdale, Mary (UBC-O): **Exploring Causes of Wheat Allergies: Modern Agriculture and the Evolution of the Wheat Seed**
24. Noble, Carmen (King’s U), and Mahaffy, Miriam (King’s U): **Plasticity of Drinking Water: Evaluating the Costs and Benefits of Bottled vs. Tap Water**
25. Patton, Jessa (Western Washington U) and Thomason, Brittni (Western Washington University): **Comparing cross border water management policies between British Columbia and Washington State**
26. Richardson, Heather (TRU), Fraser, Lauchlan (TRU), Hill, David (TRU): **Modelling and Mapping Soil Carbon in BC Grasslands**
27. Roseboom, Karyn (King’s U), and Tuininga, Miranda (King’s U): **First Nations Land and Resource Rights in Regard to the Northern Gateway Pipeline**
28. Shippit, Jamie (TRU), Hill, David (TRU), Reudink, Matt (TRU), Betts, Mat (TRU), Roberts, Jerin (TRU): **Establishing Global Collaboration with the Web of Things**
29. Soeten, Emma K. (Trinity Western U): **A Geographic Analysis of the West Indian Manatee in Florida**
30. Stone, Michael (King’s U) and Battjes, Forrest (King’s U): **The Wild Taken Out of the West: Conflict and Uncertainty in Feral Horse Management.**
31. Van Hoffen, Amelia (King’s U): **A Fresh Perspective on Edmonton’s Urban Agriculture**
32. Wagenaar, Justin (King’s U) and Middel, Brendan (King’s U): **Lost and Found: A Critique of the Legal and classification of endangered species in Alberta.**

**Sunday 15 March 2015**

**Field Trip 9:00-10:30 – West End Postcard Walk** (led by Dr. Tom Waldichuk)  
Meet at the Old Courthouse downtown at the corner of Seymour St. W. and 1st Ave. (Cost: free)  
Contact Tom at twaldichuk@tru.ca for more details