

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS (WDCAG)

Nanaimo, BC

5-7 March 2009

Faculty members from GEOG took a group of about 25 graduate and undergraduate students to participate in Annual Meeting of the Western Division of Canadian Association of Geographers at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, BC (March 5-7, 2009).

UNBC undergraduate student, graduate student & faculty (in bold) presenters and titles:

PAPERS

- Lila Bonnardel – Chasing Freedom and Self-Reliance: Breaking the Cycle of Dependency amongst Aboriginal Peoples
- Melanie Grubb – Kitsumkalum Lake: A History of Sedimentary Variance
- Jennifer Herkes – Planning for Resilience: A Case Study of Kitimat, BC
- Chelan Hoffman – Governing Rural Regions: A Case Study of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition
- Anne Hogan – Housing, Health, and Social Inclusion of Older People on Low Income in Prince George, BC
- Eric Kopetski – The Potential of Agro-Forestry to Increase Resilience in Forest Dependent Communities Affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle
- Joe LeBourdais and **Neil Hanlon** – Health Services as a Foundation for Community Development in the Peace River Regional District
- Joanne Lee, **Philip Owens** & TA Stott – Contemporary Glacial Dynamics as Indicated by Pro-Glacial River Sediments and Volume Change of Castle Glacier, BC
- Malysa Maurer – A 10,000 Year Multi-Proxy Record of Glacial Activity in the Cariboo Mountains, BC
- Angela Reid and **Neil Hanlon** – Identifying Geographic Variations in Access to Seniors Care in a Rural and Remote Region
- Laura Ryser – Shedding Some Light on Hidden Rural Poverty
- Tyler Smith – Impact of Land Use Activities on Fine Sediment-Associated Contaminants, Quesnel River Watershed, BC
- Mark Steynen – What's Good For the Mill is Good For the Town: The Consequences of Forest Dependence for the Socio Economic Development of Houston, BC

POSTERS

- Sam J. Albers and **Ellen L. Petticrew** - Interactions Between Salmon Spawning Aad River Biofilms – Biogeomorphic Regulations on Habitat Quality
- Katrina Caley and **Philip Owens** – Sediment Storage Capacity of Wetlands in Deforested Catchments
- Laura Ryser – Community Development Institute at UNBC

AWARDS

Dr. Catherine Nolin received this year's *J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence* from the WDCAG.



UNBC Group in Cache Creek, BC on the journey home from Nanaimo, BC