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Panel Discussion							
Emotions and the Climate Crisis: Choices, Behaviours, and Futures							
1	lkmsmith@uwaterloo.ca	Lauren Smith	University of Waterloo; Royal Roads University	Emotions and the Climate Crisis: Choices, Behaviours, and Futures	<p>Climate change is rapidly increasing extreme, unpredictable weather, altering individuals' lives worldwide. Women, marginalized groups, economically repressed communities, and those with underlying health concerns are disproportionately vulnerable. Meanwhile, viable climate solutions will require insights from those historically pushed to the edges - and at greatest risk from climate change - if we are to collaboratively create the most effective and equitable options.</p> <p>However, climate decision-making is hindered and undermined when we ignore emotions' influence on our capacity to identify climate solutions. The human rationality myth - that emotion-free decisions are possible - persists, limiting our ability to recognize emotional nuance and impacts on our beliefs and choices.</p> <p>This special session welcomes researchers from across, between, and at the margins of traditional disciplinary fields who examine how emotions can deepen our understanding of climate behaviour and justice. What do we empirically know and what can we learn from understanding how anger, fear, love, awe, disgust, hope, grief, and empathy (among others) influence our climate crisis responses? How can we flourish with these emotions and create a climate future that equitably meets diverse needs and desires? Can recognition of these emotions help to foster more resilient and compassionate individuals and communities? We will prioritize emerging scholars and welcome submissions (~4/session) from varied research forms and stages to seed future research collaborations via manuscripts, funding proposal development, or community-based action planning. Submissions may cover any one or many intersecting aspects of emotions and climate (e.g., gender, power, class, communication, adaptation, etc.).</p>	Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Wolfe	sarah.1wolfe@royalroads.ca
The Future of Smaller Canadian cities and International Migration: Research Review							
3	sutama@torontomu.ca	Sutama Ghosh	Toronto Metropolitan University	The Future of Smaller Canadian cities and International Migration: Research Review	<p>Over the past few decades, urban geographers have been captivated by the processes of suburbanization of Canadian cities and its externalities (e.g., Kiel 2018; Nijman 2020). In a Canadian context, recent studies on smaller cities have demonstrated that rapidly increasing social and spatial polarization (Grant et. al. eds 2020) and geographical context (e.g., size, ethno-racial diversity, and infrastructure) facilitate the creation of new (sub)urban forms. Concurrently, migration and settlement scholars have also reported that suburban areas are rapidly changing due to significant growth and diversification of racialized populations, often differentiated by legal status, nationality, economic, cultural, political, and ethno-racial, backgrounds. As a result, the everyday settlement challenges, resilience, and need for settlement services are also quite diverse among smaller Canadian cities (Williams et al. 2015; Hamilton et. al. 2020; Taylor and Bradford, 2020).</p> <p>Following the theme of the 2024 CAG-AGC Annual Conference - "edges" - this special session aims to bring together urban geographers, along with migration and settlement scholars, to share their research and visions on the future of suburban areas in Canada's smaller cities. Sponsored by the Diversity, Migration, Ethnicity and Race, and Urban Geography study groups, we invite early career academics, and established scholars to present papers on topics that might include (but are not limited to) theoretical, empirical, and methodological approaches to the study of smaller cities and suburbs (i.e., governance, everyday challenges and resilience of residents, settlement service needs, and service provision).</p>	Evan Cleave, Toronto Metropolitan University	evan.cleave@torontomu.ca
Critical Indigenous Approaches: The Places of Transformative Hope							
4	nicole.latulippe@utoronto.ca	Nicole Latulippe	University of Toronto	Critical Indigenous Approaches: The Places of Transformative Hope	<p>This special session draws upon Indigenous place-based (not bound) thought to consider moments and movements of transformation in our everyday geographies. As the global community has witnessed a concurrence of macro-crises, from 2023's record-setting warming, to international conflict, to increased disease, the everyday weight of these immense obstacles looms. Yet, there can remain much hope in the everyday, should we choose to see it there. We consider together the geographies of hope that are offered up through our everyday relationships with land and water, and through intimate relationship with our place-based teachers. At the micro-scale we can be witness and participant in the transformation of our world. Coming together with scholars who each are working in their everyday to engage their places as spaces where hope can grow, we will discuss the importance of centering critical and Indigenous approaches to place-where Indigenous sovereignty, the non-abstraction of land, and host-guest relationalities are taken seriously-as guides for transformative change.</p>	Madeline Whetung, Toronto Metropolitan University	madeline.whetung@torontomu.ca
Geographies of International Students (Panel)							
5	nworth@uwaterloo.ca	Nancy Worth	University of Waterloo	Geographies of International Students (Panel)	<p>This invited panel partners a paper session on the Geographies of International Students. In the panel, we will bring together advocates, activists, university staff and international students to learn from diverse actors working on this issue. The panel aims to take a grounded approach-how do panelists live through/work with/contest the inequalities faced by international students? We will use a collaborative, roundtable format, engaging participants and panelists with an aim of sharing experiences, strategies and ways forward.</p>	E. Alkim Karaagac, Queen's University; E. Akaraagactos, University of Waterloo; Dan Cohen, Queen's University; Sutama Ghosh, Toronto Metropolitan University; Ypotiesherm, University of Munster; Nancy Worth, University of Waterloo	akaraagactos@uwaterloo.ca; dan.cohen@queensu.ca; sutama@torontomu.ca; ypotiesherm@mun.ca; nancy.worth@uwaterloo.ca
Living With Water: Coastal Adaptation in the Lower Mainland, B.C.							

				<p>Overview: This panel session showcases the research outcomes of a four-year, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions-funded project which is focused on coastal adaptation in the Lower Mainland, British Columbia. The project goes beyond municipal boundaries to encompass the broader Lower Mainland and Fraser Delta regions, while considering the socio-ecological systems that are crucial for effective coastal adaptation.</p> <p>The session will explore three main elements of effective coastal adaptation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement, including Indigenous Perspectives: Explore the foregrounding of Indigenous and local perspectives in coastal adaptation. 2. Innovative Adaptation Solutions: Present decision-support and innovative solutions for coastal adaptation, including living dikes, managed retreat, and nature-based approaches, which are crucial for expanding the solution space beyond traditional methods. 3. Multi-level Governance for Adaptation: Discuss the need for multi-level governance arrangements to facilitate regional coastal adaptation, ensuring effective coordination and collaboration among stakeholders. <p>The panel will be composed of academic researchers (i.e. faculty and students), government and Indigenous community "solution seekers", and representatives from non-governmental organizations involved in coastal adaptation. The interactive panel session will serve as a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue among CAG attendees, helping to bridge gaps between research, policy, and practice in coastal adaptation. By fostering collaboration and innovation, our project aims to catalyze resilient and sustainable approaches to living with water in the face of sea level rise and coastal flooding.</p>			
6	bdoberst@uwaterloo.ca	Dr. Brent Dobe	University of Waterloo	Living With Water: Coastal Adaptation in the Lower Mainland, B.C.			

Unsettling Geography's Colonial Legacy

				<p>The aim of this panel session is to think through the processes through which Geography Departments might unsettle their colonial legacies within the academy. This concern emerges out of a specific problem: the Geography department at Memorial University has been awarding outstanding undergraduate students the 'Captain James Cook Memorial Scholarship' since the 1970s. The naming of this scholarship is in honour of the well-known British navigator who has had a legacy built around his so-called 'discovery' of Australia and New Zealand in the late 1700s. Prior to his voyages in the Pacific, Cook spent time in Newfoundland and Labrador mapping the coastlines under British order. We are currently undertaking a process of rethinking the presence of colonial legacies in our department and what reckoning with them may look like. We hope this panel session will help us — and potentially other Geography Departments — in developing practices to unsettle our colonial legacies in a way that engages all members of our community.</p>			
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Geographic Graduate Training and Knowledge Production: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges for Decolonization, Inclusion, and Career Preparation

				<p>While Geography as a discipline is not as committed to a 'canon' as some others, it is nonetheless similarly implicated in the historical and ongoing reproduction of systems of oppression. Geographers must grapple with how to train a next generation of scholars while taking seriously our responsibilities to dismantle these systems. In a Canadian context this must include attention to UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action as concrete responses to settler colonialism, along with consideration for the ongoing marginalization and sidelining of all 'othered' peoples and epistemologies. Put simply: while we may not have a 'canon', neither do we have an inclusive discipline. At the same time, our graduate programs face other inter-related challenges: a continuously shrinking academic job market for PhD students in a neoliberalized sector; declining funding and increasing pressures to 'publish and get out'; and increasing prevalence of mental health challenges, among others. This panel aims to reflect on what we are doing (or not doing) to confront these challenges in our graduate teaching and training, and what we could and should do better or differently. It encourages frank and pragmatic reflections from diverse perspectives on the discipline. How are we — and how should we be — training the next generation of geographic knowledge producers?</p>			
8	grayn@uoguelph.ca	Noella Gray	University of Guelph	Geographic Graduate Training and Knowledge Production: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges for Decolonization, Inclusion, and Career Preparation	Noella Gray, University of G	grayn@uoguelph.ca	

Decolonizing and Indigenizing the CAG: A Fireside Chat with Knowledge Keepers

				<p>In 2022, the CAG approved a new Standing Committee of the CAG for Decolonizing and Indigenizing the Professional Association. The rationale for this Committee is steeped in the recognition that as a profession and discipline, Geography has played and continues to play an active role in shaping the settler colonial enterprise in what is now called Canada, subjecting Indigenous Peoples to ongoing colonial and racist violence, and Land dispossession (Hunt 2014; Daigle 2016). Kobayashi and Peake (2000) outline, "the discipline played a founding role in establishing the systems of imperialist expansion and colonial power through which the western world became a dominant center and its white inhabitants became normative, authoritative, and privileged" (399).</p> <p>Unique to the CAG, this Committee includes two Knowledge Keepers. The Committee recognizes that Knowledge Keepers are generally understood to be those who have been taught by Indigenous Elders within their community. Their roles are flexible and the Committee works collaboratively with them and interests. They are: Sounding boards for ideas and actions on our work plan; Guiding actions and decision making; Present to help us be grounded in our work; Asking the 'hard' questions; Providing guidance on how to elevate Indigenous ways/knowledges in the professional association; and Advising on how to foster culturally safe spaces in the CAG.</p> <p>The purpose of this panel session is to have a "fireside chat" with the Committee's two current Knowledge Keepers, Adele L'Abbe and A'ictath (Edward Johnson), about their observations and involvement in the work of this Committee and the CAG as a whole.</p> <p>Citations: Daigle, M. (2016). Awawaneitakik: The spatial politics of recognition and relational geographies of Indigenous self-determination. The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe Canadien, 60(2), 259-269. Hunt, S. (2014). Ontologies of indigeneity: The politics of embodying a concept. Cultural geographies, 21(1), 27-32. Kobayashi, A., & Peake, L. (2000). Racism out of place: Thoughts on whiteness and an antiracist geography in the new millennium. Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 90(2), 392-403.</p>			
9	castleden@uvic.ca	Heather Castle	University of Victoria	Decolonizing and Indigenizing the CAG: A Fireside Chat with Knowledge Keepers	Jaimy Fischer, University of	jaimy.fischer@utoronto.ca	

On the Edge of Glory: What would a just, green transition really look like?

10	couelletdall@mun.ca	Camille Ouelle	Memorial University	On the Edge of Glory: What would a just, green transition really look like?	<p>Listening to the news and politicians, Newfoundland is on the edge of glory. More money, more jobs, all due to four Wind-to-Hydrogen projects across the province. But what does this look like on the ground? Who will benefit? Who is the government listening to?</p> <p>The first project, developed by World Energy GH2, is currently going through the environmental assessment process with the provincial government. This project has been called controversial and has received much press attention for multi-million-dollar deal with the federal government, MOU between Germany and Canada, as well as protests from local communities. This project and its ramifications highlight the challenges of green energy projects when developed without intersectional and just lenses and how the impacts of such projects go deeply beyond the environment.</p> <p>In this panel, we explore what could a just, green transition look like. We bring together four experts from different perspective, feminist cumulative impacts, local and rural community engagement, decarbonization, and social conflicts, to discuss what they see has potential pitfalls and benefits of the green transition. Experts will discuss also how these bright and just futures could potentially be enacted.</p>	Katherine Pendakis; Ange	kpendakis@mun.ca;avcarter@mun.ca;grichards@mun.ca;sarahjmartin@mun.ca
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Regular talk (15-minute)

Geographies of Cannabis: A Budding Field of Research

11	sdupej@gmail.com	Susan Dupej	University of Guelph, Langs School of Business & Economics	Geographies of Cannabis: A Budding Field of Research	<p>Cannabis is on the "cutting edge" as a legal industry and so too is the research that studies it. This special session brings together emerging research using social science theories to examine the unfolding geographies of cannabis in both Canada and worldwide. Varying degrees of cannabis legalization (e.g., decriminalization, medical, recreational) around the world have created new social and economic opportunities. How are geographers approaching cannabis as a topic of study? The papers in this session lend to understanding the spatial distribution, patterns, arrangements and variations in cannabis production, distribution and consumption in a range of legal contexts. Interdisciplinary perspectives are encouraged to illuminate the full complexity of the connections between people, places and cannabis and the often-uneven relationships of power, culture, identity and politics that connect them. The cannabis industry's complicated history, present realities, and future potential will be explored throughout the session. Papers addressing a variety of geographic locations are encouraged.</p> <p>Contributions to this session could consider (but are not limited to) cannabis in the context of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supply chain analysis • emerging trends in agriculture • terroir & indicators of place • rural economic development • industry policy and governance • tourism & hospitality • spaces of consumption • normalization & social responsibility • environmental health 		
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Complexities and Challenges of Transboundary Basin Management

12	aolusola@yorku.ca	Adeyemi Olu	York University	Complexities and Challenges of Transboundary Basin Management	<p>Efficient water resource management begins with the design and execution of river basins. While planning for basins within a single country, at either local or regional levels, tends to be straightforward, the complexity amplifies for transboundary basins. The coordination and implementation of comprehensive, integrated basin management pose significant challenges in these cases. Despite notable cooperation in specific well-known basins, governance structures, economic considerations, and political dynamics often hinder effective collaboration. This session is dedicated to exploring the intricacies of transboundary basin management, addressing governance frameworks, and examining the diverse tensions that impede robust integrated basin management initiatives.</p>		
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Carceral Geography

14	kmclivee@capilano.ca	Kirsten McIvee	University of British Columbia & Capilano University	Carceral Geography	<p>Carceral Geography is an emerging sub-discipline of human geography involving research into practices of incarceration. Its focus on the spaces of incarceration is often informed by the work of Foucault (1979) on the development of the prison, surveillance, and the regulation of space and 'docility' of bodies, and of Agamben (1998, 2005) on the notion of spaces of exception, where sovereign power suspends the law, producing a zone of abandonment.</p> <p>Carceral geography synthesizes three areas of interest: the nature of carceral spaces and experiences within them; spatial or distributional geographies of carceral systems; and the relationship between a notion of the carceral and an increasingly punitive state.</p> <p>Carceral geography has been of interest to the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG) and in particular the Carceral Geography Working Group (https://www.rgs.org/research/research-groups/research-group-dissertation-prizes/carceral-geography-working-group-cgwg-postgraduate).</p> <p>My work examines most critically the imprisonment of intersectional bodies in federal prisons built for women. My dissertation comes from my work as an activist with a feminist, prison abolitionist grassroots collective for 25 years and as an academic, teaching prison-university courses since 2017.</p> <p>This panel would include those engaged in aspects of the carceral geography and may also include interdisciplinary approaches to the carceral.</p>		
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Emerging geographies of inequality and uneven development in Canada

15	jsutto22@uwo.ca	Jesse Sutton	University of Western Ontario	Emerging geographies of inequality and uneven development in Canada	<p>Over the last 40 years, the vast majority of OECD countries have experienced rising levels of inequality. Within these countries, concerns have been mounting over emerging patterns of spatial inequalities relating to growing disparities in (i) incomes between regions and (ii) how incomes themselves within regions are distributed. Indeed, the broad period of convergence that followed the post-WWII years gave way, during the 1980s and 1990s, to greater polarization and divergence in regional trajectories of economic growth within countries. Canada is no exception to these trends.</p> <p>This special session seeks to bring together economic geographers, regional scientists and others working on questions of spatial inequality and regional economic development. Submissions are welcomed on topics including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Geographies of inequalities (across different scales: regional, urban, rural, intra-urban) <input type="checkbox"/> Examining the causes and consequences of inequalities <input type="checkbox"/> Changing urban middle-class dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Geographies of poverty and discontent <input type="checkbox"/> On the labour market impacts of innovation and automation <input type="checkbox"/> Regional economic resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Uneven local and regional economic development <input type="checkbox"/> Left-behind places, conceptual and methodological advances/challenges <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive growth, place-based policy approaches <p>As this year's CAG conference theme is about 'edges', we encourage submissions that rely on different approaches and/or adopt inter-disciplinary perspectives to explore the evolution of spatial inequalities as well as other related economic geography topics (beyond those listed above). If interested, please send your paper title, abstract (maximum 250 words) and key words to Morgan Sleeth (morgan.sleeth@mail.mcgill.ca), Jesse Sutton (jsutto22@uwo.ca) and Sébastien Breau (sebastien.breau@mcgill.ca) no later than Wednesday, May 1st, 2024.</p>	Sebastien Breau and M	morgan.sleeth@mail.mcgill.ca ; sebastien.breau@mcgill.ca
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The Politics of Mobility

16	pmackintosh@brocku.ca	Prof. Phillip G	Brock University	The Politics of Mobility	<p>The politics of mobility – entanglements of power, economy, social inequality, and mobilities – is an abiding preoccupation in social and historical geography, critical mobilities, and transportation studies. These scholarly fields identify mobility (physical movement, and the technologies and substrates stimulating motion and its social-cultural-historical consequences) as a fundamental structuring dimension of social life. They also demonstrate that the capacity for movement under conditions of one's choosing is a valuable resource that is unequally distributed in social contexts structured by hierarchies of power. In other words, movement is socially differentiated: it reflects and reinforces structures of power to configure inequitable social hierarchies. Ironically, and in many cases, the corollary to the politics of mobility is immobility: the social, political, and economic opportunities of mobilizing conspiring, often unwittingly, to impede movement, to hinder the hurry often implied by mobilizing, especially in cities. Critical geographers and mobility scholars trace the ways in which relations of gender, race, class, sexuality, citizenship, and political economy shape discourses and practices of mobility that produce beneficial movement for some people and too little or too much movement for others.</p> <p>We are seeking papers from geographers and critical mobilities scholars that attend to the multi-scalar relationship between human corporeal movement and power in its everyday, official and multifaceted manifestations.</p>	Prof. David Butz (Brock	dbutz@brocku.ca
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Stories Trees Tell Us

17	carissab@mun.ca	Carissa Brown	Memorial University	Stories Trees Tell Us	<p>This special session will actual have very little disciplinary or subject constraints on it. Instead, the intention is to cast a net as broadly as possible to think about the things that we learn from trees. From landscape ecology, fire ecology, paleoecology, archaeology, dendrochronology, forest ecology, Indigenous knowledge, co-management, to species distributions and more, this is really a wide open call for anything related to trees/forests and what we have learned from them. Contributors will be invited to embrace the story-telling part of the theme, but is not required for contributions. As an example, I will (results-dependent) present some work I'm doing right now identifying the tree origins and cross-dating wood samples from the 1800s (-ish) shipwreck that washed up on the west coast of Newfoundland earlier this year. Those trees that the wood came us might tell us the story of where the ship originated and when. I have sent a preliminary invitation to a broad group, including natural resource managers from Miawpukek and Qalipu First Nations, researchers who work towards knowledge co-production with communities, dendrochronologists, archaeologists, forest and fire ecologists from academia and government, all folks that use trees to help us understand the past, present, and future. I am hoping for an incredibly interdisciplinary session, and early replies indicate a lot of interest from those I have contacted.</p>		
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Political Ecologies and Digital Geographies in/of Environmental Governance

18	jsilver@uoquelp.c	Jennifer Silver	University of Guelph	Political Ecologies and Digital Geographies in/of Environmental Governance	<p>This session will showcase research about environmental governance, particularly that which engages theory, methods, and discussions active in political ecology and/or digital geography. The possibilities are broad and exciting given developments and unanswered questions pertaining to things like: surveillance and automation in state-led environmental decision-making; diverse data sources and knowledge systems coming into conversation through citizen science and local ecological restoration; virtual reality, platforms/apps, and currencies in conservation campaigns and education; the proliferation and commercialization of sensors and other instruments that collect real-time data about people and the world around them; and so on, and so on. A breadth of cases/topics, methodological approaches, and theoretical orientations will be welcome. Works-in-progress, especially from early career scholars, will be encouraged. This topic is timely, as are debates about the limits, ethics, and opportunities presented by digital technologies, datafication, and new forms of computation/automation. Bringing political ecologists, digital geographers, and other interested attendees together through this session will be generative and new directions for research and collaboration may emerge.</p>		
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WASH Equity for Sustainable Development

19	amnunbog@uwaterloo.ca	Abraham Mars	University of Waterloo	WASH Equity for Sustainable Development	<p>Sponsored by the Health and Health Care Study Group: Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) security is recognised as an important pathway to promoting human health and wellbeing. Despite the progress in access to WASH in Low-and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), significant inequalities still exist across space and place. These inequalities (re)produce and (re)inforce women and girls' vulnerability in their WASH spaces and represent a significant threat to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The aim of this session is to provide a platform for debates on crossing cutting themes that highlight WASH-security-gender-health connections. We invite submissions covering the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and WASH <input type="checkbox"/> WASH and sustainable development goals <input type="checkbox"/> WASH access, conflicts and gender-based violence <input type="checkbox"/> WASH access and health <input type="checkbox"/> WASH management and governance <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change and water security <input type="checkbox"/> Water insecurity in Indigenous communities <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 and WASH 	Thelma Zulfawu Abu, U	thelma.abu@uconn.edu
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Innovative methodologies in health geography research

20	emily.shantz@uwaterloo.ca	Emily Shantz	University of Waterloo	Innovative methodologies in health geography research	<p>Sponsored by the Health and Health Care Study Group: Health geography is a sub-discipline of geography well known for its contributions to innovation in the "edges" and intersections of health, wellbeing, and the environment. One way that health geographers have driven health-related study forward is through innovation in methodologies: driving forward advances in qualitative and quantitative inquiry, imagining new possibilities for mixed and multimethod studies, and combining GIS approaches with big data, social media, and citizen science. This proposed session will explore innovative approaches to methodologies in geography, with a focus on promoting health and wellbeing, and the potential to translate these approaches to other areas of human geography.</p> <p>The rationale for this session is to provide space for health geographers to share novel approaches to, and methodologies for, conducting health geographical research. This session aligns with the broader conference theme of "edges" as a place where existing methodological boundaries are pushed, where the foundations of geographic inquiry meet and interact with other health-related research, and where transformative approaches construct new understandings of health and wellbeing in place.</p> <p>Proposed speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Shantz (Leveraging Internet search query data to map information needs regarding systemic lupus erythematosus) • Jenna Dixon (Use and usefulness of deliberative dialogues in global health research) • Francesca Cardwell (Photo voice approaches to exploring chronic illness) • 1-2 additional speakers • A discussant for the session (to be identified by the organizer) <p>The format for this session will be 15-minute talks focusing on innovative methodologies in health geographies, followed by a 15-minute group discussion facilitated by the discussant.</p>		
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Geographies of Health and Health Care

21	jenna.dixon@ubc.ca	Jenna Dixon	University of British Columbia	Geographies of Health and Health Care	<p>This session, organized by Geographies of Health and Health Care Study Group, welcomes a full spectrum of topical and methodological approaches, aligned with vast interests in health and medical geography in Canada and beyond. This session is a longstanding tradition at the CAG annual meeting to bring together and showcase the research from within the sub-discipline. Papers can be conceptual or empirical, and can cover any aspect of health geography including health perceptions and experiences, wellbeing, health promotion and population health, environment and health, migration and health, chronic disease prevention, social determinants of health, health (in)equity, health and health care services, environment and ecosystem health, critical health geographies, healthy aging, urban health, global health, infectious disease modeling, GIS, historical geographies of health, and any other health-related geographical investigation. Based on contributors, sessions will be organized by theme where possible.</p>	Andrea Rishworth (Univ	andrea.rishworth@utoronto.ca
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PLACE, GEOGRAPHY, AND SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL DETERMINANTS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH)

22	graziella.demichino@utoronto.ca	Grace De Mich	Ontario Tech University	PLACE, GEOGRAPHY, AND SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL DETERMINANTS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH)	<p>Sponsored by the Health and Health Care Study Group: Despite experiencing disproportionate exposures to various health risks and evidence of increasing health disparities, women have historically been underrepresented in health research (Bierer et al., 2022). While gender inclusion and equity practices has contributed to more focused research on women's health, progress has been slow in the last few decades. Recognizing the significant influence of place and health geography on women's health outcomes, this proposed special session aims to delve into the broad spectrum of social and physical determinants influencing women's health within specific geographical contexts. This session will explore various topics such as access to healthcare, educational disparities, diverse environmental factors, socioeconomic factors, gender-based health risks, and cultural norms and beliefs. Understanding how these determinants intersect with place is crucial for developing targeted interventions and policies that address the unique health needs of women across different geographic regions. By fostering inclusivity and prioritizing research into women's health through a geographical lens, we can work towards reducing disparities and improving overall health outcomes for all individuals.</p>	Dr. Caroline Barakat (O	caroline.barakat@ontariotechu.ca; adrianna.trifunovski@ontariotechu.net; jayda.hyltonpelaia@ontariotechu.net
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Urban Geography - Research and Practice

			Toronto Metropolitan University	Urban Geography - Research and Practice	<p>The Urban Geography Study Group is organizing sessions for the 2024 CAG-AGC Annual Meeting and is seeking papers covering a wide range of urban-related topics (historical and contemporary, local and global, as well as situated in Canadian and non-Canadian contexts). The aim of these sessions is to present a range of theoretical and conceptual perspectives and methodological approaches. Broad, inter-related themes include (but are not limited to):</p> <p>Issues facing Cities (in both contemporary and historical contexts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban crisis, response, and resilience (i.e., natural disasters, climate change, economic change) - Housing and real estate - Political-economic issues and their effect on cities - Transportation and infrastructure - The urban environment and sustainability <p>Peoples of Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social issues and cities (i.e. policing, racism, poverty, marginalization) - Population growth, decline, and aging - Issues related to public health and well-being - Social welfare in an urban context - Immigration and cities <p>Urban Governance and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance and its impact on planning, policy and development - Approaches to quantifying/measuring planning and policy outcomes - Evidenced-based planning - Sustainable cities - planning and practice <p>Urban Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues related to local economic development planning, policy, and practice - Integrating economic development and urban development/planning - Contemporary economic challenges and opportunities facing cities - Cities in a global capitalist system 			
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Geographies of International Students

			Memorial University	Geographies of International Students	<p>This special session will bring together scholars concerned with the geographies of educational migration in Canada and beyond. The existing policy environment for international students is contentious. While governments announce ambitious targets to increase the value of education exports and the total number of incoming international students, they also implement more demanding measures to control students' entry and existence in host countries, fostering differential exclusion of international students alongside other temporary migrants. The contrast between the growing contributions of international students to host economies and the deepening abstraction and invisibility of their everyday lives poses critical questions for geographers. In this Special Session, we welcome contributions that might include (but are not limited to) critical theoretical, empirical and methodological engagements with contemporary educational mobilities, international students' everyday subjectivities and intersectional identities, geographies of housing and labour, and educational migration markets. We welcome submissions from students, early career scholars and those in established posts. We especially encourage contributions from under-represented groups, people working in the Global South or who have lived experiences of listed themes and topics. This Special Session will begin a conversation that will continue at the 2024 Royal Geographical Society Annual conference in London (August 27-30).</p>			
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Edge / Work: Critical Labour Geographies on the Edge

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Complex web of edges: Unpacking migration dynamics from local to global perspectives

26	enarh@uwo.ca	Ebenezer Narh	University of Western Ontario	Complex web of edges: Unpacking migration dynamics from local to global perspectives	<p>Migration scholarship is evolving in response to complex spatiotemporal dynamics. Human mobility may be voluntary or forced, first time relocation, onward or return migration which offers diverse options of methodologies, theories, and applications from the individual to the socio-spatial network, each spanning local to global. Under the theme of 'edges', this proposed special session focuses on the topology and impacts of migration's origins and destinations: the motivations, experiences, patterns and dislocations of settlement and adjustment as well as the interplay of digital technologies and human mobility. Sample topics may include:</p> <p>Migration: Population/demography, domestic (internal) or international. Migration dyads and origin-destination dynamics. How digital platforms enable migrants to access information, connect with communities, as well as the impact of digital tools such as social media on the decision-making processes and experiences of migrants. Scales, from the individual through community to global scale, such as the place of migrants in chains/social networks of transnational communities. Regional, national, and international human capital markets that impel and draw movers.</p> <p>Method: Methodological and technical innovation, including visualization and spatiotemporal modelling. This includes various techniques and tools that researchers employ to harness the power of data and geospatial analysis in understanding migration dynamics and patterns.</p> <p>Policy: How migration policies are being developed considering complex migration patterns, and multiscalar options. Connectedness and interaction in the Web 2.0+ world and the implications for the (ir)relevance of place in migration trends. How governments, international organizations, and civil society actors use digital tools, big data and migrant experiences to manage and respond to migration flows.</p>	Michael Buzzelli, University of Western Ontario	mbuzzel@uwo.ca
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Migration, (Re)settlement and Wellbeing

27	andrea.rishworth@uwaterloo.ca	Andrea Rishworth	University of Toronto	Migration, (Re)settlement and Wellbeing	<p>Sponsored by the Health and Health Care Study Group: Immigration is a growing global phenomenon with multidimensional wellbeing implications for migrants and communities in sending and receiving countries. Growing numbers of people are living outside of their birth country, some by choice, while others forcibly displaced by a range of socio-political and environmental factors. COVID-19 travel restrictions, border closures and xenophobia have further challenged the wellbeing of immigrants, families, and communities in sending and receiving countries. At national and regional levels, settlement patterns are also shifting due to affordability challenges, employment barriers, and government incentives. The pandemic and associated shifts to remote work, raise further questions about the equity implications for (in)migrants and settlement patterns in addition to concerns over whether traditionally less diverse communities are equipped to support the health, wellbeing, social integration, and service needs of incoming immigrant populations.</p> <p>These emerging issues necessitate the need for a session exploring the impact of international flows of people on the wellbeing of (in)migrants, their families, and host communities. We aim to examine place-based initiatives, policies, strategies and/or interventions that impact the settlement, retention, and/or integration of immigrants into host communities; how movements unfold differently across and within countries, rural-urban-suburban spaces, and cultural contexts; and how these dynamics are differentially experienced among permanent residents, temporary foreign workers, and refugee/asylum seekers. This session aims to develop a better understanding of how interrelationships between place, immigrant settlement and wellbeing are changing due to the pandemic and post-recovery processes. We welcome papers that draw on a range of theoretical and methodological approaches.</p>	Jenna Dixon, University of Waterloo	jenna.dixon@uwaterloo.ca ; j3dean@connect.uwaterloo.ca
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Small and Mid-Size Cities: Precarity at the Edge

28	bernard.momer@ubc.ca	Bernard Momer	University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus	Small and Mid-Size Cities: Precarity at the Edge	<p>As Canada's population is projected to rise significantly over the next 25 years, small and mid-size cities are expected to bear the brunt of this growth. These cities, particularly those on the periphery of larger urban areas, are likely to experience significant growth, while more remote locations may face population decline. Situated at the edge of the urban/rural divide and increasingly threatened by the whims of a changing climate, small and mid-size cities face unique challenges. This session explores the complex interplay of economic, demographic, urban planning, and diversity issues that characterize these cities, particularly as they grapple with the pressures of burgeoning populations dynamics. Economic growth is hindered by limited resources and industries, exacerbating disparities between urban centers and rural areas. Demographic shifts strain social services and infrastructure, necessitating proactive integration strategies amid evolving population dynamics. Urban planning struggles to accommodate rapid growth while maintaining sustainability and quality of life, leading to challenges such as sprawl and housing shortages. Diversity presents both opportunities for enrichment and challenges for social integration, requiring inclusive policies and initiatives. Through interdisciplinary dialogue and case studies, this session seeks to uncover innovative solutions and best practices for small and mid-size cities on the edge of precarity, fostering resilience, equity, and sustainability in the face of rapid urbanization.</p>	Donna Senese, UBC Okanagan	donna.senese@ubc.ca
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Session I: Doing Feminist Urban Research: Insights from the GenUrb Project

29	lpeake@yorku.ca	Linda Peake	York University	Session I: Doing Feminist Urban Research: Insights from the GenUrb Project	<p>This session introduces urban geography researchers to the newly emerging 21st century global landscape of feminist urban research. In this session we build on the forthcoming textbook: Peake, L., Razavi, N., Smyth, A. (eds) (2024) Doing feminist urban research: Insights from the GenUrb project. London: Routledge, to address both the institutional and lived reality of the practice of feminist urban research via the insights of a transnational research project (GenUrb). We discuss new and standard techniques and practices of research— ethics protocols, professional standards such as EDI and data management plans, feminist methodologies and methods for data collection, feminist engagement with NVivo, and knowledge mobilisation in the time of the Sustainable Development Goals—but also how to navigate the politics of decolonising research and working across difference, be guided by feminist ethics and activism, embark on the practice of translation, interact with partners and participate in teamwork, critically engage with the 'field' through comparison and feminist geo-ethnographies, employ social media, and handle crises, such as pandemics.</p>	Araby Smyth, Post-doctoral Fellow, York University	asmith@yorku.ca; mkiham@yorku.ca; manthak@yorku.ca; bmyousuf@yorku.ca
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Mining, legacy waste, and logics of extractivism

30	akeeling@mun.ca	Arn Keeling	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Mining, legacy waste, and logics of extractivism	<p>Modern mining is fundamentally a waste management industry. Sebastian Ureta and Patricio Flores trace the "logic of residualism" (the so-called 'waste') produced by extraction that entails an intense technical and logistical focus on "the production and management of colossal amounts of mining residues, mostly tailings." Access to public air, lands, and waters for waste containment, disposal or dispersal is integral to the mineral development process; without it, mining simply cannot proceed. Gabrielle Hecht links this logic to forms of waste governance that treat people and places as wastelands, while constraining or minimizing the forms and forums of knowledge used to reduce, mitigate or repair pollution and toxicity. Yet the current global drive to exploit "critical" mineral resources to support the transition away from fossil fuels fails to acknowledge how the twinned logics of extractivism and residualism threaten to (re)produce environmental damage and injustice in the name of climate mitigation.</p> <p>This session invites contributions from scholars, students, and collaborators confronting the logics of residualism, waste, and extractivism across the mining cycle, whether in Canada or elsewhere. We invite contributions that consider the social and political aspects of waste management, reclamation, and resistance in various locations and contexts. Potential themes and topics could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical geographies of mine waste and pollution • Intersections of mineral development, mine closure, reclamation, and (settler) colonial relations • "Residual governance" of mine waste, including environmental assessment and reclamation • Community response, reaction, and resistance to "wastelanding" • Community-led and/or culturally informed strategies of mine reclamation 	Arn Keeling (Memorial Uni	Caitlynn Beckett (Memorial University of Newfoundland) clb268@mun.ca
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Thinking through Arctic metabolisms – flows, frictions, transformations

31	nathan.mcdintock@	Nathan McClintock	Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)	Thinking through Arctic metabolisms – flows, frictions, transformations	<p>The goal of this paper session is to bring into conversation research on the various flows and frictions – food, water, energy, waste, labour, transport, wildlife, minerals, building materials, etc – that sustain, shape, threaten, mobilize, or otherwise transform Arctic communities. How have evolving, dynamic, and interlinked social, cultural, and political economic processes – e.g., land claims, policy agendas, resource extraction, shipping, infrastructure development, social media, scientific research, urbanization, settler colonialism – transformed these flows in new ways? How have these flows – and the policies, practices, infrastructures, and relationships that mediate them – evolved with a changing climate? How are these changes managed, mobilized, or contested? How might situated attention to these processes in the Arctic allow us to rethink metabolism as an analytical lens? What stories are privileged, and which are silenced? How might a "critical Northern geography" (Goldhar et al. 2022) approach guide research on these flows, frictions, and transformations in new ways that are more reflexive, ethical, and grounded in relationships and praxis?</p>		
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Human, Environment and Human-Environment Research Examples using Geovisualization

32	chewitt@wlu.ca	Christopher Mather	Wilfrid Laurier University	Human, Environment and Human-Environment Research Examples using Geovisualization	<p>Human, environment and human-environment interaction studies are interdisciplinary investigations of how people and society more broadly interact with their natural environment, in effect combining human and physical geography. For many studies, a spatial component in the form of a map or maps forms the basis for the analysis and presentation of the results. With the developments in cartography and data visualization more broadly since the mid-twentieth century however, standalone maps have given way to geovisualization including the display and combination of maps, graphs and diagrams. Geovisualization displays can include qualitative or quantitative data, depict one or many variables, be grayscale or coloured, as well as range from static displays to animated, interactive or multi-scaled presentations. From these displays, theories can be derived about humans, the environment and human-environment interactions, a perspective that is termed grounded visualization.</p> <p>This session aims to solicit papers on humans, the environment and human-environment interactions that apply a grounded visualization approach to analyze and present their data related to a number of areas, including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Conservation and Preservation • Extreme Weather Events • Historical • Land Use • Resource Management • Urban Development 		
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Navigating the Future of Urban Ecosystem Services

33	mahyar.masoudi@	Mahyar Masoudi	Memorial University	Navigating the Future of Urban Ecosystem Services	<p>In the face of rapid urbanization and climate change, the need to understand and optimize urban ecosystem services—all the broad benefits derived from green and blue infrastructure in cities—has never been more critical. Ensuring future cities are sustainable, resilient, healthy, and just requires a comprehensive approach to studying green and blue infrastructure and incorporating these vital infrastructure into the fabric of our cities through urban planning and policy making. This special session invites contributions that delve into the multifaceted dimensions of urban ecosystem services, seeking insights into the trade-offs among different services, justice implications, and the scales at which they operate, among others.</p> <p>We also welcome methodological contributions, particularly those highlighting advancements in generative AI and other technologies that are transforming mapping, data analysis and visualization capabilities, while also introducing new challenges. How can these innovations enhance our understanding of green and blue infrastructure, furthering their contributions to urban well-being?</p> <p>The objective of this session is to foster a rich, multifaceted discussion on the current state and future directions of urban ecosystem services research. Our aim is to navigate its complexities towards a sustainable future, by bridging theoretical approaches with practical applications, and pinpointing key areas for interdisciplinary research and policy intervention.</p>		
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Protein politics in Canada and beyond

34	cmather@mun.ca	Charlie Mather	Memorial University	Protein politics in Canada and beyond	<p>Our aim is to attract a panel of papers on the politics of protein. Scholars in human geography and beyond are exploring a range of different issues and concerns around protein including animal welfare, the climate change impacts of meat production, the environmental impacts of meat, and the globalization of meat both in terms of production and what is being called the 'meatification' of diets. Researchers are also engaging critically with a range of different industry-led responses to these challenges articulated most recently around the idea of 'sustainable nutrition'. Our panel will be organized in a traditional format of regular 15 minute talks.</p>	Charlie Mather and Sarah	cmather@mun.ca; sarahjmartin@mun.ca
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Geographies of Homelessness Governance

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35	dkudla@mun.ca	Daniel Kudla	Memorial University	Geographies of Homelessness Governance	Geographers have been central in contributing to debates about contemporary homelessness governance in advanced liberal states. From the dominance of the late 1990s "punitive" thesis where cities were framed as enacting exclusionary practices to cleanse urban space from visible poverty (Davis, 1990; Smith, 1996; Mitchell, 1997), to more recent debates about a more nuanced, differentiated, and less punitive modalities of homelessness governance (DeVerteuil, 2014; May & Cloke, 2014), geographers have documented varying logics aimed at managing homeless populations in urban space. As homelessness continues to rise and become more visible throughout Canada, it is crucial to understand and evaluate current forms of homelessness governance that attempt to address the ongoing homelessness crisis. This special session invites papers that engage in debates about contemporary homelessness governance by an array of state, nonprofit, and/or private sector actors in spaces such as, but not limited to, emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, encampments, public spaces, and the private rental market. This includes discussions about how contemporary social welfare systems, housing policies, and wider political-economic logics influence homelessness governance logics as well as how these logics impact the everyday lives of people experiencing homelessness. Presenters are encouraged to engage in a variety of relevant current debates about access to housing, neoliberal urbanism, urban street clearance objectives, policing of homeless encampments, the pandemic's impact on homelessness governance, governing of various homeless subpopulations (veterans, LGBTQ2S+, Indigenous, among others), or any emerging governance strategies.				
Mapping the Edges of Inclusivity: Spatial Approaches, Methods, and Technologies for Inclusive Cities and Societies									
36	victoria.fast@ucalg	Victoria Fast	University of Calgary	Mapping the Edges of Inclusivity: Spatial Approaches, Methods, and Technologies for Inclusive Cities and Societies	As we explore the theme of "edges" at CAG2024, this special session, sponsored by the GIS study group, focuses on the "edges" where spatial technologies intersect with the quest for a more inclusive urban future. This session aims to highlight the innovative research that employs a variety of spatial methodologies to probe, analyze, and intervene in the urban environment's interaction with its diverse inhabitants, with a particular emphasis on those at the societal margins. This session is intended to showcase interdisciplinary research that transcends traditional boundaries, utilizing tools from GIS, remote sensing, machine learning, and beyond. During this special session, and a social event sponsored by the GIS Study Group afterward, we aim to foster a dialogue on how these technologies can be harnessed to push the edges of our understanding of urban spaces, making them more accessible and inclusive. By presenting a spectrum of approaches—from data collection and analysis to policy implementation—we invite a diverse array of contributions that embody the spirit of innovation and inclusivity, highlighting the critical role of spatial technologies in shaping the cities and societies of tomorrow.				
Pervasive, Elusive: Violence, Toxicity, and Militarized Landscapes in Canada									
37	matt.farish@utoront	Matt Farish	University of Toronto	Pervasive, Elusive: Violence, Toxicity, and Militarized Landscapes in Canada	Inspired by recent writing on slow violence, critical military geographies, anti-colonialism, and environmental injustice, in this session or sessions we hope to draw together scholarship on Canada's myriad but little-discussed military and militarized landscapes. We are concerned with the diversity of periods, places, peoples, and methods that might collectively constitute a critical military geography of Canada – a choice of scale that also reflects the significance of the Department of National Defence and its affiliates in shaping and contaminating communities and environments. We are also interested in contributions from those who are engaged in interdisciplinary work, including collaborations between human and physical geographers and with artists and community groups, as part of making visible and responding to military geographies.	Kirsten Greer, Nipissing U	kirsteng@nipissingu.ca		
Learning from the margins: 'Ordinary cities' in pursuit of the global									
38	sarah.moser@mcgill	Sarah Moser	McGill University	Learning from the margins: 'Ordinary cities' in pursuit of the global	Following the theme of Edges, we propose a special session focusing on the transformative global ambitions of 'ordinary cities' (Robinson, 2006) frequently neglected and in/nominate in studies of emergent forms and processes of urban development. This follows increased recognition of a diversity, rather than hierarchy, of urban phenomena and "indigenous local modernities" (Hosagrahar, 2005) emerging across both global and local scales. This proposed session will foreground the tension at the heart of the global aspirations of economically 'peripheral', 'global majority' locales of the Global South. Through case studies of global urban development projects, this panel aims to examine the contexts, processes, actors, and forms emerging amid economic and social change in 'ordinary cities'. We seek papers that explore intersectional and multidisciplinary themes, such as urban policy mobilities, global imaginaries, and speculative urbanism. Additionally, we invite papers that analyze how urban developments represent both local realities and global aspirations, and ultimately inform us of the urban transformations taking place on the edge.	Hannah Rebutisch; Beck	hannah.rebutisch@mail.mcgill.ca; rebecca.stewart3@mail.mcgill.ca; favour.daka@mail.mcgill.ca		
Perspectives from the Edges: Emerging Directions in Rural Geography									
39	gibsonr@uoguelph	Ryan Gibson	University of Guelph	Perspectives from the Edges: Emerging Directions in Rural Geography	Rural communities and regions throughout Canada are often viewed as peripheral or on the edge. Rural communities are critical places and spaces with economic, cultural, and environmental values. The session examines the changing dynamics impacting rural communities and the changing directions within the field of rural geography. Papers in this session will share perspectives from the edges related to demographic change, climate change, immigration and migration, place-based development, economic transitions, health and well-being, governance and public policies.				
Indigenous-led Conservation: moving beyond colonial conservation models for the stewardship of lands, territories and biocultural lifeways.									
40	fmoola@uoguelph	Faisal Moola	University of Guelph, Dept. of Geography, Environment and Geomatics	Indigenous-led Conservation: moving beyond colonial conservation models for the stewardship of lands, territories and biocultural lifeways.	Indigenous Peoples have been stewards of biodiversity through their own systems and forms of conservation governance for millennia. This includes the stewardship of sacred sites and culturally significant wildlife (e.g., caribou, salmon, wild berries) as well as customary practices that benefit biodiversity, such as cultural burning and traditional aquaculture. Indigenous-led conservation, including Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) and Guardians Programs are increasingly being advanced as alternatives to colonial conservation models which seeks to separate humans from nature (e.g., regulated parks and protected areas) and which too often ignores the rich ecological knowledge held by Indigenous Peoples with long histories of land use and residency within landscape and who are the immediate custodians of lands and biocultural lifeways. This proposed session will address the current resurgence in Indigenous-led conservation across the country with invited contributions in conservation and Indigenous Knowledge, political ecology, biocultural diversity, community-engaged mapping, Indigenous policy and legal traditions and other decolonial approaches to scholarship rooted in approaches that seek to maintain, strengthen, and rebalance relationships between humanity and nature. The session will be co-designed and hosted by representatives from Indigenous Nations in Newfoundland and Labrador.	Evan Edinger (eedinger@mun.ca); Maro Adjemian-Baskerville (madjemian@mun.ca)			
Geographical Perspectives on the Determinants of Planetary Health									

41	castleden@uvic.ca	Heather Castle	University of Victoria	Geographical Perspectives on the Determinants of Planetary Health	<p>systems" (Whitmee et al., 2015, p. 1974). For Indigenous Peoples and those working in Indigenous contexts, planetary health is not a new science; it is a new English term that reflects many enduring Indigenous worldviews. In 2022, Nicole Redvers, a Deninu K'ue health researcher/practitioner, and a group of Indigenous colleagues came together to develop a consensus definition for the determinants of planetary health. They published their findings in The Lancet-Planetary Health. They identified 10 key determinants across three interconnected levels: Mother Earth-level determinants, interconnecting determinants, and Indigenous Peoples' level determinants.</p> <p>Redvers and colleagues (2022) note that "Many of the determinants identified through this consensus process were felt to be already appreciated in many Indigenous communities and integral to the long-term sustainability and health of Mother Earth. In future works, the group looks forward to more clearly examining the implementation and practical application of these determinants of planetary health from an Indigenous lens involving larger networks of communities" (p.e161). While there is very little published in the planetary health literature (i.e., medical journals like The Lancet-Planetary Health) that engages with this call, geographers and others are engage in research that fits across the three interconnected levels of the consensus model. This call for papers seeks to bring together geographers who are collaborating/amplifying, in one way or another, the implementation of these determinants of planetary health.</p> <p>We encourage paper proposal submissions around Redvers and colleagues 10 determinants of planetary health: (1) ancestral legal personhood designation for all of Nature (e.g., rivers, lakes, mountains, etc) (2) respect for women and feminine genders for their responsibilities in caring for the land (i.e., violence against Mother Earth is violence against women), (3) human interconnectedness within Nature (i.e., as organisms within a larger system), (4) self and community relationships (i.e., a sense of reverence for collectivism and belonging), (5) systems-oriented, ecological-based, networking approaches that are holistic, non-linear, and relational, (6) governance and legal mechanisms that are translated into norms and codes to help define our interactions with Mother Earth, (7) Indigenous land tenure rights, (8) Indigenous languages, (9) Indigenous Peoples' health, and (10) Indigenous Elders and children.</p> <p>Important Note: We abide by the principle of "nothing about us without us" and so paper proposals must include Indigenous Peoples as lead or co-authors and we particularly welcome papers that have Indigenous presenters and/or co-presenters.</p> <p>Citations: Redvers, N., Celidwen, Y., Schultz, C., Horn, O., Githaiga, C., Vera, M., ... & Rojas, J. N. (2022). The determinants of planetary health: an Indigenous consensus perspective. The Lancet Planetary Health, 6(2), e156-e163.</p> <p>Whitmee, S., Haines, A., Beyrer, C., Boltz, F., Capon, A. G., de Souza Dias, B. F., ... & Yach, D. (2015). Safeguarding human health in the Anthropocene epoch: report of The Rockefeller Foundation–Lancet Commission on planetary health. The lancet, 386(10007), 1973-2028.</p>	Chantelle Richmond	chantelle.richmond@uwo.ca
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The Geographies of Treaties, LandBack, and Indigenous Sovereignty in Canada

42	castleden@uvic.ca	Heather Castle	University of Victoria	The Geographies of Treaties, LandBack, and Indigenous Sovereignty in Canada	<p>Treaties are formal and legally binding agreements, usually formed between sovereign states. Treaties between Indigenous Peoples across this country existed long before Europeans arrived and began their efforts to colonize through, in part, Historic (also known as Numbered) Treaties. Early colonial treaties with Indigenous Peoples and now modern Treaties are structuring relationships between Indigenous governments, and the federal/provincial/territorial governments of this country. Intergovernmental relations through the politics of treaty-making have implications for governance, fiscal arrangements, land tenure, and resource use. These agreements and processes can be aligned with and also at odds with calls for transformative decolonial change through more radical assertions of Indigenous sovereignty, autonomy, and self-determination in various forms of LandBack (reclaiming everything stolen: land, language, governance, ceremony, and more).</p> <p>This call for papers seeks to bring together diverse perspectives and to share research on historic and modern processes of treaty making, as well as land-based decolonial movements such as LandBack. We are interested in bringing together discussions on the treaty negotiation and implementation processes, legal frameworks, and spatial dynamics of land-based politics in Canada that centers principles of Indigenous governance and nationhood. We also encourage submissions around transformative governance, Indigenous futures, land-based activism, and other radical re-imaginings from the 'edges' that embrace interdisciplinary approaches to research and engage in innovative methodologies that push the boundaries of scholarship in these areas. In doing so, we hope to bring together voices that seek to challenge the status quo of modern land claims in Canada to imagine alternatives that embrace a decolonial politics and a fundamental rethinking of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples, their governments and governance structures, with those of the settler colonial governments of Canada.</p> <p>We welcome paper proposals for this special session in any of the following areas: Historic treaties; Modern land claims; Treaty negotiations; Treaty implementation; LandBack initiatives; Indigenous resurgence; Indigenous governments and governance; Indigenous embodied sovereignty; Intergovernmental relations; Multilevel governance; De/anti-colonial land-based movements; Indigenous liberation; Indigenous and Black futures; Strategic organizing;</p> <p>Important Note: We abide by the principle of "nothing about us without us" and so paper proposals must include Indigenous Peoples as lead or co-authors and we particularly welcome papers that have Indigenous presenters and/or co-presenters.</p>	Onyx Sloan Morgan; tašii	onyx.sloan.morgan@ubc.ca
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Mapping the Future: Integrating Geomatics and AI for a New Era of Spatial Analysis

43	bmisiuk@mun.ca	Benjamin Misiuk	Memorial University	Mapping the Future: Integrating Geomatics and AI for a New Era of Spatial Analysis	<p>The role of geospatial technologies in geographical studies is undeniable. They enable mapping and visualization of data, prediction of present, past, and future events, and communication of critical information. They also enable understanding why events happen where they do, supported by a broad range of spatial analysis techniques. The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has brought transformative changes and unprecedented opportunities in the field of geomatics. The integration of these cutting-edge technologies is reshaping the landscape of data collection, mapping, spatial analysis, and data interpretation, and more broadly, the way we interact with and comprehend our world. This special session seeks to explore the innovative intersections of geomatics fields, including GIS, remote sensing, photogrammetry, machine learning and the opportunities and challenges introduced by advancements in AI. We invite contributions that illuminate the current state, potential challenges, and future possibilities of these converging fields, as well as the ethical implications of these advancements, such as data privacy issues, equitable access, and the responsible use of generative AI in geomatics and related fields.</p> <p>Join us in this exciting exploration of how geomatics and AI are collaboratively paving the way for innovative solutions and a deeper understanding of our planet. Your contributions will help shape the conversation on the future of geomatics, pushing the boundaries of what is possible in spatial science.</p>	Mahyar Masoudi (Memorial University)	mahyar.masoudi@mun.ca; ifinnis@mun.ca
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Geographical Futures

44	Jonathan.Luedee@g	Jonathan Luedee	Unaffiliated	Geographical Futures	<p>the environmental impacts of capitalist modes of development have led geographers to consider how we might organise institutions, social, economic and ecological relations to enable just and sustainable futures (Castree 2014; Moore 2015). Despite the emergence of the future as a critical area of geographical research, the field has yet to coalesce as a coherent subdiscipline within geography. The field is characterized by diversity and openness to different perspectives, methods, and research agendas. It has not achieved a unified identity or consensus on its theoretical frameworks and methodologies.</p> <p>For this session, we invite papers that engage critically with geographical futures. Broad, interrelated themes include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Geographical engagement with future studies: limits, challenges, and opportunities · Transdisciplinary ways of imagining geographical futures · Political ecologies and environmental histories of the future · Seascape futures and the blue economy · The future as boundary object · Beyond political economy: Imagining diverse futures · Prefigurative politics, social movements, and geographies of the future · Indigenous futurisms · Non-human futures in the Anthropocene · Community-led future planning · Capitalism and the making of future geographies · Gender, technology, and future geographies 	Ajithraj Rajasekhara Panicker	arajasekhara@mun.ca
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Workshop

Exploring Canadian Geospatial Data with GeoPandas in Colab Notebooks

45	chhewitt@wlu.ca	Christopher M	Wilfrid Laurier University	Exploring Canadian Geospatial Data with GeoPandas in Colab Notebooks	<p>Google Colab with the GeoPandas Python package is an effective platform for GIS analysis. This introductory workshop will demonstrate how users can load, project, query and visualize GIS data through graphs and maps. To participate, all that is required is a Google account. Future directions of where this platform could be taken will also be discussed. Lastly, the benefits and drawbacks of GIS analysis with Google Colab are presented.</p>		
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Session II: Knowledge dissemination through podcasts—a conceptual and practical guide

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Session III: Feminist NVivo Workshop I

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Session IV: Feminist NVivo Workshop II

48	lpeake@yorku.ca	Linda Peake	YORK UNIVERSITY	Session IV: Feminist NVivo Workshop II	<p>Feminist NVivo Workshop(s) II Based on insights from the GenUrb project, this session explores the strategies for operationalizing NVivo in feminist research. It begins with an overview of the feminist principles and practices that shaped the design framework for NVivo project setup, underscoring the significance of an inclusive methodological design aligned with the ethical and practical goals of the project. Participants will learn how to engage and organize research material, coding, memos, annotations, and data exploration using an approach that supports a counter-hegemonic approach to feminist knowledge creation.</p> <p>About the facilitator The facilitator Ms. Biftu Yousuf, PhD (Geography, York University), has been a practitioner of NVivo for 10+ years. She has trained countless graduate students, faculty, and affiliated researchers on how to use NVivo. In her role as an NVivo consultant, Biftu has contributed her knowledge and skills to research projects of varying scales and designs, and was the resident NVivo specialist for the GenUrb project. The workshop draws on lessons and learnings from the GenUrb project, which the facilitator has also published (forthcoming) in a Routledge book on conducting feminist urban research.</p>	Biftu Yousuf	bmyousuf@yorku.ca
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Pour un groupe d'étude des espaces maritimes et côtiers

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49	mustela.mustel@la	Alain BOUCHE	Indépendant	Pour un groupe d'étude des espaces maritimes et côtiers				

Supporting student wellness in academia

					<p>Mental health is a serious concern on university campuses. The changing nature of higher education can cause mental health stress for instructors, staff, and students. I propose to host an open roundtable workshop for instructors and supervisors to share our concerns and to share our ideas on how to best support our undergraduate and graduate students who are struggling with mental wellness. Mental health is often framed as an individual problem: I hope that this session can help us to see wellness as both a collective concern and as a structural problem in the academy. [Please note that this workshop idea is a young one: I'm open to suggestions and feedback!]</p>			
50	kparizea@uoqueph	Kate Parizeau	University of Guelph	Supporting student wellness in academia				

Living and Working across the Edges of Geography: exploring the intersections of geography, alt-ac careers, activism, and academic pursuits

51	ggsa@mun.ca	Sam E. Morton	University of	exploring the intersections of geography, alt-ac careers,	geography, recent graduates, and those interested in hearing what others have gotten up to post-graduation. Geographers often navigate the	Sam E. Morton on behalf of the Geography Graduate Student Association at Memorial University		
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