

Forestry Matters

Modern technology Owes ecology An apology.

~Alan M. Eddison

September 2009



Dates to Remember

- October 7 Final day to add full-year and September session courses.
- October 16 Staff Meeting, 2:00-4:00pm in room 1016B
- October 22 OPEN MIC Night. Upstairs GSU. 6:00pm until 10:00pm
- December 9 MFC Ring Ceremony and Holiday Party. Faculty Club, Noon until 2pm

Welcome

Welcome to the brand new 2009 Faculty of Forestry monthly newsletter. I have worked here at the Faculty for over 25 years, over those years we have had many different forms of this newsletter. The Foresters Club produced a bi-weekly newsletter called "Slabs and Edgings", in the early 1990's Marilyn Wells produced "Footnotes from the Faculty of Forestry". The common goal of those plus this newer version is to keep everyone informed of Faculty activities and events. You can submit a letter if you wish to voice your opinion on something, maybe you are good at sketching cartoon characters and you might submit a "Forestry Funny", send an accomplishment. Send me anything!! Lets try to have some fun with this!!!!

Ian

Remember This?

Faculty staff and students raised enough funds to purchase this Unicorn at an auction held as part of the Opening Ceremonies when we moved into the Earth Sciences Centre. The Unicorn was Donated to the Hospital for Sick Children where it still resides today.





Welcome to the Faculty of Forestry

Master of Forest Conservation

- Claudia Alzate
- David Andrews
- Andrea Bake
- Dominique Barrette
- Gina Brouwer
- Ian Dunn
- Hiba El-Cheikh Ali
- Dan Holmes
- Izabela Kalkowski
- Marcin Lewandowski
- Camille Twomey
- Brenda Zurbi

MSCF and PHD

- Ben Filewod
- Daniel Johnston
- Cam McBurney
- Deenie Quinn
- Lucas Roscoe
- Katherine Thebeau
- Derek Wolf
- Margaret Han
- Trevor Hesselink
- Jonathan Schurman



Shahwar's Thought For The Month: "Be Nice to Each Other"

What's In a Name?

It was way back in July that I thought I would like to try and produce an electronic newsletter for the Faculty of Forestry. I sent an email out for ideas and some people actually submitted some suggestions. I have to admit that I did not have judges or even other people's opinions on the name that I chose. One suggestion came from Dr. Zeen Huang. "Forestry Matters". This name immediately conjures up the double meaning of "forestry is important and it matters" plus it also gives the other meaning of "Forestry happenings and events and concerns".

Faculty of Forestry's Newest Prof.

Dean Tat Smith is pleased to report that Dr. Neera Singh has joined the Faculty of Forestry as a tenure-stream Assistant Professor position in Political Ecology and Governance, effective 1 August. Dr. Singh is recognized as being an outstanding young scholar and extraordinarily well-suited to make an excellent contribution to the University of Toronto. She has specialized in studies relating issues of gender, justice and environmental change to challenges associated with the democratization of forest governance. She has used political and social ecological approaches to examine how policy, societal factors and institutional arrangements influence forest conservation and sustainability. This work has developed since she founded the non-profit organization Vasundhara in the state of Orissa, India in 1991, and has progressed through her doctoral research at Michigan State University. Neera has developed an impressive record of success in obtaining grants in support of her dissertation work. She is developing an impressive dossier and record of peer-reviewed publications resulting from her research dealing with ways in which marginalized forest dependent communities and women achieve greater balance in power with local communities and the state in a democratic system. Her educational background and research achievements position her well to collaborate effectively with colleagues from different academic disciplines. She has expressed an interest in



continuing qualitative research that involves aspects of multi-sited ethnography and participatory action. Dr. Singh has experience in teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses, and has expressed interest in developing courses at UofT dealing with gender equity, community natural resource policy and governance, and environmental sociology. We find she has high potential to develop into an outstanding teacher at undergraduate and graduate levels. We believe she will be an excellent addition to our Faculty, and will not only inspire students to achieve in the social sciences, but serve as an excellent role model and mentor for our students.

Congratulations to the following students who are expected to graduate in November 2009

Jeff Biggs	PhD
Patrick James	PhD
Anthony Kimaro	PhD
Nicholas Rudzik	PhD
David Savage	PhD
Jorge Solorzano-Filho	PhD
Mark Vanderwel	PhD
Erica Barkley	MScF
Mike Burrell	MScF
James Dennis	MScF
Saswati Ghosh Roy	MScF
Gireesh Gupta	MScF
Susan Kidnie	MScF
Jingjing Li	MScF
Fletcher Quince	MScF
Fraser Smith	MScF

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I hung a word
on an old pine tree

they cut down the tree

I strung my word
on a pine sapling

they pushed down the sapling

I placed the word
by a pine seedling

they plowed down the seedling

I traced my word
on the sun-baked soil

it blew away

By Paul Aird

Things that Make an IT GUY Twitch

- Not shutting off the video projector, it ran for 14 hours straight.
- Not having virus protection on your computer especially since you can get it for free from UofT.
- Being notified at 2:10pm that you need some fancy video setup for your 2:00pm class
- Stealing IP address.
- Getting emergency call about a blurry screen from the projector—remove lens cover.
- Getting emergency call about computer/projector not working—turn on power.
- Downloading huge files while on Forestry network causing network blockage.
- Electricians who start shutting off breakers randomly but manage to choose the breaker that controls all Forestry servers.
- Servers that somehow know the IT guy is on vacation so they decide NOW is the time to crash.

Awards and Recognitions***Kelsey Gibos (MSc.F. student)***

University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Master's Scholarship recipient for 2009 is Kelsey Gibos of the University of Toronto. Working with an industrial partner, Kelsey is investigating the influence of solar radiation on the moisture content and ignitability of fine forest fuels. Because her previous

experience involves work with fire agencies across Canada and overseas in Australia and New Zealand, her study provides an important link between academic endeavors and their applications at the fire-ground level.

<http://iawfonline.org/scholarships.php>



David Martell Honoured by the Canadian Operational Research Society

Professor David Martell of the Faculty of Forestry is the recipient of the 2009 Canadian Operational Research Society's (CORS) Award of Merit. It was presented to him by Professor Eldon Gunn of Dalhousie University, at the joint international meeting of CORS and the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) in Toronto, on June 16, 2009. The inscription on the award certificate is "For his outstanding contributions to the development and application of operational research in forest management in Canada and the world, and for his many contributions to the Canadian Operational Research Society."

http://www.cors.ca/en/prizes/i_a_ward.php

Patrick James graduated and recently received a Killam post-doc fellowship at the U of A (Biological Sciences) where he is now studying mountain pine beetle landscape genomics. http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/faculty/felix_sperling/?Page=7416

2008 CFA Queen's Award for Forestry winner announced

The CFA is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2008 CFA Queen's Award for Forestry is **Shashi Kant**, Professor of Forest Resource Economics at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, Canada. Professor

Kant was given the Award in recognition of his contribution to the fields of forest resource economics and management.

Further details are available at http://www.cfa-international.org/CFA_Awards.html

Professor Kant recently organized a workshop on August 4-5, 2009. Incentive Mechanisms for the Provision of Ecosystem Services in Ontario. The workshop was attended by 104 participants from 40 organizations and was funded by SSHRC

News Flash:

Johnny (Canuck) McCarron turned the big **60** on Saturday Sept 26. Congrats Canuck.

Ian Kennedy (me) has worked for the Faculty of Forestry, UofT 25 as of July 2009.

Entire Bug lab gets married!!!

- Congrats to Laura Timms on her recent marriage.
- Congrats to Kathleen Ryan on her recent marriage.
- Congrats to Mike Burrell and Erica Barkley on their forthcoming nuptials next year.

MFC'ers Visit Brazil

The Atlantic Rainforest was once a vast ecosystem spanning over 1 million square kilometres along the eastern coast of Brazil. However, due to human settlement and expansion, only small fragments remain among an array of crops, urban centers, pastures and extensive eucalyptus plantations. In April of 2009, the Master of Forest Conservation (MFC) students had a chance to visit this highly threatened forest region which has been designated as a global biodiversity hotspot. On their journey up the Atlantic coast from the city of Vitoria in the state of Espirito Santo, to the lively town of Puerto Seguro in Southern Bahia, the MFC students were exposed to some of the most pressing challenges in forest conservation within the region.

Hosted on their trip by the CBCN (Brazilian Centre for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development), an organization committed to linking education, research and industry, the students were provided with a truly interdisciplinary experience.

The students visited three of the largest eucalyptus pulp producers in the world - Aracruz, Veracel and Suzano, who provided overviews of not only their management and operations, but also of their initiatives taken towards environmental and social sustainability. Highlights included development of innovative agroforestry systems, support for animal rehabilitation and reintroduction programs and funding for community social programs. A stay at an ecological reserve maintained by Vale, an international mining company, allowed the students to develop independent research projects and experience a native rainforest.

Furthermore, during a forum with local ENGOs the students learned how these organizations are collaborating with industry to conserve and restore the Atlantic Rainforest.

Almost as important as the formal itinerary was the chance to experience Brazilian culture. Evenings were spent exploring local cuisine such as churrasco (Brazilian BBQ) and moqueca (seafood stew) and a night on the town included dancing samba and forro while drinking caipirinhas (cocktail from Brazilian rum). On their time off, the students snorkelled at the beautiful Abrolhos marine reserve, walked on tropical beaches and practiced their Portuguese.

The MFC class of 2008 would like to thank Dr. Dave Martell, Dr. Jay Malcolm, Dr. Laercio Couto, Tatiana Crespo, Michelle Araujo and everyone else involved, for making this trip a truly incredible experience.

Obrigado!

