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Svartárkot Student Funding

<http://www.svartarkot.is>

http://www.svartarkot.is/index.php?m=E&id=M_ENVIRONMENT

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NiCHE is looking to support Canadian participation in Svartárkot, the Iceland-based environmental for-credit courses.

We will offer up to \$2000/student for up to 10 graduate or undergraduate students attending the 20-28 June 2009 course "Local Environments - Global

Impacts," which is to have environmental historian Donald Worster as a guest lecturer.

Given the length of the course and the total cost of attending (perhaps \$4000/student), we are not sure how much interest there will be in these grants, so have not yet determined a process for applying.

For the moment, we would welcome expressions of interest

sent by 30 January 2009 to niche@uwo.ca. If you are a student, please explain how participating in this course will assist your development as a young scholar, and attach a 1-page cv. If you are a professor interested in taking a number of your students or even a small class to Svartárkot, please outline your proposal and how this course will assist your students. ◇

Graduate Funding for Banff Research Trip

<http://niche.uwo.ca/banff2009>

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The Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta is organizing a field trip to Banff National Park on February 12-15, 2009.

The trip is primarily intended for graduate students

studying Banff, the Rocky Mountains or parks more generally.

NiCHE will support two or three one-time travel awards to participating students who reside outside the Edmonton area.

Applications must be received by Liza Piper by January 10, 2009. After the completion of the fieldtrip, award recipi-

ents will be asked to post short reports to the NiCHE website based on their experience.

Interested students should submit the following:

- A short statement outlining how the trip might contribute to their research or education
- A curriculum vitae. ◇

NiCHE Survey & Meeting

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In the new year, NiCHE will hold an online survey to see how we're doing in meeting the needs of the historical geography / environmental history commu-

nity in Canada, and how we can do better.

The survey will serve as a starting point for discussion at a meeting (and meal) to be held at Carleton University in late May, overlapping the annual conferences of the Canadian Historical Associa-

tion and the Canadian Association of Geographers. At this meeting, we will be looking to generate ideas and projects that will direct us for the years ahead.

Stay tuned for details. ◇

New Forest History Resources Available through NiCHE



<http://niche.uwo.ca/foresthstory>

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The NiCHE Forest History cluster has launched a new webpage dedicated to highlighting Canadian forest history resources.

Visitors can find information ranging from tools for the classroom to museum exhibit reviews.

The goal of this site is to provide a forum for sharing diverse perspectives and prospects, while offer-

ing direction, references, and strategies for doing forest history.

The Forest History cluster always welcomes suggestions for material, news about other forest history projects, requests for information.

The NiCHE Forest History cluster is organized by Dr. Graeme Wynn and Emily Jane Davis (University of British Columbia)

Upcoming features on the site will include:

- Description of the forestry exhibits at the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum, by curator James Tirrul-Jones.

- Review of Vancouver Museum's "The Unnatural History of Stanley Park" exhibit by Dr. Sean Kheraj.

- Q-and-A with Erica Hernandez, Assistant Archivist for the Northern BC Archives. ◇

NiCHE Breakfast

Going to the American Society for Environmental History Conference in Tallahassee? If so, there'll be a NiCHE breakfast on Thursday, 26 February.

Learn more at :

<http://www.aseh.net/conferences/current-conferences/tall-program>

Peace River near Taylor's Flat, BC, 1972.

Photo by J. Lewis Robinson



Edition of *Left History* Sponsored by NiCHE

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The editors of *Left History*, published at York University, are pleased to announce a special environmental history issue, supported in part by NiCHE.

A free copy is available to the first 50 respondents. Email: lefthist@yorku.ca.

Contents include:

- Divergences on the Left: The Environmentalisms of Rachel Carson and Murray Bookchin.* P.A. McCord.

- Masculinity, Modernism & the Ambivalence of Nature.* C. Mortimer-Sandilands.

- Seeing Like a Protester: Nature, Power, and Environmental Struggles.* M. Armiero.

- The Environmental Question, Employment, and Development in Italy's Left, 1945-1990.* Von Hardenberg & Pelizzari.

- Remembering the Struggle for the Environment: Hamilton's Lax Lands / Bayfront Park, 1950s-2008.* N.B. Bouchier & K. Cruikshank.

- The Urban Periphery and the Rural Fringe: West Ham's Hybrid Landscape.* J. Clifford.

Site C Dam Workshop Held at UBC

By: Matthew Evenden
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In November, the CWHP/PHEC, Green College and the Dept. of Geography at UBC, hosted a workshop to consider the proposed Site C

Dam on the Peace River in northern BC.

The workshop linked academic researchers with community participants to discuss the ramifications of building the Site C Dam. Over the course of a day, participants considered the historical background to

the Site C proposal, and debated the merits and difficulties of the current proposal.

The proceedings will soon be made available through NiCHE and in a future issue of *BC Studies*. ◇

Progress Reports on Two Funded NiCHE Member Projects



**Newfoundland's Petit Nord:
A Historic Maritime Cultural Landscape**

From about 1510 until 1904, migratory fishing crews from Brittany and Normandy built seasonal shore stations on the Atlantic coast of Newfoundland's Northern Peninsula, to salt and dry cod.

By: Peter E. Pope at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

This extraordinary region forms one of the oldest persistent Euro-

pean landscapes in Canada. *An Archaeology of the Petit Nord* is recording the remains of forgotten fishing stations and putting them into a documentary, cartographic and photographic context.

Our website, which will launch on the NiCHE site in January, presents a photographic record of the surviving traces of the migratory salt-cod fishery.

This visual record is organized by fishing harbour and fishing station, indexed with specially-created maps and enriched with photographs of excavated artifacts.

**The People and The Bay:
Developing Online Educational Resources in Environmental History**
<http://history4k06.wetpaint.com>

By: Nancy Bouchier & Ken Cruickshank at McMaster University

Students in Nancy Bouchier and Ken Cruickshank's environmental history class at McMaster University worked with local high school students on developing multimedia projects related to the Hamilton harbour and a wide range of other environmental topics. The course outline, assignment, and structure can be found at the above address. with the multimedia projects planned to be up-and-running by February ◇

Annals of the AAG --- Call for Abstracts

By: Laura Cameron

Deadline: January 15, 2009

The Annals of the Association of American Geographers invites abstracts of papers to be considered for a special issue on Climate Change.

This will be the second of a series of annual special fifth issues that high-

light the work of geographers around a significant global theme.

Papers are sought from a broad spectrum of scholars who address environmental, human, social, political, and methodological issues.

These should focus on the geographical dimensions of climate change, including original research in areas such as the climate record, the human

and environmental impacts of climate change, the role of GISciences and modeling in understanding climate change and sustainability, and other relevant areas.

Abstracts of no more than 350 words should be submitted by 15 January 2009 to:
rmaier@aag.org ◇

NiCHE Awards 17 Copenhagen Travel Grants

<http://niche.uwo.ca/travelgrant/Copenhagen2009>

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NiCHE received 53 applications for travel grants to the 1st World Congress of Environmental History in Copenhagen.

We are pleased to announce our evaluations com-

mittee has awarded grants to 12 graduate students and 5 faculty/postdocs.

Happily, the chair of the WCEH program committee reported that there were a "great many" Canadian applicants to the conference!

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Job Appointment:

Andrew Baldwin

Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Baldwin who has accepted a post in Geography in the School of Environment and Development at The University of Manchester. He leaves Canada for the United Kingdom this month. We wish you, Tara, Quinn and Adele the happiest of trails. ◇

Brian Fagan Speaks at NiCHE Workshop

http://niche.uwo.ca/Podcasts/BrianFagan_Oct08

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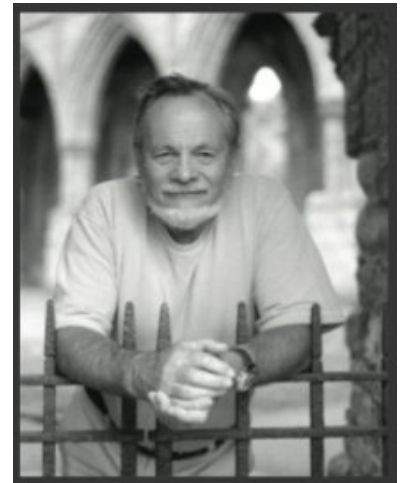
Brian Fagan, emeritus professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Barbara gave a public lecture at UWO, "And on that day the earth will be turned to ashes."

The lecture was part of NiCHE's "Canadian Climate History Workshop" held in October.

Fagan has been a leading writer on archaeology for more than three decades, and in recent years has written five best-selling

books on historical climate change, including his latest, *The Great Warming: Climate Change and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations*.

Audio files of the lecture are available on the NiCHE website at the above address. ◇



Project Updates: ECED & Transnational Ecologies

Early Canadian Environmental Data (ECED)

<http://niche.uwo.ca/eced>

ECED, one of NiCHE's core projects, has recently released an updated webpage that focuses on disseminating resources to the public, as well as to other researchers.

Users interested in early Canadian climate can find datasets, full text sources and descriptions of archival materials to make the search for an-

swers a little bit easier.

ECED is always looking for more resource content. If you know of anything relevant or are looking to create something that others could benefit from, please email Liza Piper at epiper@ualberta.ca.

Transnational Ecologies (TE)

http://niche.uwo.ca/transnational_ecologies

TE, led by Laura Cameron of Queen's University, has also updated their web-

site and is in the process of creating a range of resources for researchers.

If you research or are interested in topics related to transnational ecologies, and have resources to share or wish to have your profile listed in the Networking Resources section, please contact:

niche.transnational.ecologies@queensu.ca ◇

Nature's Past: Environmental History Podcast

By: Adam Crymble
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Sean Kheraj, a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of British Columbia, has begun recording podcasts related to Environmental History in Canada.

The Podcasts, "Nature's Past," are sponsored by NiCHE and will be soon be available on the NiCHE website as well as on iTunes.

If you have an idea for a podcast or want to learn more, contact Sean at: sean.kheraj@ubc.ca

Stay tuned to <http://niche.uwo.ca> for more details. ◇

Best Practices for Green & Sustainable Conferences

By: Laura Cameron

NiCHE is developing some 'best practice' suggestions with regard to Green and Sustainable Conferences.

In the summer of 2008, Nathaniel Lewis, a graduate student in Geography at Queen's, worked up a preliminary set of 'best practices' for conferences after surveying a number of organizations.

You can find the list on the NiCHE website at: <http://niche.uwo.ca/resources/conference>. ◇

Have Something You Want Broadcast to the World?

An important part of NiCHE's mandate is to provide a way for researchers to disseminate their ideas.

If you've got a project, resource or collection that may not fit into a traditional journal article, but is useful nonetheless, NiCHE can help you publish this material to our website.

Creative ideas encouraged, no experience necessary and submissions from students are most welcome.

Contact Adam Crymble at: adam_crymble@hotmail.com for more information. ◇