

ACAG/ACGA 28th ANNUAL MEETING

**Hosted by the Department of Geography and
Environmental Studies, Saint Mary's University**

October 27-29, 2017

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for registration and submission of abstracts:

October 15, 2017

The Atlantic Division/Division de l'Atlantique of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)/ Association Canadien des Geographes (ACG) invites submissions for oral and poster presentations at the 28th Annual Meeting to be held from October 27-29, 2017, at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. You are invited to submit a title and short abstract for an oral or poster presentation on any field of geographical scholarship. We aim to include all submissions in the program and we particularly encourage submissions by undergraduate and graduate students.

A new facilitated **Career Workshop** is being introduced this year on Friday afternoon (October 27) to help geography students '*Map Their Career*' and explore '*Oh the Places You'll Go: Option and Opportunities*' after graduation. Departments and researchers from across the region will be invited to set up a poster, or table to promote their post graduate degree options or research program and to answer questions from potential students. Additional details will be provided shortly. The workshop will transition into the traditional evening icebreaker social. Students from outside Halifax are encouraged to contact the Saint Mary's Undergraduate Geographical Society (SMUGS@live.ca) for guidance on accommodations in Halifax.

Oral and poster presentation sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, October 28, including judging of student presentations. An informal exploration of Halifax's craft brewery landscape will be held Saturday evening. On Sunday, October 29, there will be a morning excursion in the Halifax area, of interest to both human and physical geographers, with an emphasis on planning issues.

Additional details and updates will be provided on the ACAG web site as they become available: see <http://community.smu.ca/acag/>

REGISTRATION and SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Registration, payment and submission of abstracts will be administered through the ACAG website: <http://community.smu.ca/acag/>. Delegates must register to attend the meeting by October 15. During the registration process, an option will be provided to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation. The deadline for abstract submission is also October 15.

Abstracts must not exceed 200 words (all inclusive, single line spacing) and must include (centered on page) the title (Title Case, bold), author(s) (indicate presenting author with *), and affiliation. Font must be Arial, size 11 pt. Abstracts must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (.docx or .doc) and indicate if submission is for a poster or oral format.

FEES

The registration fee is \$15 for undergraduate and graduate students, and \$40 for all others (e.g., faculty members and professionals). This will include nutrition breaks and lunch on Saturday.

There are no additional fees to attend the Friday workshop or the Sunday field trip.

STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS

Students are especially encouraged to make a presentation. Awards will be given for the best student presentations.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM (*subject to change*)

The ACAG web site will contain the most up to date information; see <http://community.smu.ca/acag/>.

Friday October 27 **Burke Building, 5932 Inglis St., Saint Mary's University**

- 1:00-1:30 pm – Workshop registration
- 1:30-3:00 pm – “*Jobs in Geography: Mapping your career*” Facilitated workshop by the Saint Mary's University career services and the GEOG 3004 Geography practicum class.
- 3:00-3:30 pm – networking and coffee break
- 3:30-5:00 pm – “*Oh the Places You'll Go: Options and Opportunities*”
 - Alumni career panel
 - Visit interactive displays of post-graduate programs and research labs in the region, and explore opportunities for honours, masters, and post graduate diploma options.
- 5:15-7:00 pm – Icebreaker social with students, faculty, alumni and other delegates (light snacks with cash bar)

Saturday October 28 **Burke Building, 5932 Inglis St., Saint Mary's University**

- 8:00-8:45 am – Registration
- 9:00-10:00 am – Opening and plenary presentation
- 10:00-10:30 am – Poster session and coffee break
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm – Oral presentation session(s)
- 12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch (included in registration fee)
- 1:00-2:30 pm – Oral presentation session
- 2:30-3:00 – Poster session and coffee break
- 3:00-4:00- Oral presentation session(s)
- 4:00-5:00 – ACAG annual business meeting

Sunday October 29 **(Start and end at Saint Mary's – meeting location/time details TBA)**

- Morning - Central Halifax This walking tour will focus on urban regeneration and densification initiatives, with emphasis on both social impacts and urban design aspects.