



Geography **Auckland**



Kia ora tatou ...

The Auckland branch of NZGS promotes the activities of geographers and the development of the discipline in the Auckland region. It has proven an effective platform for hosting and sponsoring public seminars and workshops, and talks by prominent local and international geographers; running competitions for schools; providing opportunities for young geographers to attend conferences; and for bringing geographers together to discuss issues of public and disciplinary concern. One recent initiative is to seek better links with professional geographers beyond the university and schools. One recent success has been the Innovative Fieldtrip Competition (see News for Teachers).

The Auckland activities now include monthly Geography Dialogues with Wine. The Branch invites any members with ideas for activities to bring them forward for discussion and development. It also encourages new members to join. Membership of the New Zealand Geographical Society includes branch membership.

As mentioned previously, the UoA has welcomed a cluster of new geographers to the School of Environment, including: Karen Fisher, Mark Dickson, Murray Ford, John Tunnicliffe, Francis Collins, Annie Bartos, and JC Gaillard. Professor John Morgan has joined the Education Faculty. All bring fresh ideas and talents to our community.

The next Dialogues will be held on Wednesday 22 April. See page 2 for Daniel Exeter's abstract.

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What's on:

MONTHLY GEOGRAPHY DIALOGUES WITH WINE

These meetings give a chance for Geographers to talk informally about their research.

The Auckland Branch invites you to attend the first meeting

Wednesday 22 April
University of Auckland
School of Environment
Room 731

The speaker will be
Daniel Exeter
4.00pm to 5.30pm

**Celebrate Geography,
Get excited**

Karen Fisher (k.fisher@auckland.ac.nz)

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News for teachers:

2015 Innovative Field Trip Competition – see the NZGS website: <http://www.nzgs.co.nz>

For your diary:

Monthly Geography Dialogues with Wine

22nd April, 20 May, 24 June, 19 August, 23 September, 21 October, and 25 November



Health Geography in 3Ds: Design, Data and Deprivation

Daniel Exeter

Geography has a long history of investigating social and spatial variations in health and well-being, potentially dating back to Hippocrates. However, the number of these studies has increased exponentially in the past 10-15 years, due in part to the development of social epidemiology as a discipline, coupled with the continued growth of health geography. Significant improvements in the quality and completeness of routine health and social databases and the increased availability of geo-referenced data have also had a critical role in progressing quantitative health geography research.

This 'Geography Dialogues with Wine' session will focus on three areas of quantitative research contributing to the geography of health research in New Zealand: using zone design techniques to develop 'neighbourhoods' of similar population size; record linkage of 'Big Data' to study patterns of residential mobility and health outcomes; and the role zone design and routine data can have in measuring area-level deprivation.