

Congratulations to Kathy Hoover who is counting down the days to her retirement in the department will be December 23rd when we will close the Main Office at 3:00 p.m. for the holidays. See the end of this newsletter for a great photo taken on December 8th when Kathy was surprised with a parting gift from the GSC!

Congratulations to Angela Balesdent who is also counting down the days to her retirement, although Angie will be with us until January 27, 2022, at which time she will finish at noon. See the end of this newsletter for a great photo when Angie was also surprised with a parting gift from the GSC on December 8th!

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Your incredible generosity and thoughtfulness shone through in the card, the messages and the gifts you gave to me. You didn't have to do that, thank you!

As I leave this month, I am overflowing with gratitude. You are a truly amazing group of colleagues and my

Kathy opens her gifts!

On behalf of the Department, Paul thanks Kathy for all she has done

The [Atlantic Canada Coastal & Estuarine Science Society](#) (ACCESS) is an affiliate society of the [Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation](#) (CERF) which focuses on research in coastal ecosystems of Atlantic Canada. Our main event is an annual conference where interested parties can present their research findings and results (at a 2022 date to be determined). The ACCESS Board of Directors has decided to announce that we are moving forward with plans for a hybrid conference from May 18-21, 2022 with the [Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership](#) (BoFEP)! COVID permitting, of course.

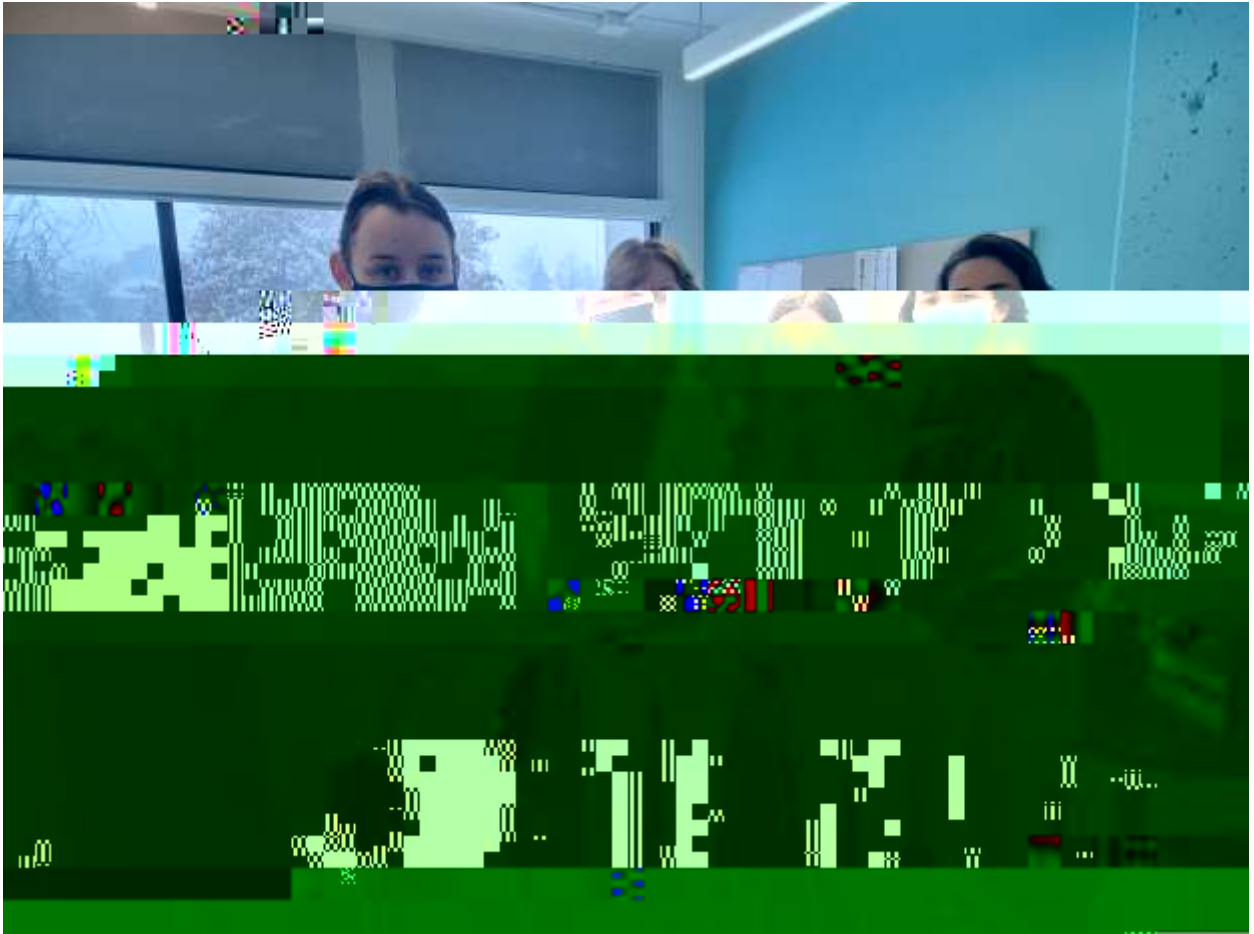
The conference is planned to take place at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro, Nova Scotia, the original location for it back in 2020 before the first COVID outbreak. That said, we are planning to have a fully virtual option as a back-up, particularly with the Omicron variant spreading through Canada.

While most papers submitted to ACCESS are of a scientific nature (e.g. biology, geology, geography, environmental science), we accept submissions which are interdisciplinary and those which focus on the social sciences, as well.

If the hybrid conference does go forward, we will require masks and proof of vaccination for in-person attendees. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact our Secretary: matthewpenney@acadiu.ca. We hope to be able to see (most) of you in-person under COVID-friendly conditions.

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) 2022-2023 award competition is open now!

ACUNS offers post-graduate research awards in the fields of Arctic and Northern Studies. For more information, visit www.acuns.ca.



Members of the GSC present Angie with a parting gift for her pending retirement at the end of January 2022!

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