

WDCAG 2025 T̓k̓eml̓úps̓ te Secw̓ép̓emc (Kamloops) – Call for special sessions/workshops AND oral presentations and poster presentations!

The 66th annual meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers will be held at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC, Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 8.

WDCAG is now accepting abstract submissions for special sessions and workshops. The call is also now open for abstract submissions for oral presentations and poster presentations

The theme for this year's conference is "bridging." This past September the historic red bridge that crosses the South Thompson River connecting T̓k̓eml̓úps̓ te Secw̓ép̓emc and the City of Kamloops burned down, impacting businesses, commuters and people wanting to walk, bike, or drive the short distance from downtown Kamloops to the Mt. Paul business park on the other side of the river.

Whereas many geographers are likely interested in this transportation geography dilemma, the conference committee thought the theme "bridging" could be applied more broadly to all conference presentations.

How does your geographic research and teaching bridge people and ideas?

Where do we need more bridging in real-life geographic problems?

How do we envision bridging communities?

How are geographers bridging the physical and human divides and why is this important?

We invite participants to reflect on how your work is relevant to the conference theme in their abstract submissions.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS:

Please send your proposal title and a 50 word description to wdcag2025@tru.ca and rwestland@tru.ca.

Please include in the subject line "WDCAG 2025 - special sessions/workshops"

and your full name, position, e.g., instructor or master's student, and email address in the body of your message.

Deadline: Monday, January 20, 2025

Call for oral presentations and poster presentations:

Please submit a Word document, with a limit of 300 words including author(s), institution(s), and keywords. Include a statement of why this work is relevant to the conference theme.

Please send abstracts to wdcag2025@tru.ca and rwestland@tru.ca.

Include the subject line "WDCAG 2025 – oral/poster presentation".

Deadlines:

Oral Presentation abstracts: February 3rd, 2025

Poster Presentations: February 10th, 2025

*Please note: Only abstracts from registered attendees will be accepted. Registration details are coming very soon!

Overview of Conference Schedule:

The conference will start on Thursday evening, March 6 with a casual, non-alcohol reception in the Arts and Education building on the north side of campus. Field trips will take place on Friday morning and afternoon (more information to follow). The Friday evening reception with snacks will take place on the 3rd floor atrium of the Old Main Building (Law School) with a keynote talk to follow. On Saturday oral and poster presentations will also take place on the third floor of Old Main, followed by the Saturday evening keynote talk. A banquet, student presentation and scavenger hunt awards, and karaoke will cap off the evening.

A conference web page will follow shortly.

For general conference information, please email Tom Waldichuk or Robin Westland at wdcag2025@tru.ca