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2009 IODE WAR MEMORIAL DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

PhD Scholarship Awarded to University of British Columbia Markus Moos

IODE Canada has awarded an IODE War Memorial Doctoral Scholarship to candidate Alexis Lauren Knispel. IODE initiated this award in 1918 to commemorate Canadians who sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. Initially, bursaries were granted to children of men and women who lost their lives or were permanently disabled while fighting for Canada. Today, applicants are judged on academic achievement and potential. They must be Canadian citizens and in at least their second year of a doctoral program at a Canadian or Commonwealth University. Scholarships are valued at \$15,000.

Markus Moos was born in the canton of Jug, Switzerland, receiving his Canadian Citizenship in 2001. He earned his Bachelor of Environmental Studies with joint Honours in Economics in 2004; his Masters PL at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario and is currently entering the third year doctoral program in the Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Mr. Moos chose to study at UBC, because of the expertise and prominence of his supervisors and the outstanding reputation of its geography program. His research focuses on the challenges posed by changing Canadian urban housing markets for affordability and environmental sustainability and aims to provide a new insight by examining quantitative data on housing, commuting and qualitative information on policy.

Already Markus has presented conference papers and has had six articles published in top ranked international journals with several others under review. He is lead author in four and co-author for a chapter in the new edition of Canadian Cities in Transition (the Canadian text book in urban geography).

Markus's Post Secondary Awards include two Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Awards (SSHRC) received during his Masters' and Doctoral programs; a UBC Doctoral Tuition Award; the Walter G. Hardwick Scholarship in Urban Studies and the Ida Memorial Award for the highest graduating average from the Master's program at Queen's with a straight A record.

Mr. Moo's volunteer activities include mentoring younger students, teaching summer school courses in urban geography, and providing leadership in the department's sustainability program. His career goal is to pursue an academic career as both an educator and researcher by becoming a professor at a Canadian university and believes that his research on the ever-changing housing market will be equally beneficial to all Canadians.

IODE Canada is proud to Support Mr. Moos's dedication to academic excellence with the awarding of a 2009 IODE War Memorial Scholarship.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for deserving individuals, through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

For a list of past winners or for more information about War Memorial Scholarships, please contact Marie Locke, War Memorial Convenor at 416-487-4416 or visit www.iode.ca.

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