I am STILL teaching and conducting research, having completed 34 years in the department (but who’s counting). Over the past year, I taught *Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Bedrock Geology of Vermont, Senior Seminar* and *Mineralogy*. *Bedrock* continues to be my favorite course – the Vermont landscape and geology are still spectacular at any time of the year but especially in the fall. The exciting news this year for *Bedrock* was the release of the new Vermont state geological map – finally, after about 10 years of promising students that next year would be the year!! The overall geology looks the same but there is much more detail – the map is at 1:100,000 scale and in two sheets, which together are 9½ feet tall by 6 feet wide. Finding a wall space to mount it is a problem.

Another highlight of the year was a fieldtrip across the island of Newfoundland as part of the Geological Association of Canada annual meeting. This trip was started as an annual event by Hank Williams (Mr. Appalachian Geology), back when Ray was an undergraduate at Memorial University. As a memorial to Hank, who passed away a couple of years ago, the trip was revived for this meeting. Seeing the most spectacular ophiolites in the world is a real treat!

I continue to conduct research on greenstones in central Vermont, and on granitic plutons in the northeast Kingdom. Along with undergraduates, I continue to collaborate with Jon Kim of the Vermont Geological Survey on many of these projects. [By the way, the VGS offices in Waterbury were inundated by floodwaters from hurricane Irene, and the survey has moved its headquarters to Winooski, just outside of Burlington]. A new and exciting project for this coming academic year (2012-13) is a study of detrital zircons from the Moretown Formation in Vermont. Juliet Ryan-Davis ‘13, in collaboration with Will Amidon and Jon Kim, will use ages of detrital zircons to attempt to identify the source area(s) of the sedimentary units in the Moretown. The basic question to be answered is: did the Moretown sediments form by erosion of a nearby volcanic arc?

My “children”, whom some of you (as babysitters) may remember, are now grown-ups. Alice graduated from Wesleyan University and Wheelock College and is now teaching in Virginia (soon to move to New Hampshire). Joseph graduated from Haverford College, and currently works as an Admission Officer at Haverford.