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HALFWAY THROUGH FIRST TERM...

Hello SCARPIes and friends. Welcome to the first edition of Newsbytes, SCARP's online newsletter, for fall 2005. This issue is brought to you by one of your first-year SCARP devotee who intends to delve into the exciting life and times ahead at the School of Community and Regional Planning at UBC.

On disembarking the 99 B-line at UBC's bus loop last week, only a few steps on campus, I was struck by the beauty of the landscape. Despite the university's unsurprising organization in buildings (book store on the left, student union building on the right), the shiny grass and almost familial trees offered a warm welcome to these burgeoning buildings that will quickly become home during the next two years. The university map greeting me at the bus loop provoked a sense of pleasure - not just because I want to be a planner and take a bizarre pleasure in reading maps - but because this map offers the first conclusive evidence of having arrived somewhere: graduate school.

SCARP is located at one end of campus and is quaintly nestled between trees that provide an almost nostalgic feeling of summer camp considering the aroma of pine wafting in the morning air. With 30 students entering SCARP each year a wonderful feeling of community is quickly established. The rapport among students is instantaneous because really, how exciting is it to meet so many other people who are just as fascinated about Vancouver's housing policy as I am!

I am not sure how it happened but November is upon us and though we are flummoxed with time management issues and dwindling scholarship and student loan funds, I am thrilled to still be wearing sandals, riding a bike and running in shorts. Vancouver's coastal weather relieves us from the unbearable snow and keeps things awash in rich colours thanks to the rain. Though, our daily cyclist commuters may feel differently...

Happy reading everyone. Your comments and suggestions for the next issue (January 2006) are always welcome. Feel free to contact me directly at katesun@interchange.ubc.ca at any time.

Slaite!

Kate Sunderland

Faculty & Staff

Applause and Congratulations!

SCARP has many reasons to be proud of their outstanding teaching and research faculty, but this edition of Newsbytes would like to acknowledge Dr. Leonie Sandercock and Dr. Michael Larice for their recent achievements.



“...you do us proud”. Tony Dorsey, Director of SCARP, said it best in recognition of Dr. Leonie Sandercock who was recently awarded the prestigious ACSP Paul Davidoff Award for her latest book *Cosmopolis II: Mongrel Cities in the 21st Century*.

The Davidoff Award Committee writes: “This award is given bi-annually, since 1981, to an outstanding book publication which is consistent with Paul’s ideals, work and life. Paul Davidoff was an unyielding force for justice and equity in planning. He challenged academics and professionals alike to find ways to promote participatory democracy and positive social change, to overcome poverty and racism and to reduce disparities in society. This award recognizes the exemplary nature of Dr. Sandercock’s published book which promotes these values.”

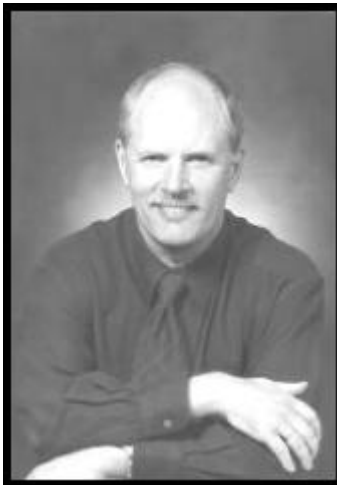
“We are honored that your publication has won the Paul Davidoff Award.”

The Davidoff Award Committee 2005:
Marcia Marker Feld, Chair, URI
Barry Checkoway, U. Michigan
Pierre Clavel, Cornell U.
June Manning Thomas, Mich. State U.



A round of applause for Dr. Michael Larice who recently achieved his PhD in Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. His dissertation focused on high-density livable neighborhoods in urban America.

Congratulations and Well Done!



Congratulations to Mr. Gordon Price who has accepted the position as Director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University Vancouver. SCARP wishes Mr. Price much success in this new endeavor.

WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to Dr. Penny Gurstein for her return to SCARP this September. Dr. Gurstein was on sabbatical from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Dr. Gurstein was working on two research grants. "One, funded by SSHRC-INE (Initiative on the New Economy) is the EMERGENCE Canada which is investigating the implications of outsourcing of tele-mediated employment on regional and urban development in Canada, and internationally www.chs.ubc.ca/emergence/. The other, funded by SSHRC MCRI (Major Collaborative Research Initiative) is the Income Assistance

Project which is looking at the impact of government reduction of social services on single parent families on income assistance

www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/CHILD/research_child_poverty.htm. Dr. Gurstein also received funding from the Rockefeller Foundation to organize a Rockefeller Foundation International Team Meeting, "Mapping the Global Dimensions of Telemediated Employment Relocation," held at the Bellagio Center, Bellagio, Italy, December 8 - 14, 2004.



Welcome back also to Dr. Leonora Angeles who was on sabbatical from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.



Welcome back also to Dr. Giovanni Attili, a visiting academic from Italy, who just couldn't get enough of SCARP! In January 2005 Dr. Attili joined SCARP for a period of six months in order to complete a Postdoctoral Fellowship, funded through Leonie Sandercock's SSHRC grant. As of October 2005 Dr. Attili is back and is continuing his work with Dr. Sandercock.



SCARP is pleased to have Peter Spearritt visiting from Australia. Professor Spearritt is here until the end of November. Currently, Professor Spearritt is Professor of History at the University of Queensland and Executive Director of The Brisbane Institute.

Goodbye...and Keep in Touch!

SCARP has said goodbye to Doris Jow. In her capacity as PhD Secretary she was the 'knower of all things related to SCARP!' We are going to miss Doris, but wish her well in her new adventures at UBC studying Animal Studies full time. Goodbye, good luck and keep in touch!

Message from Doris:

"Dear staff, faculty, and students,

I would like to thank all of you for giving me such a warm and caring environment to work in. During my time here I have met many dedicated and hardworking faculty, staff and student members who have a strong passion for their work or schooling. SCARP has given me inspiration and I'm most thankful for that. I, sadly, have decided to leave my current position to realize my personal & professional goals by furthering my education at UBC. I wish you all the best and will definitely miss you all"

Calling SCARP ALUMNI



Volunteer members and SCARP alumni are working to plan a UBC SCARP Reunion during the period between the 2006 CAPS Conference (Planners for Tomorrow) and the 2006 Planning Institute of British Columbia / Canadian Institute of Planners Conference (World Planners Congress) both taking place next June. (please note: the PIBC/CIP Conference is by invite only).

The event will be open to all SCARP alumni. It will provide an opportunity to connect with old friends and colleagues and offer a chance to mix.

There is a call out for volunteers to assist in planning and organizing this exciting reunion event next year...

Volunteers are needed to put together a reunion program (including roles such as: Chair & SCARP liaison; an Alumni affairs liaison; Event planner/program coordinator, Advertising/promotion coordinator; "Co-hort" liaisons; Registrar; and others to help out.)

A meeting will be taking place to begin the planning and organization - so all interested SCARP alumni should plan to attend:

Where: UBC Robson Square - Room C485

When: November 3, 2005 6:00pm

(photo of Tanis Knowles)

To RSVP for the meeting or to indicate your interest if you are unable to attend, please contact **Gary Holisko:** Gary.Holisko@bchydro.com OR **Tanis Knowles:** knowles@ekistics.ca

EVENTS

Boothroyd Workshop

PIBC/Plan Talk:

Planners for Tomorrow Initiative

Book Launch

Boothroyd Workshop: Tips for Effective Public Speaking

Hello (pause), my name is (pause)

Who knew that saying one's name would require so much thought and precision! Carol Boothroyd, one of Vancouver's celebrated communications consultants, provided planning students a seminal lecture about "Effective Presentation Tips" on Saturday, September 17th. Each year Carol returns to UBC to impart to students her winning strategies for delivering successful presentations and demonstrates just how easy, and natural, public speaking can really be.

The planning profession requires not only a breadth of knowledge regarding planning issues, but more importantly one should be more concerned with the communication of these issues. Planners must be prepared to deliver speeches to a variety of people (from government officials to members of the community) in a range of circumstances including classrooms, public meetings and formal presentations. As such, planners must be adaptable and flexible in speech in order to meet these varying needs. It is wise to remember to maintain sensitivity to one's audience and sincerity in tone of voice.

So... how do you do this? Well, if you happened to catch this presentation you will have remembered these three facts:

-Be conversational! People enjoy the 'human touch'. More often than not personal stories liken the presentation to that of a conversation between people, despite how many faces are in the audience.

-Move around! It is only natural to be moving and using hand gestures as you speak so make use of it! The more comfortable you are in front of an audience, the more relaxed and engaged your listeners will be.

-Read from memory, not from cue cards! This will help establish a connection with your audience and eye contact will be possible.

Carol reinforced the message that 93% of a presentation is judged on the non-verbal cues – wow! So...no more hiding behind podiums or using soft squeaky voices; a well-organized speech that has been rehearsed many times will help showcase confident presentations this year.

As Carol reminded us, ‘you are your most powerful visual aid’. Who knew one had such visual power?

PIBC/Plan Talk: *Future Shockers*

Debate - Provoke - Stimulate - Agree - Disagree – Grow



Thursday, September 29 in the Graduate Student Society Ballroom was an event to remember. Indeed, it was a formidable night of inspiring questions and thought provoking ideas regarding “planners for tomorrow”.

We discussed “Who will be the planners for tomorrow?”, “What skills will they need?” and “How do we develop these skills and planners?”.

Plan Talk is a speaker series supporting discussion on the challenging and provocative issues of planning practice. The goal is to link planning professionals and students to share emerging knowledge and professional wisdom in a relaxed and social forum. Costs for this evening were generously covered by the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) & Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC).



The evening witnessed students, faculty and planning practitioners who discussed ideas around “planners for tomorrow”. Speakers included Dr. Peter Oberlander, the first Director of SCARP, Michael Gordon (adjunct Professor) and Finlay Sinclair, PIBC’s current President. Debate was provoked based upon a list of suggested recommendations from first year planning students. These recommendations were compiled as a discussion point pertaining to the overarching theme of **How can planners accelerate ideas into action for urban sustainability?** This theme was highlighted based on discussion concerning three main questions:

- **Who should be the planners for the cities of tomorrow?**
- **What should be their knowledge, skills and attitudes?**
- **How should the capabilities of planners for tomorrow be developed?**



The debate and draft recommendations that were produced by small group discussions was later shared with the entire group. Ideas generated from this event will be part of the contributions to the Planners For Tomorrow submission to the World Urban Forum (WUF) in June 2006. Tony Dorsey, SCARP’s Director, highlighted this important linkage and commented about all the fury of activity that will be taking place leading up to this seminal forum.

What is the Planners for Tomorrow Initiative?

Over the next 10 months students are facilitating a web-based dialogue, designed to engage the international planning student body to produce recommendations on Planners for Tomorrow. The recommendations will be finalized in a two-day forum in Vancouver and then offered to the World Planners Congress and World Urban Forum in June. Please go to <http://www.plannersfortomorrow.ca> to learn more and to get engaged in the dialogue. Check for upcoming announcements, as well as the questions and responses being considered in developing recommendations on Planners for Tomorrow.

Thoughts concerning Planners For Tomorrow were captured in a quote by Dr. Peter Oberlander: "If you don't respect your 'now', then you are not entitled to what the future offers." This captures the essence of what the WUF will offer in their discussions regarding 'Urban Sustainability'.

"On June 19 - 23, 2006 the World will focus its attention on Vancouver for the third World Urban Forum (WUF 3) and the 30th anniversary of the first UN conference on Human Settlements. During this five day event, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, urban professionals, educators, politicians, academics, engineers, artists and journalists, among many others, will focus their attentions on one common topic: the city." Taken from WUF website: www.wuf3.ubc.ca

Check out the link to the UBC World Urban Forum website as it details relevant information about upcoming lectures pertaining to Living The Global City: Citizenship, Culture and Well-Being. <http://www.wuf3.ubc.ca/program/index.html> Also, check out the Habitat Jam website for more insider information about other discussions leading up to the World Urban Forum: www.habitatjam.com

SCARP Colloquium Series 2005-2006

Since 2001, SCARP and The Centre for Human Settlements (CHS) have initiated a noon hour colloquium series that features biweekly interactive presentations by members of the faculty. The purpose of the colloquium series is to promote dialogue and discussion among faculty, staff, and students as well as other members of the UBC community, about issues that are relevant to SCARP's mission.

The bimonthly presentations are organized this year by Professor Yossi Berechman. All sessions are held on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:45 in WMAX 150. Speakers to date have included:

Tony Dorcey, SCARP Director, presented the first talk on September 28th focusing on the topic of Planners For Tomorrow (P4T): How Can Planners Accelerate Ideas into Action for Sustainability? P4T is an opportunity for planning students to make recommendations to the 2006 World Planners' Congress and World Urban Forum in Vancouver.

On October 12ths Tim McDaniels presented his research regarding 'Multiple Scales and Regulatory Gaps in Planning: the case of salmon aquaculture.' "A great many of the issues that

planners will face in coming decades involve multiple scales of impact, assessment, and governance. Yet how to tie these levels together to foster successful planning and governance is barely appreciated and understood. This seminar presents a conceptual framework for understanding relationships among levels of governance in such multi-scale questions, what is needed for effective governance across scales, how gaps in such institutional contexts can occur, and ways to address them. The presentation uses the case of salmon aquaculture in BC as an example.”

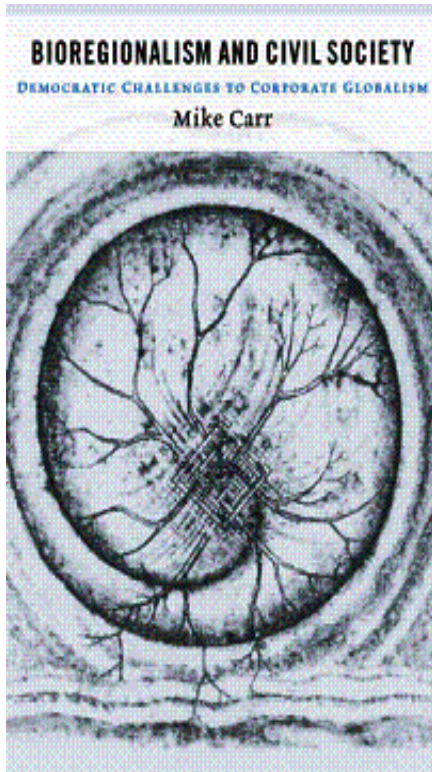
On October 28ths the presentation was lead by Peter Spearritt who is presently visiting from Australia. His topic was “The 200 kilometer city: coastal urbanization in south east Queensland”. South East Queensland is a region of great natural beauty, with magnificent surf beaches and a hinterland of rainforest and long extinct volcanoes. At its centre is the port city of Brisbane on Moreton Bay. To the north and south are the post 1950 holiday constructs of the Sunshine Coast (Caloundra to Noosa) and the Gold Coast (Southport to Coolangatta). These coastal strips have grown so rapidly that planners now face the nightmare of a 200 kilometre linear city, unduly reliant on freeway access. Last year the State Government belatedly produced the first-ever regional plan, giving certainty to developers but no increase in guaranteed greenspace. If the 200 kilometre city is inescapable, what can be done to improve it?

On November 9th Larry Frank spoke about "The transportation, air quality, and health impacts of community design". “Single use, low-density development and disconnected streets have been >associated with air pollution and physical inactivity. These factors and an integrated land use measure (walkability) were examined in one region, King County, Washington. Walkability was positively associated with active transportation, but inversely related with oxides of nitrogen (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and body mass index (BMI). A five percent walkability increase was associated with 32.1 percent more active transport, 0.228 lower BMI, 6.5 percent fewer vehicle miles, 5.6 percent lower NOx, and 5.5 percent lower VOC per capita. Land use may affect multiple health pathways.”

Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements of upcoming speakers as part of the colloquium series for 2005-2006!

On November 23th, “When Strangers Become Neighbours: The Story of Collingwood Neighbourhood House & the Integration of Immigrants in Vancouver”.

Upcoming



November 14 Book Launch

The School of Community and Regional Planning, UBC, and UBC Press request the pleasure of your company at a launch to celebrate the release of

Bioregionalism and Civil Society Democratic Challenges to Corporate Globalism by Mike Carr

Please join us on Monday, November 14th at 5:15 pm

School of Community and Regional Planning, UBC

Room 150 West Mall Annex

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Vancouver BC

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• Do you go shopping when you're unhappy?
• Do you always have a balance on your credit card?
• Do you need extra storage to hold all of your stuff?

YOU MAY BE A SHOPAHOLIC

IT'S NOT A JOKE. Compulsive shopping has been identified by psychologists as one of the most destructive addictions in our culture today. Compulsive shoppers (like gamblers) feel a distinct, if fleeting, high when they give in. This rush keeps them coming back for more and more...which is financially exhausting and psychologically stressful.

- People who use credit cards tend to spend 20-30% more than they would spend if they use cash.
- With only 5% of the world's population, the United States spends 25% of the energy and natural resources.
- It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and the New Year an extra five million tons of waste are generated nationwide.

BUY NOTHING DAY

The Holidays are not about spending money.
SIMPLIFY

Buy Nothing Day! No Purchase Necessary!

Saturday, November 26th 2005 is Buy Nothing Day (UK), the self proclaimed festival of frugal living and culture jammers jamboree. It's a day where you challenge yourself, your family and friends to switch off from shopping and tune into life. Celebrated as a holiday by some, a street party by others - anyone can take part provided they spend a day

without spending!

(Source: <http://www.buynothingday.co.uk/>)

For 24 hours, millions of people around the world do not participate -- in the doomsday economy, the marketing mind-games, and the frantic consumer-binge that's become our culture. We pause. We make a small choice not to shop. We shrink our footprint and gain some calm. Together we say: enough is enough. And we help build this movement to rethink our unsustainable course.

(Source: <http://www.adbusters.org/metas/eco/bnd/>)

SCARP GRADUATES

MASTERS GRADUATES, FALL 2005

Theses

Barb Everdene, MAP

Taking Responsibility for Sustainability: The Sustainability Performance Management System Model Applied to Three Local Governments & One Regional Government in Greater Vancouver
Research Supervisor: Bill Rees

Alaric Fish, MScP

Exploring Contradictions: The Role of the Planner After a Limit to Growth Has Been Reached
Research Supervisor: Tony Dorcey

Evan Haines, MAP

Public Participation in Transportation: Learning from the Vancouver 'CityPlan' Experience
Research Supervisor: Peter Boothroyd

Melissa Johnson, MAP

Voices in Favour: A Study of Public Support for a Third Crossing of the Burrard Inlet
Research Supervisor: Peter Boothroyd

Danyta Welch, MAP

Lessons Learned in Capacity Building: A Review of the Community Development Education Projects of the Social Planning & Research Council of BC
Research Supervisor: Peter Boothroyd

Projects

Chris Atkins, MAP

Designing Places with People: Developing a Process for Participatory Design in the City of New Westminster
Research Supervisor: Michael Larice

Sanjay Coelho, MAP

Municipal Residential Water Metering in the Greater Vancouver Regional District: Innovations and Barriers in the Present and Prospects for the Future
Research Supervisor: Tony Dorcey

Liana Evans, MAP

Preventing Life Cycle Ghettoization of Seniors Living in Congregate Housing
Research Supervisor: Michael Larice

Kira Gerwing, MScP

Examining the Suitability of Adaptive Management as an Approach for Developing a First

Nations Monitoring Program for Salmon Aquaculture in British Columbia
Research Supervisor: Tim McDaniels

Lisa Moffatt, MAP

To a Place Called Home: The Arts Pow Wow and Redesign of Slocan Park: Building
Community Through Urban Design in Vancouver's Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood
Research Supervisor: Leonie Sandercock

Molly O'Neill, MScP

Designing an Ecological Experience: Lessons and Recommendations for the Helmcken/Comox
Greenway
Research Supervisor: Michael Larice

Brian Patterson, MAP

Active Planning: The Relationship Between Physical Activity and Objectively Measured Urban
Form in Southwestern British Columbia
Research Supervisor: Larry Frank

Daphne Powell, MAP

Planning for Special Needs Residential Facilities: Reflections on a Development Application
Research Supervisor: Tony Dorcey

Phd GRADUATES, SPRING 2005

Enokido, Keisuke, PhD

The Planning Implications of the Politics of Cultural Difference: The Case of Okinawa, 1995-
2000

Maged, Senbel

Emphatic Leadership in Sustainability Planning

ORIENTATION REVISITED



Orientation was a whirlwind week of meeting professors, students and being introduced to how life will be organized (or rather planned!) for us planning students in the coming years. Before one could blink an eye, the end of the week had arrived and we were off to Whistler where first and second year could acquaint themselves with each other.



There were two main highlights from our trip to Whistler. The first, infact, is a tie between the terrific and oh-so-‘down with it’ rap song presented by some of the talented second year students who may want to reconsider careers...and the ‘let’s play another’ icebreaker game including Human Bingo. Though closely matched, the second and more educational highlight, provided us the chance to meet two planners currently working for the Resort Municipality of Whistler. Sarah McJannet and Martin Pardoe, gave us a terrific guided walking tour of Whistler and showcased

some of the successful highlights of this uniquely created town, but also some of the pitfalls of ‘creative direction’. Considering Whistler is very close to reaching its full capacity of space, it will be interesting to monitor and see how the planners, residents and council work through this problem. Though, I am certain that ‘everything’s going to be alright’ considering Sarah and Martin are graduates of UBC, SCARP’s planning program and landscape architecture respectively.

...Yes, SCARP can prepare us for jobs like this...



Planning Students Association (PSA)

Every second Wednesday the PSA meets in Room 150 at WMAX during the noon lunch break.



Why not join us next time?

(photo of Jen Niece, Elise Finnigan and Justice Starke, PSA members) both photos provided by Kristi Tatebe

The PSA is the elected student council and the interested student body within the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) at the University of British Columbia. PSA representatives are elected for a one year term.



(photo of Marnie Watson, PSA member) photo provided by Kristi Tatebe

PSA representatives are responsible for 6 items:

- Representing students in SCARP decision-making processes including the selection of new faculty and renovations to SCARP buildings,
 - Representing SCARP students in UBC's Alma Mater Society & Graduate Student Society,
 - Representing SCARP students in professional planning organizations,
- Organizing student social events,
- Initiating & supporting student projects,
- ... and many more activities and responsibilities.

If you are still unsure about what these meetings actually entail, you can click on this weblink and it will take you to the postings of all PSA meeting minutes...I know you've been wanting to check these out. <http://www.ams.ubc.ca/clubs/psa/minutes.html>

If you still have more questions and want more people to convince, cajole or persuade you to join the PSA, feel free to ask any of the current elected representatives listed below. They would be happy to provide further details.

PSA Executive:

Director	Bev Suderman
General Board Members	Justine Starke Rebekah Mahaffey Dan Freeman / Andre Vallillee
Treasurer	Meseret Taye
Administrator	Mark Riesmeyer

Bev Suderman, Director of the PSA for 2005, will share some thoughts regarding PSA including challenges and successes:

“The PSA is an extremely successful, well-run, well-supported student organization. Our focus is on meeting student needs, which fall into diverse categories: social, representational (to SCARP, GSS, AMS, PIBC, CIP, CAPS, APA, PlanTalk), facilities-related, educational, political, etc. All of this requires coordination and accountability, which is where the Director, Treasurer, Administrator, and general Board members come in, because we (basically) look after the needs of the organization.

Recent successes include excellent orientation activities (including the Whistler trip as part of orientation), the adoption of a participatory budgeting process for the PSA, and the acquisition of lockers for the first year student office. Our transportation coordinator was instrumental in mobilizing the energies of SCARPIes in support of the campus-wide referendum on the continuance of the U-Pass program. Planning students, under the auspices of the PSA and SCARP, won the bid for the 2006 Canadian Association of Planning Students conference, which we affectionately know as P4T (Planners for Tomorrow).

Challenges are always there. We compete for the attention of the students when they are drowning in school work ... so attendance at meetings is not always as good as one would hope. We struggle with lack of resources ... and the ethical issues involved with collecting delinquent membership fees. We struggle with constant turnover in membership, because students are on campus for such a short time. And we struggle with the limits of our mandate, given the multiplicity of issues out there that need to be addressed.”

MY SUMMER VACATION

At SCARP’s orientation I discovered some of my colleagues had unique summer travels, work and study experiences. Below you will read about Dara Parker’s summer experience in Lesotho, Africa conducting research and Lil Ronalds’ experience furthering her studies with SCARP classes that took her into the field.

Dara Parker



“This past summer I spent two months in Lesotho (Southern Africa) working with a youth volunteer program called the Olympafrica Youth Ambassador Programme (OYAP). Lesotho is a country plagued by poverty as well as having the third highest HIV infection rate per capita in the world. OYAP is designed to build leadership among youth while using sport as a tool for development in order to tackle the issues facing young people in the country.

OYAP has two main functions: Firstly, to train youth to organize sport activities for other youth and secondly, to use those activities as a platform for peer education on relevant social issues. Currently the program hosts over 150 ambassadors who have completed an intense training course tackling relevant social issues such as: HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual and reproductive health and family issues. OYAP projects are intended to be a platform to create a non-threatening inclusive environment for information dissemination on socially relevant issues.

Celebrating their two year anniversary this past summer, I returned to Lesotho to conduct a Social Impact Assessment using Participatory Action Research. The research is ongoing but the initial results indicate the makings of a successful youth-driven community development program.”

Lil Ronalds

” In order to maximize the potential of earning course credits in the summer, learning about landscape design and taking a mini vacation, four SCARP students (Bev Suderman, Lil Ronalds, Lisa Brideau, and Natasha Schorb) spent nine days with Architecture and Landscape Architecture students at UBC's Oyster River farm. In this field course, Professor William Marsh teaches the ‘ins and outs’ of landscape interpretation and design focusing on the high-energy environments that characterize this Vancouver Island oasis. Although it is an intensive week with guest speakers, daily field trips, lectures, and design projects, time is still available for exploring beaches, sketching or simply enjoying the tail end of summer before classes start in September.”



Picture 1: Lil and Professor Marsh enjoying the freshest of fruit summer has to offer.



Picture 2: Natasha and Lil learning to put "the pen to the paper" on their first day of sketching in Paradise Meadows



Picture 3: Lil, Natasha, Bev and other students get "lost" on their way to one of the field sites...meaning: enjoying some rays instead.

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