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SCARP 2005-2006 Students, Faculty and Staff.
On location at the University of British Columbia, taken April 2006

Back Row:

Erica, Karen Zeller, Etsuko, Stephanie Chang, Mark Reismeyer, top of somebody's head, Brendan Hurley, Andy Baird, Meidad, Michael Larice, Tony Dorcey, Ko Takeuchi, Janice Barry, Bev Suderman, Peter Boothroyd, Jason Smart

Second from Back Row:

Luke Sales, Stephen Bently, Eric Grant, Pete Giles, Marilyn Chang, Andre Vallillee, Plu Dorcey, Samara Brock, Sam Beresky, Elana Cossever, Penny Gurstein, Cornelia Sussman, James O'Neill

Third from Back Row:

Megan Hall, Ugo Lachappelle, Maria Stanborough, Keith Baric, Bill Rees, Yvonne Hii, Marnie Watson, Sheng, Silvia Vilches , Dan Gerson

Third from Front:

Tim McDaniels, Rhoda Thow, Nora Angeles, Sarah Wilmot, Cathy Passion, Natasha Schorb, Jenn Fix, Jeca Glor-Bell

Second From Front (small row kind of hidden)

Colleen Brown, Diana Leung, Leonie Sandercock, Arti...a gap in people in this row... Michelle Babiuk (hidden behind Dara), Jen Niece, Patti Toporowski, Chris Hawkins, Ben Campbell, Claire Wilkinson, Kate Sunderland

Front Row:

Kristi Tatebe, Elise Finnigan, Alex Brzozowski, Lil Ronalds, Dara Parker, Rebecca Mahaffey, Lisa Brideau, Terra Kaethler, Ren Thomas, Allison Jones, Meseret Taye, Karen Wong

Final papers and final preparations for thesis' and major projects... It is that time of year when students are busy completing school work, organizing summer internships or travels, and generally re-emerging from our respective study 'dungeons' in time for Vancouver's beautiful spring weather.

Since the last issue of Newsbytes, there are many changes to the School of Community and Regional Planning's (SCARP) Faculty to be announced. As of July 1, 2006, Professor Tony Dorsey will complete his two-term, seven year Directorship of the School and will be taking a one-year sabbatical beginning in the New Year. Mr. Peter Boothroyd will be retiring from SCARP at the end of June 2006. Dr. Michael Larice has accepted a position at Pennsylvania University and will be leaving his position as Urban Design professor this summer. At this time, SCARP is undergoing an internal search for a new Director and the school will be excitedly announcing this appointment in the coming weeks.

For students, this past year has been busy with exciting projects and research opportunities. SCARP witnessed more than 25 students defending their professional projects or thesis'. Additionally, SCARP students are showcasing their incredible talent as evidenced through the thousands of dollars of scholarship support received this year. SCARP students endeavor to provide a balanced approach of the necessary theoretical underpinnings of urban planning combined with the practical hands-on learning by way of internships, research opportunities and studies abroad.

This issue of Newsbytes details the Faculty changes at SCARP, provides examples of some student plans for the summer and highlights the great anticipation towards the World Urban Forum that will be held in Vancouver this June.

Enjoy this read!

Feel free to email me directly at katesun@interchange.ubc.ca should you have any questions.

Kate

STUDENTS

What to do for the summer? Some students are continuing their studies at SCARP or at other Universities (as part of the Western Dean's Agreement). Other students are earning a wage this

summer with internships, while others are traveling and taking time off from their rigorous eight months of studies. Below highlights a number of SCARP students who are between their first and second year of studies. Their varied plans for the summer months showcase the flexibility of SCARP's program and the great student-lead initiatives for summer studies and/or internship opportunities.

Ben Campbell will be exploring the northern landscape of Canada this summer. He will be working for the Government of Yukon in the Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources and with the Champagne Aishihik First Nations. "They have developed a Strategic Forest Management Plan for the Champagne Aishihik Traditional Territory (CATT) and are just now compiling a number of socio-economic indicators to determine whether the Plan is meeting its goals and objectives. My job is to develop a questionnaire to be administered to members residing in the CATT in order to incorporate local observations in the area. This project is part of a broader goal of incorporating local knowledge into resource management within the CATT. I will be working until the end of August and I hope it will eventually result in a topic for my professional project. I will be developing the questionnaire in Whitehorse and administering it as a pilot test within the towns of the CATT."

Kristi Thomas, Sarah Wilmot, André Valilee, Eric Grant and Simon Grandy are packing their sandals and shorts to participate with the interdisciplinary planning/architecture/landscape architecture course in Cuba taught by SCARP's adjunct professor Paul Rosenau. "The aim of this studies abroad program is to present an opportunity for students to explore a foreign society and culture firsthand in an academic setting and to apply their "cognitive" planning skills within a foreign context".

FACULTY and STAFF

FACULTY:

Tony Dorcey, SCARP's Director since 1998, has decided to step down from the helm of the ship, er, school, to enjoy taking a well deserved break come July 1, 2006. At SCARP's annual potluck luncheon on Wednesday, April 4th, Tony was honoured by both faculty and students for his tremendous hard work, wise leadership and dedication to the school in his capacity as Director. Tony leaves behind big shoes to fill as he has officially been labeled "Simply The Best" (taken from the Tina Turner song). Dr. Leonie Sandercock provided this musical accompaniment to her tribute to Tony at the luncheon. Below are the words Leonie used to describe Tony's excellence in his role as SCARP director:

ODE TO TONY:

S is for the Seven years of dedication to the School
I is for the Inspiration you've provided to us all.
M is for the Mindfulness in everything you do
P is for the Partner, that great woman, Plu.

L is for the Love that you've given without fail
Y is for the yacht that you never get to sail.

T is the Temperament that nobody can rattle
H is the Humanity you bring to every battle.
E is the Energy to rise before dawn ...and get thru the day with no sign of a yawn.

B is for Building a School with a Mission,
E is for Enabling us to follow our own Passion.
S is for Sustaining the Idealism and Vision,
T is for Teaching by Doing, and with Compassion.

TONY YOU'RE ...SIMPLY THE BEST

For the last few months SCARP has been undergoing an internal search of faculty members to determine the next appointee for SCARP's Directorship. A final decision will be made before June 1, 2006.

Appointment:

UBC has offered funding to appoint Margo Fryer, the Learning Exchange Director, to a joint appointment at SCARP. Before developing the Learning Exchange, Dr. Fryer worked in health-related consulting research. Her teaching at SCARP will be focused on equipping students to work with agencies similar to the Learning Exchange in and around Vancouver. Although this specific direction has not previously been envisioned for SCARP, this appointment is consistent with the School's goals of increasing engagement with the community.

Retirement:

UBC has a policy of mandatory retirement at age 65. Professor Peter Boothroyd will be retiring from SCARP this summer, however he will continue to work closely with SCARP in the coming years. Peter has confirmed the generous Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funding was received and therefore his attention on the Brazil project is kicking into high gear. The purpose of the project is to help set up public consortia for municipal governance to look at improvements in informal settlements in five major metropolitan areas in Brazil.

STAFF

SCARP is pleased to welcome Katie Brown as the new PhD secretary commencing April 10th, 2006. All students and faculty are encouraged to say hello and introduce themselves. Please contact Katie for all room bookings or reservations of the audio-visual equipment. You can contact Katie by emailing her at phdscarp@interchange.ubc.ca

SCARP would also like to thank Matthew Murray who has been working temporarily as the PhD secretary in the SCARP office until April 2006. SCARP wishes Matthew much success in his future endeavors.

EVENTS

It's almost here... Everyone at SCARP is getting excited for the month of June when a variety of conferences will be held. Leading up to the World Urban Forum (June 19 - 23) there are a number of free and paid lectures offered by SFU's The City Program, The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and The Vancouver Art Gallery. Check out the information below and remember to mark your calendars!

The GVRD's Living the Global City: Citizenship, Culture and Well-being Ideas into Action, UBC and 2006 WUF Living the Global City Lecture Series.

Below are listed the lectures for April.

Check out [this website](#) for lectures in May and June.

Innovations In Smart Growth Housing – Vancouver BC

May 4, 2006

7:00pm – 8:30pm

SFU Segal Building, 500 Granville St

Vancouver, British Columbia

This lecture discusses how to successfully integrate the characteristics of smart growth housing such as walkability, energy efficiency, affordability, and proximity to jobs and shopping. New technologies and innovations available for planners, developers, decision-makers, and policy-makers will be highlighted. This lecture precedes Smart Growth BC's annual forum on May 5th. Co-sponsored by Smart Growth BC.

To reserve: cs_hc@sfu.ca or call 604.291.5100

The Planning Game: Engaging Communities In Urban Design – Vancouver BC

June 1, 2006

7:00pm – 8:30pm

SFU Harbour Centre, 515 W. Hastings St

Vancouver, British Columbia

Karen Alschuler, FAICP, Principal and Director of Planning and Urban Design, SMWM in San Francisco is the inventor of the "planning game", an effective and interactive approach to substantive community involvement in urban design and planning. Karen will discuss the planning game in the context of projects in Mission Bay and Treasure Island in San Francisco, and Boston's Central Artery.

Co-sponsored by VIA Architecture Inc.

To reserve: cs_hc@sfu.ca or call 604.291.5100

Also, check out The Vancouver Art Gallery's World Urban Cafes: Bringing Ideas Into Action. These cafes are listed on the [gallery's website](#).

APPLAUSE!

SCARP School:

For the 2005 - 2006 year, SCARP was recently awarded the prestigious Peter Larkin Award. "This award is granted to a graduate program or department that has contributed to student development in honour of his commitment and passion for teaching and graduate education" (UBC website). This honour is a true testament to SCARP's mission that values an integrated and participatory approach to planning while maintaining strong partnerships within community circles.

Led by Jason Smart, SCARP's Planning Student's Association (PSA) organized a student committee. This committee helped coordinate, write and assemble this successful application. There are several SCARPIes who helped make the nomination successful and deserve a round of applause. Kristi Tatebe, Sarah Wilmot and Adam Hunt were instrumental in writing the nomination statement. Dr. Leonie Sandercock and Diana Leung helped supply a copy of the Collingwood Neighbourhood House video for the package. The nomination included crucial letters of support from a variety of people such as Dr. Sandercock, Vancouver City Planning Commission Manager Robert Buller, Margo Fryer and past Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) President Harry Harker. SCARP alumni included Catherine Jacobsen, Tanis Knowles, Sean LeRoy, Holly Pearson, Maged Senbel and David Witty. And finally, current SCARP students included Keith Baric, Lisa Brideau and Allison Jones.

As stated by SCARP's PSA Director Jason Smart, "we should thank the students, staff, and Tony and the rest of the faculty as they are the reason SCARP deserves this award!"

Faculty:

Congratulations to John Friedmann who has been selected as the first recipient of the UN-Habitat Lecture Award. As the recipient, Dr. Friedmann will present a lecture to the World Urban Forum scheduled in Vancouver from June 19 to 23, 2006. In the words of Tony Dorcey, Director of SCARP, "...this [is a] most fitting recognition of his [John's] outstanding contributions to urban planning. We are indeed proud to be able to claim you as a 'Scarpie' and deeply grateful for all that you do for us."

Students:

Congratulations to Bev Suderman who was awarded the American Planning Association's Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Division's ENRE Student Fellowship. Bev's project is looking at invasive species management planning and nicely supports one of the Division's purposes that is to "promote the best environmental planning practices in the work of generalist planners and planning sub-disciplines." Congratulations Bev!

Congratulations to all the SCARP students awarded the prestigious Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters Award – Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for the coming year. Well done!