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SCARP Gears Up to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The School of Community and Regional Planning will begin commemoration of its 50th anniversary this Spring through a series of special events and activities. A 12-month celebration period will begin with several events connected to the [CIP conference in Vancouver](#) (May 25 - 29) and conclude with the graduation ceremonies in May 2003, which would link to the 50th Anniversary of the first graduation ceremony (first 3 students graduated from SCARP in 1953).

The 50th anniversary is an opportunity to increase the School's profile both on and off campus while building stronger relations with practitioners and attracting talented applicants to the program. Some of the goals for the anniversary events include:

- Assessment of the School's progress in accelerating the transition to sustainability planning
- Advancement of our thinking on the future of planning education
- Development of ideas for our future research, in particular in relation to sustainability planning for Greater Vancouver and B.C.

While the development of ideas and plans for the 50th anniversary celebration is still in progress, preparation for some of the highlight activities is already underway. One of the opening events will be a one-day workshop on planning education conducted by SCARP Director Tony Dorsey and Professors Leonie Sandercock and John

Friedmann. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 25 as a pre-event for the CIP Conference May 26-29; the results will be presented at the luncheon on the second day of the conference. Other specific activities that are being planned include a lecture series, including on-campus and downtown events, that will bring in notable speakers to address key themes/topics, and a visioning exercise focused on the challenges of planning for 50 years hence in Greater Vancouver and the communities of B.C.

Building Blocks, Building Community: The SCARP Community Quilt Project

SCARP students Marlene Wells, Preet Heer, and Rebecca Koeller have initiated a fun and creative project as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations: the creation of a community quilt that will express the history, ideas and vision of the SCARP community. Students, faculty, staff and alumni will be invited to participate in creating a community quilt. Design and fabrication of the quilt will be done through participatory exercises where many individuals' ideas come together and create one large unique expression.

Marlene, Preet, and Rebecca hosted a "Wine and Cheese Visioning Workshop" in mid-January to determine the theme or message of the quilt. During the next few months they will hold a series of workshops where individuals will have the opportunity to create their own unique piece of fabric that will become part of the larger quilt. Using fabric, markers, paint, and many other things, each person will provide their own interpretation of the larger theme.

The quilt will be completed in time to be placed on display when the School's 50th Anniversary festivities begin in May.



An example of a community quilt - this one was created at Kwantlen University.

If you would like to participate, please plan to join one of the Community Quilt workshops. Following are some proposed dates we would like to hold the workshops:

1. Sunday Feb. 10th 1:00 - 4:00pm
2. Thursday Feb. 14th 4:00- 7:00pm
3. Tuesday Feb. 19th 1:00-4:00 pm
4. Monday March 11th 5:00- 8:00pm
5. Saturday March 16th 1:00-4:00pm
6. Thursday March 28th 4:00-7:00pm

Please e-mail preeth@interchange.ubc.ca to indicate your preferred time and sign up! Workshops will likely be offered 4 out of the 6 time slots, depending on the demand. So please check your calendars and e-mail ASAP.

Plenty of materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own items too. Remember, you don't need to know how to sew to participate!

For now they will be held on campus, but if there is another more central location anyone prefers, please let us know! Also, for those that cannot attend any of the above dates, please e-mail us so that we can get the materials to you (mail or otherwise).

CHS Mourns the Loss of Santo André's Mayor Celso Daniel

The faculty and staff at the [Centre for Human Settlements](#) (CHS) are deeply saddened by the death of Santo André's Mayor Celso Daniel, Co-Director of the CHS project "[Community-Based Watershed Management in Santo André](#)."

Mayor Daniel was kidnapped on Friday, January 18 while returning from dinner with a friend. His body was found on Sunday morning, having been shot several times. The motivation for his murder is not yet clear, although there are strong suspicions that it was politically motivated as he was a key figure in Brazil's Workers' Party.

Daniel's death has had a dramatic effect on Brazilians. Thousands of people filed past the Mayor's coffin and later held peaceful demonstrations calling for an end to violence. Politicians from various parties across Brazil have also called for a national campaign to end violence.

Mayor Daniel will be missed by all of us who worked with him on the "Community-Based Watershed Management" project. His commitment to democracy, social responsibility and sustainability inspired us. We knew him as a leader with vision, integrity, and grace, a mayor increasingly called on to play a national role. His immense potential contribution to Brazil was viciously cut short. His ideals and values will not be forgotten; we will continue to work towards implementing his vision for Santo André.

Colloquium Series - Winter/Spring Schedule

The SCARP-CHS Colloquium Series continues this term, featuring bi-weekly 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 and areas of interest.

The schedule for the Winter/Spring Colloquium Series is:

6 February: Tom Hutton

"From postindustrialism to postmodernity: planning for Vancouver's Central Area, 1972-2001"

13 February: Bill Rees

"On the Inherent Unsustainability of H. Sapiens"

27 February: Tim McDaniels

"Decision-aiding, not dispute resolution: seeking insight as a basis for sustainable choices"

13 March: Penny Gurstein

"Navigating through Competing Plot Lines: Systems of Control and Housing Provision for People on the Fringe in the DTES"

20 March: Peter Boothroyd

"Learning from Vancouver's transportation case about sustainability through democratising planning"

27 March: Michael Leaf

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All sessions are held at 12:15 pm in WMAX 128.



Leonie Sandercock discusses her research on the waterfront revitalisation programme in Melbourne, Australia during the Fall Colloquium Series.

Tim McDaniels Appointed Fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis

Professor Tim McDaniels was recently selected as a Fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis. This is a distinct honor and reflects the major national and international contributions Dr. McDaniels has made to the discipline of risk analysis. The award was presented to him at the Society's Annual Meeting in Seattle in December.

According to their website, the mission of the [Society for Risk Analysis](#) is "to provide an open forum for all those who are interested in risk analysis. Risk analysis is broadly defined to include risk assessment, risk

characterization, risk communication, risk management, and policy relating to risk. Our interests include risks to human health and the environment, both built and natural. We analyze risks of concern to individuals, to public and private sector organizations, and to society at various geographic scales."

The SCARP community congratulates Tim McDaniels on this exciting achievement!

Elizabeth Macdonald Celebrates Publication of New Book

Elizabeth Macdonald, Assistant Professor of Urban Design at SCARP, is the co-author of a forthcoming book:

"The Boulevard Book: History, Evolution, Design of Multiway Boulevards"
by Allan B. Jacobs, Elizabeth Macdonald, and Yodan Rofe
MIT Press/2002

First built in Europe and grandly imported to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century, the classic multiway boulevard has been in decline for many years, victim of a narrowly focused approach to street design that views unencumbered vehicular traffic flow as the highest priority. The American preoccupation with destination and speed has made multiway boulevards increasingly rare as artifacts of the urban landscape. This book reintroduces the boulevard, tree-lined and with separate realms for through traffic and for slow-paced vehicular-pedestrian movement, as an important and often crucial feature of both historic and contemporary cities. It presents more than fifty boulevards, celebrating their usefulness and beauty. It discusses their history and evolution, the misconceptions that led to their near-demise in the United States, and their potential as a modern street type.

Based on wide research, The Boulevard Book examines the safety of these streets and offers design guidelines for professionals, scholars, and community decision makers. Extensive plans, cross sections, and perspective drawings permit visual comparisons. The book shows how multiway boulevards relate to many issues that are central to urban life, including livability, mobility, safety, economic opportunity, mass transit, and open space.

News from the [Planning Students' Association](#)

The new PSA Executive members for 2002 are:

Administrators:

President Tanis Knowles

Vice-President Jason Emmert

Secretary Rebecca Koeller

Treasurer Robin Kelley

Representatives:

Alma Mater Society Tom Lancaster

American Planning Association Holly Pearson

Canadian Association of Planning Students Sarah McJannet

Canadian Institute of Planners Ann Raskin

Centre for Human Settlements (Master's) Leslie Dickout, Alison Macnaughton, Lama Mugabo

Centre for Human Settlements (Ph.D.) Maged Senbel

Graduate Student Society Theo Breedon, Jodi Newnham

Ph.D. Student Representative Janet Moore

Planning Institute of British Columbia Joanna Brownell
West Mall Annex Management Committee Paige Dampier

Coordinators:

Colloquium Series Melissa Johnson, Peter Whitelaw

Craig Davis Room Jason Emmert, Tanis Knowles

International Students Ariadna Fernandez

Professional Development Barb Everdene

Social Committee Theo Breedon, Hugo Blomfield, Rebecca Koeller, Tom Lancaster, Holly Pearson

Sports Jonathan Frantz

Transportation Alaric Fish, Jonathan Frantz

Vermi-composter Paige Dampier, Rebecca Koeller

Web site Anya Knechtel

SCARP Holiday Cheer Party

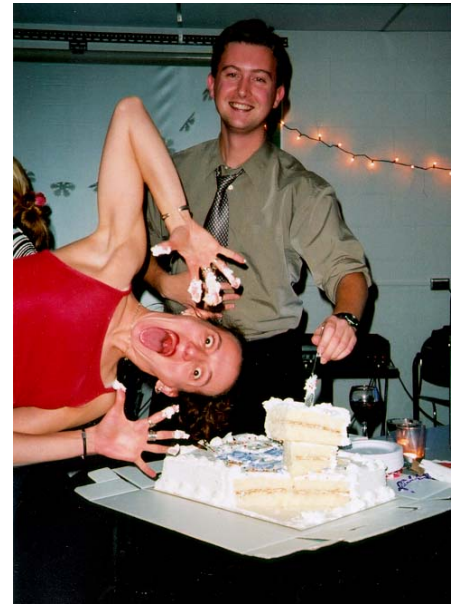
Planning students, along with faculty and friends, celebrated the end of the fall term and the coming of the holiday season at a party in our own West Mall Annex. Festive decorations, good food, and plenty of wine set the stage for a great time, but the real sensation of the evening was the KARAOKE machine! We sang nostalgic 80s hits until the wee hours of the morning, and there were even a couple of serenades of appreciation featuring original lyrics...you could feel the love in the air.



Hugo Blomfield and Tom Lancaster warm up the karaoke floor with their fine rendition of a classic Michael Jackson hit.



Tanis Knowles, our new PSA President, moonlights as a rock star.



Building "LeCorbusier-esque" towers out of sheet cake brings out the worse side of Holly Pearson, but Sean LeRoy keeps his cool.



Second-year students sing a serenade of appreciation to SCARP Director and Professor Tony Dorcey.



Briony Mitchell, an exchange student from Australia, bids her friends at SCARP farewell by singing "Down Under."

SCARP Students Present their work at the CAPS Conference

As this newsletter goes live on the web, four students from SCARP are attending the [annual conference of the Canadian Association of Planning Students](#). The conference runs from January 29-February 1 in Montreal.

Sean LeRoy is presenting his research on planning for marine protected areas, focusing on the Race Rocks area of British Columbia. Harmony Folz is presenting her research on social norms and behaviour change, and their relationship to sustainable community development. Nadine Gudz and Jill Lewis are leading a workshop in which participants will play the life-size board game called "Sustain!" that Nadine and Jill developed to draw out youth involvement in community planning processes. Thanks to Jill, Nadine, Sean, and Harmony for representing SCARP so well!

SCARP Students and Faculty Trade Views with Neighbors from the University of Washington Department of Urban Planning

Last fall students and faculty from UBC and UW participated in the annual [Seattle-Vancouver exchange course](#). The University of Washington group visited Vancouver the last weekend in October, and along with SCARP students and faculty Penny Gurstein and Elizabeth Macdonald, toured the region with stops at many sites where significant and interesting planning projects are taking place.

- A mixed-use building complex under construction at Surrey Central, where an office-retail-school complex is being added to an existing shopping mall
- Metrotown in Burnaby, where a planner from the city gave a tour of the site, pointing out residential and retail uses, and attempts to add a more urban feel to the typical shopping mall formula
- Bing Thom Architects, where the group learned more about the Surrey Central complex
- North False Creek, where Michael Gordon, a City of Vancouver Senior Planner, pointed out mixed use developments, street level entry to multi-family housing, and efforts to make the streets more pedestrian friendly

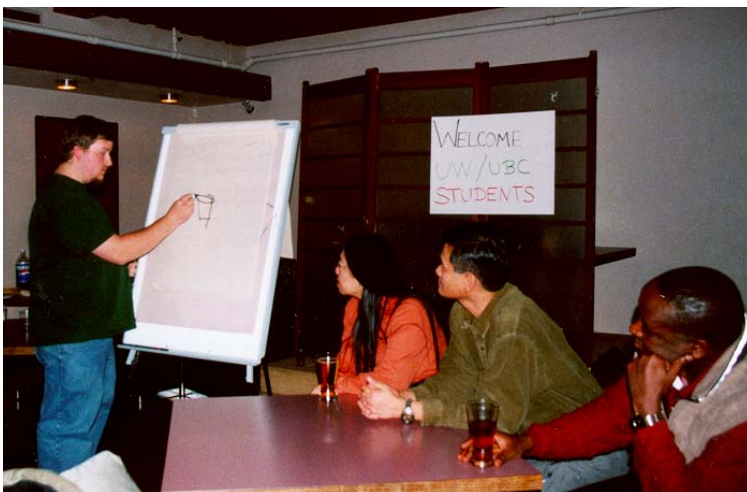
- The group then participated in a design charrette focused on a section of Pacific Boulevard and how it can be developed, with a goal of bringing life to the street and making it less of an car-focused environment

Unfortunately Vancouver didn't put on its best display of weather for the weekend, and the group spent lots of time walking in the rain (the good news is that the Seattleites were probably used to it). Nonetheless, the outings were interesting and informative, as SCARP student Tanis Knowles noted: "It was a great opportunity to see some of the region and hear about different approaches to developing people-friendly places. Most of the students from UW were architecture students taking an urban design studio, so it was interesting seeing how they approach design and land use planning."

The following weekend the UBC group traveled to Seattle and joined the UW group for a tour of several sites:

- A typical shopping mall with sprawling parking lots that is being studied to determine how it can be better integrated into the community
- A visit to City of Seattle Design office, the municipal department that is dedicated to shaping the civic character of Seattle's built and natural environment, by developing and maintaining an urban design vision for the city
- A tour by the architects of the Millennium Tower, an office tower with residential units on the top floors. The group toured some massive, high priced condominium spaces that were not unlike the fictional home of the very urbane Fraser Crane.
- A visit to a great mixed use development called The Harbor Steps, near Pike Place Market
- Finally, a design charrette on the Northgate Mall, addressing possible ways to make the mall less of a bleak monolith in the community and to make the surrounding streets more pedestrian friendly

Tanis Knowles said of the trip to Seattle, " It was a great chance for those of us new to design to put our newly developed skills to practice again. This charrette topic was less formal, so it was interesting to see how each group approached the problem in different ways. One group looked at a particular intersection, another a whole street, and another developed a master plan for the area." All in all, the UBC students had a great time and were very appreciative of the work that the faculty put into organizing the exchange.



Students from SCARP and the UW Urban Design and Planning Department play "Planning Charades" at a potluck dinner during the Vancouver portion of the exchange, hosted by SCARP students

Students Initiate Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration Project at West Mall Annex

Led by 2nd year SCARP student Lilian Chau, a group of planning students is working on creating a rainwater harvesting system at the West Mall Annex building. Lilian says, "Rainwater Harvesting is a safe and clean alternative water source that conserves water, minimize wastage, reduce stormwater overloads and is invaluable during emergency situations."

As part of her research for a term project in the "Ecological Context of Planning" course last fall, Lilian conducted a feasibility study among SCARP students to determine the level of interest in developing a rainwater harvesting system and what types of uses they would favor for the collected water. From the survey she found that 98% of the respondents were in favor of trying out a rainwater harvesting system at West Mall Annex, and 76% were interested in being involved in some sort of rainwater harvesting activity.

Last November Lilian submitted a proposal for the rainwater harvesting project to the [AMS Innovative Projects Fund](#), a pool of money administered by the Alma Mater Society that supports a variety of activities or projects that contribute to the enrichment and progressive development of the campus community.

Lilian has formed a Rainwater Harvesting Committee to work on putting the idea into action. The committee is planning to present their plans for the project at UBC's [Sustainability Conference](#) in February. Brenda Sawada, Coordinator of the [UBC SEEDS](#) program at the [Campus Sustainability Office](#), is interested in providing funding and other resources to get the project off the ground. UBC SEEDS is a program through which students, staff, and faculty can carry out internships or applied research opportunities relating to sustainability initiatives on campus. Ms. Sawada would eventually like to see the rainwater harvesting idea implemented not just for SCARP but also for other areas of campus.

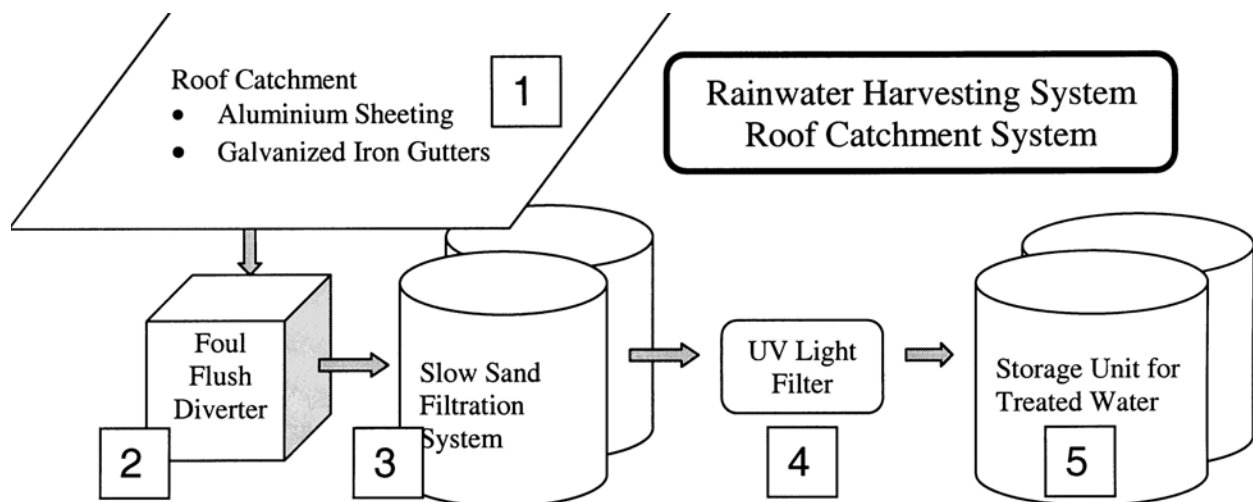


Diagram by Lilian Chau

BC ESAC Conference to be held at UBC this Spring

The Environmental Studies Association of Canada announces the first BC ESAC conference:

Ecological Theory, Politics, and Action
March 15-17, 2002
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC

The Environmental Studies Association of Canada is sponsoring a BC regional conference with the aim of bringing together environmental scholars and activists in the province to share perspectives on 1) the BC situation and 2) ecological theory, politics, and action more generally. The School of Community and Regional Planning is a co-sponsor for the BC ESAC conference. SCARP Professor Dr. William Rees will deliver a keynote address.

The conference will focus on topics such as:

- evaluating the environmental legacy of the NDP
- coming to grips with the Liberal regime: how environmental scholars and activists should respond to issues such as the grizzly hunt, salmon farming, and off-shore oil exploration
- analyzing conceptual and political strategies for achieving ecologically sustainable, socially just, and politically democratic communities

The conference's general outline is as follows: Friday evening, opening plenary with keynote by William Rees; Saturday morning, plenary with keynote by Patricia Marchak and roundtable on the legacy of the NDP and the current political situation in BC; afternoon, paper sessions; evening, dinner and social event; Sunday morning and early afternoon, paper sessions; rest of afternoon, closing plenary with keynote by Michael M'Gonigle and roundtable on developing solutions.

More information, including registration material, will be available soon at <http://www.yorku.ca/esac>. To have registration material emailed to you, please contact any member of the organizing committee:

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Canadian Institute of Planners Annual Conference comes to Vancouver

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and its affiliate, the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC), present:

2002 CIP Conference: Making Waves
May 26-29
Vancouver Metrotown Hilton
Burnaby, B.C.

The conference will feature speakers from across Canada, from the United States and from abroad.

The conference is organized around five themes:

- Nature in the City
- Land Use & Transportation
- New Media and Economic Transitions
- City Soul
- Community Sustainability



For more information visit the [CIP website](http://www.cip-icu.ca/English/conference/htm).

Logo source:
<http://www.cip-icu.ca/English/conference/htm>

New Offices for John Friedmann, Doug Aberley

Dr. John Friedmann, Honorary Professor in the School of Community and Regional Planning, has a new office: **#239 West Mall Annex**. His phone number remains the same: 604.822.0107

A new office has also been set up for Doug Aberley (and other SCARP Adjunct Faculty): **#235 West Mall Annex**.

Alumni, Stay Connected!

Calling all SCARP alumni! We encourage you to stay in touch, keep us updated on your current address, and send us your stories about what you're doing out there in the world! Email hollyrp@interchange.ubc.ca

Calendar of Events

"Putting a Judicial Shine on the Tool Kit: Exploring interpretation of powers within zoning designation and development permits"

Planning Institute of BC/ Municipal Law Subsection Joint Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

Crowne Plaza Hotel Georgia

801 West Georgia Street, Vancouver

Dinner at 6:00, meeting begins at 6:45

**Student members of the Planning Institute of BC are welcome to attend the 6:45pm meeting at no cost
RSVP Required: Call Marleen Gamracy, (604) 591-4247

"Developing Sustainable Communities: A Model of Behaviour Change"

Thursday, February 7, 12:30 pm
Room 424 - 2206 East Mall, Library Processing Centre, UBC
Dr. Jim Frankish, Associate Director, Institute of Health Promotion Research
Aviva Savelson & Harmony Folz, Sustainable Development Research Institute

"Under Pressure: Strategies for Protecting and Diversifying Urban Green Space"

Thursday, February 7, 7:00-8:30 pm
SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street
Presented by the City Program at Simon Fraser University
Free-Reservations required. Call 604.291.5100 or e-mail city@sfu.ca

UBC Sustainability Conference

Saturday, February 9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Student Union Building, UBC
Presented by the UBC Student Environment Center
Info and Registration: <http://www.sustain.ubc.ca/conference/main.html>

"Clearing the Way for a Healthy City"

Wednesday, March 6, 7-8:30 pm
SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street
Presented by the City Program at Simon Fraser University
Free-Reservations required. Call 604.291.5100 or e-mail city@sfu.ca

"Moving Beyond Planning: Implementing Transportation Solutions"

March 6-8, 2002
Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre Campus
515 West Hastings Street
Presented by Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (B.E.S.T.)
Info and Registration: <http://www.best.bc.ca/conference>

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