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SURP students at the Chalet du Mont-Royal during a field trip to Montreal.

Photo courtesy of John Caldwell.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dr. David Gordon

One of the joys of teaching at SURP is watching our students develop into outstanding professional planners. We start by admitting highly-qualified students from across Canada and other countries. Then we add a rigorous and transformative learning experience during our two-year MPL program before they enter the job

market. Over 93% of our graduates have obtained professional positions over the past seven years, despite the effect of the Great Recession.

But SURP alumni don't just join the planning profession – they excel. Last year, we reported on our students' remarkable record with the Canadian Institute of Planners' graduate awards, winning 6 of 18 available in the previous three years. This streak continued with **Dilys Huang** (MPL'15) receiving the 2015 Humphrey Carver national scholarship and **David Fitzpatrick** (MPL '08) winning the CIP Presidents' Award for Young Planners. He joins **Andrew Sacret** (MPL '05) as two of only five winners of this award since it was established to honour "outstanding professional success and achievement of a young Canadian planner". That is good performance for a school with only 3% of the enrollment in Canadian planning programs.

Clearly, the School attracts some brilliant students, and we faculty hope that our curriculum contributes to their success. Once again, our students prepared extraordinary real-world projects in India, Ottawa and Kingston; found internships across Canada and in China and travelled the world for international experiences that are highlighted below.

As SURP Director, it is also a joy to watch our young faculty grow into fine teachers and prominent researchers. Ajay Agarwal and Leela Viswanathan passed important milestones with their promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. But it is also wonderful for the School that out emeritus scholars – Gerald Hodge, Hok-Lin Leung, Mohammad Qadeer and Andrejs Skaburskis, continue to contribute to our intellectual life by publishing books, editing journals and teaching. This

year's research highlight was probably that Hok-Lin's new book, *The Cultural DNA of Western Civilization*, ended 2014 near the top of China's non-fiction best-seller list. And I'm beginning to feel like a bit of a slacker among our core faculty, with John Meligrana's big China research project and highly-competitive national SSHRC grants held by Professors Agarwal, Collins, Skaburskis, Viswanathan and Whitelaw.

The School is further enriched by our adjunct faculty – senior professionals who take time out of their busy schedules to teach in the MPL program and by senior staff from the City of Ottawa, National Capital Commission and the KFLA Health Unit who coached our capstone project courses. Our MPL program would not be possible without their contributions.

SURP is also proud to reach out across Canada as hosts of the National Executive Forum on Public Property and the Queen's Real Estate Roundtable, which had record participation under the leadership of Gordon McIvor, Jan Devonshire and John Andrew. We continue to reach out internationally through our China Projects office and Ambassadors' Forum, led by John Meligrana, Hok-Lin and Xu Li.

John Meligrana deserves our special thanks for stepping in as SURP's Acting Director while I was recharging my batteries in Australia for a term. He kept SURP on course during our School's integration into the new Department of Geography and Planning on July 1. We will remain as the School of Urban and Regional Planning within the new administrative unit, and our students, alumni and external partners should experience virtually no change during this transition in our administrative arrangements. SURP will continue to offer our professionally-accredited MPL program in our custom-built quarters in Sutherland Hall, which will be packed to the rafters by another record year of MPL admissions. I was re-appointed as SURP Director to provide leadership continuity for the next three years.

Although our new administrative structure should have little external effect, SURP's veteran and loyal staff continue to offer outstanding service during a transitional period that is changing their jobs. I can't thank Angela Balesdent (15 years at SURP) and Jo-Anne Tinlin (31 years) enough. They are showing us another type of professional excellence.

BEST OF LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 2015!



LEFT TO RIGHT

1st Row: Natasha MacDonald, Prof. John Andrew, Andrew Misiak, Daren Zuk, Robert McIntosh, Pegah Tootoonchian

2nd Row: Alia Tulloch, Elizabeth Bang, Jenna Thibault, Shazeen Tejani, Kate Finkler-Kemeny, Victoria Coates, Vincent Louie

3rd Row: Prof. Ajay Agarwal, Jessica Jiang, Athena von Hausen, Miranda Spessot

4th Row: Prof. David Gordon, Samantha Romlewski, Diane Tan, Himanshu Katyal, Thomas Douglas, Randi Newton, Dhilan Gunasekara

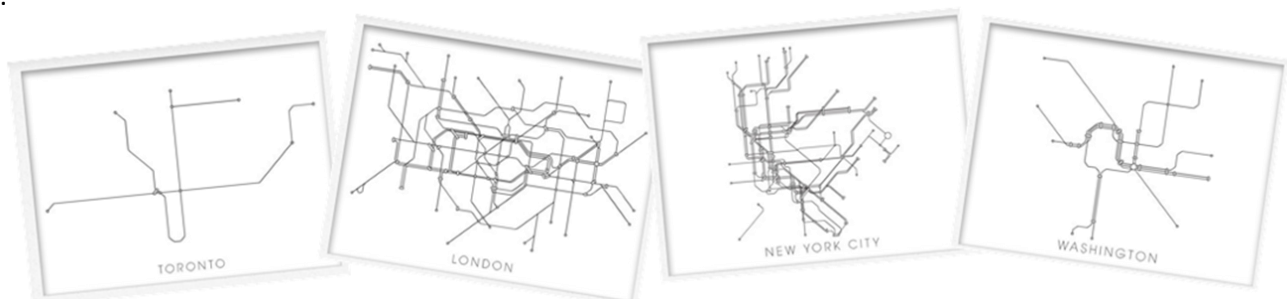
5th Row: Jo-Anne Tinlin, Prof. Leela Viswanathan, Prof. Patricia Collins, Dilys Huang, Daniel Downey, Ibrahim Dia, Mazen Shuhaibar, Molly Smith

6th Row: Angie Balesdent, Thomas Fehr, Anthony Fotino, Holli Poholka, David Ringuette, Jesse Dostie-Provost

Not pictured: Cian O'Neill Kizoff, Jordan Suffel, Corinna Thomassen-Darby

LEGACY GIFT 2014-2015

As a gesture of gratitude and well wishes, the Queen's Graduate Association of Planning Students (QGAPS) funded a "SURP Legacy Gift" from the first-year students to the second-year students. This year's Legacy Gift is a set of framed prints of subway maps from different cities. The graduates will be missed and are wished the best as they pursue their goals.



STUDENT AWARDS AND HONOURS

In 2014/2015, two students (**Amy Shanks** and **Miranda Spessot**) won **Ontario Graduate Scholarships** and two students (**Victoria Coates** and **Dilys Huang**) received **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Awards**.

Joanna Salsberg was the recipient of the **2014 Stanley Lash Award**, which is given to the student who has written the best term paper in a SURP course in the preceding calendar year.

Andrew Misiak, **Jenna Thibault**, and **Athena von Hausen** received the **2014 Society of Industrial and Office Realtors Canada Central Chapter Scholarships**.

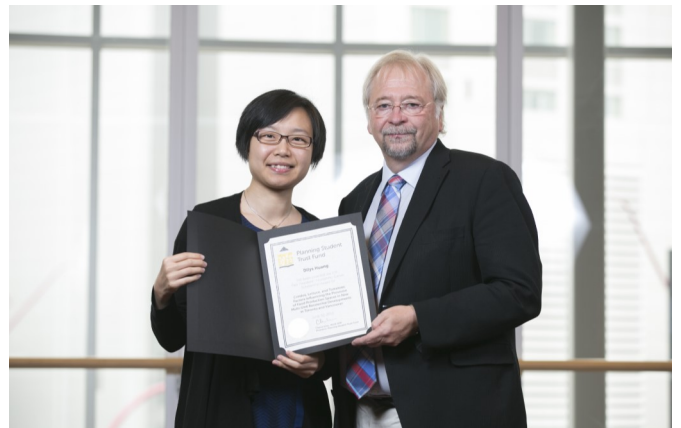


2014 Society of Industrial and Office Realtors Scholarship recipients: Athena von Hausen, Andrew Misiak, and Jenna Thibault. *Photo courtesy of John Andrew.*

Michael Rac ('14) received the **2014 CIP Award for Academic Excellence**, which is awarded to the CIP student member with the highest academic standing in our program. Michael also won the **Ida Mmari Memorial Award**, which is given to the graduating student who completes the program in two years and has the highest grade point average.

Elizabeth Bang and **Kate Finkler-Kemeny** won the **2015 Toronto Commercial Real Estate Women Scholarships**, which are awarded to deserving female students enrolled in a degree program specializing in real estate.

Dilys Huang was the recipient of the **2015 CIP Past President – Humphrey Carver Scholarship** for her report “Condos, Lettuce, and Tomatoes: Factors Influencing the Provision of Food Production Spaces in New Multi-Unit Residential Developments in Toronto and Vancouver.”



2015 CIP Past President – Humphrey Carver Scholarship recipient: Dilys Huang. *Photo courtesy of CIP.*

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & CHINA PROJECTS

International Project Course

In 2014, Dr. Ajay Agarwal offered an international project course in Pune, India. Pune is located in western India, about 2.5 hours drive from Mumbai. The client for the course was Janwani, a local NGO. The project was accomplished in collaboration with BVDU College of Architecture in Pune, India. Nine SURP students and Dr. Agarwal travelled to Pune for two weeks



The SURP international project course team with its client in Pune, India. *Photo courtesy of Miranda Spessot.*

in December 2014 to work on the project. Prior to departure, the students did substantial background research on heritage conservation and promotion projects, studying international best practices and conducting case studies. Students had several Skype meetings with the client. The class was very successful, with more than 100 Pune residents attending the final presentation in Pune. Both the client and the students have given very positive feedback to SURP.

Training for Officials from China's Ministry of Land and Resources

During the summer of 2014, SURP organized a three-week intensive training program in mining use management for 25 government officials from China's Ministry of Land and Resources. The training included 20 presentations from experts from Queen's University, the Government of Ontario, the Federal Government, and the private sector, and five field trips.

Chinese Government Officials Internship Program



The Queen's-China Ministry of Land and Resources delegation outside Robert Sutherland Hall. Photo courtesy of Xu Li.

The Queen's-China Ministry of Land and Resources (MLR) internship program was established 20 years ago under a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the Ministry. The purpose is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of land and mineral resources administration and management in China by sharing relevant Canadian experiences with Chinese professionals/officials. Every year, six to eight interns are placed in Canada for five months, in government agencies, private firms and non-governmental organizations to observe and study Canadian practices as well as participate in, and contribute to Canadian projects. Government sponsors over the years have included Natural Resources Canada, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Municipality of Kingston, and Municipality of Hastings. Building on past successes, MLR started the process of a new MOU with expanded activities and financial support. The most exciting development was research collaboration between Queen's and MLR.

The 2014 China Ministry of Land and Resources Interns were placed in the following locations:

- School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University
- Ministry of Natural Resources in the London and Peterborough Offices
- Planning and Development Department, Hastings County, Belleville
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the Kingston Office

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/internship-program-connects-canada-and-china>

China Visiting Scholars to SURP

There was a steady stream of scholars from China visiting SURP in 2014. The visiting scholars' stay at SURP ranged from 3 to 12 months. They added a great deal to SURP's intellectual diversity and enriched the program for our faculty and students.

Student Summer Internships in Beijing

Congratulations to **Michael Shmulevitch** and **Dominik Matusik** who went to China during the Spring/Summer 2015 as part of an Internship program sponsored by China's Ministry of Land and Resources. Dominik interned with the China Academy of Land and Resources Economics, while Michael interned with the China Land and Surveying and Planning Institute in Beijing.

International Experience Awards

Fourteen years ago, the International Experience Awards (IEA) program was created with revenues generated by our China Projects in order to provide students with a unique international experience. The OPPI Eastern Ontario District recently made a donation to help fund these awards. Normally, three to five awards of \$1,700 each are given out every year. Proposals on planning-related topics are submitted for adjudication by a selection panel comprised of first- and second-year students. The proposals are judged on their feasibility, practicality and innovation. The award recipients give a presentation to the student body and faculty before and after returning from their trips. The 2015 award winners were **Jessica Jiang** (Amman, Jordan), **Shazeen Tejani** (Christchurch, New Zealand), **Andrew Misiak** (Hamburg, Germany), **Pegah Tootoonchian** (Munich, Germany), and **Miranda Spessot** (Cape Town, South Africa).

See page 23 of the newsletter for more information on their exciting travels!

ALUMNI NEWS

David Fitzpatrick ('08) with the City of Toronto, won the **2015 CIP President's Award for Young Planners.**

Also, congratulations to David for his wedding in July of this year!



It was a SURP Class of 2008 mini-reunion in Vancouver on July 4, 2015 as (top to bottom) Stewart Fraser, Justin Barer, Dan Minkin, and Matthew Holme celebrated the wedding of David Fitzpatrick (bottom) to Gladys Lee.

Happy 10-year Anniversary to the Class of 2005!

It is the ten-year anniversary for the graduating class of 2005 (coinciding with SURP's 45th anniversary!) and the Ottawa members celebrated this milestone on May 14th at the Fox & Feather Pub and Grill with fellow alumni and friends.

We had a great turnout of about 30 SURPers from various classes, ranging from 1988 (the notable class photo with the Bon Jovi ladies) to the recent grads of 2012. It was a fun opportunity to catch-up with old friends and classmates, reminiscing of our long ago student days, as well as having a chance to meet other members of the Ottawa SURP community – there are many of us!

Kate and I would like to send a big thanks to SURP and of course and as always, Jo-Anne and Angie for helping us and supporting this event. Even years later, we are still on a first name basis and the office never hesitates to assist with any question that comes their way.

I think we can safely say that there is great interest in making the Ottawa SURP reunion an annual event and who better to ensure this than planners! If there are

SURPers out there who would like to be invited to future Ottawa events, please feel free to contact Kate (kate.whitfield@parsons.com) or myself (hieu.n.nguyen@gmail.com) and we will be sure to add you to the email list for next year.

Cheers,
Kate and Hieu, Class of 2005



Class of 2005 members (left to right): Lily Xu, Kersten Nitsche, Hieu Nguyen, Erin O'Connell, Kate Whitfield, Andrew Sacret, Melissa Cote. *Photos from Hieu Nguyen.*



Classes of before-2005 members (left to right): Lorraine Stevens, Doug James, Saide Sayah, Stephen Willis, Martin Barakengera, Don Herweyer, Inge Roosendaal, Royce Fu



Classes of after-2005 members (left to right): Anita Sott, Matthew Ippersiel, Niall Oddie, Theresa Gilchrist, Jaime Posen, Michael Szilagyi, Mary Dickinson

FACULTY NEWS

Ajay Agarwal taught Transportation and Health, Transportation Policy, Physical Planning, and International Planning Project courses. The international project course was offered in Pune, India and involved developing a new heritage walk and a heritage promotion strategy for the Sadar Bazar area. The project was offered in collaboration with BVDU College of Architecture in Pune, India. Ajay presented papers at two international conferences, and continued to work on two research projects. One of the projects examines emerging travel behavior of Generation Y and its implications for transportation policy and planning in Canada. The other project examines commute characteristics of Queen's University employees. Ajay is collaborating with Prof. Patricia Collins on both the research projects.

Sukriti Agarwal, a Senior Policy Planner with the City of Kingston, taught SURP-882 Land Development and Planning using CAD Software in Fall 2014. The course featured hands-on use of AutoCAD to create vector-based drawings for planning purposes.

John Andrew continued to spend much of his time this year running the new Queen's Real Estate Roundtable (Q25), a unique industry organization focused on applied research and professional development for commercial real estate companies in Canada. The Q25 now encompasses Queen's University's Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate, which hosted three sold out seminars in Toronto. John is cross-appointed to, and also teaches in the School of Business and the School of Environmental Studies. He continued to run SURP's student summer internship program and engage in various outreach efforts to alumni and to the real estate industry on behalf of SURP students.

John was quoted and interviewed more than 70 times in the national and international news and media. The highlight of his media work was providing commentary from the anchor desk for CTV's hour-long live coverage of the federal budget in April, seen by more than a million viewers.

John co-authored an article evaluating the feasibility of developing an affordable housing and community centre in the *Journal of Rural and Community Development*. He was honoured to have written the forward to Peter Morris' *Masterguide to Leasing for Retail Landlords*. He presented on the Canadian housing markets to the Pragma Council Annual

Conference at the University of Waterloo. He moderated a panel discussion on real estate investment trusts at the student-organized Queen's Real Estate Investment Conference, and represented SURP at the National Executive Forum on Public Property's Annual Conference.

John acted as the principal expert witness in a labour relations dispute between the Public Service of Canada and the federal government. He served as one of three judges for the Canadian Mortgage Awards, and is a member of Gerson Lehrman Group's Real Estate Council of Experts. He led two SURP students in a paid consulting project for a local real estate developer.

After 28 years as an active private pilot, John finally took the plunge this year and bought his first airplane (almost as old as he is, but in much better shape). He anticipates completing his instrument rating over the summer, making the plane a fast, cost-effective and reliable mode of transportation for those frequent work trips to Toronto; among other (more fun) destinations.

Carl Bray taught the SURP-858 Heritage Planning course in Fall 2014 and was delighted to have a lively class and to benefit from lovely weather for our walking tours and rural field trip. He gave papers at the Ontario Heritage conference in Cornwall as well as at the National Heritage Canada conference in Charlottetown, PEI. His consulting work included completion of the Goderich Heritage Conservation District Plan (now officially designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*) in Huron County, Ontario and completion of the final version of the Old Sydenham Heritage Conservation



Students taking part in a hands-on activity in Prof. Bray's Heritage Planning course. Photo courtesy of Shazeen Tejani.

District Plan in Kingston. He is part of a team working on the Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan in downtown Toronto and is reviewing updates to the HCD Plan for Rockcliffe Village in Ottawa. There is ongoing work on cultural tourism projects in northern Ontario based on the paintings of the Group of Seven artists, the latest being tourism master planning, interpretive signage and training workshops for the Sudbury and Algoma regions. Aside from various heritage impact statements for infill developments in Kingston, recent work includes cultural landscape analysis of the grounds of the Ontario Legislative Assembly in Toronto and managing design competitions for renovation and new construction in Thousand Islands Park National Historic Site in New York State.

In the Winter 2014 semester, **Patricia Collins** taught SURP 819 - Quantitative Methods, and supervised four students in their master's report research, on topics ranging from active and safe routes to school, walkability of transit oriented developments, public health and planning partnerships in Peel Region, and integrated community sustainability planning. In the summer, Patricia attended the Canadian Institute of Planners meeting in Fredericton, NB, as an invited panelist on the topic of bridging health and planning through education. She attended the Canadian Public Health Association meeting, where she presented her research on news media coverage of food insecurity action in Canada, and the Canadian Association of Geographers meeting, where she presented findings from a survey of commute patterns of Queen's employees. She also spent the summer months developing grant applications on the topics of food insecurity and community impacts of school closures. In the Fall 2014 semester, Patricia taught SURP 819 - Quantitative Methods and SURP 801 - Survey Methods, as well as delivered instruction for the health and social planning project course (SURP 823) that involved developing an active and sustainable transportation strategy to the new Providence Care hospital that is currently under construction in Kingston.

Sue Cumming taught SURP-807 Participation Techniques module in Fall 2014. The public participation module provided skill-based approaches, tools, and techniques for public consultation, stakeholder engagement, and facilitating public input to a range of planning projects and initiatives. Sue also provided several guest lectures this year to SURP students on Healthy Community Planning and to undergrad students in the Geography Department at Queen's.

Dave Gordon sent greetings from Perth, where he enjoyed a short leave at the University of Western Australia. During the Fall term, he lectured on planning history and co-ordinated two wonderful project courses: implementing TODs with the City of Ottawa and parkway planning with the National Capital Commission. Dave led Toronto, Montreal, Kingston and Ottawa field trips and the SURP delegation to the OPPI Conference in Niagara Falls. He supervised the research of a record twenty graduate students, edited the journal *Canadian Planning and Policy*, presented several conference papers and published a monograph on Canadian suburbs that was cited across the country. David manages professional liaison and alumni affairs for the School and continued as the Faculty Coordinator of the National Executive Forum on Public Property and Chair of the Research Committee for the Council of Canadian Urbanism.

Katherine, Sarah and Dave started their sabbatical adventure in February, with a brief stop in Hong Kong before setting up an apartment in Perth's 40 degree C heat. (They didn't get much sympathy from colleagues left behind in Ontario's record cold.) Sarah continued her studies at a local high school and Katherine was a lady of leisure for a few months. During a school break, they spent a couple of weeks touring New Zealand, while Dave was doing research in Christchurch and outreach at our other partner school, the University of Otago.

Dave had an office in UWA's Institute of Advanced Studies' historic building in the centre of campus and the fancy title of International Distinguished Visiting Fellow, which basically means that he could teach and do research anywhere at the university. His only responsibilities were teaching post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty in "masterclasses" and to give public lectures. Dave recharged his intellectual batteries by revising a book manuscript, conducting research on Australia's suburbs and writing a few chapters for other books. He also prepared for his new undergraduate course by guest lecturing in geography, history, planning and urban design classes.

Later in the summer, Dave returned to Queen's, where he is honoured to have been re-appointed as Director of SURP.

Professor Emeritus **Gerald Hodge**, fresh from his textbook (with David Gordon), *Planning Canadian Communities* (6th ed.) receiving a CIP Award of Excellence for a Planning Publication in 2014, is completing a new edition of *Planning Canadian Regions*

(with Heather Hall, Queen's Geography PhD). Publication is expected in late-2015.

Professor Emeritus **Hok-Lin Leung** visited China three times last year, two semi-annual lecture tours and the other as a guest of the China Academy of Engineers. He continued to teach the "Frontiers of Planning Theory" course in Tsinghua University and "Planning Theory" and "Planning Policy" at Tongji University. The Sixth Annual Planning Theory Festival was held in March in Beijing with an invited guest from Peking University speaking on "Heart Failure Treatments" (to stimulate planners to think metaphorically, associatively in theory building). There was also a presentation of work in progress on "Homo-urbanicus", a theoretical perspective advanced by Hok-Lin in 2012.

Hok-Lin's Research Institute on Policy Effectiveness (RIPE), established two years ago as a vehicle for his students and friends to exchange ideas, held an extraordinary meeting in November. There had been sufficient research activities to warrant a more focused and structured organization. The consensus was the establishment of three research clusters: Policy Planning and Evaluation (headed by Professor Wang Zhifeng of the Central University of Finance and Economics), Homo-urbanicus (headed by Professor Zhou Jie of Wuhan University), and Cultural DNA (headed by Dr. Yang Xiaodong of the Development Research Center of the State Council). The three clusters have been very active since.

Hok-Lin's book, *The Cultural DNA of Western Civilization*, has become a best-seller, reprinted three times within 12 months since its first publication in March, 2014. His new book, *Family with Four Boys*, was published in March of 2015. A second article, "Homo-urbanicus: A human-based approach to urbanization", and further articles in the series "Old Concepts and New Situations" were published during 2014.

He continued his capacity as senior advisor to the Development Research Center of the State Council, the



Prof. Hodge's gallery exhibition ran from July to August 2015 at the Hornby Island Arts Council Gallery in British Columbia.

Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Land and Resources, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban and Rural Construction in China. Since his return to convening the Ambassadors' Forum in Canada there has been two very successful sessions (one in Kingston with the Principal hosting the luncheon and the other in Ottawa).

In 2014, **John Meligrana** was on sabbatical leave. During that time John undertook extensive international field trips including visiting China, Philippines, Mexico and the United States. In partnership with Agriteam Canada, John Meligrana was awarded a substantial research project from the Government of Canada's Office of Religious Freedom in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development to continue work in China on the topic of urban redevelopment and the preservation of minority groups. This project involves an international partnership of scholars including Maria Jaschok (Oxford University), James Miller (Queen's University) and Vincent Yang (University of Saint Joseph). During his sabbatical John also delivered conference presentations at the International Political Science Association World Congress in Montreal and the Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas. He also helped to organize a 10-day training session on climate change for officials from Shanghai's Development Reform Commission.

It was an absolute pleasure for **Greg Newman** to be back at SURP in Winter 2015 to teach the introduction to Land Use Planning course (SURP 840). The lecture materials were largely defined around core components of land use planning (e.g., land use issues and assessing impacts, urban design, environmental planning, transportation planning, site plans and subdivisions, planning law, policy and regulatory controls, etc.) complemented by examples from some of my professional experiences and the involvement of guest lecturers coming from both the private and

public sector (i.e., Conservation Authority Planner, Transit Planner, City of Kingston Policy Planner, Solicitor, Consulting Engineer and Consulting Planner).

Greg admits that it was a thrill to be on the other side of the room, sharing with students some of the lessons he has learned since graduating from the School in 2008. Overall, the class benefited from the engagement of its students and the perspective they offered when undertaking several in-class activities; these included: a land use allocation assignment, site plan design charrette, mock public hearing, and various case studies tailored to each lecture subject. For him personally, the opportunity to teach at Queen's provided insight and appreciation for the work of his peers and the understanding that our profession will soon be complemented by another great supply of young planners.

Enrolled in a unique course (SURP-886 Functional Planning: Negotiation, Mediation and Facilitation in Public Disputes) offered by a team of professional mediators and conflict resolution practitioners from the Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario, including Professor Emeritus **Ronald Price** and **Ingrid Bron ('01)**, SURP students ended the 2014 academic term with a role-play exercise based on the uranium mining conflict that erupted north of Kingston near Sharbot Lake over 2007 and 2008. Students explored and re-enacted the roles of various parties to the conflict, including the privately owned uranium mining company that was carrying out exploration activities on land in the area, two eastern Ontario First Nations communities, local land-owners, cottagers and various levels of government involved in the dispute. Several weeks of intensive, interactive instruction from members of the Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario instructional team had equipped them with skills in negotiation, mediation and facilitation as well as an understanding of underlying theories and research in the field of alternative dispute and conflict resolution. Thus equipped, three teams of students attempted to reach agreement on several key points in a divisive, legally murky and contentious dispute that, in 2007/08, pitted community members against each other and led to months-long occupation of the site, court injunctions against protestors, and failed mediation talks with the provincial government.

The Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario (MCSO) offers a range of conflict resolution services to clients including mediation, third party neutral intervention, and conflict coaching. MCSO has offered Mediation and

Conflict Resolution training since 2001 with core courses on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills and Mediation Skills, leading to the standard 40-hour *Certificate on Alternative Dispute and Conflict Resolution*. Other advanced and specialized courses include the Advanced Certificate Mediation Training Course and new programs such as the Aboriginal Initiatives and the Elder Mediation Initiative. More details about MCSO's courses and programs can be found at www.mediatecentre.com.

Professor Emeritus **Mohammad Qadeer** has been teaching continuously at SURP since 1971. In Winter 2015, he taught SURP-810 Planning for Multiculturalism, a module course that he has been teaching for many years.

Andrejs Skaburskis is now retired but is still doing some student supervision. He was the external examiner for a PhD thesis in Geography at the U of T. He is finishing up with his SSHRC funded research on the restructuring of cities brought about by gentrification. He coauthored papers with his supervisees in two leading journals; one with **Kris Nelson ('12)** in *Environment and Planning A* and another with **Emily McGirr ('11)** and **Tim Spence Donegani ('08)** in *Urban Studies*. Andrejs attended several conferences in the UK and the USA this last year and gave a keynote talk at an economics conference in Poland in March. He is maintaining his membership in the Regional Studies Association and the American Association of Geographers. Andrejs is still North American Editor of *Urban Studies*.

As well as teaching the housing policy course and supervising student masters' reports as a SURP adjunct faculty member, **Patricia Streich** was hired by CMHC to manage the evaluation of the CMHC Agreement with the Agency for Co-operative Housing which was completed in November 2014. As a professional evaluator, she attended the annual Conference of the Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) in Ottawa in May. She was selected as an adjudicator for the 2015 CES student case competitions, and will be attending the 2015 Conference in Montreal for the final stage of the competition. In November 2014, she chaired a session for two SURP students to present their housing research at the annual Conference of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) in Ottawa. Patricia also contributed actively in voluntary roles on local housing initiatives, including as a member of the Housing Action Group Kingston, and joined the Board of the Social Planning Council of Kingston and District as

well as Kingston Interval House. Since the Spring 2014, she has been a volunteer advisor to the partnership team between Townhomes Kingston and CacaCo Development Corporation to develop new non-profit housing on the Wright Crescent site in Kingston.

In Winter 2015, **Leela Viswanathan** taught SURP-812 Qualitative Methods in Planning, SURP-870 Health and Social Planning, and launched the module SURP-802 Approaches to Planning with Indigenous Peoples with 19 students enrolled and taught the course in partnership with researchers from her SSHRC-funded project (see more details below). In Fall 2014, Leela taught SURP-817 An Intellectual History of Urban and Regional Planning with David Gordon; SURP-800, a module in which students prepare their Master's Report or Thesis proposals and returned to teaching undergraduate students in GPHY 338 Urban Political Geography.

In 2014, Dr. Viswanathan was awarded a 5-year SSHRC Insight Grant with co-investigators from Queen's (Dr. Graham Whitelaw), the University of Waterloo (Dr. Dan McCarthy), and Western University (Dr. Rick Fehr), and with research support and mentorship from Jared Macbeth (Walpole Island First Nation Heritage Centre) and Carolyn King (member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation). As Principal Investigator, Leela is building on the success of her SSHRC-funded project on decolonizing planning knowledges and practices which was funded by an Insight Development Grant in 2011 and was completed in March 2014. Co-authored articles resulting from this collective work have been published in the *International Indigenous Policy Journal*, *Canadian Planning and Policy*, and with two more currently in review. This research is also currently supporting the Master's thesis research of **Randi Newton (MPL Candidate, 2015)**.

In the interest of expanding transdisciplinary research networks, in December 2014, Leela represented Queen's University at the First Humanities Colloquium of the Matariki Network at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Leela continues to write on topics of critical race and space with a chapter recently published by Routledge in *Race, Space and Exclusion* (edited by Robert Adelman

and Christopher Mele). Furthermore, in May 2014 she joined Scott L. Morgensen (Queen's, Gender Studies) as co-editor of the Open Access *Journal of Critical Race Inquiry*.

Leela was cross-appointed faculty with the Geography Department and School of Environmental Studies and in 2014, she was cross-appointed to the Department of Gender Studies. She supervised or co-supervised 13 graduate students at SURP (5 continuing) and sat on committees of three more outside SURP. Leela continues to be a popular guest speaker for Queen's undergraduate student conferences having participated in both the Queen's Model Court and the Queen's Global Innovation Conference in 2014. Leela is preparing to go on one-year academic sabbatical from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.



Prof. Viswanathan presenting at the Queen's PechaKucha social sciences, humanities, and creative arts research showcase in April 2015. Photo courtesy of Ali Meghani.

Michael von Hausen helped teach the Winter 2015 *Community Design* course with Dr. Ajay Agarwal. He presented a public lecture on *People Centre: Creating Next Gen Complete Communities* in January 2015 at Queen's University followed by a two-day intensive workshop on *Visual Communications in Urban Design* and *Effective Public Engagement*. Michael was a keynote speaker at the Real Property Institute of Canada National Workshop held in Ottawa in November 2014. He continues to coordinate the award-winning Urban Design Certificate Program at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver with outreach courses to

Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa. As Adjunct Professor in the Graduate Urban Studies Program at Simon Fraser University, Michael teaches the *Urban Design* course. He also has developed and facilitates the three courses for the School of Development, Urban Development Institute, Pacific Region. As President of MVH Urban Planning and Design, Michael received two Provincial planning awards in 2014 for the *Penticton Downtown Plan* for the City of Penticton, British Columbia and the *City of Leduc Downtown Master Plan* for the City of Leduc, Alberta. His current projects include the *Parkland County Growth Management Strategy* for over 200,000 hectares in Parkland County, Alberta, and the *South Britannia Beach Community Master Plan* for 150 hectares at Britannia Beach northwest of Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 2014-2015, **Graham Whitelaw** continued his SSHRC-supported research on several topics: Indigenous land use planning with Dr. Leela Viswanathan in partnership with the Mississauga's of the New Credit and Walpole Island First Nations; sustainability and mid-sized cities with Dr. Patricia Collins; and innovation and resilience planning with Dr. Dan McCarthy, University of Waterloo, and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. In Winter 2015, Graham taught SURP-856 Environmental Assessment. Graham also taught in the School of Environmental Studies and supervised (or co-supervised) numerous Master's students from SURP and Environmental Studies.

FACULTY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Dr. Ajay Agarwal** and **Dr. Leela Viswanathan** on being granted tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2015!

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. David Gordon** was re-appointed as the Director of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, and also for receiving an International Visiting Fellowship from the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia. Congratulations!

SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

In August 2000, **Angie Balesdent** started work as the Administrative Assistant at SURP and she continued to enjoy that role in 2014-2015. As you know, effective July 1, 2015, SURP now exists within the new Department of Geography and Planning and Angie's role changed to Graduate Programs, Marketing and Outreach Co-ordinator. She is excited about taking on fresh challenges and making positive contributions toward the success of the new merged unit. Angie says that in some ways it feels as though she has come full circle, since she earned her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Geography at Queen's way back in 1983. Angie looks forward to working with her new and old colleagues alike as together they forge a strong and resilient new community of faculty, students and staff in the Department of Geography and Planning at Queen's.

Jo-Anne Tinlin is enjoying life in her Kingston home and is now very proficient with public transit! She

continues to enjoy spending time with her two grandchildren, ages 3 and 6. Jo-Anne is still active in her Music in You Productions business in preparation for retirement in 2016. Check it out at www.musicinyouproductions.com and on Facebook. Her new title is Research and Graduate Assistant in the Department of Geography and Planning. She continues to support the School's students and faculty through the admissions process and right through the MPL program. She just celebrated 31 years working at Queen's.

Jan Devonshire joined the National Executive Forum on Public Property in the Administrative Assistant/Event Coordinator position on October 1, 2013. She is enjoying being a part of SURP and utilizing her administrative and organizational skills for all the NEFPP events and meetings that occur during the year. Having had a successful National Symposium in the GTA in May 2014, she and the Executive Director for NEFPP are focused on

the 2015 Symposium in Calgary Alberta, redesign of the Website for launch this year, and next fall's Working Session in Montreal. Meeting the Members from across Canada and learning about the ins and outs of Government Real Estate has been a pleasure and challenge with many highlights.

Off campus she and her husband (both Queen's alumni) enjoy travelling, golf and curling, gardening and renovating their older home. When her daughter and son are home they are always included in the latest construction project!

Xu Li continues as China Projects Coordinator, a multifaceted role in support of the administrative and logistical requirements of the China Projects Office. She

had a very busy summer helping to organize the July visit of a 25-person delegation from China's Ministry of Land and Resources for a three-week intensive training program in land and mining use planning. This training program has been running for 20 years. This fall, among other things, Li will be busy with four Visiting Scholars from China who are calling SURP their home for a while and with six Interns from China who she will help settle in to their five-months-long placements in Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough, and London. Professor Emeritus Hok-Lin Leung and Professor John Meligrana are the Faculty Coordinators of the China Projects Office and they greatly appreciate all of Xu Li's hard work.

SURP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The summer of 2015 was the most challenging in the history of the internship program, especially because it was the first year of our increased enrollment. In addition, fewer employers with long and mutually beneficial records of hiring SURP students are able to advertise positions exclusively with us. Many government departments have hiring freezes in place. Finally, we are resisting the emergence of unpaid internships, which we see as detrimental to both our students, the profession and industry.

Despite these significant headwinds, SURP students secured a total of 45 positions, more than the 41 students between their first and second years of the program (for whom the internship program is really intended). Of those, 32 positions went to these students, while the remaining 13 positions went to graduating students (who are eligible but not the target audience). The total number of positions grew from 34

in 2014, and exceeded the 42 of 2013.

Part of this success is attributable to our students continuing to take greater initiatives to find their own positions in a challenging summer job market. In some cases, this is driven by their desire to work in cities outside of Ontario or smaller centres (often their city of origin) in which we often cannot offer positions. Often this yields some of the best employment opportunities, which may become sustaining positions for subsequent SURP students.

The School greatly appreciates the important role played by SURP alumni/ae who hire our intelligent and hard-working students. If you or a colleague may be in a position to bring one of our finest into your organization, we encourage you to contact our internship coordinator, Dr. John Andrew at john.andrew@queensu.ca or 613-533-6000 ext. 75756.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE FORUM ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

The National Executive Forum on Public Property (the Forum) is now in its 17th year of operation. Based at Queen's University School of Urban and Regional Planning, the Forum is a national non-profit organization for the advancement and sharing of best practices in public property management, use and

development. Throughout the year, the Forum provides valuable networking opportunities for senior executives from federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal departments, agencies, public utilities, and crown corporations who are responsible for managing public assets. Recently, the Forum also began welcoming

government-owned development corporations into its membership. As well, senior consultants, private organizations, and academics with an interest in the management of public lands, buildings, and infrastructure also contribute to the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and techniques for issue management. In 2015, the Forum includes representatives from almost 40 government-member organizations, numerous associate organizations in the private sector, academic advisors from across Canada and the United States, and a number of international associates and advisors. SURP Director Dave Gordon is the Forum's Faculty Co-ordinator.

Every year, the Forum hosts a spring symposium to explore and discuss a topical issue facing public property senior decision makers and leaders. The theme of the 2015 symposium, held in the City of Calgary from May 20th-22nd, was "Partnerships-The New Frontier...Traditional and Innovative Models of Collaboration in use today by Government". The subject of this symposium was extremely timely to anyone working in government or a government-owned organization, resulting in high attendance by Members, Academic Advisors, and Associates from across Canada, the United States, and Europe. This National Symposium will go beyond P3s as a model of partnership as governments seek out both traditional and innovative forms of partnership, with a goal to finding novel ways to achieve solutions that have mutual benefits.

Some of the primary questions that were asked: What are the models of partnership and collaboration that are out there now, and what can we anticipate seeing in the future? How are these partnerships set up from a financial perspective? Are they successful in building special purpose facilities? Could this be the future of city-building around the world, and what pitfalls have other governments around the world encountered in partnership arrangements? What about educational facilities and not-for-profits? And has Canada been able to successfully use partnerships between various governments and First Nations, and has this mitigated the long-standing issue of land claims?

Throughout the year, the Forum's research advisory committee provides timely and valuable information to Forum members through various research projects and surveys. In 2014, work continued on the benchmarking program, expanding the information collection in four major key performance indicator areas. A partnership and information-sharing arrangement for KPI data is presently being explored with the Federal Provincial Territorial Deputy Heads group, further evidence of the growing influence and impact of the Forum and its work.

The National Executive Forum on Public Property is the only organization of its type in the world, and many other countries are closely following its success. It is uniquely positioned to provide its members with best practices from all across Canada and around the world, and also accomplishes this in an atmosphere of collaboration and common understanding of the issues impacting government-owned real property operations. 2014 was a major growth year for the Forum, and it welcomed new members from different provinces and cities across Canada. The Forum was also, for the first time, invited to present its work at both a national real estate conference in Victoria, British Columbia, and at an international meeting of the World Bank in Bogota, Colombia. Furthermore, the Forum published an article on asset optimization, using several real life case histories from its members, in a national publication aimed at public sector executives.

The spring conference once again provided senior real property practitioners working for different jurisdictions across the country with the unique opportunity to better understand both the successes and issues preventing success that have been experienced by fellow members. Turnover in this organization is extremely low due to the high value-added component recognized by all of its membership. As it continues to grow, it will bring to the attention of more Canadians the value of having government organizations involved in certain sectors of the real property market.



QUEEN'S REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

The Queen's Real Estate Roundtable (Q25) is a new and unique industry organization focused on executive development and applied research. It brings together senior executives from a variety of types of companies within the commercial real estate sector, for the purposes of advancing and sharing best practices in the industry and discussing issues of common interest. It is based on a maximum membership of 25 of the leading companies within the commercial real estate sector in Canada; and currently has 16 member firms.

The Q25 now encompasses Queen's University's Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate (ESCIRE), founded in 2004 and well-respected as a provider of high-quality, small and interactive executive development events to the commercial real estate sector. In 2014-15, Q25/ESCIRE hosted three executive seminars in Toronto, all of which were successful, fully-subscribed events: *Optimizing Value in Investment Real Estate: Office, Industrial, Retail & Multi-Unit Residential* (November 2014); *Investing in Accommodation Real Estate: Condos, Hotels, Life Cycle Housing & Human Capital* (March 2015); and *Real Estate Capital Markets 2015* (June 2015).



The 2015 *Real Estate Capital Markets* executive seminar in Toronto. Photo courtesy of John Andrew.

In addition to significant revenue-generation for SURP, ancillary benefits to the School continue to be guest speakers for real estate courses, scholarship funds for students, jobs for graduates, and research funds for faculty. The Q25 is run by John Andrew (as ESCIRE has been since its inception).



SURP students at the Developer's Den real estate case competition at York University's Schulich School of Business in March 2015: Heather Scrannage, Andrew Misiak, Jordan Suffel, and Victoria Coates. Photo courtesy of RealNet Canada Inc.



Jesse Dostie-Provost, Kate Finkler-Kemeny, Elizabeth Bang, and Jessica Jiang. Photo courtesy of RealNet Canada Inc.

2014-2015 EVENTS

Date	Lecture	Speaker
September 5, 2014	Eglinton Connects Planning Study – Anticipating Change	Andrea Oppedisano ('08) and Hans Riekkio ('05) , Planners, City of Toronto
September 10, 2014	Fall OPPI / CIP Outreach Visit	Chris Wicke , Chair of OPPI Outreach Committee Sarah Ravlic , CIP Student Representative
September 19, 2014	The Isabel http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/world-renowned-architects-make-their-mark-queens	Craig Dykers , Architect and Founding Partner, SNØHETTA
September 29, 2014	An Overview of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) A Housing Market Update for Kingston Enhancing Financing Viability in Affordable Housing Development	Vivian Chih , CMHC Corporate Representative Aris Gianneskis , Market Analyst Caroline Ling , Senior Financing Consultant
October 10, 2014	From gentrification to youthification: Millennials' preferences for urban living and the implications for planning	Dr. Markus Moos ('06) , Assistant Professor, School of Planning, University of Waterloo
October 24, 2014	Bundled Parking and Vehicle Ownership: Evidence from the American Housing Survey	Dr. Michael Manville , Assistant Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
November 19, 2014	International Experience Award Post-Trip Presentations – Oslo, Norway / Reykjavik, Iceland	Michael Rac ('14) Nancy Cornish ('14)
January 14, 2015	Sustainable Planning: The Social, Environmental, and Economic Revitalization of Regent Park	Mark Guslits , Principal, Mark Guslits & Associates Inc.
January 15, 2015	People Centre: Designing Next Gen Complete Communities	Michael von Hausen , President, MVH Urban Planning & Design / Adjunct Professor, Simon Fraser University
January 16, 2015	Assessing Socially-Mixed Public Housing Redevelopment: The Case of Regent Park	Dr. Jim Dunn , Professor, Department of Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University
January 21, 2015	India International Planning Project Presentation	International Planning Project Team
January 30, 2015	International Experience Award Post-Trip Presentation – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Arthur Grabowski ('14)
March 13, 2015	International Experience Award Pre-Trip Presentations	Jessica Jiang , Andrew Misiak , Miranda Spessot , Shazeen Tejani , Pegah Tootoonchian

QGAPS AND STUDENT LIFE

MESSAGE FROM QGAPS PRESIDENT

By Andrew Carr

As the 2014-2015 academic year came to a close, the SURP student community was proud to bid farewell to the graduating class of 2015. This year the QGAPS executive continued the blossoming tradition of fostering successful learning by creating a healthy social environment and continually assisting with professional development opportunities. On behalf of QGAPS and the student body I would like to thank our exceptional faculty and staff for another successful academic year.



SURPers going to a corn maze during Orientation Week 2014. *Photo courtesy of Vincent Louie.*

QGAPS had a busy year hosting a number of different events for students both socially and professionally. The social committee has championed a number of events for students to de-stress including the annual formal, a movie night and hockey games. There have also been opportunities



SURP students at the 2014 Holiday Trivia Party. *Photo courtesy of John Caldwell.*

presented to attend a number of different real-estate, planning and environmental conferences including the Ontario Professional Planners Institute annual conference last fall.

As always, the school year was capped with the year-end formal. This year's formal continued the tradition of celebrating the successful completion of the academic year, and bids farewell to the exceptional class of 2015. The formal was held at The Harbour Restaurant set along Kingston's beautiful Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. On behalf of the first year class (2016) and the new QGAPS administration, I would like to wish all the best to the graduating class of 2015. The class of 2015 featured a group of exceptionally talented and driven future professionals

and I have the utmost confidence that each and every one of them will excel in whatever path they follow. As the class of 2015 departs, we begin to plan for the class of 2017. And with that we look forward to the next year of learning and professional experience.



SURP Class of 2015. *Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bang.*

STUDENTS AT PLANNING CONFERENCES

Ontario Professional Planners Institute Symposium in Niagara Falls, Ontario

By Ali Meghani

The beginning of the 2014-15 school year started with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Symposium that was held at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls on October 1st and 2nd 2014. The symposium theme was *Healthy Communities and Planning in a Digital Age*. On October 2nd (Student Day), 41 students from the first year and approximately eight students from the second year attended this event. In addition to a variety of presentations, there were also 15-Minute

Ignite Sessions, poster presentations, and multi-media presentations given by students.

SURP student **Mattson Meere ('14)** presented on *The Planners Online Toolbox*. His presentation highlighted the key findings and recommendations from an evaluation of four widely used public engagement tools: EngagingPlans, MetroQuest, MindMixer, and PlaceSpeak. During the lunch break, there was a student/planner speed networking event that allowed student participants to make new connections. It was a great experience to have one-on-one conversations with professional planners. Overall, the various events at the Symposium provided an excellent opportunity to engage in topics related to the theme.



View of Niagara Falls. Photo courtesy of John Caldwell.



Recent SURP graduate, Mattson Meere ('14), presenting on online engagement tools at the OPPI Symposium.



SURP students at the 2014 OPPI Symposium in Niagara Falls. Photo courtesy of John Caldwell.

CAPS-ACÉAU Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba

By Thomas Fehr

The Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS) Conference took place earlier this year from February 5th to 7th, 2015 in downtown Winnipeg at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre. Hosted by the University of Manitoba's Department of City Planning, this year's Conference celebrated the return of CAPS to its birthplace with *Imagination* as the key theme that explored creative visions for the future of planning. Over the three days, SURP students attended a variety of events, such as keynote presentations, panel sessions, walking tours, student presentations, and a design charrette.

Some of the noteworthy sessions included CIP President, Michael Gordon, and Urban Experimentalist, author and journalist, Charles Montgomery both giving addresses on how cities can become happier and more convivial places. Another panel discussion highlighted

indigenous planning, which was a major focus of this year's conference, and explored the emerging collaboration between First Nations and municipalities working on planning issues of mutual interest. The panel discussed to what degree this relationship has been guided by treaty principles, and how committing to a nation-to-nation relationship will inform this work going forward.

During this year's Conference, two SURP students presented their projects and research as well. **Thomas Fehr** ('15) presented strategies for implementing transit-oriented development at Tremblay Station in Ottawa, which was part of a project course involving a team of second-year SURP students. **Konstantine Polyzois** ('16) presented on housing guidelines to enhance community planning in First Nations reserves, which is based on his own research.

As has become expected, CAPS offered students a great experience to learn outside of the classroom, present their work, and to share ideas on imagining the cities of tomorrow.



SURP students, Konstantine Polyzois ('16; left) and Thomas Fehr ('15; right), presenting at the 2015 CAPS Conference in Winnipeg. Photos courtesy of Michael Rac.

FIELD TRIPS: STUDENTS GET AROUND

By Ben Goodge

It was a good year of urban exploration for students with field trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Perth and Norwood. The bulk of the travel was led by the passionate and knowledgeable Professor Gordon in conjunction with SURP 817. First off, was a trip to Niagara Falls for an OPPI conference followed the next day by an extensive walking tour of Toronto. On the way to Niagara Falls, a slice of suburban life was experienced with stops at the distinctive neighbourhoods of Nottingham, Cornell and Don Mills. The walking tour of Toronto incorporated visits to the West Don Lands, the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, the Distillery District, Dundas Square, Nathan Phillips Square, and the PATH network, which provided refuge from the rain. Rain was to be a common weather pattern for the year's trips. Students were lucky enough to have guest presentations from SURP alumni **Hans Riekko ('05)** and **Amanda Santo ('03)**.



SURP 817 students touring the St. Lawrence neighbourhood in Toronto with Prof. Gordon. *Photo courtesy of John Caldwell.*

Later that month brought a trip to Montreal. The itinerary included stops to Benny Farm with a visit from Basil Cavis of the Canada Lands Company, the neighbourhood of Mont-Royal and Bois Franc. Additionally, Montreal Chief Planner Sylvain Ducas and alumnus **Robert Tyler Wood ('09)** led a walking tour of downtown, Quartier des Spectacles and Old Montreal. On a visit to Mont Royal Park, students took what could arguably be considered the best class photo ever, with an elegant body form spelling of SURP (see front cover).

The last trip for SURP 817 was a bitter cold stop in Ottawa. City of Ottawa urban designers Charles Lanktree and Rose Kung guided the group through the ByWard Market. The trip coincided with the project course

presentation of a TOD Implementation strategy at Ottawa City Hall.



SURP students celebrating World Town Planning Day at an outreach event for younger students in Norwood, Ontario.

Led by the speedy Dr. Carl Bray, students of SURP 858 were treated to a fall trip to Perth to explore the small town architectural heritage of Eastern Ontario. Norwood provided another small town destination for an OPPI Lakeland District World Planning Day outreach event, put on by Kevin Duguay and Kelly Weste, planners from the great city of Peterborough. The event featured a presentation on the planning profession and a design charrette for the revitalization of the town centre. Five students from SURP attended along with planners from the Lakeland District, students from the University of Waterloo and local elementary school kids.

Winter brought a single field trip to Regent Park in Toronto as part of SURP 814. Led by Professors Agarwal, Collins and Whitelaw, the day comprised of lectures in the morning and a short walk after lunch. Speaking were prominent initiators of the Regent Park Revitalization Plan: Keir Brownstone, John Gladki, Ken Greenberg and Mark Guslits.



SURP 814 students on a tour of Regent Park in Toronto. *Photo courtesy of Patricia Collins.*

SURP PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Copies of the full final reports for the following project courses are available on the SURP website:

<http://www.queensu.ca/geographyandplanning/graduate-planning/project-courses>

SURP 823: Health and Social Planning Project (Fall 2014)

For a second consecutive year, a team of six students worked with Anne MacPhail of Kingston Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health in developing an active and sustainable transportation (AST) strategy in Kingston, Ontario. The strategy was produced for the new Providence Care Hospital development on the Kingston Provincial Campus in Portsmouth Village.

Under the guidance of Dr. Patricia Collins and Dr. David Gordon, the student consultants conducted a review of the opportunities and challenges for staff, patients and visitors to the hospital grounds in taking forms of active as well as sustainable means of transportation. This included means for walking, cycling, taking public transit and carpooling. The student team connected extensively with community members, staff and key stakeholders to understand perceptions and barriers to taking AST in the area.



SURP 823: Health and Social Planning Project Course team: Kate Finkler-Kemeny, Jenna Thibault, Holli Poholka, Cian O'Neill-Kizoff, Randi Newton, Diane Tan, Prof. Patricia Collins

With 34 total recommendations to promoting and enhancing AST in the area, this strategy proposed changes to policies, programs and infrastructure at both the institutional level with Providence Care and the

municipal level with the City of Kingston. The student team was invited to discuss the strategy on the local CRFC radio programme, Totally Spoke'd and the final presentation of the strategy was well received by Providence Care, community members, city staff and councillors.

Executive Summary: <http://bit.ly/1WkL3FZ>

SURP 824: Land Use and Real Estate Project (Fall 2014)

A team of nine students worked as student consultants in collaboration with planners Arto Keklikian and Sylvie Lalonde of the National Capital Commission (NCC) in Ottawa to generate a plan that re-imagines the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway (SJAM) as a riverfront linear park along the Ottawa River.



SURP 824: Land Use and Real Estate Project Course team:

Top Row: Sylvie Lalonde, Dhilan Gunasekara, Arto Keklikian, David Ringuette, Ibrahim Dia, Molly Smith, Daniel Downey, Prof. David Gordon.

Bottom Row: Himanshu Katyal, Dilys Huang, Elizabeth Bang, Alia Tulloch.

Since the development of the Parkway as a linear capital park is one of the planning priorities of the NCC, the team of students worked toward developing a plan that contributes to success at various levels including environmental, urban design, recreation, and sustainability, with the overall goal of putting the "park" back into the "parkway" along the SJAM corridor.

Under the supervision of Professor David Gordon, this project course involved background research grounded in literature as well as empirical evidence, in addition to data analysis and public outreach involving a design

charrette and stakeholder interviews. Overall, the final report puts forth an overarching vision for the Parkway, presents the key features and site plans for certain locations, and includes a design and implementation framework, detailing the processes that led to an innovative conception of the Parkway as a linear park.

Executive Summary: <http://bit.ly/1L7heFo>

SURP 826: Special Field Project (Fall 2014)

Through a partnership with the City of Ottawa, our group of ten students developed a Transportation Oriented Development Implementation Strategy for the Tremblay Station area. Tremblay station is an existing Bus Rapid Transit station slated for conversion into Light Rail Transit as a part of Ottawa's Confederation Line Project. Under the guidance of Professor David Gordon and City of Ottawa planners Jillian Savage and Wendy Tse, our team was tasked with developing strategies that would enable the area's transformation into a mixed-use hub. As a part of this project, students conducted extensive market and policy analyses, and looked at over fifty TOD best practices from across the continent. The resulting report presents the financial, planning and marketing strategies that could be used to guide future development in the Tremblay Station area.

Executive Summary: <http://bit.ly/1gC9rSH>



SURP 826: Special Field Project Course team: Wendy Tse, Jillian Savage, Athena von Hausen, Shazeen Tejani, Thomas Fehr, Vincent Louie, Andrew Misiak, Pegah Tootoonchian, Jessica Jiang, Anthony Fotino, Victoria Coates, Jordan Suffel

SURP 827: International Planning Project (Fall 2014)

Students participating in the international project course had an opportunity to travel to Pune, Maharashtra, India to undertake a project outlining a heritage management and promotion strategy for the historic neighbourhood of Sadar Bazaar. The neighbourhood is defined by its diverse and well-preserved architecture, reflecting its multi-cultural history, but has been facing development pressures in recent years, threatening its unique built heritage assets. The project was completed by nine second-year SURP students for Janwani, a local NGO that advocates for equitable and sustainable development in Pune, and under the supervision of Dr. Ajay Agarwal.



SURP 827: International Planning Project Course team: Mazen Shuhaibar, Samantha Romlewski, Miranda Spessot, Daren Zuk, Robert McIntosh, Corinna Thomassen-Darby, Jesse Dostie-Provost, Natasha MacDonald, Thomas Douglas, Prof. Ajay Agarwal

Students spent the much of the semester researching heritage conservation, management, and promotion best practices, before travelling to Pune for two weeks to conclude the project. During their time in Pune, students facilitated a stakeholder workshop, conducted fieldwork, and interviewed local professionals. The students also had the assistance of local architecture students from Bharati Vidyapeeth University, who helped with their local knowledge of the area during fieldwork. The intense two-week time in Pune was concluded by a well-received presentation by students to the client, local residents, and professionals. It is the hope of students that the recommendations outlined in the report, which includes a heritage walking tour, will help the client further advocate for the proper management and promotion of heritage assets in the Sadar Bazaar neighbourhood.

Executive Summary: <http://bit.ly/1MltG3c>

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AWARDS

- **Jessica Jiang** – Amman, Jordan



- **Shazeen Tejani** – Christchurch, New Zealand



- **Andrew Misiak** – Hamburg, Germany



- **Pegah Tootoonchian** – Munich, Germany



- **Miranda Spessot** – Cape Town, South Africa



Visit <http://www.queensu.ca/geographyandplanning/surp/international-opportunities> in the Fall to find out more about the International Experience Award recipients' travel experiences through their articles!



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