



Lara Aluko and Operation Black Vote Canada

On Saturday, November 26, 2022, Lara attended a reception event for Black municipal candidates, hosted by **Operation Black Vote Canada (OBVC)**. OBVC is a non-profit, multi-partisan organization that supports the election of Black Canadians to public office. This event drew academics, multi-partisan candidates, and elected officials from across Ontario including mayors, school board trustees, and councilors.

To learn more about Operation Black Vote Canada, please visit the organization's website, obvc.ca.



MPL Students Forge New Paths on Campus

SURP MPL students worked with Professor **Ajay Agarwal** to present their project on redesigning the pathway system in the core of Queen's campus to the University's Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee. The Committee immediately adopted the team's recommendations on new pathway standards for the campus.



In the News



Warren Mabee (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning, School of Policy Studies)

Toronto Star:

Fabulous fungi: This Canadian startup is growing a sustainable alternative to leather

Dr. Mabee predicts it will be difficult to ramp up mushroom leather to an industrial scale.

Ajay Agarwal (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning)

Canadian Press:

Report into Ottawa LRT failures says municipal megaprojects need better oversight

Dr. Agarwal says the City of Ottawa should view collaboration with partners on megaprojects as a benefit rather than a hindrance.



SURP 824 IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

The SURP 824 project team made its final presentation on Animating the Riverfront in the Core of Canada's Capital at the National Capital Commission's Urbanism Lab in Ottawa on Friday, December 9, 2022. A packed house of over 60 planners and urban designers from the national capital region reviewed the team's presentation in conditions that matched a professional open house and public meeting.



Project Manager Ellory Vincent (MPL'23) and Fatimah Rasheed (MPL'23) explain the project to Ottawa planner Molly Smith (MPL'15). Molly had led the MPL1 students on a tour of the ByWard Market earlier in the day.



Katie Lobban (MPL'23) answers a tough question from the audience.



NCC Chief Planner Andrew Sacret (MPL'05) and Professor Dave Gordon provide welcomes to a packed house.



City of Ottawa urban designer Nelson Edwards is briefed on the students' proposals for the Parliament Hill area.

Calendar

Queen's will be closed for the holiday break beginning **Friday, December 23, 2022**. The university will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**. Have a wonderful break!



Team members share a sigh of relief after a successful presentation with Prof. Gordon and NCC senior planner Monica Beliveau (front right), who was appointed as an adjunct lecturer to coach the group.

(Photos by Grady Simpson and Rosanna Wisden)