



## Spring Convocation - SURP Class of 2023

Twenty happy MPL grads and one proud professor at Convocation last Wednesday.



Congratulations to:

**Chloe Andre, Rachel Barber, Genessa Bates, Elliot Chiu, Madison Empey-Salisbury, Madelen Fellows, Rachel Haggith, Kathryn Lobban, Aidan MacFarlane, Julia Rojas-Contento, Hendrik Rolleman, Grady Simpson, Joyce Ngoya Tshiyoyo, Jeffrey Tweedle, Ellory Vincent, Edward Wang, and Vincent Wen** (pictured right).



And also to **Stephanie Cantlay, Matthew Harding, Yun Liu, Noah Perron, and Jacob Slevin.** Well done, all!

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL RECOGNIZES TEACHING EXCELLENCE

On June 20, the Undergraduate Geography and Planning Department Student Council (DSC) announced the 2022-2023 winners of two prestigious teaching awards that are bestowed annually.

The **Julian Szeicz Award for Excellence in Teaching** is presented to a professor who demonstrates teaching excellence and innovation in Geography and Planning. This year's recipient is **Bryan Collins**, recognized for "creating an engaging and enriching classroom environment, with their dedication, passion, and innovative teaching methods making a lasting impact on their students."



The **DSC Award for Teaching Assistance** recognizes a Teaching Assistant who has made an outstanding contribution to course delivery, student advising, and mentoring. This year, the award is presented to **Thomas Stanton**, for Tom's "extraordinary efforts in providing assistance wherever needed, and their approachability and insight."

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

# In the News

**George Bevan** (Arts and Science, Department of Classics, Department of Geography and Planning, Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering)

- **CBC Online:**

*Is map-reading a lost art? In an era of GPS, here's what map fans say we're losing*

Dr. Bevan comments on the importance of map-reading, and how modern technology is impacting its use.

**Robert Way** (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning)

- **Lonely Planet:**

*As I traveled through a remote Canadian national park, Inuit stewards led the way*

Dr. Way comments on a recent trip to Torngat Mountains National Park to study permafrost loss.

**Stephanie Cantlay (MPL '23)** (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning)

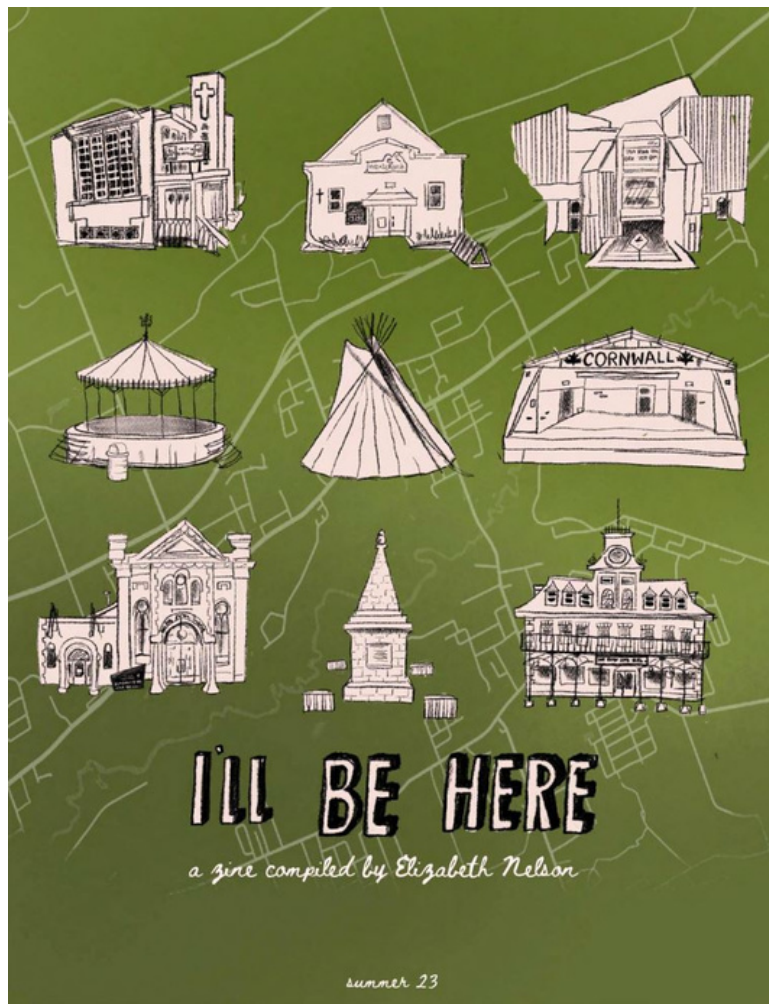
- **Yahoo** and **CBC Radio's Calgary Eyeopener** report on Queen's University master's student Stephanie Cantlay's research on food security in Calgary.

## ...and counting!

Congratulations to **Michelle Knapp-Hermer** for being recognized for her 25 years of service, as reported in the Queen's Gazette (June 2, 2023)!



## Elizabeth Nelson on the zine



PhD candidate **Elizabeth Nelson** has focused much of her research on community organizations and their roles in designing intercultural cities. Recently, Elizabeth published the Summer 2023 edition of *I'll Be Here*, a unique medium to share and highlight her work. In Elizabeth's own words:

"*I'll Be Here* is a zine project that explores the vital yet under-supported care work of community organizations in Kingston, Ottawa, and Cornwall. A zine is a grassroots-style publication, featuring a mix of text and graphic content, typically centered around social justice themes. This development represents one element of my approach to communicating the findings of my PhD research through more accessible and engaging formats than traditional academic outputs. The choice to incorporate a zine into the project was conceived during the research process, after conversations with community leaders who felt that they would benefit from knowing that they were not alone in the challenges they faced, and the hopes they had for their organizations. The narratives chosen for this zine reflect the key themes of the research findings and features insights and stories from participating community organizations alongside contributions from local artists. It can be viewed at: [https://issuu.com/elizabethnelson123/docs/i\\_ll\\_be\\_here\\_2023](https://issuu.com/elizabethnelson123/docs/i_ll_be_here_2023)."



# FATHIMAH RASHEED HONoured BY THE CIP

From Professor John Meligrana, Director, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's Department of Geography and Planning: "It is my great pleasure to announce that the **Canadian Institute of Planners** has awarded to Fathimah Rasheed the **Outstanding Graduate Student Award**. Congratulations Fathimah! We are all very proud of you."

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to their future profession. This contribution may be assessed through a wide range of contributing factors, including academic and extracurricular contributions.

Well done, Fathimah!

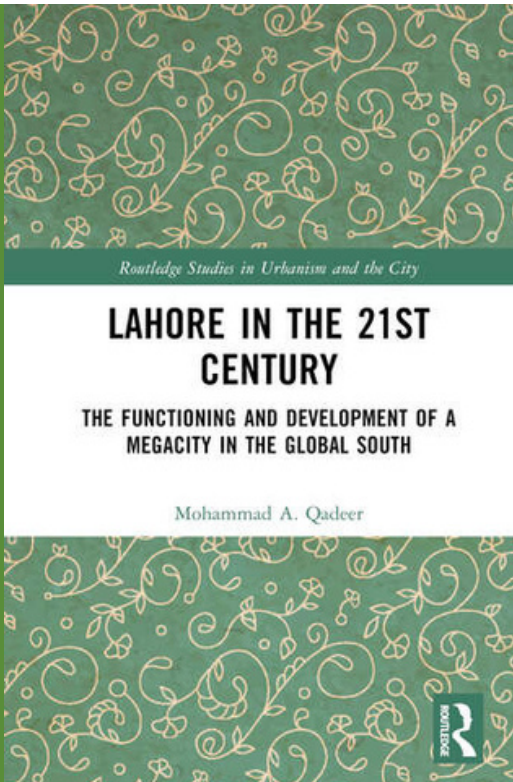


## Dr. Qadeer Publishes New Volume on Lahore, Pakistan

Emeritus Professor **Mohammad Qadeer**'s latest book, *Lahore in the 21st Century: The Functioning and Development of a Megacity in the Global South*, was published by Routledge a few weeks ago. To learn more and obtain your own copy, please visit the [Routledge website](#).

The book is a labour of love for Qadeer's city of formative memories, analysing the evolution of Lahore's social organization, culture, and ideologies since Pakistan's independence in 1947.

Professor Qadeer's book was celebrated at a recent gathering of SURP alumni in Toronto.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program** - Deadline: October 12, 2023
- **SSHRC Connection Grants** - Deadline: July 1 / October 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024
- **SSHRC Partnership Grants - Stage 1** - Deadline: July 14, 2023
- **2023 SSHRC Insight Grants Competition** - Deadline: October 02, 2023

## Dr. Lovell en la Ciudad de México

**George Lovell** has been invited to deliver a plenary address to the XII Congreso Internacional de Mayistas, which convenes at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico City from June 25 to July 1, 2023. The theme of the conference is *Los pueblos mayas: fronteras e identidades*, which fits nicely the subject matter of George's most recent book, ***Death in the Snow: Pedro de Alvarado and the Illusive Conquest of Peru***. George's plenary address, like the book itself, highlights the tragic loss of life of hundreds - if not thousands - of Maya conscripts taken by Alvarado from their homelands in Guatemala and forced to serve in his calamitous, little-known attempt to muscle in on the conquest of Peru. A Spanish-language edition, *Muerte en la Nieve: Pedro de Alvarado y la Conquista de los Andes*, is to be published in Ecuador later this year by the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Quito.

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George has also assumed interim editorship of *Mesoamérica*, which he co-edited with his Mexican colleague, Armando J. Alfonzo, for the years between 1998 and 2008. A special double issue of the journal will be launched at the annual meeting of the Guatemala Scholars Network, which convenes in Antigua Guatemala July 6-8 and which George will attend and reprise his Mexico City plenary address. The cover of *Mesoamérica* 60/61, depicting Maya musicians from a late colonial-period mural, is shown above.

## SURP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the record-breaking six graduate planning students who received SSHRC-CGS Awards. The SURP Students are **Marley Gryfe, Ivy Liang, Victoria McCutcheon, Simon Popescu, and Homa Jalili Safarian**. We look forward to hearing about the results of your SSHRC-supported research.

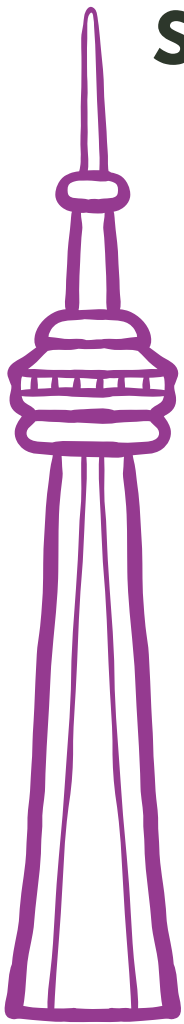
Kudos to **Nico Koenig** (MPL graduating student - class of 2023) for receiving the Stanley Lash Award for the best paper in a SURP course. His paper entitled "Kingston's Vision Zero Safety Plan" was completed for Ajay Agarwal's Transportation Course.

Well done, all!

## Calendar

The university will be extending the Canada Day holiday to include Friday, June 30 as well as Monday, July 3. The Geography and Planning office will open at 08:00 am on Tuesday, July 4. Enjoy the long weekend!





# SURP Alumni Come Together in T.O.

Forty SURP alumni and students gathered last week at a pub in downtown Toronto, hosted by Professor **Dave Gordon** and Professor Emeritus **Mohammad Qadeer**. Thanks to **Katie Lobban** (MPL'23) for organizing the event.



We toasted Dr. Qadeer's new book, and he was delighted to see many of his former students.



The Class of '96 had the best turnout, led by (left to right) **Dan Markham, Dino Melissa, Vanessa Perdue and Lachlan MacQuarrie**.

The next SURP reunion will be **Wednesday, July 28th at the CIP Conference in Halifax**; stay tuned for details. (Photos by Vanessa Perdue (MPL'96); used with permission)



## SUPPORTING STUDENT WELLNESS

Congratulations to **John Meligrana** for being recognized as a **2023 Champion for Mental Health** as selected by students, for creating a supportive learning and campus environment.



## Shutterbug Wilson Strikes Again!

Congratulations to PhD candidate **Wai Yin (Wilson) Cheung**, who was recently announced as one of the top three finalists in this year's Photography Contest from the **International Permafrost Association (IPA)**. The contest was established in 2021 to acknowledge amateur photographers and provide them with the opportunity to inform, inspire and entertain the international permafrost community. As you'll recall, Wilson was also a winner in the 2023 Queen's Art of Research Photo Contest. Please visit the IPA's annual newsletter, **Frozen Ground**, to see Wilson's submission and the photographs of this year's other winners (pg. 42). Congratulations, Wilson!

