

Successful Thesis Defenses

On July 27, 2023, **Mohammad Hossain** successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis, *An Improved Segmentation and Classification Method for Building Extraction from RGB Images Using GEOBIA Framework*, completed under the academic supervision of Dr. Dongmei Chen. Mohammad's Thesis Examination Committee included Chair Dr. George Bevan, Supervisor Dr. Dongmei Chen, Internal Examiner Dr. Paul Treitz, Internal/External Examiner Dr. Georgia Fotopoulos from Geology, and External Examiner Dr. Jonathan Li from the University of Waterloo.



Theresa Gossman successfully defended her M.Sc. thesis on August 29, 2023. *Understanding Vegetation Patterns and their corresponding Net Ecosystem CO₂ Exchange for the Summer of 2021 on Western Axel Heiberg Island, High Arctic* was completed under the academic supervision of Dr. Chris Omelon. Theresa's Thesis Examination Committee was comprised of Chair Dr. Neal Scott, Examiner Dr. Paul Treitz, Internal/External Examiner Dr. Christian Seiler from Environmental Studies, and Supervisor Dr. Christopher Omelon.



And congratulations to **Lorraine Hutton**, who successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis, *Parent-caregivers, Adults with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities, and Virtual Geographies: The Challenges of Finding Support*, on Thursday, 28 September 2023. The Examining Committee included: Dr. Michael Brown (External Examiner - Department of Geography, University of Washington), Dr. Nicole Bobbette (Internal-External Examiner - School of Rehabilitation Sciences, Queen's University), Dr. Audrey Kobayashi, FRSC (Internal Examiner - Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University), Dr. George Bevan (Interim Head - Department of Geography and Planning), and Dr. Mark Rosenberg (Supervisor - Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University).



Well done, all!

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE CONFERENCE 2023

42 SURP graduate students attended the OPPI conference in Ottawa, where they networked and met scores of SURP alumni (see picture).

Professors **Patricia Collins** and **Dave Gordon** presented their latest research, as did **Fathimah Tayyiba Rasheed** MPL'23.

Research posters were presented by **Victoria McCutcheon** MPL'24; **Ivy Liang** MPL'24; **Marley Gryfe** MPL'24; **Makenna Humes** MPL'24; and **Fathimah Tayyiba Rasheed** MPL'23.

Thanks to Makenna Humes and Dave Gordon for organizing the trip and to the GPL Field Trip Fund for subsidizing the bus.



Congratulations, Maxx!

Dr. Maxwell Hartt was recently awarded a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant to expand his Aging Playfully project. The newly formed partnership between the **International Play Association Brasil** and the **Population and Place Research Lab** will examine the potential of play to bolster older adult social connectivity and wellbeing in São Paulo, Brazil.



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ART and WASTE in Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung) Nunavut

October 23 - November 3
M - Sat 10AM - 4PM

**ART AND MEDIA LAB
ISABEL BADER CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Queen's University, Kingston, ON**

FEATURING: Jupa Ishulutag, Annie Kilabuk/Kawtysie Kakee, David Kilabuk, Talia Metuq, Oleepika Nashalik, Malaya Pitsiulak, Madeleine Qumauqtuq and micky renders



"Shopping the Old Way"
Soapstone carving by Malaya Pitsiulak

WELCOMING CELEBRATION Tues. Oct. 24
with opening remarks at 6:30PM

ARTIST TALK Wed, Oct 25@5:00 by
Inuit Knowledge Holder Madeleine Qumaugtuq

**INDIGENOUS TALKING CIRCLE:
ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM IS GARBAGE**
Thurs. Oct 26 @ 5:00

ARTIST WORKSHOP Sat. 1:30 @The Agnes
Oleepika Nashalik & Talia Metuq from Panniqtuuq, Nunavut

Limited seating. For details and free tickets search 'what's on at the Isabel'

Queen's University Career Expo

October 3 & 4, 2023

10:30 am - 3:30 pm



Main Gym
Athletics and Recreation Centre



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STUDENT AFFAIRS
Career Services

Over 130 companies and organizations will be at the ARC for a Career Expo on October 3 & 4. Employers have specifically identified an interest in recruiting Geography students. This event is open to ALL students of ALL years. Please visit the **online Exhibitor Guide** for registration links and a list of employers attending.

- **Date:** October 3 & 4, 2023
- **Time:** 10:30 am – 3:30 pm ET
- **Location:** Queen's Athletics & Recreation Centre, Main Gym

At Career Expo, you can also access valuable career services, such as:

- Professional headshots taken at the LinkedIn Photo Booth
- On-site resume review and preparation support
- On-site one-on-one career advising

Equity deserving students are also invited to attend our Equity & Diversity Employer Networking Reception on October 3 at 4:30PM. **Learn more in MyCareer.**

Employers who have identified an interest in recruiting Geography Studies students:

- BluMetric Environmental
- BrainStation
- Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) - Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS)
- Dumas Contracting LTD
- Empire Life Insurance
- GEI Consultants & GM BluePlan
- Graham Construction
- Labatt Breweries
- Pickering College
- Public Service Commission of Canada (PSC)
- St. Lawrence Parks Commission

There is also an information session on October 5 for BrainStation, who identifies Geography students as part of their target audience (2nd, 3rd, & 4th years).

BrainStation Info Session

- October 5, 2023 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Career Services, Gordon Hall Room 302 (3rd floor)
- Register online: **<https://careers.sso.queensu.ca/event-aggregator.htm?eventId=12991>**

Geography and Planning Seminar Series Fall 2023

09/20

Mackintosh-Corry D214

03:30 - 05:00

"Empowered, Almost: Luxury Consumption and
the Crooked Urban Life"

Dr. Grace Adeniyi-Ogunyankin

Associate Professor and Canada Research
Chair in Youth and African Urban Futures

*Department of Geography and Planning, Department of
Gender Studies, Queen's University*



10/18

03:30 - 05:00

Mackintosh-Corry D214

"Arctic climate, climate change and climate
extremes, and how they relate to Arctic plant
survival strategies and responses"

Dr. Zoe Panchen

Assistant Professor

Department of Biology, Acadia University, Nova Scotia



11/22

Mackintosh-Corry D214

03:30 - 05:00

"Evaluating Ontario's First Full-Year School
Street Initiatives: Contrasting Perspectives from
Students, Parents, and Residents"

Dr. Patricia Collins

Associate Professor

Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University



SURP in AB

SURP grads gathered in Calgary during the Council for Canadian Urbanism's national urban design conference, which was chaired by **Ute Maya-Giambattista** MPL'01.



(Left to right) Bipin Dhillon, MPL'21 ; Andrew Palmiere MPL'02; Michael Rac MPL'14 , Katie Lobban MPL'23; Keith Holmes MPL'23; Sarah Lumley MPL'18; Dave Gordon MPL'79; Cassandra Caiger MPL'13 ; Steph Cantlay, MPL'23. Not pictured: Josh White MPL'07.



Dave Gordon and CanU president Ute Maya-Giambattista MPL' 02 admire the pedestrian main street in Banff.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for multiple disciplines:

- [France Canada Research Fund: New Collaborations Programs](#) - Deadline: Nov. 17, 2023
- [Mitacs: Globalink Research Award Thematic Call](#) - Deadline: Nov. 17, 2023
- [Natural Resources Canada: Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities Program](#) - Deadline: Dec. 13, 2023

Natural Sciences & Engineering:

- [Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems Concept Development](#) - Deadline: Oct. 12, 2023
- [Amazon: Amazon Research Awards](#) - Deadline: Nov. 1, 2023
- [NSERC: NSERC Arthur B. McDonald Fellowships](#) - Deadline: Dec. 14, 2023

External opportunities:

- [CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars Program](#) - Deadline: Oct. 30, 2023
- [NRC Luise and Gerhard Herzberg Postdoctoral Fellowship - National Research Council Canada](#) - Deadline: Dec. 1, 2023
- [Alberta Land Institute, University of Alberta: 2023-24 Call for Proposals](#) - Deadline: Dec. 1, 2023

GPHY 857/801 Go Places



“Oh, the places you’ll go!” With thanks in part to some glorious autumnal weather, our incoming group of geography graduate students have been on the move the last couple of weeks. Organized by Neal Scott, the annual Elbow Lake Retreat took GPHY 857/801 north of Kingston to enjoy some hiking, swimming, canoeing, stargazing, cooking, and relaxing around a campfire – all of it allowing for some time to get to know this place and one another. PhD students Kim Hill-Tout, Hannah Hunter and Sandra Yaacoub gave a very helpful session on funding applications for both international and domestic students. Laura Jean led an active space/time/geography history game and screened some footage from GPPL’s past as well as Elvira Hufschmid’s 2023 short film “Encountering Enclosure” on the context of land dispossession in Katarokwi. Shyra and Rye Barberstock generously led a Sharing Circle entitled: “First Nations Perspectives on Land, Community Building, and Research.” The latter afforded a terrific opportunity to consider our proposed research in “all its relations.”



801/857 Retreat at Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre, 14 -15 September 2023:

From left to right, front row: Noa, Shyra, Rye, Sanjo; back row: Kristijan, Laura Jean, Rachel, Alexandra, Prateeksha, Nuhuel, Margot, Sofia, Sam, Marie, James, Clara, George, Vanessa, Jingheng (photo by Neal Scott)

On the 27th of September the same group traveled by Kingston Public Transit (bus #802) to Belle Park, a riparian marsh that became the city dump and then a golf course. The place is full of life these days and the group encountered this site in all its complexity. Beavers, cattails, and humans make homes here. Organized by Belle Park Project member Laura Jean, we were joined by Dorit Naaman, PI of the <https://belleparkproject.com/>, and geophysicists Alex Braun and Jack Fitzgerald, who helped interpret Noah Scheinman’s art installation “Lawncare,” part of the recent “Unearthed” exhibition. Hilbert Buist, a member of the Belle Island Caretakers, led us onto Belle Island (co-owned and managed by the City and the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs), where we learned more about human relations with more-than-humans, particularly the tricky one involving the buckthorn and the oak trees. The #1 bus took us home. Thanks to everyone for your contributions to a great afternoon, and to the GPPL Field Trip Fund and the Geography and Planning Equity (I-EDIAA) Committee for support for these events.



801/857 Belle Park Field Trip, 27 September 2023:

From left to right: Sanjo, Clara, Neal, Sam, Noa, Jack, Prateeksha, Kristijan, Vanessa, Nuhuel, Margot, Caroline, Alexandra, James, Saba, Jingheng, Carved Pole, Laura Jean (photo by Alex Braun)



SURP 851 Environmental Policy presents:

Environmental Bill of Rights and Other Environmental Issues

with Dianne Saxe PhD, environmental lawyer and the last Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

October 16, 2023

Mackintosh-Corry Hall, Room E230

12:30pm-1:30pm

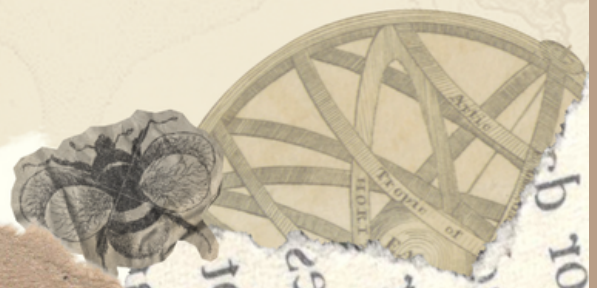


Dr. Dianne Saxe is one of Canada's most respected environmental and energy lawyers, with decades of experience as a non-partisan expert and advocate for municipalities, businesses, non-profits and individuals. Councillor Saxe was the last Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, the independent guardian of the Environmental Bill of Rights. In 2019, after she delivered 17 acclaimed reports to the Legislature on energy, environment, and climate, Doug Ford abolished her office. These reports continue to remain highly relevant.



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In the News

Dan Cohen (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning)

- The Conversation:

Interest rates: Monetary policy is always political as central banks opt to back the financial sector

In this co-authored op-ed, Dr. Cohen comments on the ties between politics and monetary policy.

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

- Globe and Mail:

Landmark Toronto hotel sees net-zero retrofit

Dr. Mabee comments on the retrofitting of a nearly 100 year old building.

Mark Rosenberg (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning)

- Global News:

Canada just had its lowest number of births in 17 years. What's behind it?

Dr. Rosenberg comments on how lifestyle changes and work decisions are contributing to Canada's low birth rate.

