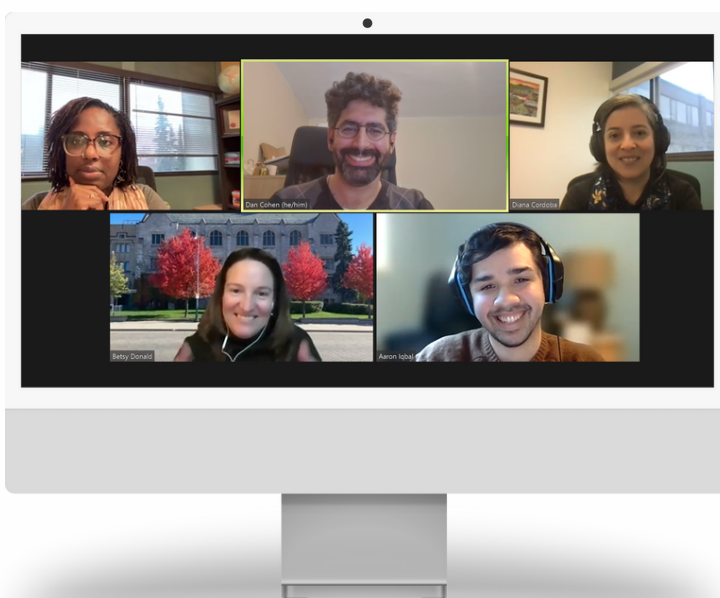




Congratulations!

On Friday, November 17, 2023, **Aaron Iqbal** successfully defended his Master's dissertation, titled *Investigating Charter City Ideologies and Geographical Imaginaries: The Case of Próspera and Singapore*. Aaron's thesis was completed under the academic supervision of Dr. Dan Cohen. The Thesis Examination Committee was comprised of Chair Dr. Kesha Fevrier, Supervisor Dr. Cohen, and Examiners Dr. Betsy Donald from Geography and Planning and Dr. Diana Córdoba from Global Development Studies. Congratulations, Aaron!



Dr. Hartt at the Summit on Healthy Aging



Dr. Maxwell Hartt participated in the 2023 RSC G7 Research Summit on Healthy Aging in Niagara Falls from November 13 to 15, 2023. Convened by the Royal Society of Canada, *Healthy People, Healthy Planet* took a global view of healthcare through a Canadian lens, exploring the healthcare system from policy and health perspectives including new medicines, Indigenous ways of knowing, and the state of long-term care facilities. Maxx is pictured here with Queen's University colleagues Dr. Vincent DePaul (School of Rehabilitation Therapy) and Dr. Julia Brook (DAN School of Drama and Music).

UPCOMING THESIS DEFENSE

On Thursday, November 23, 2023, **Carolyn Bonta** will be defending her PhD thesis, *Recent changes in vegetation productivity on the Bathurst caribou range*, completed under the academic supervision of Dr. Ryan Danby. The defense is to take place in Mackintosh-Corry E314 at 2:00 pm. Due to space restrictions, the department is asking community members to notify the Graduate Programs Coordinator at gpplgrad@queensu.ca of their intention to attend by November 22, to ensure that all individuals can be accommodated.

GPHY 841 in the Field

Students in GPHY 841 participated in a field mapping activity this fall, working at Tindall Field on main campus and at the Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS). The products of this collaborative effort are currently on display in Mackintosh-Corry Hall, L1; please have a look! The class and Professor Laura Thomson would like to thank the department for enabling this fieldwork by offering financial support for class travel and the printing of the students' research outputs.



Geography and Planning Seminar Series Fall 2023



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Associate Professor

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Stephen Appiah Takyi Elected VP, Ghana Institute of Planning

Professor Stephen Appiah Takyi (MPL'11) was recently elected vice-president of the Ghana Institute of Planning. Stephen is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Planning at KUNST (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology) in Ghana. Congratulations!



SURP Open House 2023

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, the Queen's School of Urban and Regional Planning hosted an open house to share information about the planning program with current undergraduate students at the university. The event was well attended and well received. Many thanks to the students, staff, and faculty who helped organize the day and took time to discuss their experience in our MPL program.

One of the guests at the event was **Remus Herteg** from the University of Toronto. Remus was the lead research assistant and co-author of the **Canadian Suburbs Atlas** with Professor Dave Gordon, completed during Dave's recent sabbatical in Toronto. Remus also prepared an innovative interactive map of the Atlas, which can be seen [here](#). Professor Gordon demonstrated the Atlas and the interactive map during the Canada-wide GIS Day celebrations last week.

