

Sue Hendler

*Sue Hendler, B.Sc. (Carleton), M.E.Des. (Calgary), Ph.D. (Waterloo), MCIP
Associate Professor (Deceased)*



Biography

My early career goal was to be a high school biology teacher which led me to an undergraduate degree in biology and then a graduate degree in environmental science. My interests in planning and philosophy were piqued at this time and these led me to a Ph.D in planning with the new goal of teaching at the university level. Thus, my love of teaching has persisted but the substantive field has changed over the years. I have also shifted from a focus on the natural/physical environment to social issues; however, I remain committed to trying to enhance both kinds of environment in our societies. My teaching, research and community work covers these two areas.

Research Interests

My research interests have evolved throughout my career. They have encompassed, and continue to include, environmental philosophy and policy, social issues, and professional (planning) ethics. Most recently, my work has been focused primarily on feminist approaches to planning, including the historical role(s) of women in early Canadian planning.

Education

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| 1988 | Doctor of Regional Planning and Resource Development
University of Waterloo |
| 1984 | M.E.Des, Environmental Design
University of Calgary |
| 1981 | B.Sc. (Hons.), Biology
Carleton University |

Honours

Invited to deliver lecture in "Last lecture on earth" series, Alma Mater Society, 2007

Nominated and short-listed for the Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, Queen's University, 2004

Invited to deliver convocation address, Queen's University, 2001

Listed in Who's Who of Canadian Women, 1999

Courses Taught

SURP-823 Planning Project: Programming
SURP-817 An Intellectual History of Urban and Regional Planning (co-taught with Dr. David Gordon)
SURP-811 Normative Decision Making in Planning (co-taught with Dr. Andrejs Skaburskis)
SURP-870 Program Development for Human Services

Courses Taught Previously or Occasionally
SURP-885 Feminist Approaches to Planning

Publications

Papers in refereed journals:

Hendler, S. and J. Markovich. "Beyond 'Soccer Moms': Feminist and new urbanist critical approaches to suburbs". *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 25: 410-427. 2006.

Hendler, S. "Towards a Feminist Code of Planning Ethics". *Planning Theory and Practice* 6(1): 53-69. 2005.

Hendler, S. "A Dammed-up Reservoir of Ability: Women on the National Council of the Community Planning Association of Canada". *Plan Canada* 45(3): 15-17, 2005.

Hendler, S. Book Review of: *Designing Healthy Cities*. Prescriptions, Principles and Practice. Aicher, J. Kreiger Publishing Company: Malabar. *Plan Canada* 42(4): 31-32. 2002.

Hendler, S. "Contemporary Issues in Planning Ethics" *Plan Canada* 42(2): 9-11. 2002.

Hendler, S. and A. Gowdy. "Environmental Values and Professionalism in Planning: A Case Study". *Plan Canada* 39(2): 28-32. 1999.

Hender, S. and S. MacGregor. "Engendering Planning Theory Discourse". *Planning Canada*: 104-112. 1994.

Hendler, S. and K. Tomick. "Municipal Implementation of Provincial Wetland Policy: A Case Study of Kingston, Ontario". *Environments* 22: 49-58. 1994.

Hendler, S. and R. Tomalty. "Green Planning: Striving towards Sustainable Development in Ontario's Municipalities". *Planning Canada* 31(3). 27-32. 1991.

Hendler, S. "Professional Codes as Bridges between Planning and Ethics: A Case Study". *Planning Canada* 30(2): 22-29. 1990.

Hendler, S. "Moral Theories in Professional Practice: Do they make a difference?". *Environments* 20: 20-30. 1990

Hendler, S and J. Kinley. "Ethics and the Planning Consultant". *Planning Canada* 30(3): 29-32. 1990.

Hendler, S. "The Canadian Healthy Communities Project: Relevant or Redundant?". *Planning Canada* 29(4): 32-34. 1989.

Hendler, S. "A Comment on Landscape Values". *Landscape Ecology* 1(3): 125-177. 1988.

Hendler, S. and R. Lang. "Drawing the Boundaries for Professionals". *Ontario Planning Journal*: 15.

Hendler, S. and R. Lang. "Environmental Ethics". *Ethics and Professional Planners*: 55-70.

Hendler, S. and R. Lang. "Planning and Ethics: Making the Link". 14-15.

Hendler, S. and R. Lang. "Right or Wrong? Planners Respond". 13-15.

Hendler, S. and R. Lang. "Towards a New Ethical Code". 7-10.

Hendler, S. and G. Spragge. "Planning Transitions". *The Journal*: 11-12.

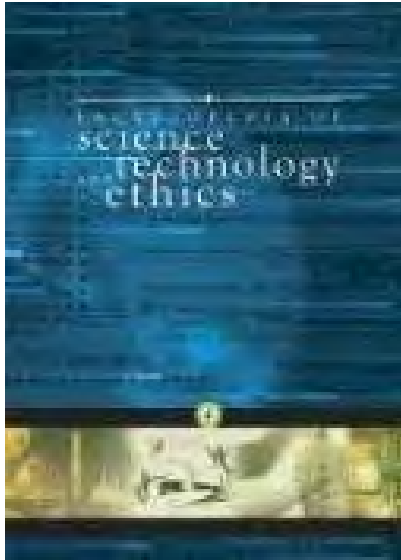
Hendler, S. "Ethics in Planning: The Views of Students and Practitioners". *JPER* 10(2). 99-105.

Chapters in books:

Hendler, S. and J. Markovich. *'I Was the Only Woman': Women and the Professionalization of Planning*. Under contract with UBC Press, forthcoming.

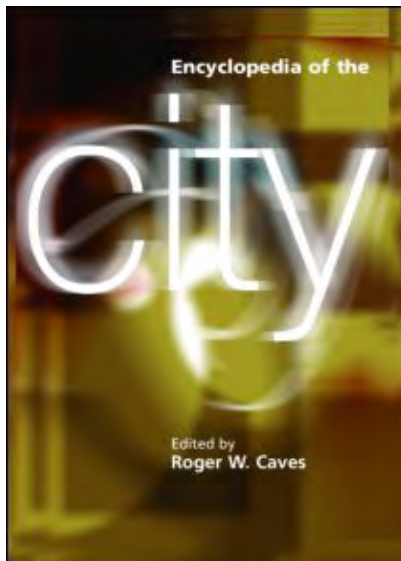
Hendler, S. *Dying in Public: Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer* (ed. by Christine Overall), Kingston ON: Michael Grass House, 2012.

Hendler, S. "Planning Ethics". In: Mitcham, C, ed. *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*. Macmillan Reference. pp. 1414-1417. 2005.



Suggested by an editor of the third edition of the same publisher's *Encyclopedia of Bioethics* (2003), *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics* "aims to summarize . . . emerging bodies of knowledge bearing on the co-construction of an ethical, scientific, and technological world." Editor Mitcham (Colorado School of Mines) and around 470 academic contributors have written more than 675 articles on topics that relate to every conceivable area of ethics in science and technology--and beyond.
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Hendler, S. "Safe city". In: Caves, R., ed. *Encyclopedia of the City*. Routledge. 2004.



The *Encyclopedia of the City* focuses on the key topics encountered by undergraduates and scholars in urban studies and allied fields. Contributors include major theoreticians and practitioners, and on other individuals, groups, and organizations which study the city or practice in a field that directly or indirectly affects the city, the *Encyclopedia* necessarily adopts an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspective.

A solid but also provocative starting point for wider exploration of the city, this is a first-class work of reference that will be an essential resource for independent study as well as a useful aid in teaching.

Hendler, S. "Homophobia". In: Caves, R., ed. *Encyclopedia of the City*. Routledge. 2004.

Hendler, S. *Planning Ethics*. In: Smelser, N. and P. Baltes, eds. *International Encyclopedia of the Behavioral and Social Sciences*. Elsevier: Oxford. pp. 11474 - 11479. 2001.



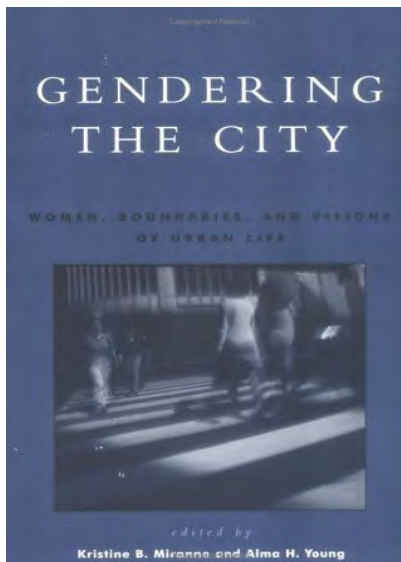
This Encyclopedia is the first attempt in a generation to map the social and behavioral sciences on a grand scale. Not since the publication in 1968 of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, edited by David L. Sills, has there been such an ambitious project to describe the state of the art in all the fields encompassed within the social and behavioral sciences.

Available in both print (26 volumes) and online editions, it comprises 4,000 articles, commissioned by 52 Section Editors, and includes 90,000 bibliographic references as well as comprehensive name and subject indexes.

Hendler, S. Planning Ethics. Audiotape Training Package. American Institute of Certified Planners. 1999.

Hendler, S., M. Fox and M. Imort. Environment, Ethics, Policy: Towards an integration. Working paper series. Environmental Policy Unit. Eco-Research Program. Queen's University. Kingston, Ontario. 1999.

Hendler, S. "On the Use of Models in Planning Ethics". In S. Mandelbaum, L. Mazza and R. Burchell, eds. *In Explorations in Planning Theory*. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Center for Urban Policy Research. 1996. pp. 400-413.
 Hendler, S. and H. Harrison. "Theorizing Canadian Planning History: Women's Gender and Feminist Perspectives". In: Miranne, K. and A. Young, eds. *Gendering the City*. Rowman and Littlefield, New York. 1999. pp. 139-156.



This volume challenges the imagery of cities by looking through a gendered lens at how women utilize urban space. Focusing on the conceptual and methodological manner of boundaries, the book reminds us that women are members of multiple and diverse groups and as such, they can be active, creative and powerful agents. Multidisciplinary essays, contributed by urbanists, geographers, political scientists and historians, explore the ways in which women confront, break down, resist, and form new boundaries and interconnections, both visible and invisible. Arguing for a change in the traditional agenda of cities, the authors investigate how aspects of urban life and space would look considerably different if the alternatives and options presented by women and other marginalized groups were taken into account. They urge us toward a better understanding of how diverse social groups interact, how urban space can enhance such interaction, and what role formal and informal laws, by-laws, policies and other planning measures should play.

Hendler, S. (ed.) *Planning ethics: a reader in planning theory, practice, and education*, Rutgers NJ: Center for Urban Policy Research, 1995

Hendler, S. and J. Bickenbach. "The Moral Mandate of the 'Profession' of Planning". In H. Thomas, ed. *Values and Planning*. Avebury, Aldershot and Hants. 1994. pp. 162-177.

Hendler, S. "Do professional codes legitimate planners' values?". In Thomash, H. and P. Healey, *Dilemmas of Planning Practice*. Avebury. 1991. pp. 162-167.

Conference Presentations and Speaking Engagements

"And so the experts took over": Women in professional and non-professional planning organizations in Canada. Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia. 2005.

"A dammed-up reservoir of ability": Women and the professionalization of planning in Canada. School of Community and Regional Planning. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia. 2005.

"It doesn't take a strong back": The exclusion (and inclusion) of women in early Canadian planning identities and citizenship." McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women. McGill University. Montreal, Quebec. 2004.

"Beyond conflict of interest: An introduction." Annual Conference of the American Planning Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. 2001.

"Thinking outside the box (that feels like a circle)." Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Planning Students. Toronto, Ontario. 2001.

"Ain't I a professional? Feminism, women and professions." University of Madison-Wisconsin. Lecture co-sponsored by six academic and research units. Madison, WI. 2000.

"And so the experts took over ...": Women in professional and non-professional planning organizations in Canada." Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Atlanta, Georgia. 2000.

"Are planning codes keeping up with planners?" Annual Conference of the American Planning Association. Seattle, Washington. 1999.

"Gentlemen and Miss Lynch ...": Towards a feminist history of the Community Planning Association of Canada." Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Chicago, Illinois. 1999.

Employment History

2005 Visiting scholar, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia

2000 Visiting scholar, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1999-04 Head, Institute of Women's Studies, Queen's University (Department of Women's Studies as of 2003)

1997 Visiting scholar, Department of Urban and Regional Planning Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia

1995 Acting Director, Institute of Women's Studies, Queen's University (November 1 - December 31, 1995)

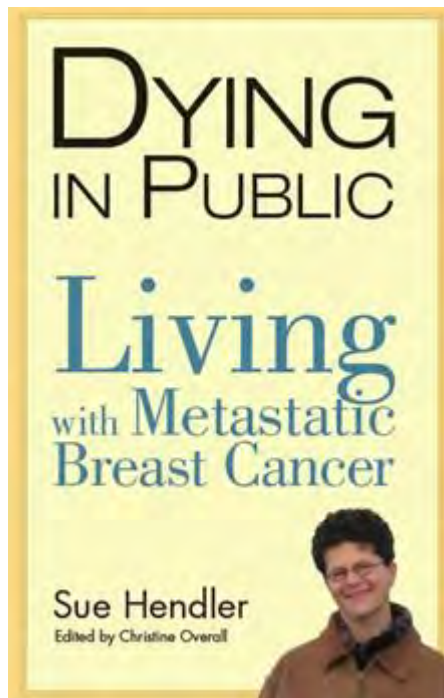
1993 - Associate Professor, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University (Cross-appointed to the Institute of Women's Studies as of 1997)

1993-94 Co-Coordinator, Institute of Women's Studies, Queen's University

1988-93 Assistant Professor, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University

1987-88 Lecturer, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University

NEW BOOK BY SUE HENDLER PUBLISHED



Dying in Public: Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer (ed. by Christine Overall), Kingston ON: Michael Grass House Publishing, 2012.

As a university professor, an environmentalist, and a world-traveler, Sue Hendler was thriving. Then she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She had to give up her job, make hard decisions about medical treatment, and drastically shorten her vision of the future. As her cancer spread, she ironically acquired a new identity as a cancer "survivor." Compelled to find meaning in her "new normal" of life with a fatal disease, she decided to write for a wider audience. In *Dying in Public: Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer*, Hendler talks about her experiences of undergoing surgery, taking steroids, receiving chemotherapy, and enrolling in a clinical drug trial. As her condition worsens she remains committed to living fully. She struggles with writing a bucket list, discusses her "legacy," and talks about her feelings of anger and the importance of love. She also describes how she lived, towards the end, with the support of the members of her "Care Team," a group of over thirty friends, family, and health care workers who enabled her to remain at home until the day before her death. This honest, witty, and unsentimental depiction of "dying in public" is a profound tribute to a life well lived.

Sue's book can be purchased at Novel Idea in Kingston, and

at Amazon.ca

at Chapters Indigo as a [Kobo book](#)

and as a [Kindle e-book](#)