

SURP NEWS

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Director's Message: SURP MOVES BACK TO THE FUTURE

Dave Gordon, MPL'79

The big news this Fall is that after 28 years in Sutherland Hall, the School moved into newly-renovated space in Mackintosh-Corry Hall. We have a dedicated classroom on Mac-Corry's "main street", adjacent to the GIS Lab, new departmental offices and the university's latest high-tech classrooms. We have moved back to the future, since our "new" classroom is actually the same space where SURP students were taught from 1974 to 1989. But our older alumni will hardly recognize the space, since it is now equipped with all the latest teaching gear: computer projectors, wall-to-wall magnetic whiteboards, and moveable furniture that allows us to switch from discussion mode to group project in seconds. It is a moving experience to lead classes in the same space where Gerald Hodge, Mohammad Qadeer and Eric Thrift taught me.



The School's new space reinforces its collaborative culture with a suite of faculty and student offices on the floor above the classroom, combined with project rooms and a new boardroom named after the late Professor Sue Hendler. The Hendler Room includes a library of all MPL theses and reports and a

dedicated video conference system to allow remote job interviews, webinars, or interaction with our project sponsors in Ottawa and India.

In other School news, the MPL degree was re-accredited by the Professional Standards Board of the Canadian Institute of Planners. The long-running combined BSc/MPL combined degree program with Civil Engineering has been joined by other combined degrees with Environmental Studies, Geography and Health.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS:

175 SURP alumni were featured in a [poster](#) celebrating Queen's 175th anniversary. Are you [there](#)?

[Shauna Kuiper](#) MPL'01, [Andrew Palmiere](#) MPL'02, and [Teresa Thomas](#) MPL'10

shared 2017 National Planning Awards from the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Dr. Julia Markovich MPL'02 is co-author with the late Dr. Sue Hendler of *'I was the only Woman' – Women and Planning in Canada*, published by UBC Press. Julia is [donating her royalties](#) to the [Sue Hendler Graduate Fellowship](#).

Dr. Markus Moos MPL '06 is co-author of *The Millennial City* and *Still Detached and Subdivided?*

[Nalini Naidoo](#) MPL'99 was appointed Director, Planning and Development, City of Yellowknife NWT

[Mary Lou Tanner](#) MPL'89 was appointed Commissioner of Planning in the City of Burlington ON

[Steve Willis](#) MPL'92 was appointed General Manager of Planning, for the City of Ottawa



SURP alumni warmly greeted the largest student contingent at October's OPPI conference in Collingwood. Our thanks to the many alumni who networked with the students, including keynote speaker Bruce Krushelnicki MPL' 76.



Great gathering of recent SURP alumni and students in Vancouver in May. It was wonderful to see about 25 SURPers including: (left to right) Ben Segal-Daly MPL'16; Athena von Hausen MPL'15; Jessica Jiang MPL'15; Daren Zuk MPL'15; Dave Gordon MPL'79; Austin Norrie MPL'17; Rene Tardif MPL'16; Matt Murray ('17); Dilys Huang MPL'15; and Angus Beaty MPL'14



A huge turnout of SURP alumni at the Canadian Institute of Planners conference.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Ajay Agarwal was promoted to Associate Professor. He won the [International Education Innovation Award](#).

John Andrew is a frequent media commentator and ran the first [Queen's Real Estate Roundtable event in Vancouver](#) this Fall.

Patricia Collins was promoted to Associate Professor and shared the CIP award for [best Plan Canada article](#) with Cian O'Neill MPL '15.

Dave Gordon had research leave in Montreal and published [Town and Crown: An Illustrated History of Canada's Capital](#).

Gerald Hodge published a second edition of [Planning Canadian Regions](#) with Ira Robinson and Heather Hall. He was made a [Fellow of the CIP](#) in 2017. [Gerald passed away](#) as this issue went to press. Please send memories for the next issue.

Hok-Lin Leung is Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University, Beijing each year.

John Meligrana was Acting Director of SURP in Winter Term 2017.

Mohammad Qadeer published [Multicultural Planning: Toronto, New York, and Los Angeles](#).

Andrejs Skaburskis continues as North American editor of the leading journal, *Urban Studies*.

Jo-Anne Tinlin has been leading [specialized tours of European cities](#).

Graham Whitelaw is Graduate Co-ordinator in the School of Environmental Studies.

Leela Viswanathan won the [Enhancing Diversity Award](#) from the American Association of Geographers. As we went to press, it was announced that Leela has been appointed as the next SURP Director, effective July 1, 2018. More in the Summer newsletter.

STUDENT NEWS

Emily Goldney '18 received the OPPI's [Gerald Carrothers Graduate Award](#) as the outstanding graduate planning student in Ontario.

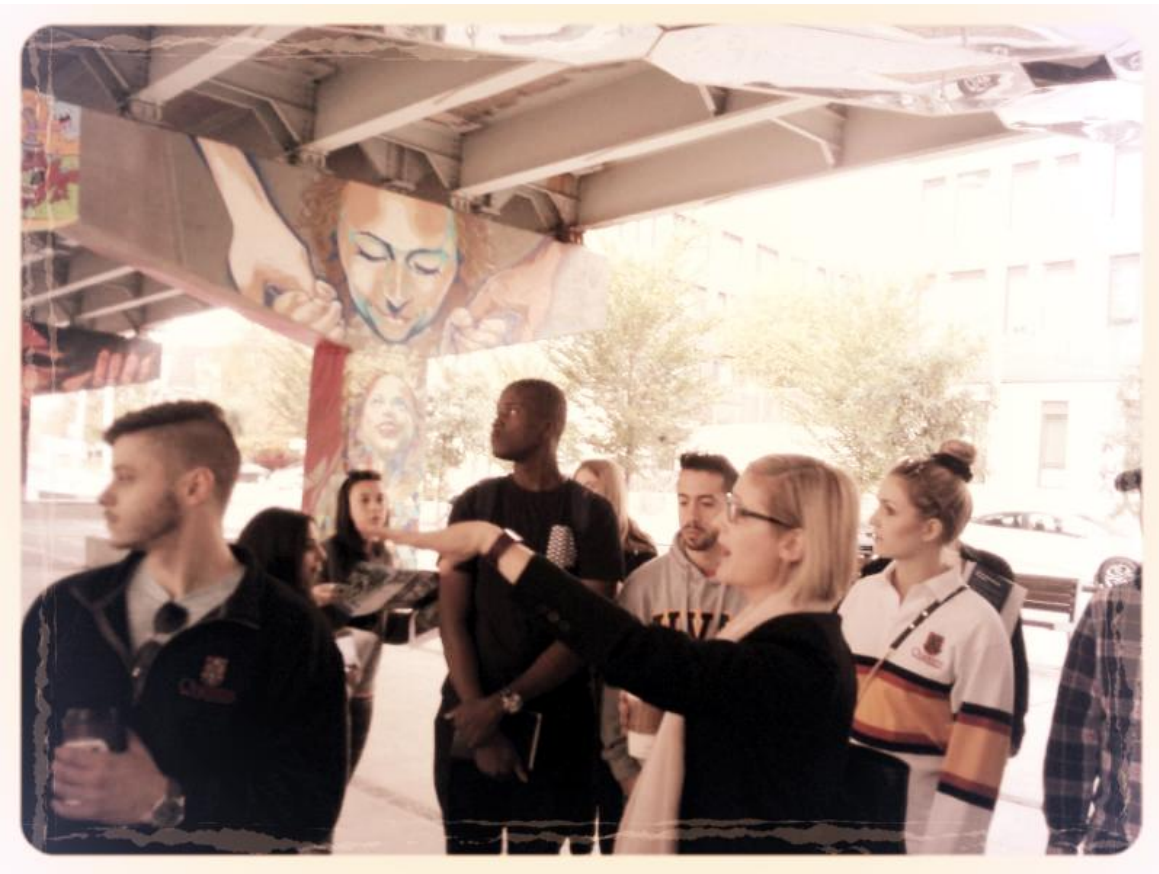
Jessica D'Aoust MPL '16 won the OPPI Paul J. Stagl Scholarship.

Emily Goldney ('18), Nick Kuhl ('18) and Sarah Lumley ('18), and Meg Morris ('18) won Canada Graduate Scholarships, the leading national graduate scholarships.

Sarah Libera MPL'17 received the Sue Hendler Graduate Fellowship for her research on housing accessibility.

Ian Pinchin MPL'17 received the **Jack Jarvis trophy** as the outstanding Varsity Club athlete at Queen's after captaining the water polo team to its first medal. Ian, Henry Bloemen MPL'17 (soccer), Evan Garfinkel ('18) (squash) and Kevin Keresztes ('18) (Cycling) were named Academic All-Canadians for combining first class academic standing with varsity athletics.

SURP classes were enriched by field trips to Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa led by **Dave Gordon** and alumni guides Michelle Knieriem MPL'12 ; **Andrea Oppedisano** MPL'08, **Hans Riecko** MPL'05, and **Amanda Santo** MPL'03.



Amanda Santo MPL'03 leads a tour of Waterfront Toronto's new neighbourhood in the Lower Don Lands.

SURP IN THE WIDER WORLD

[Photo right: SURP student's Nick Kuhl ('18) and Henna Hovi reunite in Helsinki, Finland. Henna studied at SURP on exchange from the University of Helsinki, and Nick visited her while he was undertaking an International Experience Award.]



Brad Holmes MPI'16, Megan Rueckwald

MPL'16 and Geoff Sugar MPL'17 studied on international exchanges to the Otago University (NZ), while Aileen Keng MPL'17 and Ian Pinchin MPL'17 exchanged to University of Western Australia. Each term brings new international exchange students into the SURP classrooms.

The **Ambassadors' Forum** celebrated its fifteenth year of dialog between Queen's and leading Asia-Pacific diplomats, led by **Hok-Lin Leung**.

Aidan Kennedy MPL'17 and **Philip Prell** ('18) were interns at the Ministry of Land and Resources in Beijing China. SURP's **partnership with the Ministry** also brings Chinese planners to the School each year, for training led by **Hok Lin Leung** and **John Meligrana**.

A team of ten MPL students travelled to **Auroville India** with **Ajay Agarwal** to advise the Town on a sustainability indicator system.

The International Experience Awards give SURP students opportunities to travel the world and report to the School on current planning issues. Benjamin Goodge MPL'16 (**Medellin, Colombia**), Noorali Meghani MPL'16 (**Masdar City, UAE**), Ben Morin MPL'17 (**Oulu, Finland**), Caroline Morrow MPL'16 (**Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico**), and Matt Murray '17 (**Rotterdam & Amsterdam**), Anna Geladi ('18) (**Santiago, Chile**), Nicholas Kuhl ('18) (**Northern Europe**), and Danais Ponce ('18) (**Cuzco, Peru**).

[Photo below: Caroline Morrow MPL'16 in the Sierra Norte]



These wonderful student experiences are supported by the SURP Trust Fund through donations by alumni, faculty and friends of the School. Please consider supporting SURP for future experiences.

We wish you Happy Holidays and all the best in 2018.

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