

# SCARP Newsbytes January 2007

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Welcome back to a new year at the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) at UBC.

At this time many students are entering their final term before spring graduation. For others, this is a time to enjoy the second term without the stress of trying to complete the thesis or project in the coming months.

For 2007, SCARP is pleased to offer many new courses, new professors, and plenty of new experiences for all to enjoy.

This online newsletter highlights student achievements, faculty and school updates as well as introductions to the newly elected 2007 Planning Student Association (PSA) at SCARP.

Should you have any questions or ideas for the next newsletter (March 2007), please feel free to contact Kate Sunderland directly at [katesun@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:katesun@interchange.ubc.ca)

## **STUDENTS**

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### **Planning Students Association - PSA**

A new committee for SCARP's Planning Students Association was elected in December 2006. This new committee consists of first year SCARP students who will collaborate with Leonie Sandercock, SCARP's Director, in guiding the PSA into another successful year at SCARP and UBC.

By means of a collaborative approach, the role of the PSA is to 'support the well-being and interests of SCARP students.' This participatory approach echoes the equitable foundations upon which SCARP's mission is formulated: "...to advance the transition to sustainability through excellence in integrated policy and planning research, professional education and community service." (taken from SCARP's website).

**PSA Director:** Jay Lancaster

**Assistant Director:** Courtney Campbell

**Treasurer:** Jana Fox

**Administrator:** Dianna Hurford

**Events Coordinator:** Dee Dee Quinnelly  
**Facilities & Craig Davis Room Coordinator:** Max Goldstein  
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**CIP Rep:** Erica Crawford  
**American Planning Association Rep:** Jeff Ginalias  
**Second-Year Rep:** Jason Smart

## **FACULTY and STAFF**

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### **FACULTY:**

#### **Leave:**

Professor Tony Dorcey is away on leave from January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2007.

#### **Thank you:**

SCARP would like to extend its deepest thanks to Professor Joseph (Yossi) Berechman who is a full-time faculty member at the school and the CN Chair in Transportation Policy. At the end of January, 2007 Professor Berechman is leaving SCARP for a position at City College, New York and to the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC).

#### **New Appointment:**

As of January, SCARP is pleased to announce that Mr. Larry Beasley CM has been appointed as Distinguished Practice Professor at the school. Mr. Beasley teaches two classes: Practical Practice: City Planning as a Craft (Plan 548P ) and Post-Occupancy in Vancouver (Plan 548I ) that is co-taught with Wendy Sarkissian.

#### **New Faculty at SCARP:**

SCARP would like to welcome five new adjunct professors. The Urban Design Department welcomes Frank Ducote, Scot Hein and Joyce Drohan. Community Economic Development welcomes Nathan Edelson and Multimedia and Planning welcomes Jonathan Frantz. Check out SCARP's website for more information on each of these new adjunct professors.

<http://www.scarp.ubc.ca/adjfac.htm>

#### **New Staff:**

SCARP is very pleased to welcome Carolyn Bell to the Centre for Human Settlements (CHS). Carolyn is the secretary for CHS and works directly Karen Zellar. Welcome!

#### **Candidates for Urban Design Professorship:**

SCARP will be interviewing four candidates for the tenure track Assistant Professorship in Urban Design. Jeremy Németh, Thomas Campanella and Anne Beamish will be interviewed in January 2007. Below are the biographies of all four candidates:

*[one of our short-listed applicants wishes to remain unidentified]*

**Jeremy Németh:**

Jeremy Németh is a PhD Candidate in planning and public policy at Rutgers University, where his research interests are in urban design and the politics of public space. He has professional planning experience in the U.S., U.K., Italy and Africa and has developed and taught courses at Temple University, the Pratt Institute and Rutgers. He has published several articles in professional journals, including the Journal of Urban Design, Technology and Society and the Journal of the American Planning Association. His current research discusses how urban planners and designers can create spaces that effectively address public security concerns without constraining individual freedom and civil liberties.

**Thomas Campanella:**

Thomas J. Campanella, BS, MLA, PhD is assistant professor of urban design and city planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a visiting professor at the Nanjing University School of Architecture in China. He was a previously a lecturer at MIT and a Fulbright fellow at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Campanella's books include *The Resilient City: How Modern Cities Recover From Disaster* (co-edited with Lawrence J. Vale); *Cities From the Sky: An Aerial Portrait of America and Republic of Shade: New England and the American Elm*, winner of the Spiro Kostof Award. He is currently completing a book on contemporary Chinese urbanism for Princeton Architectural Press, due out in 2008.

**Anne Beamish:**

Anne Beamish is Assistant Professor in the Graduate Community and Regional Planning Program in the School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin. An architect and urban planner by training, her research and teaching interests include the social and spatial aspects of information and communication technologies; the design of online environments to support physical and virtual communities; collaboration, learning, and communication; public art; and urban public space. Beamish was managing director and is currently research director of ArchNet <<http://archnet.org>>, an online international professional community of over 40,000 architects, planners, designers, and scholars with a special focus on the Islamic world. She received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Carleton University as well as an M.S. in Architecture Studies, Master of City Planning, and Ph.D. in Urban Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Publications include "The City in Cyberspace" in *Imaging the City: Continuing Struggles and New Directions*, Newark NJ: Center for Urban Policy Research (CUPR) Press at Rutgers, 2001; "Strategies for International Design Studios: Using Information Technologies for Collaborative Learning and Design" in *New Directions in Architectural Education*. 2002; and "Approaches to Community Computing: Bringing Technology to Low-Income Groups" in *High-Tech and Low-Income Communities: Prospects for the Positive Use of Advanced Information Technology*, Cambridge MA: The MIT Press, 1999.

**SCHOOL**

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**New courses**

SCARP is happy to announce three new courses for 2007:

PLAN 548R Multimedia and Planning taught by Jonathan Frantz  
PLAN 548D Social Learning Studio 1, Introduction, taught by Margo Fryer  
PLAN 548I Post-Occupancy Evaluation in Vancouver, co-taught by Larry Beasley and Wendy Sarkissian

Also, just a note to remind students that they are welcome to take courses in other departments. Because the planning profession works closely with architects, landscape architects, developers, environmentalists, the general public etc. it is important to bridge the gaps between these disciplines. This can be achieved by taking relevant courses from other faculties. Feel free to browse through the landscape architect, architecture, political science, geography, women studies, commerce class listings each term.

**Computer Lab Assistant – new contact information!**

Please contact Katie Brown if you have questions pertaining to the computers in the West Mall Annex lab, Cosmopolis lab, or the Urban Design lab. Katie can be reached by email at [phdscarp@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:phdscarp@interchange.ubc.ca)

**APPLAUSE!**

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**Congratulations to Samara Brock and Luke Sales!**

Congratulations to Samara Brock who was the winner of the 'Education Student Fellowship' from the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC). Additional congratulations are awarded to Luke Sales for an Honorable Mention at the same competition.

On behalf of the School, Dr. Leonie Sandercock, Director of SCARP, nominated both Samara Brock and Luke Sales for this PIBC award. Samara was nominated for her Thesis: *Changing the Mind of the City: The Role of the Hastings Institute/EEO in Building Multicultural Readiness in Vancouver's Host Society*. Samara's lengthy 140 page thesis was also accompanied by a 24 minute film presentation that is a condensed version of her thesis. To quote from her Abstract: 'This study looks at ways to engage Canada's current residents or 'the host culture' in an active multiculturalism, in which they learn to co-adapt with immigrants. In particular, it focuses on training that has been carried out over the past 15 years by the City of Vancouver's Hastings Institute and Equal Employment Opportunity program to build cross-cultural understanding in members of Vancouver's host society...'

SCARP also recommended that Luke Sales be invited to present his Masters Thesis at the PIBC conference titled: *Planning and Communication Technology*. As quoted by Dr. Sandercock "this Thesis was prepared as a website, and is a very serious effort to provide users of the website with an introduction to e-democracy, or online participation in planning. It is essentially a Manual for planners who believe that public participation online is the future."

**Congratulations to SCARP Graduates in 2006!**

**Stephen Bentley MAP**

Capacity Building for Food and Nutritional Security: A Case Study on Governance in Sao Paulo State, Brazil

Committee: Peter Boothroyd, Cecilia Rocha (Ryerson University School of Nutrition), Tony Dorcey

**Lisa Brideau MScP**

Project: Transforming Commercial-Residential Alleys: From Neglected Spaces to People Places

Committee: Michael Larice, Ronald Kellett (UBC, School of Architecture & Landscape Architecture)

**Samara Brock MAP**

Changing the Mind of the City: The Impact of the Hastings Institute/EEO on Building Multicultural Readiness in Vancouver's Host Society

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Norma Jean McLaren, Daniel Hiebert

**Aleksandra Brzozowski MAP**

Project: Guiding Global Citizens: Fostering Global Citizenship in a Voluntary Youth Organization

Committee: Peter Boothroyd

**Elana Cossever MAP**

Project: Stories of Carrall Street: An Exploration of Participatory Video

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Michael Gordon (City of Vancouver)

**Elise Finnigan MAP**

Project: Boomtown Blues: Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis

Committee: Tony Dorcey, Penny Gurstein

**Jonathan Frantz MAP**

Stories from Carrall Street: An Exploration in Participatory Video

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Penny Gurstein, Jessica Chen-Adam (City of Vancouver)

**Stuart Gripton MAP**

Whistler: A Case Study on the Effects of Whistler: Amenity Migration on the Resort Municipality of Whistler and Surrounding Environs

Committee: Michael Larice, Alison Gill (SFU School of Resource & Environmental Management), Peter Boothroyd

**Angela Hobson MAP**

Moving Beyond the Data: Examining the Effectiveness of the Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory as a Tool for Local and Regional Conservation Planning

Committee: Bill Rees, Jan Kirby (Canadian Wildlife Service), Tony Dorcey

**Karen Hoese MAP**

Project: Third Party Appeal to Vancouver's Board of Variance: Are Community Concerns Being Heard?

Committee: Tony Dorcey, Joanne Baxter (City of Vancouver)

**Terra Kaethler MAP**

Project: Growing Space: The Potential for Urban Agriculture in the City of Vancouver  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Terry Dixon (City of Vancouver, Engineering Services)

**Hoi Ying Helen Ma MAP**

Project: Dogs in the Livable City: Accommodating Dogs in the Urban Public Spaces Through Urban Design

Committee: Michael Larice, Michel Desrochers (Vancouver Parks & Recreation Board)

**Rebekah Mahaffey MAP**

Re-defining 'Women' in Canada: Gender and Social Planning in Support Services for Immigrant Women

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Leonora Angeles, Gillian Creese (UBC Centre For Women's Studies)

**Ian Marcuse MAP**

Project: Wishlist: Meaningful Participation in the Carrall Street Greenway Plan Through Participatory Video

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Michael Gordon (City of Vancouver)

**Jennifer Niece MAP**

Children's Travel to School: The Influence of Built Form and Perceptions on Safety

Committee: Larry Frank, Stephanie Chang, Heather McKay (UBC, Faculty of Medicine)

**Dara Parker MAP**

Goals for Life: Empowering Youth Through Sport in Lesotho

Committee: Leonora Angeles, Wendy Frisby (UBC, Women's Studies Program), Penny Gurstein

**Marisol Petersen MAP**

Cultivating Community: A Story of Cross-Cultural Learning and Empowerment in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver

Committee: Leonie Sandercock, John Friedmann, Peter Boothroyd

**Mark Pickersgill MAP**

From Nuisance to Amenity: Exploring Planning Policy Alternatives for Live Music Venues in Vancouver

Committee: Michael Larice, Michael Gordon (City of Vancouver - Planning), Penny Gurstein

**Mark Riesmeyer MAP**

Project: Producing for Sale Workforce Housing in Central Cities: Lessons from Elsewhere for Portland, Oregon

Committee: Michael Larice, Leah Greenwood (Portland Development Commission)

**Lil Ronalds MScP**

Project: Fostering Adaptation to Eliminate Change Using a Structured Decision Making

Approach: The Waterton Park Example  
Committee: Tim McDaniels, Keith Baric (BC Ministry of Environment)

**Luke Sales MAP**

Project: Planning and Communication Technology  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Don Black (UBC, Continuing Studies)

**Norman Sippert MAP**

Project: Student Housing at UBC: An Overview & A Proposal to Build Student Housing  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Paul Young (UBC, Properties Trust)

**Mark Sloat MScP**

Project: An Analysis of Applied Watershed/Landscape Based Community Planning in Northeast Coquitlam  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Sarah Dal Santo (City of Coquitlam)

**Maria Stanborough MAP**

Project: From Garbage to Gardens: A Study & Recommendations for Improving Waste Diversion at Multi-family Buildings Throughout the GVRD  
Committee: Bill Rees, Wilbert Yang (Greater Vancouver Regional District)

**Justine Starke MAP**

Project: Institutionalizing Sustainability at the University  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Peter Boothroyd

**Beverly Suderman MAP**

Project: Invasive Plant Management for Urban Municipalities: A Planning and Decision Support Tool  
Committee: Bill Rees, Robyn Wark (City of Burnaby)

**Marnie Watson MAP**

Project: Planning for Streamside Protection in the Lower Mainland: An Analysis of Policy Development and Intergovernmental Cooperation  
Committee: Tony Dorcey, Pamela Zevit (Adamah Consultants)

**Student Awards**

SCARP congratulates all student recipients of the 2006-2007 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada award, and the University Graduate Fellowship award:

**UGF for PhD Students:**

Meidad Kissinger  
Pascal Poudenx  
Cornelia Sussman  
Sheng Zhong

**UGF for Masters Students:**

Jessica (Jeca) Glor-Bell

**SSHRC for PhD Students:**

Joshua van Loon

**SSHRC for Masters Students:**

Jason Blackman

Jessica Hallenbeck

Kristine (Kristi) Tatebe

Matthew Thomson

Sarah Wilmot

**School of Community & Regional Planning Scholarships**

Four scholarships totaling \$1,000 each are awarded for academic excellence to students entering the second year of their Master's degree at SCARP . The Scholarships were established in 1990 from interest received on major grants the School received in the 1960's from the Richard King Mellon Charitable Trust Grant and the Donnor Canadian Foundation Grant.

This year's awards were given to:

Pete Giles, Adam Hunt, Jason Smart and Taylor Zeeg

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