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April denotes the end of the school year for most students at SCARP. Many students are heading home for the summer, some are staying in Vancouver to work, and others are traveling around for the next four months. Generally speaking, SCARP is quiet during the summer months. Yes, there are summer classes available but for the most part students are working, traveling or just enjoying the summer months for what they can be: summer bliss.

In this issue there is information that details summer opportunities for furthering one's planning education both locally and internationally. Also, there are updates regarding SCARP Faculty and Staff and a poetic prose that showcases the planning profession and the planner's role. Enjoy!

STUDENTS

2007 SCARP Summer Courses

There are several courses offered by SCARP this summer including Social Learning Studio 2 with Margo Fryer, Post Occupancy Evaluation with Wendy Sarkissian and Housing Policy with Michael Gordon. SCARP also offers two Studies Abroad courses.

Study Abroad!

There are many opportunities for students to study abroad during the summer months between first and second year at SCARP. Opportunities can be found both at the School and from other institutions and programs elsewhere. Read below for more information.

Plan 548H Naga Planning Studio From May 8th until June 14th, 21 students from MAAPS, Geography and SCARP are off to the Philippines with Professor Leonora Angeles. The Naga City Planning Studio Course: Participatory Governance and Planning in Naga City, Philippines will be taught by Mr. Willy Prilles, from the Naga City Planning Office, and SCARP's Dr. Angeles. "This 6-credit hands-on, interactive, studio-

style and community-based course is structured as a mutual learning experiment for students and the Naga City planners and residents. It focuses on the practices, principles, tools and techniques in participatory planning and governance in a rapidly growing city in a developing country in Southeast Asia." (SCARP website). More information can be found on SCARP's website that details [summer courses](#)

Plan 545C Studies Abroad in Havana, Cuba From April 19th until May 18th, students from SCARP, Architecture and Landscape Architecture at UBC travel to Havana, Cuba for an interdisciplinary studio class taught by SCARP's adjunct professor Mr. Paul Rosenau. The aim of this class is to present an opportunity for students to explore a foreign society and culture firsthand in an academic setting and to apply their "cognitive" planning skills within a foreign context. This year's theme is to cognitively examine social, physical, economic and political "planning" issues at a neighbourhood scale. In addition, while living in Havana, students will have extensive opportunities to interact with Cuban planners, architects and historians and to visit museums and other places of cultural and historic interest. More information can be found on SCARP's website that details [summer courses](#)

Opportunities outside of SCARP:

The International Federation of Housing and Planning IFHP in Europe offers many summer courses for both urban planning students and architecture students from around the world. This program is open to student from all levels of studies as well as young professional from all disciplines related to urban planning, architecture, geography and design. Last year, one student at SCARP (K. Sunderland) was fortunate to study in Helsinki, Finland for two weeks as part of this program. Check out the Helsinki University of Technology website for more information: <http://www.tkk.fi/Units/Separate/YTK/educat/intevents.html>. Riga, Latvia is also offering a summer school this August and application deadlines are open until June 1, 2007. Check out this website: <http://campus.bk.tudelft.nl/live/pagina.jsp?id=3cb7fa5f-8c6a-4c39-92da-4720810b6510&lang=nl>

Transportation summer school in the South of France! Summer School Arc Mediterranean 2007. "This summer school aims at bringing together students specialized in town planning and/or regional planning and key actors identified (representatives of the great agglomerations, professionals of town planning and regional planning, academics...) around common problems." Check out this website for more information: <http://www.lgvazur.net/uk/events.htm>

Ode to Planning

Allison Jones, a second year Masters student at SCARP, was asked to capture the sage moments from a recent seminar class with Larry Beasley. All students in the class were so delighted by her spontaneous prose that it seemed only logical to share her insights via this newsletter:

Planners as artists: We play a multitude of roles; from orchestra conductors to stage performers, backstage hands to improvisational actors, dancers to cue readers. Planning is a theatrical endeavour in which non verbal communication can be our muse.

In our work, there is absolute beauty in simplicity. Planners read different scripts for different audiences and we always arrive with a script prepared. We don't always know what the ending will be, as every performance changes depending on the actors in the cast.

We must know our limits. Strategy lets us know when and how to move our work forward. Partnerships and alliances shape the work. These relationships must be built with genuine intention. We must know our lines and be able to play many parts at once. Planners also have the ability to change roles with a moment's notice. And we must take satisfaction and inspiration from our work. We must learn from our losses.

We can also take a bow, when we deserve it, along side our colleagues for a job well done. ...The audience awaits!

Library help! Did you know that SCARP has its own urban planning Librarian? Paula Farrar is SCARP's personal reference librarian. She is located on the 3rd floor of the Irving K.Barber Learning Centre. You can make an appointment directly with Paula to sit down and discuss how you might research your next paper, project or thesis. Paula will individually help you find the best journals for your specific research and show you all the research secret techniques that will help you to excel at school. Paula is young, personable and very interested in urban planning and architecture information so can be a great help with your research. Feel free to contact Paula directly at 604.822.4474 or via email at paula.farrar@ubc.ca

Entry 2005 Graduation! Considering SCARP students present their projects and defend their theses at different times, second year students decided that an informal graduation evening was necessary to honour those students who entered the program in the fall of 2005. More than 20 people were able to gather at a local Kitsilano restaurant to celebrate the end of SCARP classes, reminisce about the last two years and exchange SCARP mementos.

Favorable mementos included a coffee mug with "K'A" written on it, a framed picture of Andre posing at the 2007 SCARP 'Ugly Sweater Curling Championship', many ecological 'footprints' and a hand-crafted three-legged stool.

FACULTY and STAFF

Thank you: SCARP would like to extend its deepest thanks to Dr. Leonie Sandercock for her work this past year as SCARP's new Director. She will be taking a one-year sabbatical beginning July 1, 2007. Dr. Penny Gurstein will be Acting Director while she is away.

New Appointment!

Welcome to SCARP's new Urban Design Professor: Dr. Maged Senbel: Dr. Maged Senbel is SCARP's new Assistant Professor in Urban Design. Maged has recently been appointed to the School for this tenure track professorship and begins teaching in September of 2007. His passion is urban sustainability. He is inspired by the ongoing quest for environmental and social justice. Maged traverses the space between architecture and planning; between design, analysis and public decision-making. His current research is on participatory planning in low income and minority neighborhoods, and comparative ecological analysis of neighborhood scale urban form.

His professional experience is in the areas of urban design, architecture and planning. Interdisciplinarity and enhancing the reciprocity between theory and practice are the continuous threads that weave together the various strands of his work. He has a Bachelor's in Architecture from the University of Oregon; a Master's in Architecture from McGill University; a Master's of Science in Planning, and a PhD in Planning, both from the University of British Columbia.

Leave: Professor Tony Dorsey is currently on administrative leave until December 31, 2007.

Staff: Patti Toporowski is Acting Administrator for the next year during

Rhoda Thow's maternity leave. Rhoda gave birth to a baby boy in April. Congratulations to Rhoda, Chuck and older brother Jamie.

Amy Bengler has been hired as our Masters Graduate Secretary until the middle of May. We will be sad to see her leave but she has plans to travel. A new Masters Graduate Secretary will be hired soon.

SCHOOL

Third Biennial Ph.D. Jamboree! June 4-10, 2007

SCARP is excited to hold the Third Biennial Ph.D. Jamboree from June 4 - 10 2007. Please contact Dr. John Friedmann for further details at jrpf@interchange.ubc.ca

APPLAUSE!

Congratulations to Ren Thomas! Congratulations to Ren for being admitted into the PhD program at SCARP. Ren is currently a Masters student at SCARP and will defend her thesis this spring. She will have a couple of months to relax and recuperate before beginning her Ph.D. this fall.

Brahm Wiesman Memorial Scholarship Congratulations to Lisi Feng for receiving the 2006-2007 Brahm Wiesman Memorial Scholarship.

AAG conference in San Francisco Congratulations to Dr. Tom Hutton and SCARP Graduate students Jason Blackman, Jessica Hallenbeck and Ren Thomas who presented papers at the Association of Geographers (AAG) conference in San Francisco, California April 17-21, 2007.

Congratulations to SCARP Spring 2007 Graduates!

Mr Samuel Beresky, MAP *Thesis: Neighbourhood Identity; the Stories of Commercial Drive. *Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Michael Gordon, Penny Gurstein

Ms. Larianna Brown, MScP *Thesis: Sustainable Forestry and Woodlot Licences in BC. *Committee: Tony Dorcey, George Hoberg, (UBC, Dept of Forest Resource Mgmt), Tim McDaniels

Ms Colleen Brown, MScP *Thesis: Renewable Energy Technologies in the Lower Mainland: Planning for Passive Survivability. *Committee: Bill Rees, Eric Vance (Eric Vance & Associates), Peter Boothroyd

Ms Joanna Brownell, MAP *Project: The Neighbourhoods of Downtown Vancouver's Podium Towers: An Evaluation of the Family-Supportiveness of Their Design and Amenities. *Committee: Michael Larice, Michael Gordon (City of Vancouver)

Mr Dawei Cao, MScP *Thesis: Officially and Unofficially - Processes of Land Development in Chinese Planning. *Committee: Michael Leaf, Kenneth Foster (Pol. Science Dept), John Friedmann

Mr Daniel Freeman, MScP *Project: Beyond Functional Design: Transit Stations as Everyday Great Places. *Committee: Penny Gurstein, Joanne Proft (Translink)

Mr. Adam Hunt, MAP *Project: How Participatory, How Productive? A Reflective Evaluation of the Carrall Stree Participatory Video Project. *Committee: Leonie Sandercock

Ms Arti Khanderia, MAP *Project: Connecting Head, Heart & Hands: Innovations and Potentials Demonstrated by the Intergral Development Studies Program, Rajathanee University, Thailand. *Committee: Peter Boothroyd, Ajarn Apichai Puntassen (Ubon Rajathanee U.)

Ms April Lawrence-Anand, MAP *Thesis: Curiouser and Curiouser! Exploring the Narratives and Consequences of Panhandling Regulation in British Columbia. *Committee: Leonie Sandercock, John Friedmann, Tom Hutton

Mr Sebastian Lipa, MAP *Project: Evaluation of Safe Harbour. *Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Wendy Sarkissian

Mr Carl Meese, MAP *Project: Quebec Street Public Realm Improvement Project. *Committee: Michael Larice, Scot Hein

Ms Natasha Schorb, MScP *Thesis: Informing Agricultural Adaptation Policy: Risk Management Insights from Wine-Grape Growers in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia. *Committee: Tim McDaniels, Stephanie Chang, James Tansey (UBC, IRES)

Mr Juan Solorzano, MScP *Project: Impacts & Lessons Learned from GetOut! The Pilot Year 2005-2006. *Committee: Tony Dorcey, Susan Gordon (Vancouver Board of Parks & Rec.)

Mr Ko Takeuchi, MAP *Thesis: Resettlement as Development? Understanding the Impacts of Resettlement and Rehabilitation in the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP), India. *Committee: Michael Leaf, John Friedmann, Milind Kandlikar (UBC, Institute of Asian Res.)

Mr. Andre Vallillee, MAP *Thesis: What's Video Got To Do With It? A Community-University Partnership in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. *Committee: Leonie Sandercock, Michael Gordon, Penny Gurstein

EVENTS

There are many talks happening in and around Vancouver in the coming weeks. The following lectures are being offered as part of the SFU City Program lecture series. Mark these dates in your calendar.

Buying Happiness Thursday, May 3, 2007, 7 pm What does the Good Life cost-and can you put down a refundable deposit? Richard Lipsey explores the economics of happiness. Guest-Richard Lipsey, Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University

VIA Architecture Urban Design Lecture: Landscape, Waste and Urbanization Alan Berger May 23

Building Complete Communities: The Noisette New American City, May 31: 7-8:30pm

City Making in Paradise with Mike Harcourt and Ken Cameron June 14