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SCARP has really grown in the last few months. The course offerings of the Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP), which started in September, has set a new tone for professional education within the school. The Master of Engineering Leadership (MEL) in Urban Systems, commencing in January 2016, will further that focus at SCARP. The two new faculty members, Martino Tran and Alex Bigazzi, have brought new ideas and perspectives. A Student Development Coordinator, Madeleine Hyde, (shared with Applied Science) has been hired to develop opportunities for students through internships and the mentorship program to learn from practice and practitioners. Through the renovation of an underutilized space at West Mall Annex, an Informal Learning Space has been created. All of these new programs, added personnel, and new space have made SCARP a stronger school that is addressing the needs of its students.

In September, we hosted a very successful two-day workshop for a delegation from the Urban Planning Department of the College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) of Tongji University in Shanghai College for Architecture. We will be reciprocating with a visit to their university, and possible joint activities. In October, SCARP co-hosted a series of events with the Vancouver City Planning Commission, the SFU City Program and City Conversations and that reflected on Vancouver’s planning principles and culture to provide context for the hiring of a new Chief Planner in the City of Vancouver.

In the Winter term of 2015-16 academic year, we will be celebrating our 65th anniversary as a school as well as the 40th anniversary of the UN Habitat and Habitat Forum conferences in Vancouver which SCARP played a prominent role in. These events will be acknowledged in the symposium that SCARP is co-hosting with the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture on “Re-Imagine Urban Form and Policy in a Global Economy” for March 10-12. As well, SCARP will be hosting an Alumni bar-b-que on Saturday May 26, UBC Alumni Day. The highlight of the SCARP year will be again, the student-organized symposium, which will be held on Feb. 26.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and all of the other events that SCARP is organizing.
Welcome SCARP Class of 2016: SCARP’s Annual Whistler Trip

The 2nd year SCARP students welcomed the new MCRP SCARP students with a trip to Whistler! Similar to last year’s trip, students stayed at the HI Hostel in the Athletes Village. When the students arrived they headed for a talk at Squamish and Lil’wat Nation Cultural Centre. After the talk, the students headed back to the hostel to play some “get-to-know-each-other games” and a life-size game of CLUE! We substituted the traditional suspect for iconic planning figures and the weapons for things like A “Razor Sharp Bid-Rent Curve” and “Eyes on the Street”. Rooms were also changed from the traditional Clue rooms. In solving the mystery, students explored the different “rooms,” such as Greenwich Village Stoop, Richard Florida’s Ted Talk Dressing Room and Unite de habitation. Some of the planning figures included: Jane Jacobs, Le Corbusier, The Anti-Planner, John Friedmann and Bill Rees.
This was another successful year at the yearly planning social! The event took place on Thursday, September 24th in a private bar at the back of the PINT Public House on 455 Abbott Street. SCARP students had a wonderful night at the 2015 PIBC Social. Students met planners working for Metro Vancouver, the City of Vancouver, New Westminster, and Burnaby. This event was a great opportunity for students to network with planners working both in the private and public sector, and with students from SFU’s School of Resources and Environmental Planning.
SCARP Welcomes New Faculty

SCARP is very happy to welcome Martino Tran as Assistant Professor in Environmental Systems Science and a Canada Research Chair (T2) nominee in Urban Systems. He is also Co-Director on the new Master of Engineering Leadership in Urban Systems jointly delivered by SCARP and Civil Engineering. Martino arrives to UBC from the University of Oxford where he completed his PhD as an Oxford Martin Fellow in collaboration with Oxford Engineering Sciences and the School of Geography and Environment. Martino is broadly interested in applying environmental systems and engineering sciences for tackling societal challenges in energy and sustainability. In particular, he is interested in the development of systems theory and methods for understanding and managing long-term sustainability, risk and resilience in cities and urban infrastructure networks. He will also lecture on Cities and Climate Change (Plan 548S/CIVL 598B) and Urban Systems Analysis and Planning (URSY 520) for graduate level Planning and Engineering students at UBC.

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SCARP is also very happy to welcome Dr. Alex Bigazzi as an Assistant professor, jointly appointed in Civil Engineering and SCARP. Bigazzi’s research interests include transport emissions and air quality, active transport, congestion management, and transport system performance measures. His current research investigates energy expenditure and pollution uptake during walking and bicycling, new tools for collecting multi-dimensional urban transportation data, and forecasting of congestion and traffic management effects in scenario planning models. The long-term objective of Dr. Bigazzi’s research is to develop guidance and tools to plan, design, and manage transportation networks that support community and economic vitality while minimizing a broad range of resource costs and negative impacts.

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Leonie Sandercock Wins Distinguished Planning Educator Award

ICP Director Leonie Sandercock received the ACSP Distinguished Planning Educator Award in a ceremony on 24 October 2015 at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference in Houston. This biennial award is made for outstanding contributions to planning scholarship, education, and practice.

The ACSP Distinguished Educator Award is presented in appreciation of significant contributions to the field of planning. The awardee is selected from candidates who are nominated by ACSP members. Nominations must come from members of the faculty of ACSP member schools. The nominations should include the following: CV and nomination letter from the nominator(s) responding to the specified criteria with supporting letters from at least two persons not within the candidate’s own institution. Members of the ACSP Distinguished Educator Award Committee will then choose the awardee from these nominees. Nominees not chosen in their first cycle will be carried foward to the next cycle and considered a second time. Nominators may provide updated materials if they wish.

The criteria for nominations to the ACSP Distinguished Educator Award are:

- Scholarly Contributions: Publications and presentations, seminal work, research grants, etc.
- Teaching Excellence: Awards, teaching evaluations, reference of colleagues, and student community, etc.
- Service: Ranging over twenty years or more; contributions to ACSP, APA, AICP, and other professional and academic organizations; roles in local, state, federal commissions and agencies as policy advisors; contributions to one’s university.
- Significant Contributions: Contributions that have made a significant difference to planning scholarship, education and practice.

Congratulations Leonie!

The Association has also established the John Friedmann Book Award, approved by its Governing Board on April 13, 2013. This award is presented to a book or comparable work that best exemplifies scholarship in the area of planning for sustainable development. ACSP grants this award based on nomination packages submitted every other year, during the spring of even-numbered years, for presentation at the annual ACSP fall meeting (or other venue as determined by the ACSP conference schedule).
Jonathan Frantz is the President of Ear to the Ground Planning Inc., a Producer and Director of Photography with Isuma, a Board Member of the Nunavut Independent Television Network, and an Adjunct Professor at SCARP. He lives with his family in Igloolik, Nunavut and Squamish BC.

For me, SCARP was akin to backpacking across Europe, it was an opportunity to find myself, not that I was deeply lost, but perhaps slightly misdirected. In 2001 I left the financial industry to join the unfamiliar domain of community planning. Five years later I had grown and shedded dreadlocks, completed my masters degree, and was the co-owner of consulting company called Ear to the Ground Planning. Our core business was multi-media, a skill we had collectively discovered and explored at SCARP. And now, to the surprise of some (myself included), I am a professional planner who makes movies. My skills and approach has evolved, but the rationale remains unchanged—video enriches planning discourse and process by providing a creative and emotional means of communicating that is widely accessible.

By some kind of contrivance I am now living in the small Inuit village of Igloolik, Nunavut working with Zacharias Kunuk, one of Canada’s foremost Indigenous filmmakers. We are using film and video to support a 4000-year old culture that, due to a host of factors, including climate change and resource exploitation, is being wiped off the face of the planet. Had I not gone to SCARP I'm not sure what I would be doing, but likely I wouldn't be filming traditional Inuit walrus hunters on the Arctic Ocean under the midnight sun.
On Tuesday, April 28th the third Indigenous Community Planning (ICP) cohort presented their final projects at the Musqueam Cultural Center. The day began with an introduction and welcome by Morgan Guerin, a Councillor at Musqueam. Leonie Sandercock, one of the founder’s of the ICP program and a Professor at SCARP, and Leona Sparrow, the Director of Treaty, Lands and Resources at Musqueam and an Adjunct Professor at SCARP, also said a few words.

The ICP program was developed in partnership with the Musqueam Nation, who owns the land that UBC is currently built upon. The program aims “to train a new generation of community planners who will break with the colonial legacy and culture of planning in order to work in respectful partnership with Indigenous communities.”

One of the ICP program’s most important components is the Practicum, which the students presented on. The Practicum occupies 50% of the students’ time in their second year. The intent of the Practicum is to immerse students (usually in pairs) in a BC First Nations community engaged in a community planning process for eight months (involving four to five separate trips at different times of the year). Students typically engage in community planning issues, opportunities and activities current in that community. This year’s ICP cohort encompassed 6 students, who were paired and worked on an 8-month long Practicum working with a First Nations community in BC. Meika Taylor and Justin Wiebe, worked with Lake Babine Nation (LBN), in collaboration with two community members, Deanna Brown Nolan and Pauline Goertzen to complete the first phase of the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP).

As mentioned by Meika and Justin in their presentations, Indigenous peoples have been planning for thousands of years, and they felt grateful to be invited to contribute to this ongoing legacy through the ICP program. In collaboration with LBN, Meika and Justin worked to develop a planning process and methodology for the CCP. They collected data from a variety of sources so that the Nation could set measurable goals. They also lead community engagement sessions, engaged in data analysis and created reports. As Justin stated, through their work with LBN, they hoped to “develop good relations, support the community and pass on any skills we have, and help set a good foundation for evidence-based community-driven planning in LBN.” Throughout the Practicum, Meika and Justin “worked to incorporate LBN knowledge systems, and to help decolonize planning and UBC.”

Zoë Greig and Tasha Henderson worked to develop a Housing Plan and a Communication Strategy for Seabird Island Indian Band (SIB). The housing team that they worked with was composed of Gary Lister (the Band’s policy analyst), Marie Peters and Rod Peters
(the Councillors with the housing portfolios). On the communications team, they worked with Jay Hope (Director of Corporate Affairs) and Phaine Wegener (Communications Technology). The Housing Plan and the Communications Strategy came out of SIB’s CCP. They held community engagement sessions, interviewed people, and performed other research to identify the current and projected housing needs for SIB. The need for a Communications Strategy came out of community members identifying that the communication from the band office to the community was inadequate. Finally, Zoë and Tasha left attendees with some insightful and humorous advice; they joked that bringing a baby to planning processes, always makes community engagement easier! They also reflected on the fact that the collection of raw data and statistical facts were just as important for the community as the collection of their stories and voices.

Emma Fineblit and Malcolm MacLean worked with the Skidegate Band Council (SBC), in the community of Skidegate, Haida Gwaii. Dana Moraes, (CCP Coordinator) was their supervisor, and also presented with them on the day. Present with them that day was also Babs Stevens (CAO of the Band), and Billy Yovanovitch, (Chief Councillor). They worked to develop a land use plan for SBC, which was identified as a next step in the CCP. Their approach was heavily focused on community engagement, and they collected a tremendous amount of data that they analyzed to identify land use actions, pathways, and directions. Emma and Malcolm mentioned feeling lucky that they had so many wonderful supporters in attendance, “our families who had travelled to be there, our classmates, faculty, funders” and Emma’s mother who flew in from Winnipeg. Emma felt that it was really meaningful to stand up alongside Malcolm, Dana, Babs and Billy and present as a team. She valued that everyone “gave their own insights and reflections on the [planning] process.”

The presentations ended with a Q&A session where ICP students, and their community partners answered questions from the audience. Gifts and certificates between SCARP and the community partners were exchanged in gratitude for the ongoing partnership and support to all ICP students for the last three years. Jeff Cook, the instructor for the ICP Practicum, led this portion of the event. Up to date,
New Master of Engineering Leadership in Urban Systems

The Master of Engineering Leadership (MEL) in Urban Systems degree integrates engineering, urban planning, management and leadership into a single program. The degree balances advanced engineering and planning theory, interdisciplinary knowledge and real-world applications to give you the technical and leadership skills needed to take your career to the next level.

UBC is uniquely positioned to offer this program bringing together the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP), the Department of Civil Engineering, and the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. Distinct from other programs in Canada and internationally, the MEL in Urban Systems will create managers who are technically proficient with the administrative and leadership skills necessary to lead multidisciplinary teams of professionals. The program will equip emerging leaders with comprehensive knowledge to plan, engineer and design more sustainable and livable cities, one of the major challenges for the 21st Century.

For more information: apscpp.ubc.ca/program/urban-systems
Bill Rees to Receive the Herman Daly Award

SCARP Professor Emeritus Dr. Bill Rees received the Herman Daly Award from the International Society for Ecological Economics at the 8th Biennial Conference of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics to be held at UBC on October 1-4, 2015.

The Herman Daly Award was established in 2003 in honor of one of the visionaries and founders of ecological economics, Herman Daly. The award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to the field, and acknowledges individuals who have connected ecological economic thinking to practical applications and solutions that are sustainable in scale, equitable in distribution, and efficient in allocation.

From the award committee:

Dear Dr. Rees,

On behalf of the U.S. Society for Ecological Economics Board of Directors, I am pleased to congratulate you as the recipient of the 2015 Herman Daly Award. This award was established in 2003 in honor of one of the visionaries and founders of ecological economics, Herman Daly. The award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to the field, and acknowledges individuals who have connected ecological economic thinking to practical applications and solutions that are sustainable in scale, equitable in distribution, and efficient in allocation. Your work on ecological footprint, sustainability across multiple scales, and efforts to get sustainability implemented through human behavior and policy are essential contributions and inspiration within our field of Ecological Economics. You will join past award recipients including Annie Leanord, David Batker, and John Gowdy among others.

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SCARP Welcomes Madeleine Hyde as New Student Development Coordinator

SCARP is pleased to welcome Madeleine Hyde as our new Student Development Coordinator. She started working half-time at SCARP and half-time in Engineering on November 24. Madeleine comes to us from McGill University where she worked as Career Development Officer in the Faculty of Law for the past several years. Madeleine holds a BA in French from UBC and a MA in Applied Linguistics from Concordia. She has lived, worked and/or studied in 5 different countries, and is always looking to chat in French or Italian with anyone willing.

Madeleine is excited to work with SCARP students on mentorship, orientation and internship programming and is very open to hearing students’ ideas for student development initiatives. Since Madeleine works half in Kaiser and half in West Mall Annex, the best way to contact her is via email to set up an appointment - madeleine.hyde@ubc.ca. But, don’t hesitate to venture up to the 2nd floor to see if she is around to say hi - room 231!”
Jeff Cook Receives National CIP Award and Project of the Year and Award for Indigenous Engagement

ICP Instructor Jeff Cook is a 2015 IAP2 Canada Core Values Award Winner for Project of the Year and Award for Indigenous Engagement.

“Through his company, Beringia Community Planning Jeff worked with the Pikangikum First Nation and Health Authority in a transformative 3-year process to develop a community health plan. According to the judges: this project is "an incredible example of the power of a strength-based approach to working with people and communities."

Jeff Cook also recently received a national Canadian Institute of Planners award for Aboriginal Planning and Development for his company’s (Beringia Community Planning Inc.) work with the Pikangikum First Nation Community Health Needs Assessment project.

"The Canadian Institute of Planners annual Awards for Planning Excellence honour planning projects judged on their excellence, innovation, impact on the profession, implementation potential and overall presentation. All of these projects are deserving of recognition for their excellence in planning work, their contribution to the profession and for showing particular strength in the category under which they won their award." - CIP
Ms. Tina Barisky, MAP
*Tweeting Influence: The Impact of One Environmental Nonprofit Agency’s Twitter Communications Strategy*
Supervisor: Jordi Honey-Roses

Ms. Dakota Brant, MAP
*Seabird Island Band: Phase 4 Sustainable Community Plan*
Supervisor: Jeff Cook

Ms. Diana Carolina Carmargo, MAP
*Enhancing Organizational Capacity for Program Evaluation: The Case of the Neighbourhood Small Grants Program*
Supervisor: Leonora Angeles

Mr. Steven DeSousa, MAP
*Integrating Regional Policy in Municipal Planning: Evaluating Regional Context Statements in Metro Vancouver*
Supervisor: Mark Stevens

Ms. Jenna Dunsby, MAP
*Mitigating Coastal Flood Risk on a Regional Scale: Options for British Columbia’s Lower Mainland*
Supervisor: Jordi Honey-Roses

Ms. Emma Fineblit, MAP
*Skidegate Land Use Planning Practicum*
Supervisor: Jeff Cook

Mr. Eric Fox, MScP
*Linking Place of Employment & Healthy Living: the Impact of the Built Environment near Workplaces on Physical Activity, Body Mass Index & Sedentary Driving Time*
Supervisor: Larry Frank

Ms. Zoe Greig, MAP
*A Turn in the River: Revitalizing Participatory Planning with Seabird Island Band*
Supervisor: Jeff Cook

Mr. Justin Wiebe, MScP
*Tsée’in Lhekh “It ts’ikit’ah: Working Together in a Good Way- Collaborative Indigenous Community Planning with Lake Babine Nation*
Supervisor: Jeff Cook

Congratulations!!
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