“There is no logic that can be superimposed on the city; people make it, and it is to them, not buildings, that we must fit our plans.”

Jane Jacobs
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SCARP had a very successful year and a very busy one. We finished the first year of new Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) and look forward to our intake of new students in September. The students in the second year of the MCRP program will be taking a newly designed studio course, which will span over two terms. In this course they will be able to apply their learning to a real world project. The Master of Engineering Leadership (MEL) in Urban Systems, which we are cohosting with Civil Engineering, commenced in January 2016 with a cohort of students and a totally newly designed program. This was also the first year of our mentorship program with our first year students being matched with practitioners.

In February we had an outstanding symposium, “Generation(s)” organized by SCARP students. This year we had it in the new Student Union Building on campus. SCARP was also co-host with the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture on a symposium on “Re-Imagine Urban Form and Policy in a Global Economy” in March that brought an international group of academics together to reflect on 21st Century urbanism. In May some of our faculty will be going to a workshop at Tongji University, Shanghai where we will be discussing placemaking issues in our respective locales.

To celebrate SCARP’s 65th Anniversary we are hosting a reception at Cecil Green House on campus on Thursday June 9 for our SCARP community of alumni, faculty, emeriti faculty, students and staff. Please mark this in your calendar and please plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you at these events and all of the other events that SCARP is organizing.

Future plans include starting the revised MA and MSC in Planning degrees for 2017-18 and developing an undergraduate program on urbanism. More details on these will be forthcoming. As we consolidate our new programs and contemplate new programs we very much seek input from all of the SCARP community. SCARP in all of its initiatives is becoming a stronger school that is addressing the needs of its current and future students.
SCARP Director Nominated for 2016 YWCA Women Award

SCARP Director Penny Gurstein was nominated for the 2016 YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Nominees - Education, Training & Development. The nomination recognized that as the first woman to achieve tenure at UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP), Penny has evolved into a leader in planning education recognized for learning-by-doing, community engagement, and socially just planning. Penny introduced perspectives on gender and social justice into the planning program and transformed the school into Canada’s leader for Indigenous and social planning education. She specializes in the socio-cultural aspects of community planning with particular emphasis on those who are the most marginalized in planning processes. As Director, Penny oversaw the development of a new degree program in SCARP, the Master of Community & Regional Planning, which provides innovative, real-world learning experiences for students. Following Penny’s example, the next generation of planners is inspired to tackle Vancouver’s biggest planning problems with social consciousness and a desire to serve the community.

Philippines Studio Project Recognized by the APA

SCARP’s Philippines Studio Project has been selected as the winner of a 2016 AICP Student Project Award. The project “Climate Change Adaption Planning in Bulakan Philippines” was chosen from a ‘very competitive group’ according to Monidca Groh of the American Planning Association. In an email to student Aaron Lao and past PSA President, George Benson, she went on to commend the students on their hard work.

The full results are as follows:

Application of the Planning Process (graduate): Portland State University

Application of the Planning Process (undergraduate): Ohio State University

Contribution of Planning to Contemporary Issues: Columbia University & University of British Columbia
On February 23rd, SCARP hosted its first annual Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) Networking Reception, which took place at the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. Industry professionals were introduced to current SCARP students. The reception provided students with the opportunity to meet with representatives of municipalities, government units, industry and community organizations. Present at this year’s event were BC Non-Profit Housing Association, Canada Parks and Wilderness Society, City of Surrey, City of Vancouver, amongst many others.

Additionally, second year SCARP student, Aaron Lao was also present and briefly spoke about his experience finding an internship. He spoke of the flexibility of the SCARP program, which allowed him to pursue a planning internship that allowed him to put his interests in planning to use. At his internship, he was able to understand how best to engage communities using different tools and visuals.
SCARP Summer Courses:

Plan 503
Planning for Community Economic Development
William Trousdale
(3 credits)

Plan 519 A/B
Internship
SCARP Faculty
(3 credits)

Plan 545B
Planning Studies Abroad: Philippine Planning Studio
July 3-30
Nora Angeles
(6 credits)

Plan 547C
Professional Project Report
(6 credits)

Plan 548E
Current Issues in Planning: LED Theory, Issues & Applications
William Trousdale
Gulelat Kebede
(1 credit)

Plan 548H
Current Issues in Planning: Digital Video
Jon Frantz
Kamala Todd
(3 credits)

Plan 548W
Current Issues in Planning: Quality Projects & Proposals: Working Effectively with Non-Profit Agencies
Jessie Sutherland
(6 credits)

Plan 548G
Current Issues in Planning: Quality Projects & Proposals: Working Effectively with Non-Profit Agencies
Jessie Sutherland
(3 credits)

Plan 548Z
Current Issues in Planning: Urban Food Systems
Zsuzsi Fodor
(1 credit)

Plan 549C
Master’s Thesis
SCARP Faculty
(12 credits)

Plan 550A, B
Directed Studies
SCARP Faculty
(3 credits)

Plan 583
Housing and Community Planning
Michael Gordon
(3 credits)

Plan 587B
Urban Design: Introductory Studio
Erick Villagomez
(3 credits)

Plan 587E
Urban Design: Advanced Studio
Erick Villagomez
(3 credits)

Plan 590A
Land Use & Environmental Policy
(3 credits)

Plan 649
Doctoral Thesis
SCARP Faculty
Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following SCARP Students for obtaining degrees this February 2016:

- Leonard Machler
- Rebecca Chaster
- Monika Czyz
- Camille LeFrancois
- Brett Dimond
- Kathryn Lennon
- Christopher Carter
- Bethany Dobson

UBC SCARP 65th Anniversary Celebration

Alumni, faculty, students and friends of the school are invited to a reception to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the School of Community and Regional Planning. Come reconnect with former classmates and professors, and learn what's new at SCARP and plans for the future of the program.

Tickets are $20 ($10 for current students)
Light refreshments will be served. All registered guests will receive a complementary drink.

Thursday, June 9th 2016
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Cecil Green Park House, UBC Campus
Vancouver, B.C.

RSVP by June 3rd, 2016
SCARP-Led Map Helps to Welcome Syrian Refugees

Some of the SCARP students and community members that worked on the Syrian Refugees Map
A group of about 50 SCARP students helped to design a comprehensive map of services in Vancouver in Arabic and in English to welcome Syrian refugees! They helped to write the text for the website, designed the brochure, gathered data, emailed organizations, and worked out the plan and execution for the project. The welcome map is the brainchild of SCARP PHD student, Jennifer Rae Pierce. As well, as the SCARP students, Urban Design Professor, Maged Senbel also helped with the project.

So far, the team was sent out 1200 brochures, and the website has over 3000 hits. The project has also been featured in the VancityBuzz and CBC News Canada. You can read the articles here:

On Friday, February 26th, 2016 nearly 225 attendees gathered at UBC in the AMS Student Nest for Generation(s): The 8th Annual SCARP Symposium. Entirely organized by SCARP student volunteers, the Symposium explored the interactions between planning and generation(s) as a platform for examining the past, present, and future of planning, and proved to be a hugely successful event for yet another year.

In attendance were UBC students from within and outside the SCARP program, students from several other universities, professional planners, individuals from the non-profit sector, academics, writers, council members and elected officials, and many more!

With the theme Generation(s), the event hoped to examine the ways in which the planning profession hopes to work across generations, to pass knowledge from one generation to another, and to plan for future generations. Some of the day’s critical questions were to ask where, and for whom, planning across generations may have failed, and how we might generate new ideas for a better future.

Gil Peñalosa, founder of the non-profit organization 8-80 Cities started off the day started with an inspiring keynote address focused on creating cities that are accessible for people of all generations. Paul Kershaw, founder of Generation Squeeze, also gave a motivating talk about generational equity during the afternoon keynote, which was particularly poignant for the young professionals in the room.
Twitter was alive with the hashtag #SCARPSymp, capturing the participants’ impressions and memorable insights throughout the day. Here is a snapshot:

### Paul Hillsdon @paulhillsdon - Feb 26
Inspiring keynote from @Penalosa_G at #scarsymp: planners must be doers and activists to make real change

### Noha Sedky @nsedky - Feb 26
Great line by Paul Kershaw: "Evidence doesn’t drive how people think. Stories do." #SCARPSymp

The program also included 10 different breakout sessions on a variety of topics ranging from planning for children and youth, to water metering, to indigenous perspectives on generational planning, and designing for an equitable city. The wine and cheese reception that followed was abuzz with the momentum built during the course of the event – surely many new friendships were made and ideas planted.

This event is an immense milestone and pride for the School of Community and Regional Planning’s students each February, and all students, alumni, and friends of the school are encouraged to get involved in what is truly becoming SCARP’s annual highlight. We are already looking forward to next year!
NewsBytes is SCARP’s tri-annual newsletter highlighting current announcements, recent accomplishments, events, research, and broader planning movements of interest to staff, faculty, students, and alumni, as well as prospective students and members of the community.

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If you have questions or comments, or would like to make a submission to a future edition of NewsBytes, please contact NewsBytes Editor and Outreach Coordinator, Maria Trujillo directly at scarp.news@ubc.ca, or contact the School of Community And Regional Planning at the address provided below.