

ANNUAL REPORT
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SURP has flourished in a difficult operating environment because of a strategic plan prepared in 2005 under the leadership of Dr. Hok-Lin Leung. It has guided the

Professor Ron Price, QC, led an all-star cast of instructors for a new alternative dispute resolution course and planning consultant Sukriti Agarwal taught our GIS course. Finally, our workshop course offerings were expanded to four projects, led by adjunct faculty Selma Hassan (Ottawa); Andrea Gummo (Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority); Sonya Bolton (Kingston) and David Jackson (Social Planning Council).

SURP students benefited from these courses, and a good range of professional internships in 2009. Despite the economic recession, almost every first-year student obtained a paid professional internship, and most of the graduating class had secured planning jobs by the end of their two-year program. We appreciate the loyal support of our partners from the public and private sectors, and the National Executive Forum on Public Property to keep this distinctive component of our graduate program operating during difficult circumstances.

SURP continues to be an important urban planning research centre which our external reviews have demonstrated to be more productive than most schools of similar

administration and supervision, our scholars remained remarkably productive, we edited journals, published 3 books and monographs, 19 articles and chapters, and continued outreach to the profession. Several of these articles and chapters were collaborations with former students, while the current student body contributed five professional reports and 34

Finally, the school benefits greatly from the efforts of a veteran staff team, who kept the place operating during a difficult transition year. Jo-Anne Rudachuk was a rock in her twenty- Forum and China Projects. Angela Balesdent managed the new faculty hiring process with aplomb, and departed for a well-deserved sabbatical in Dunning Hall in August. We were luck notice, and she has kept our finances flowing smoothly.

Although Hok-Lin officially retired in July 2009, I am grateful that he managed the transition process smoothly over the past three years. He transferred administrative responsibilities to the faculty, and he and Angie trained me as an acting Director for almost a year and a half. Hok-Lin continues to lead our international work, so I decided to start with internal renewal hiring new faculty, reaching out to other units and building new local partnerships. We expanded our exchanges with Policy Studies,

opportunities for graduate student and faculty exchanges with our new Matriki Network university partners.

As we prepare to celebrate the 40th year of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, the future looks bright. It was an honour to be appointed as Director of this fine school, and I am grateful for the support of our staff, faculty, students and alumni as we move forward.

David Gordon
Professor and Director

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which is given to the graduating student who completes the program in two years and has the highest grade point average.

Niall Oddie and Laura Maxwell won the Stanley Lash Award for a joint paper, which is given to the student who has written the best term paper in a SURP course in the preceding calendar year.

Sarah Brown and Bitia Vorell were winners of CIP Climate Change Internships.

Heidi Postnikoff was winner of the 2009 Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Eastern Ontario District Graduate Student Research Award.

Dorothy Belina, Sarah Brown and Meredith Lynes each won a 2009 Toronto CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Real Estate Scholarship (\$3,000 value). This scholarship is open to female students in five real estate streams/programs. SURP is the only non-business program. This year four scholarships were awarded; three of which were awarded to SURP students.

Employment

Of the 33 students who graduate in 2009:

Number graduated and working in planning jobs	30
Number graduated and furthering their formal education	1
Number graduated and looking for work	2

SURP Internship Program

Despite the recession, the SURP internship program weathered the summer of 2009 remarkably well. All but three of our students going into the second year of the program completed internship placements, plus eight positions went to graduating students. In other words, there were five more positions than first-to-second year student

temporary hiring freezes, requiring considerable effort to replace these positions with new employers. We are confident that most of the lost positions will return with healthier economic times (and indeed some did in 2010). SURP will continue to work hard to secure additional opportunities for future summers, as well as to preserve our existing positions. In 2010-11, we will be specifically targeting private sector firms, especially in commercial real estate.

One positive trend of late is more students securing for their own positions, especially in their home cities outside of Ontario. Often this yields some of the best employment opportunities; one that often become sustaining positions for subsequent SURP students.

The School greatly appreciates the important role played by SURP alumni/ae who

hire our intelligent and hard-working students. If you or a colleague may be in a position to bring one of our finest into your organization, we encourage you to contact our internship coordinator, Dr. John Andrew at john.andrew@queensu.ca or 613-533-6000 ext. 75756.

Student Involvement in School Governance

The School has a tradition of involving students in practically every aspect of School life. Appendix C lists student representatives on SURP committees in 2009-2010.

International Opportunities

-Fudan Exchange

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed i University and Fudan University provides administrative support and opportunities to scholars/students in both universities to undertake collaborative research. Under the MOU, the Co-laboratory of Environmental Research on Urbanization was established between the Institute of Biodiversity Science at Fudan University and our School (joined by the Department of Civil Engineering). The mission of this alliance is to undertake multidisciplinary studies of land use change and environmental management in China. This alliance began in 2001 and has undertaken preliminary research resulting in a number of papers published, as well as numerous faculty and student exchanges. In 2009, Bryan Crosby and Sarah Smith were two students selected from many applicants to attend Fudan University during the summer semester. While at Fudan University both Bryan and Sarah studied under the direction of Professor Ren, Co-director of Biodiversity Institute at Fudan University.

China Internships

In 2009 no SURP students participated in the China Internships with the Chinese Academy of Land and Resource Economics (CALRE) and the China Land and Surveying and Planning Institute (CLSPI) in Beijing, but two students are going in 2010.

International Experience Awards

Ten years ago, the International Experience Awards (IEA) were created with revenues generated by our China projects in order to provide students with a unique international experience. In 2009, the IEAs were also supported by the OPPI Eastern onations from the SURP alumni. Five awards of \$1,700 were given out in 2009. Proposals on planning-related topics are submitted for adjudication by a selection panel comprised of first- and second-year students. The proposals are judged on their feasibility, practicality and innovation. The award recipients give a presentation to the student body and faculty before and after returning from their trips. In addition, they prepare a one- to two-page summary of their experiences with appropriate pictures,

established a routine of two lecture tours in China every year – one in spring and one in autumn. The tours covered the usual suspects, Tsinghua and Peking University in Beijing
n Beijing in

October 2009, with speakers from musicology and molecular biology. Participants came from all parts of China. The idea was to develop urban theory and planning theory through the use of metaphors, analogies and associations drawn from other disciplines. The translations of his 1986 book

Leela Viswanathan joined SURP as tenure-track faculty in July 2009 and she is cross-appointed with the Geography Department. In April 2009, Leela was awarded the Julian Szeicz Award for Excellence in Teaching by the Geography DSC. In the winter of 2009, she taught SURP 802 Qualitative Methods. In the fall 2009 semester, Leela co-taught SURP 817 An Intellectual History of Urban and Regional Planning (with David Gordon) along with SURP 812 Qualitative Research Methods, and SURP 823 Housing and Human Services Project Course.

Graham Whitelaw continued his SSHRC-supported research on community-based land use planning and environmental assessment with the Mushkegowuk Council

supported by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Research and Development Program (partnership with Environment and Resource Studies, University of Waterloo and Oak Ridges Institute for Applied Sustainability), was completed in 2009. The synthesis report can be accessed at <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/Content/B/2/7/B273F899-FA7C-4315-A23C-44028B73853E/STORM-eng.pdf>. Graham is also working with Leela Viswanathan and others from the Susta

University to develop a research program on climate change adaptation and urban planning. Graham taught SURP 856 Environmental Assessment, in the winter term of 2009 and SURP 825 Environmental Project course, in the fall term of 2009. Graham also taught 3 undergraduate courses in the School of Environmental Studies. He is currently supervising (or co-supervising) the research of seven masters students (three from SURP, four from Environmental Studies).

Sue Hendler An appreciation

John Meligrana, Bev Baines and Dave Gordon

Dr. Sue Hendler died on September 14, after a brave struggle with cancer. She was originally educated as a biologist at Carleton and her interests evolved during a m

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Gordon, David L.A., conference presentation,

February 18th, 2009.

Gordon, David L.A., faculty organizer and moderator, National Executive Forum on Public Property conference, Halifax, NS, May 28-30, 2009.

Gordon, David L.A., faculty organizer and moderator, National Executive Forum on Public Property retreat, Montreal, QC, November 5-7, 2009.

Leung, Hok-Lin

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Ottawa, ON, April 9, 2009.

Leung, Hok-Lin

Ontario, Canada , Symposium: Conserving connectivity in changing landscapes, Reese Room, High Country Conference Centre, Flagstaff, Arizona, October 6, 2009.

Whitelaw, G., D. McCarthy and L. Tsuji, invited presentation, The Victor Diamond mine Environmental assessment: A First Nations Perspective, Invited presentation to the Ontario Association for Impact Assessment, Environmental Assessment at a Crossroads Conference , Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, ON, October 22, 2009.

Whitelaw G. And P.F.J. Eagles, invited presentatio Regional environmental land use planning activities benefiting Great Lakes Protection: Case studies of the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine , Ontario, Canada. Concurrent session, 32nd International Association of Great Lakes Research Conference, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, May 19-22, 2009.

Whitelaw, G. Explanation of models of sustainability for the Oak Ridges Moraine , Plenary presentation, Community well being symposium, Bethany Ranch Resort, City of Kawartha Lakes, ON, May 1-2, 2009.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Ajay Agarwal has continued with his research of the Los Angeles urban spatial structure while also embarking on a new project researching the impact of public transit in Toronto

climate change, land use and sustainability. Leela is also involved in national research as a co-investigator (along with eleven researchers from Toronto and Vancouver) on a SSHRC-CURA-funded p -

Chung Lan (University of British Columbia, Social Work) that has succeeded through the first Letter of Intent (LOI) stage. Furthermore, with the assistance of a Community

research with MPL candidate Bartholomew Ryan on the theory, design and implementation of a CSL teaching model in planning pedagogy. In 2009, Leela published two refereed journal articles in *GeoJournal* and the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research* and was a referee for articles for *Urban Studies*, *Cultural Geographies*, and *Emotion, Space, and Society*.

Graham Whitelaw currently has four SSHRC funded research projects. Three deal with land use planning and environmental assessment in the Mushkegowuk Territories (western coast of James Bay). The fourth looks at biodiversity science and conservation in southern Ontario. Sarah Ramey, MPL candidate was funded through this

UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

Ajay Agarwal serves on the SURP Board Committee and the SURP Academic Committee. He also serves on the Appointments Committee as well as the Renewal and Tenure Committee. In January 2010, Ajay visited CEPT University in India to initiate discussions regarding an international development project course for SURP students. Ajay received a very warm and positive response from the local faculty, who expressed their keen interest and willingness to support such an international venture by SURP.

John Andrew running the Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate. He also managed the SURP student internship program, served on the Faculty Hiring Committee, served on the Search Committee for Director of SURP, coordinated three student scholarships and awards, and served on the Departmental Ethics Board. He supervised 13 graduate students (for the two years of the program combined) and served on one thesis examination committees. John peer-reviewed an article for the Journal of Environmental Planning and Management. He served on an adjudication panel for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program and on the CoreNet Global University Alliances Subcommittee. John provided strategic conflict management and independent facilitation services to the

Society, Economy and Politics), September (How to be Effective with the Government Bureaucracy of Canada) and December (International Human Rights Day: Growing Inequality and the Ignoring of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

John Meligrana is the manager of the Fudan University, Shanghai, China - Student University Exchange Program. He is also the manager of the Student Work Placement program with the Ministry of Land and Resources in China. In addition, John manages and coordinates the special training program with the Ministry of Land and Resources (MLR) in China, which provides a two-week intensive training program in

serve as the Chair of Subcommittee V of the Advisory Research Committee. John also serves as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. He was a manuscript reviewer for the following journals: Canadian Journal of Urban Research, The Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Water Resources Management and Urban Studies.

Andrejs Skaburskis is the Managing Editor at *Urban Studies* and sits on the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, *Housing Studies* and *Open J of Urban Studies*. He has also done review research proposals for SSHRC and the US National Science Foundation.

Leela Viswanathan functioned as faculty liaison to the Visiting Speakers and Events committee at SURP. Leela is currently supervising (or co-supervising) three graduate students (three at SURP). She also liaised with the Geography Department on behalf of SURP in order to develop a coordinated degree between the two programs. Leela sat as an internal examiner on one MA thesis defense committee in the winter 2009 semester. In 2009, Leela applied for the CIP and OPPI full membership designation.

Graham Whitelaw is a member of the Academic Committee and Board of the Planning School (and is also a member of the School of Environmental Studies Appointments Committee and Graduate Committee). He participated in one hiring committee and was on the Heads Selection Committee for Geography. Graham continued his co-chair responsibilities for the Sustainable D He is a member of a number of Boards including the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation and the Oak Ridges Institute for Applied Sustainability. He is also on the editorial Advisory Board for *Environments Journals* and was a reviewer for three international journals in 2009.

STUDENT PROJECTS COMPLETED FOR CLIENTS/COMMUNITY GROUPS

SURP-823: Housing and Human Services Project Course (Fall 2009)

A team of seven students collected and synthesized information on behalf of the Social Planning Council of Kingston and Area in order to develop a model for affordable housing in downtown Kingston. This project was coached by Dave Jackson of the Social Planning Council, and supervised by Leela Viswanathan of SURP. The affordable housing located on Queen Street in downtown Kingston. The student consultants developed a model that provided for housing and street-level commercial space. The rental units would serve tenants living in various income brackets. The model also included a number market prices, thus making homeownership more affordable. Additional sustainability features to the model included green technologies (e.g, solar voltaic technology, geothermal energy systems), green roof and a rooftop garden. The model also included components to foster a sense of community such as communal space and a CarShare program. The student consultants have been pleased by the fact that the City of Kingston is working with the Social Planning Council and drawing from their project report in order to investigate affordable housing options for the Kingston community.

SURP-824: Land Use and Real Estate Development Project Course (Fall 2009)

SURP 824 students worked under the direction of David Gordon and Sonya Bolton, Senior Planner, City of Kingston to complete a report entitled Residential -University Neighbourhoods. The students undertook a detailed study of existing City policies, coupled with an examination of intensification policies in other university towns and cities, to determine a framework for future

John Andrew
Whig-Standard,

The Kingston

The Globe and Mail. Lori McLeod, January 28,
2009. He was interviewed live on Business News Network (national television),
Commercial Real , May 20, 2009.

The Agenda. His research was also cited in articles by the Toronto
Star and Ottawa Citizen.

Gerald Hodge won the p
photo contest 2009, for which he won a luxury cruise for two. **Andrejs Skaburskis** won
the prize in 2008 and SURP student Adrian Brett won the best student image prize in
2009.

EXTERNAL INITIATIVES

National Executive Forum on Public Property

The National Executive Forum on Public Property, in its 12th successful year of operation, ended 2009 with 25 government Member organizations: BC Accommodation and Real Estate Services, BC Hydro, Canada Lands Company, City of Brampton, City of Calgary, City of Edmonton, City of Mississauga, City of Montreal, City of Ottawa, City of Toronto, City of Vancouver, City of Winnipeg, Correctional Service Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Department of National Defence, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, New Brunswick Supply and Services, Newfoundland and Labrador Transportation and Works, Nova Scotia Transportation and Wo

Discussion sessions were on performance measures and development corporations, and the development of priority topics for research/collection of information.

China Projects

In June a group of 50 land and mining professionals from the Ministry of Land and Resources had a three-week training session in Canada. This program had been in place for 14 years. In September 2009 we placed eight interns on a five-month training program (this was the 14th year). There were 3 visiting scholars from the Development Research Center, State Council and China Ministry of Education.

Started in 2003, the Forum brings together the Heads of Missions to Canada from 20 Asia-Pacific countries. It is funded by the Office of the Vice Principal (Academic) and the Office of Research Services. In 2009, there were four sessions, and topics included:

Sessions were held in Ottawa. The June session was held, as our tradition, in Kingston, with a luncheon hosted by the Principal at Summerhill.

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B
GRADUATES AND RESEARCH TOPICS
2009

Barnett, Natalie	Conflict North of the Greenbelt: A Comparative Evaluation of Growth Management in Barrie & Simcoe Country
Bourhill, Iain	Ill Winds A' Blowin: An Investigation of Local Opposition to Wind Energy and the Planning Response on Wolfe Island, Ontario
Button, Jessica	The Reuse of Surplus School Sites in Ottawa, Ontario: An Examination of Community Interests and Public Participation in the Acquisition, Planning and Conversion of Surplus School Sites
Cann, Amy	Greening Our Neighbourhoods: An Investigation of Neighbourhood Development, Green Design, and the Marketing Strategies of Lora Bay and The Shipyards
Chang, Nellie	Inclusionary Zoning for the Provision of Affordable Housing: A Comparative Analysis of Vancouver and San Francisco
Cholette, Christine	Special Emphasis on Accessibility
Gibson, Laurel	Identification and Analysis of Predominant Trends of Ontario Municipal Board Decisions in 2007
Golden, Alissa	

- Trottier, Catherine Approaches towards Sustainable Community Development: An Investigation of Eco-Designed Condominiums
- Vandyk, Christopher Looking for the Suburbs: A Pilot Study of the Ottawa-Gatineau Census Metropolitan Area
- Wong, Michael Improving Heritage Conservation in Toronto: A comparison of five urban residential Heritage Conservation Districts
- Wood, Robert Tyler Should Westmount Become a Heritage Character District? Using Ontario's Standards to Evaluate a Quebec Municipality's Heritage-Protection ByLaws
- Woodside, Claire Public Art Program Development: A Comparative Evaluation of Ottawa and Vancouver

APPENDIX C
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON SURP COMMITTEES
2008-2009

Committee	First Year	Second Year
SURP Board (2 students from each year)	1. Jordan Lee 2. Natasha Reaney	1. Vanessa Covello 2. Andrew Morton
Academic Committee (1 student from each year)	1. Mark Janzen	1. Kristen Sullivan
Budget Committee (1 student from each year)	1. Jeff Cyr	1. Carmen Hindson
Course Review Committee (1 student from each year)	1. Andrew Nakazawa	1. Teresa Thomas
Visiting Speakers, Extra-curricular Events (3 students from each year)	1. Sumi Yang 2. Kieran Miller 3. Core van Koughnett	1. Sarah Brown 2. Andrea Hamilton 3. Bart Ryan
Personnel (1 student from each year)	1. Bebe Chan	1. Niall Oddie
Canadian Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) (1 student from each year)	1. Justin Adema	1. Heidi Postnikoff
Society of Professional Students (1 student from <u>either</u> year)	1. Ian Jeffrey	
Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) (1 student from each year)	1. Tristan Johnson	1. Bitá Vorell
Computer Users Group (2 students from each year)	1. Ashley North 2. Kevin House	1. Bryan Crosby 2. Andrew Morton
International Experience Award (4 students from each year)	1. Anna Stuermer 2. Laura Moebs 3. Stephen Takyi 4. Rob Rappolt	1. Niall Oddie 2. Carla Schuk 3. Sarah Ramey 4. Christie MacIsaac
Exhibition Committee (1 student from each year)	1. Henry McQueen	1. Andrea Hamilton
Unit Research Ethics Board (1 student from each year)	1. Paul Yeoman	1. Sarah Ramey