

MPPAL Updates

Sandra McEleney (MPPAL 2018) takes on new role as Transit Planner at the Regional Municipality of Durham

In 2007, Sandra McEleney undertook her undergraduate studies part time at the University of Toronto just before accepting a job as a program manager for a non-profit agency. That led to a full-time position as a planning analyst at the Region of Durham. It didn't take long for her to choose her major after getting more involved in sustainable transportation projects at the Region of Durham and she continued to work on her honours degree in City Studies and Urban Geography while working full time. In 2015, Sandra graduated at the top of her class from U of T and realized that she loved working and studying! The decision shortly after to apply to the MPPAL program came about as she realized how much of her regional planning work involved law and administrative matters, along with policy work. The fit has been great with York's MPPAL program as she now finds the work/study balance

ideal. Sandra was recently promoted to Transit Planner as the result of her continued studies at York and also the successful completion of her Register Professional Planner (RPP) designation. Sandra looks forward to finishing her studies this summer for October 2018 convocation and advancing planning goals armed with her MPPAL degree from York.

Congratulations!

FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 SPPA AWARDS—**Deadline extended due to ongoing labour disruption until****Monday, May 28, 2018**

The **Undergraduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Graduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Alumni Recognition Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/a to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote Good Governance. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The **Practicum Honouree Award** recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2017 award winners were honoured at the SPPA dinner with the keynote address delivered by Caspar Hall, York PPA Alumnus and Policy Director with the Ontario Anti-Racism Directorate – Cabinet Office. See the [2017 awards celebration](#),

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of her or his resume.

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**Submit a proposal for our national housing conference -
be part of the conversation!**

Abstract submission deadline: **August 1, 2018**
Paper submission deadline: **September 14, 2018**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is evolving its successful [Housing Finance Symposium](#) and will be hosting a housing conference this fall to connect more broadly with housing stakeholders, as part of Canada's ongoing engagement under the [National Housing Strategy](#).

We cordially invite you to submit a proposal for research papers for the conference, which will be held at the **National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Canada on November 21 and 22, 2018**. Successful speakers will be invited to present and/or contribute to various panel discussions and workshops.

This event will bring together national and international experts, practitioners, government officials and stakeholders to discuss innovative solutions for housing in Canada.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please submit your proposal by **August 1, 2018**, to nhc-cnl@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Proposals must include a 200-300 word summary, proposal title, type of proposal, contact information and affiliation of the presenter as well as any possible co-participant(s). CMHC will communicate to the successful applicants selected for the Conference by September 28, 2018 via email. There is no fee associated with submitting proposals.

CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT

More information about the conference will be available soon [online](#).
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[Video recording of the McLaughlin Open Forum featuring Professor James Simeon](#) is now up on the McLaughlin College website.

Planning for Urban Resilience and Inclusive Cities: Lessons from Toronto

June 12, 2018

Why do diversity, inclusion, and resilience matter to cities? Diversity is often celebrated in city branding and promotion. Toronto's city motto "Diversity Our Strength" conveys social, cultural, and political meanings, but what does successful (and unsuccessful) spatial and physical manifestations of diversity in our city landscapes actually look like? From affordable housing, to transit, to parks, to settlement services, our cities can make smart investments of the public realm to create equitable and inclusive infrastructure and culturally sensitive services.

On June 12, join us online with **Dr. Zhixi Zhuang, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Ryerson University** (Toronto) in conversation with **Dr. Stacy Harwood, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Illinois** (Urbana-Champaign) to discuss planning for urban resilience in a multicultural context, and how municipal planning policies can create safe, accessible, and inclusive public spaces while promoting intercultural social interactions and understanding.

[Learn more](#)

This webinar is produced in partnership with Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement (RCIS)

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Examining the effects of anti-sexual violence education amongst university students

Are you a student or recent graduate who has participated in anti-sexual violence education or training through your university or college? Would you like to tell us about it in a 30 to 45-minute interview?

Confidentiality is assured and a 10\$ honorarium is provided.

This study seeks the participation of people who...

- Are currently attending, or graduated for no more than one year from, a university or college program;
- Have participated in mandatory or voluntary (i.e., by choice) programming of some kind, offered by or at your educational institution, that seeks to prevent or educate about sexual violence/ assault (e.g., violence against women awareness, a talk, course, or consent workshop, self-defense class, workshop for your sports team);
- Are between 18 and 30 years of age.

The research will:

- Examine the relationship between anti-sexual violence education and young people's sexual practices;
- Provide young adults with a chance to voice their experiences of and strategies in sexual negotiations (e.g., how they articulate desires and boundaries, interest and non-interest);
- Be conducted in a non-judgmental, open-style interview that allows participants to express themselves and share their opinions (i.e., there are no 'right answers');
- Contribute to the development of sexual violence prevention efforts, and hopefully, better sex!

Research conducted by Dr. Tuulia Law, York University

To participate in an interview or for more information contact:

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Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 1:00pm Central CST

TO REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#) **CLICK on Webinar Title for more information.**

QUESTIONS: Meghan Wrathall, wraithalm@branondu.ca, 819-345-3777

Policy Analyst Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

The AFN has job opportunities that include policy analyst positions in different areas specific to First Nations' languages, education, social development, environment, health, water, emergency management, land, territories and resources.

[More information>>](#)

Senior Policy Advisors (8 positions) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Demonstrate your policy skills on issues/initiatives related to policing, corrections, fire, death investigations, emergency management and animal welfare for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. [More information>>](#)

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