



## STUDENT HONOURS AND AWARDS

The **Stanley Lash Award** is an award for student excellence established in honour of the first Director of the School, Stanley Lash. The award is given to the student who has written the best term paper in a SURP course in the preceding calendar year. The **2006** recipient was **Katherine Sparkes** for her blog entitled "Social Matters", which was submitted in the Social Planning course (SURP-871).

The **Ida Mmari Memorial Award** was established in memory of a distinguished alumna **Ida Mmari ('83)** following her death after a brief illness on May 17, 1985 in Tanzania. The award is given to the graduating student who completes the program in two years and has the highest grade point average. The **2006** recipient was **Markus Moos ('06)**.

The **Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) Student Award for Academic Excellence** is given to the CIP student member with the highest academic standing in our program. The **2006** recipient was **Markus Moos ('06)**.

The **Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Eastern Ontario District Graduate Research Award** is a \$1,500 cash award to assist a student with research for his/her master's report or thesis. The **2007** recipient was **Katherine Sparkes** for her research on the use of local government policy to promote energy-efficient buildings.

A summer **2007 China Internship** was awarded to **Andrea Gummo** (see page 12).

The winners of the **2007 International Experience Awards** were **Tasha Elliott** (Belmopan, Belize), **Kelly McNicol ('07)** (Beijing, China), and **Raktim Mitra ('07)** (Curitiba, Brazil) (see page 13). Tasha and Kelly have yet to undertake their travel.

The purpose of the **Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Gerald Carrothers Graduate Scholarship** is to assist in furthering planning education, to recognize student members who are making a contribution in their communities, and to provide financial aid for members who are studying planning at recognized planning programs. The winner of the **2007** scholarship was **Michelle Taggart ('07)**.

SURP is one of six programs whose students are eligible to apply for the **Oxford Properties Group Real Estate Research Competition**. Students in their final year of study in these programs may compete by writing and submitting a 1,500-2000 word essay based on a question posed by Oxford Properties Group. Entries are judged by a panel of real estate executives at Oxford Properties Group and the winning entries must combine strong research and analytical skills. The first-place prize is \$10,000 to the winning student and \$5,000 to his/her program; second place is \$5,000 to the winning student; and third place is \$2,500 to the winning student. Congratulations to **Gilbert Schiller ('07)** who was the **first-prize recipient for 2007**.

The **Toronto CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Real Estate Scholarships** are to encourage women to enter the Canadian commercial real estate industry. The scholarships are valued at \$3,000 each and may be awarded to full-time female students entering the final year of the Queen's M.PL. program. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential, interest in the commercial real estate field, and must specialize in Land Use and Real Estate Development in their second and final year of study.

The **2007** winners w (tFT1 1 Tf0.002 Tc -0005 Tw

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUANDS!

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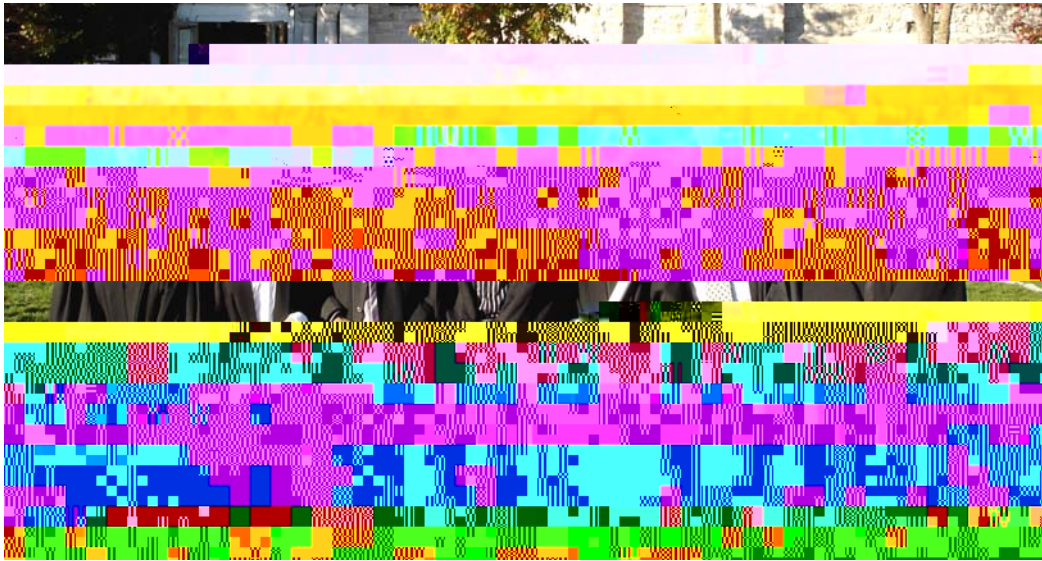
John Adams, Darryl Bird, Melissa Copping, Alison Coyle, Cheryl Dow, Laura Dowell, Chris Hadwin, Markus Moos, Guillaume Neault, Teresa Pisani, Mike Sanfilippo, Trina Soonarane, Xian Zhang

### MAY 2007

Leanne Blackwood, Emily Caldwell, Qiaoyi He, Rocky Kambo, Jennifer Maximattis, Sasha Meads, Ryan Moore, David Sajecki, Marney Simmons, Michelle Taggart, Yan Zheng

### OCTOBER 2007

Calvin Chan, Jocelyn Chandler, Caihong Chen, Tim Dickinson, Mary Leishman, Dave McCready, Kelly McNicol, Raktim Mitra, David Moore, Gilbert Schiller, Karen Thompson, Alex Turner, Rob Wandell, Bryan Ward, Josh White



*Some of the October 2007 graduands (from left to right) Caihong Chen, Jocelyn Chandler, Raktim Mitra, Kelly McNicol, Mary Leishman, Tim Dickinson, and Gilbert Schiller*

## ALUMNI/AE NEWS

**Bob and Laurel Russell** (both class of '75) have moved to Wellington, New Zealand, where Bob has accepted a position as Deputy Commissioner, Service Delivery, Dept. of Inland Revenue. Bob and Laurel recently retired from positions in the federal and Nova Scotia governments, and relocated to Wellington in October 2006. Friends may contact them at 1-226 Oriental Parade, Wellington (tel. 66 04 385-0355).

Proud and tired new parents Min Chen and **Yan Zheng** ('07) are de-

lighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Nina Chen, born at 8:56 a.m. on November 28, 2006 (weight 2977 g, 49 cm).

**Zdana Komarnicky** ('03) and Andrew Fedchun were married on October 28, 2006 in Toronto. Attendees included **Paula Bustard** (bridesmaid), **Naomi Hirshberg**, **Amanda Santo**, and **Stephanie Stasya** (all from the class of '03).

In September 2006, **Mike Ircha** ('73)

received a New Brunswick Day Merit Award in the leadership category for his contributions to help shape the development of Fredericton through his volunteer work as chairman of Fredericton's planning advisory committee.

**Brenda Burjaw** ('99) and her husband Jason are the proud parents of Rebekah Ester Burjaw, born at 12:20 a.m. on March 13, 2007 (weight 8 lbs 7 oz.).

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## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

SURP students enjoyed another strong job market in 2007, with many external positions available. It was also a good year for internships at the School, with many positions interviewing on campus. We are grateful for the support of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, Ottawa Airport Authority, Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, City of King-

ston, KFLA Health Unit, Loyalist Township, Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Treasury Board Secretariat, and the City of Toronto for our on-campus program and several other members of the National Executive Forum on Public Property, who hired our students in other provinces. The

School also appreciates the efforts of the many alumni/ae who mentored our students' job searches in other cities.

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## EXECUTIVE SEMINARS ON CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE

Founded at SURP in 2004, Queen's University's Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate (ESCIRE) hosted two more successful seminars in downtown Toronto, in January and May 2007. Entitled "Fundamentals and Future Trends in Commercial Real Estate: A Focused Analysis of the Office, Multi-Unit Residential, Retail and Capital Markets" and "Global Real Estate Investment: International Acquisition Opportunities and Foreign Investment in Canadian Assets", these events attracted over 200 registrants combined. Each full-day program featured 16 to 20 high-profile leaders in the industry speaking on four panels. Speakers came from Canada, the United States, Germany and Britain, while attendees came from across Canada and the U.S.

The seminar series now enjoys generous corporate sponsorship and national me-

dia attention. Each event addresses a new emerging theme of importance to the industry, in a small and interactive forum. Already a sustainable financial success, exciting plans are underway to significantly expand the purpose, functions and scope of ESCIRE's activities beyond offering three seminars annually beginning in 2007. These developments will further enhance Queen's role in this dynamic industry, and will be closely linked with research and teaching at SURP. Revenues accruing from these activities support SURP-based research in commercial real estate. Spin-off benefits are accruing to SURP and are expected to increase in the near future. These include corporate sponsorship of events, research grants, student scholarships, guest speakers for

courses, and improved access to employment opportunities for graduating students.

For information on future seminars or corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact ESCIRE Director John Andrew at 613-533-2958 or visit [john.andrew@queensu.ca](mailto:john.andrew@queensu.ca) or visit <http://www.queensu.ca/escire/>.



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## **CHINA PROJECT NEWS**

The biggest news on the China front was the establishment of a Queen's University permanent office in China,

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE FORUM ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

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assets”, including a “Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography for Public Development”, was presented by James McKellar, Academic Director, Program in Real Property, Schulich School of Business, York University and David Gordon. SURP students **Gilbert Schiller ('07)**, **Raktim**

**Mitra ('07)** and **Sanjay Regmi** assisted David Gordon with the preparation of the Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography, and also assisted in compiling information for Forum Members on educational programs to assist with employee recruiting. These documents are available on the Forum website or in hard copy from the Forum office.

Planning is now underway for the Forum's annual conference, May 29-30, 2008, in Winnipeg.

Please see [www.publicpropertyforum.ca](http://www.publicpropertyforum.ca) for more information about the Forum.

## SURP-823 HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES PROJECT COURSE (FALL 2006)

### Transitioning from chronic homelessness to stable housing in Kingston, Ontario

Students enrolled in the Housing and Human Services project course worked with the City of Kingston, Department of Community Development Services for a second year on issues of homelessness. The students were asked to explore the Hostels to Homes pilot project, which is a provincial/municipal endeavour aimed at helping chronic homeless shelter users find and maintain stable housing. The project included a literature review, service provider interviews, client interviews and a presentation to the community. Later in the summer, we learned that some of the students' recommendations had, in fact, been adopted by the government in its refinement of the program. Most notable, perhaps, is that clients of the Ontario Disability Support Program will now be eligible to participate in Hostels to Homes.



*Photograph taken by Bryan Ward ('07)*



## CAPS 2007: A HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE BOTH INSIDE AND OUT

*By Andrea Oppedisano*

The annual Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS 2007) conference entitled “Cultural Planning: Integrating the Everyday”, was held at the Winnipeg Art Gallery this year – in February! Despite experiencing below 50°C weather, some of the coldest temperatures the prairies have seen in 50 years, the conference proved to be a great success.

Students representing ten different planning schools across Canada, including five students from Queen’s, participated in a variety of

events ranging from tours, mobile workshops to art centres across the city, a panel discussion with leading Aboriginal and Native Studies professors, and a lecture by John Lornic. In addition to the events organized by the University of Manitoba Student Planning Association, the conference also showcased 29 different research projects including two by Queen’s students: “Transit Oriented Land Use Planning: A Method to Evaluate Development Potential” and “Housing Forms in Children’s Renderings: Perception in Reality?”.

As advertised, CAPS 2007 provided a venue for knowledge, research and experience sharing and Winnipeg confirmed its friendly nature, as I experienced some of the kindest, most generous citizens Canada has to offer. I do have to admit though, for anyone planning to visit Winnipeg and the rest of Manitoba (a trip I highly recommend), do go in the summer when you can walk the streets without the threat of frost bites.

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## INTERNSHIP IN CHINA

*By Andrea Gummo*

Andrea Gummo participated in a three-month internship this summer at the China Academy of Land and Resources Economics (CALRE). The Academy is a policy think tank under the Ministry of Land Resources, located 40 km east of Beijing in Yan Jiao. While

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## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AWARDS

*Travel to Shanghai, People's Republic  
of China*

*By Alex Turner*

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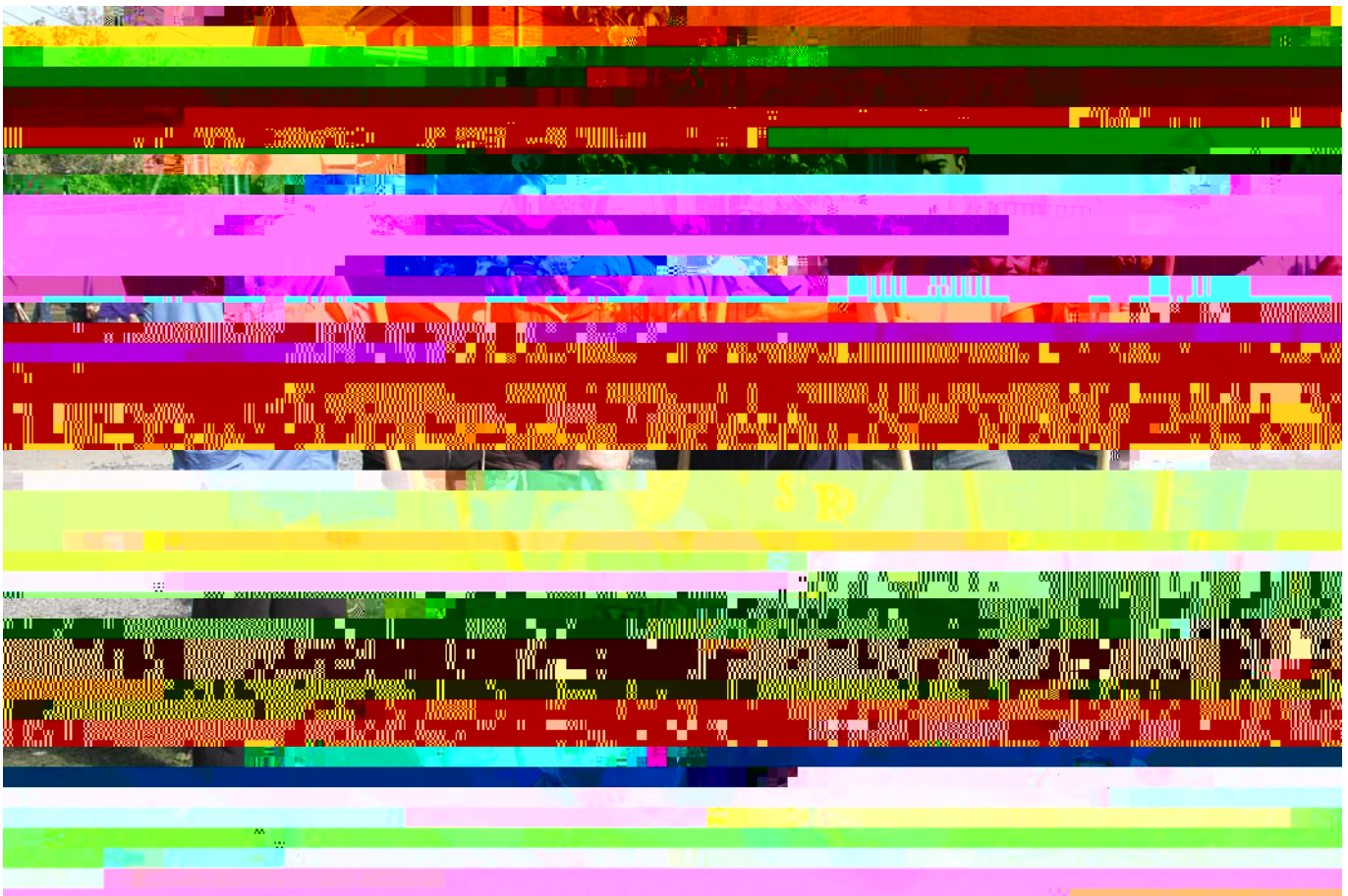
## GREEN SCHEME

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Kingston Chamber of Commerce award for best community initiative. Pilot projects were started at a local school, daycare, seniors

centre, two churches and Navy Memorial Park. Other greening events were organized in conjunction with Queen's orientation week (City Park) and homecoming (Victoria Park and Aberdeen Street). An-

other 40 trees were planted along King Street in partnership with the Sydenham Ward Tenants and Ratepayers Association and the City of Kingston.



*Green Scheme planting a tree on Aberdeen Street following Homecoming 2007 activities. From left to right: Farrah Ward, Dayna Lafferty, Kelsey Jensen, Iain Bourhill, Greg Newman, Dan Minkin, and Matt Holme. Picture courtesy of Andrew Jones.*

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