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ALUMNI NEWS

James Klukas ('04) and wife Tara welcomed baby

FACULTY INTERVIEWS: 1ST YEAR AT SURP

LEELA VISWANATHAN

What was the most eye-opening experience this year at SURP?

Watching the slideshows at the Spring and end of year SURP party I was amazed at... how shall I put it? I was amazed by "the many extracurricular team-building activities" that the planning students participated in throughout the year! You're a pretty happy bunch of students even with all the work that we expect of you. It's nice

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AJAY AGARWAL

How did you decide to work at SURP?

I had other employment offers but chose Queen's because it is a good university, I'd have wonderful colleagues and Kingston is a nice city for families with young children.

What was the funniest thing that happened this year at SURP?

The song the guys wrote and played for me was pretty funny.

What was the most eye-opening?

I was quite impressed by two things: 1) students' dedication to environment and sustainable development and that 2) many SURP students don't want to be in big cities; they want to work in small municipalities, which is different than other students I've met.

What do you think about the amount of pizza we eat in a year?

As long as it's not from 2 for 1, I don't mind!

What do you find interesting about Kingston?

It is very charming, especially around City Hall, however I don't consider it be a *real* city in terms of planning issues and challenges. The city is not quite a university town because the population is larger than the average university town, but there is very little economic activity independent of the academic and government institutions. As a result, the city does not offer much diversity and choices, e.g. in terms of shopping and entertainment.

Do you have any great ideas you hope to implement at SURP? (ie. Projects, extra-curriculars, courses, other?)

I have proposed courses in transportation planning and international

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Ajay Agarwal taught SURP-818 Physical Planning during Fall- 2009, his debut semester at SURP. In SURP 818 the students proposed a physical design strategy for the area

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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 *Towards a Subjective Approach to Policy Planning and Evaluation: Common-Sense Structured* was published in a bilingual format by the People's University Press, as part of a series of public policy classics. The first essay, "The Culture DNA of Western Society, Economy and Politics: The Beginning" was published in the journal

ADMISSIONS

This has been another year with many applications. Right now we have an indication that 34 students will be coming while we have room for only 31. We have very few dropouts from this year's acceptance list indicating the growing demand for planning education. We are also really pleased that three of our first year students received the prestigious and pecuniarily satisfying Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) scholarship. These fellowships area

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CHINA PROJECTS NEWS

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.

AMBASSADORS' FORUM

By Hok-Lin Leung

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 00 0 0.2400000 56.63999

SURP PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Downloads of all Project Course final reports will be made available on the SURP website here:
<http://www.queensu.ca/surp/current-students/project-courses/index.html>

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



A team of six 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 model named "Hillside Village" was proposed for the Byron Parking lot site 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 of "limited equity" units which would enable tenants to purchase their unit at lower than 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.

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SURP 824A: Land Use Project Course, Kingston, Ontario (Fall 2009)

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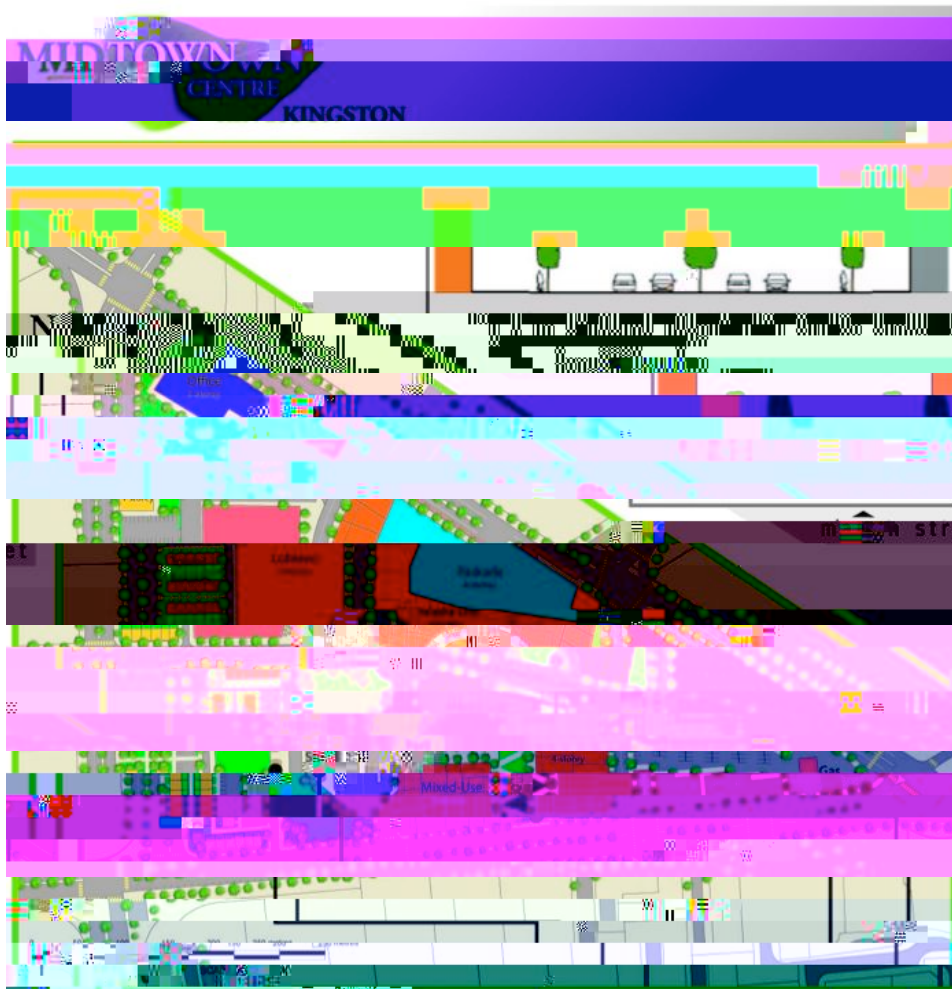
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SURP 848: Community Design (Winter 2010)

In SURP 848 Community Design, taught by Dr. Ajay Agarwal, students proposed an urban design strategy to transform the Kingston Centre into a walkable, transit oriented development. The students achieved a good balance of accommodating both private automobile and public transit in their design strategies. The quality of work produced by the students was impressive and met high professional standards.



Community Design
Team 2010
(L-R): Annamarie Burgess, Kieran Millar, Brian Anders, Andrew Sherstone, Tony Boustassis, Scott Assie, Vanessa Covello, Andrew Nakazawa, Carmen

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AWARDS

CHINA'S FRESH URBAN – HEXI NEW CITY – NANJING *by Bryan Crosby ('10)*

Located in the former agricultural southwest of Nanjing, Hexi New City is representative of a common phenomenon occurring in major Mainland cities; the creation of completely new cities on the peripheral edges of existing urban centres. Probably the most well known endeavour is Shanghai's much vaunted "one city and nine towns" which aimed to address the increasing movement of manufacturing and industrial activities to the periphery, the urbanization of rural areas and the decentralization of the population – known collectively as the "principal of dispersion-concentration" in Shanghai (reducing population from the central area).

Hexi New City is the Nanjing government's latest effort at emulating this policy. At 94km², the project is expected to be home to approximately 600,000 people.

While Hexi is connected to the older Nanjing City by the newly completed Metro Line Two and numerous bus lines, the dominance of the automobile in the design is unmistakable. Large six and four lane boulevards cross the development in a grid pattern connecting large gated residential tower complexes to the central Hexi CBD and surrounding Nanjing Ring Road system. There is no risk of being hit by a bicycle in Hexi. Strong zoning measures are in place in Hexi eliminating the hyper-mixed use grain of the older Nanjing City in favour of defined and discrete use land uses. Mixed uses remain prevalent, relative to a North American development, yet daily use businesses and institutions (schools, clinics etc.) are often located within

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RURAL ENGLAND (CITY OF LEEDS AND YORKSHIRE REGION IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND) *By Michael Hendren ('09)*

The experienced included a volunteer placement with *Natural England*, the English government's statutory authority in areas including environment, land use planning, natural resources, agriculture and rural land practices. The placement was in the City of Leeds, in north-western England. The region was home too much of England's global wool industry, now largely in decline and known for academic institutions such as Leeds University. Urban design includes retrofit to historic wool mills, pedestrian only shopping streets and public places, as well as unobtrusive citing and size of many newer buildings whose overall design is themed with the dominant design of older mill buildings.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS EDITION OF THE SURP NEWSLETTER!

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Your colleagues want to hear about you.
Career choices, travel, children and relationships, let us know!!

We also invite you to share your contact information with Jo-Anne
for the upcoming "SURP Community" section of our website,
at: www.queensu.ca/surp

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Adrian Brett's ('10) photo "Tree in Macdonald Park" won an honorable mention in Queen's 'Snap Judgments Photo Contest