
education

PhD in Planning (ABD)

Department of Geography & Planning, University of Toronto

- Dissertation: "Planning Toronto's Smart City: The Transformation of Quayside"
- Comprehensive exams: Participation, Engagement & Planning; Public Space & the Neoliberal City; and, Gender & Planning
- Supervisor: Dr. Deborah Leslie, Canada Research Chair in the Cultural Economy, Department of Geography & Planning
- Committee Member: Dr. Shauna Brail, Associate Professor, Institute for Management and Innovation
- Committee Member: Dr. Susannah Bunce, Associate Professor, Human Geography

Master of Arts, Design Writing Criticism

2011

University of the Arts London, London College of Communication, UK

- Thesis: "Into the Margins of Design Discourse: The value of external contributions to design writing revealed through diverse criticism of the Serpentine Gallery Pavilions."
- Supervisor: Dr. Teal Triggs, Associate Dean of the Royal College of Art
- Graduated with distinction

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Honours

2010

University of Guelph

- Thesis: "Shaping a Winter Culture: An exploration of design responses in winter cities"
- Supervisor: Dr. Nathan Perkins, Associate Professor
- Semester abroad at the University of Copenhagen
- Graduated with distinction

professional experience

Definite-Term Lecturer (full-time)

2021

School of Planning

University of Waterloo

Lecturer

2018-2020

School of Urban and Regional Planning

Ryerson University

Lecturer

2019

Department of Human Geography & Urban Studies Program

University of Toronto

Assistant Dean, Academic Planning & Governance

2017-2020

John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

University of Toronto

Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

2015-2017

The City of Toronto

Coordinator, Community Engagement

2014-2015

The City of Brampton

Design Communications Specialist The Planning Partnership Ltd., Toronto	2011-2014
Design & Writing Assistant British Design & Art Direction (D&AD), London, UK	2011
Learning Services Assistant University of Guelph, Learning Services	2009-2010

courses taught

University of Waterloo

2021, fall, Instructor, "PLAN 210 Community Design Fundamentals," School of Planning

Ryerson University

2020, fall, Instructor, "PLX111 Imagining the Creative City," School of Urban and Regional Planning (online)

2020, fall, Co-Instructor, "PLG531 Growth and Planning of South American Cities: Buenos Aires," School of Urban and Regional Planning (online)

2019, fall, Instructor, "PLX111 Imagining the Creative City," School of Urban and Regional Planning (in-person)

2018, fall, Instructor, "PLX111 Imagining the Creative City," School of Urban and Regional Planning (in-person)

University of Toronto

2019, fall, Instructor, "INI235 A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Urban Studies I: Theoretical Foundations of City Building," Urban Studies Program

2019, winter, Instructor, "CITB03 Social Planning and Community Development," Department of Human Geography, UTSC

Recent Guest Lectures

2019, Feminist Perspectives on Technology, undergraduate course, York University

2018, History of Urbanism, undergraduate course, University of Toronto, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

2018, Contemporary Landscape Theory, graduate course, University of Toronto, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

2017, "Public Consultation: Challenges and Opportunities for Urban Planners," University of Toronto, Department of Geography and Planning, experiential learning graduate course

fellowships

Blanche and Sandy Van Ginkel Graduate Fellowship in Municipal Finance and Governance Institute of Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto	2018-19
School of Cities Student Fellowship [declined due to COVID-19 travel restrictions] University of Toronto	2020

honours and awards

John Horner Graduate Scholarship in Geography University of Toronto	2020 (\$1,000)
Doctoral Completion Award University of Toronto	2020 (\$8,000)
UTF Fellowship Award University of Toronto	2016-2020 (\$8,500 annually)
Gold Facilitation Impact Award International Association of Facilitators (Part of The Planning Partnership team for the York University Master Plan)	2014
Landscape Architecture Alumni Scholarship University of Guelph	2010 (\$1,000)
American Society of Landscape Architects Honour University of Guelph	2010
Roberta Mason Community Involvement Award University of Guelph	2010
Ontario Agricultural College Travel Scholarship University of Guelph	2009 (\$2,000)

Helen Kippax Memorial CSLA Scholarship University of Guelph	2009 (\$800)
Landscape Architecture Student Society Award University of Guelph	2009
Women of Distinction Nominee YMCA/YWCA Guelph	2006
J. Lorne Gray Scholarship in Journalism Carleton University	2006 (\$4,000)
K. Phyllis Wilson Scholarship in Journalism Carleton University	2006 (\$1,000)
Chancellor's Scholarship Carleton University	2005 (\$30,000)
President's Scholarship Carleton University	2005 (\$12,000)

presentations

- [2021] School of Cities, University of Toronto, "Public Consultations and Interdisciplinary Work." Invited presentation. January 22, 2021.
- [2020] Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference paper, "The Sidewalk Toronto Partnership: Understanding how and why the relationship between public and private actors has shifted throughout the development of Quayside"
- [2020] Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference paper, "The Sidewalk Toronto Public-Private Partnership and Consultation: Who's Responsible?" (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- [2019] Institute for Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto, "[Consulting in the Smart City: Lessons from Sidewalk Toronto.](#)"
- [2019] Organizer, "[Engagement to Action: Improving Policy Outcomes Through Better Consultation.](#)" Institute for Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto, December 3.
- [2019] American Association of Geographers (AAG) paper, "[Who Plans Sidewalk Toronto?](#)", *Gendering the Smart City 1: Emerging (Gendered) Spaces of Smart Cities* session, April 5.
- [2019] Organizer, "[What Would a Feminist City Look Like?](#)" panel event, hosted by the University of Toronto School of Cities and the Institute for Gender and the Economy, University of Toronto
- [2018] [UN Women Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders Forum, Edmonton](#), Panel: *Gender Responsive Planning Tools & Practices for Women's Safety in Canadian Cities*, October 16
- [2018] Building Equality in Architecture Toronto (BEAT) Forum, [Panel: What is Your Unconscious Bias?](#), October 13
- [2016] Moderator, "Round Table: Landscape architecture in the anthropocene," John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design. Published in *Ground Magazine*, (34) 14-19
- [2013] Presenter (with Wong, C.) "Creating Safe Cities within the City." Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Ontario Conference, York University, Toronto. October 30.
- [2012] Presenter (with Chater, N.) "Community Engagement in Neighbourhood Greening: Highland Creek." Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Annual Congress, Halifax, Nova Scotia. September 14.

publications

Book Review

Nelischer, K. [2018]. "Canada: Modern Architectures in History" book review, *Design Issues Journal*, (34) 3, MIT Press.

Policy Reports and Research Papers

Nelischer, K. [2020]. "[Engagement to Action: Improving Policy Outcomes Through Better Consultation.](#)" Institute for Municipal Finance and Governance.

-- [2016]. "[Conflict Management and Public Participation.](#)" *International Association for Public Participation Canada*. Research paper.

[contributing author] [2017] [Green Streets Technical Guidelines](#). City of Toronto.

-- [2017] [Preston-Carling Public Realm & Mobility Study](#). City of Ottawa. The Planning Partnership Inc.

-- [2015] [Bloor-Yorkville Planning Framework & Implementation Strategy](#). City of Toronto. The Planning Partnership Inc.

-- [2012] [Dartmouth Cove Comprehensive Plan](#). Halifax Regional Municipality and Develop Nova Scotia, The Planning Partnership Ltd.

-- [2012] [Public Art Policy](#). City of Richmond Hill. The Planning Partnership.

-- [2012] [Public Art Master Plan](#). City of Lethbridge. The Planning Partnership.

Non-peer Reviewed Publications

- Nelischer, K. [2018]. "Women's Right to the City: How women are changing cities, and cities are changing women." *SITE Magazine* (38).
- [2017]. "Urban Citizenship: Purpose-built apartments for women," *Spacing Magazine* (43): 27-28.
- Boudreau, S., Cheung, P, and Nelischer, K. [2017]. "Green Infrastructure: The right way for the right-of-way in Toronto." *Municipal World*: 19-20.
- Nelischer, K. [2015-2016]. *Dwell Magazine* (various)
- [2015]. "Infrastructure: Pan Am Legacy." *Ground Magazine*, (31) 5-6.
- [2015]. "Targeted and Tailored Engagement." *Ground Magazine*, (27) 22-23.
- [2014]. "Habitat: Corridors for butterflies." *Ground Magazine*, (26) 3-4.
- [2013]. "Planning: Looking at Section 37 of the Planning Act." *Ground Magazine*, (21) 3-4.
- [2012]. "Waterfronts: Navigating an urban threshold." *Ground Magazine*, (17) 5-6.
- [2012]. "Real and Artificial: A comparison between some commonly used natural materials and their fabricated alternatives." *Ground Magazine*, (16) 14-17.
- [2012]. "Designing a Winter Culture." *Curb Magazine*. University of Alberta City-Region Studies Centre. (30) 13-15.
- [2012]. "Still Closer Together: Long distance calling and a changed perception of proximity." *University of the Arts London Field Study* (14) 14-15.
- [2011]. "A Culture of Learning: Advancing the profession through continuing education." *Ground Magazine*, (15) 26-27.

academic service

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|---|--------------|
| University of Waterloo | 2021-present |
| Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee (School of Planning) | |
| Member, Academic Advising Community of Practice (University-wide) | |
| University of Toronto | 2017-2020 |
| Faculty Representative, Experiential Learning Typology Vice Deans Group | |
| Secretary, Faculty Council | |
| Secretary, Diversity & Equity Committee | |

community service

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| Nominee (Canadian Representative), Board of Directors, World YWCA, Johannesburg, South Africa | fall 2019 |
| National Board of Directors, YWCA Canada | 2013-present |
| Chair, Nominating Committee | |
| Past Chair, Diversity Strategy Task Force | |
| Member, Governance Committee | |
| Past Chair, Young Women's Leadership Committee | |
| Communications Volunteer, Women's Design Service, London, UK | 2010-2011 |
| Board of Directors, YMCA/YWCA Guelph | 2008-2010 |

professional affiliations and memberships

- American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA), Associate Member
- Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
- International Association for Public Participation Canada (IAP2 Canada)
- Urban Land Institute

professional service

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| Editorial Board Member, <i>Ground Magazine</i> , Ontario Association of Landscape Architects | 2011-2016 |
| Research Committee Member, International Association for Public Participation Canada | 2016 |

professional development

Community-Engaged Learning Doctoral Seminar (invited member), Centre for Community Partnerships, University of Toronto	2021-present
Indigenous Engagement Training: Moving Beyond Awareness, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects	2021
Independent Remote Course Design Essentials (iReCoDE), week-long course, University of Waterloo	2021
Foundations in Remote Teaching (FORT), week-long course, Ryerson University	2020
Remote Course Design Basics, Creative Approaches to Online Lectures, and Alternatives to Live Online Lectures, Ryerson University	2020
Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Training, YWCA Canada Board of Directors, annually	2016-2019
Invited Participant, Forum on Experiential Learning, hosted by University of Toronto Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education	2019
Invited Participant, Integrative Learning Teaching and Learning Symposium, University of Toronto	2018
Invited Participant, Regional Roundtable on Community-Campus Engagement, University of Toronto	2018
Group Facilitation Methods Certification, IPA Associates	2016
Charrette Facilitation Certification, National Charrette Institute	2012

selected professional projects

Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Design:

- [Green Streets Technical Guidelines](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Satellite Campus Master Plan](#) (York University and City of Markham, The Planning Partnership)
- [York University Master Plan](#) (The Planning Partnership)
- [Preston-Carling Public Realm Plan](#) (City of Ottawa, The Planning Partnership)
- [Queen's Park North Revitalization](#) (City of Toronto, The Planning Partnership)
- [Waterfront Master Plan](#) (Town of Midland, The Planning Partnership)
- [Trent Lands Plan](#) (Trent University, The Planning Partnership)
- [Downtown Master Plan](#) (Town of Goderich, The Planning Partnership)
- [Bloor-Yorkville Planning Framework and Implementation Strategy](#) (Yorkville BIA, The Planning Partnership)
- [Dartmouth Cove Comprehensive Plan](#) (Halifax Regional Municipality, The Planning Partnership)
- [Public Art Master Plan](#) (City of Lethbridge, The Planning Partnership)

Community Engagement:

- [John Street Corridor Improvements Urban Design](#) (City of Toronto, The Planning Partnership)
- [Reimagining Yonge Street Environmental Assessment](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Green Infrastructure Student Design Hackathon](#) (Ryerson University and City of Toronto)
- [Rosehill Reservoir Rehabilitation](#) (City of Toronto)
- [St. Clair Reservoir Rehabilitation](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Lake Shore Boulevard West Cycle Track](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Riverside Drive Reconstruction](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Uber / Taxi Licensing Debate Stakeholder Consultations](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Highland Creek Watershed Neighbourhood Greening Plans](#), public workshops and charrettes (Toronto Region Conservation Authority)
- [Jane's Walks](#) for City of Toronto projects
- [Old Colony Road Reconstruction](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Riverside Drive Reconstruction](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Peak Hours Driving and Parking Restrictions](#) (City of Toronto)
- [Emery Village New Road Environmental Assessment](#) (City of Toronto)
- [York University Edge Precinct Planning consultation program](#) (The Planning Partnership)
- [Laurentian University in Barrie satellite campus public engagement program](#) (The Planning Partnership)
- [Trent University Trent Lands Plan engagement program](#) (The Planning Partnership)
- [York University Master Plan engagement strategy](#), winner of the 2014 Gold Facilitation Impact Award (The Planning Partnership)
- [Metrolinx Mobility Hub Workshops](#) (The Planning Partnership)
- [City of Peterborough Little Lake Master Plan workshops](#) (The Planning Partnership)