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2013*

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Welcome!

The first of its kind, this international three-day conference covers a wide range of issues related to urban forests, trees and green spaces from political ecology perspectives. It is designed for students, faculty, practitioners, community members and artists who are interested in enhancing their understanding of the various narratives that shape urban ecologies.

Hosted by the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto and the Humber Arboretum & Centre for Urban Ecology, the overall vision for the UFPE Conference is to showcase the important work and creativity of groups and individuals working in urban ecology issues across disciplines.

The conference includes speakers from the urban forest and/or political ecology fields that represent artists, academia, practitioners, and students, all at different stages of their careers. The transdisciplinarity nature of the conference allows participants to share the knowledge in this field.



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03

Panel Sessions and Speakers



Wednesday, April 17

6:00-9:00pm

ICEBREAKER: Early Registration and Set-up of Poster Presentations
and Artwork: Hart House, South Dining Room

Thursday, April 18

7:00-7:45am	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA The Great Hall & East Common Room (posters and art exhibit)
7:45-8:00am WELCOME	ADRINA BARDEKJIAN and SADIA BUTT (welcome and introductions) MARY DESJARDINS , Executive Director, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation NOËL STURGEON , Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University MOHINI SAIN , Dean, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto
8:00-9:30am HISTORICAL NARRATIVES Keynote address: 30 minutes Panelists: 15 minutes Facilitated discussion	MODERATOR: COLIN COATES , Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair in Canadian Cultural Landscapes, Canadian Studies programme, Glendon College, York University KEYNOTE: JOANNA DEAN , Associate Professor, Department of History, Carleton University - "Persistent Narratives in Urban Forest History" KAITLIN WAINWRIGHT , Program Coordinator, Plaques and Markers, Heritage Toronto - "Setting the Stage or Site of Memory?: Public History and the Urban Forest" JAY BOLTHOUSE , PhD Candidate, Department of Environmental Studies, University of Tokyo - "Building, Dwelling, Rethinking the Bower: An Explication and Politicization of Urban Forest Dwelling(s)" VINCENZO PIETROPAOLO , Independent photo artist and writer, Research Fellow, Frank Iacobucci Centre, University of Toronto - "The Ancients — Trees that Predate the City of Toronto"
9:30-11:00am URBAN TREE CULTURES: IDENTITIES AND PERSPECTIVES Keynote address: 30 minutes Panelists: 15 minutes Facilitated discussion	MODERATOR: CATE SANDILANDS , Professor, Canada Research Chair in Sustainability and Culture, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University KEYNOTE: OWAIN JONES , Senior Research Fellow, Countryside and Community Research Institute, University of Gloucestershire, UK - "Places of Trees: Affective Embodiment, Identity and Materiality" PETER SIMON , Urban Design and Planning Consultant, City of Toronto - "The Changing Nature of City Infrastructure" JAMES STEENBERG , PhD student, Environmental Applied Science and Management, Ryerson University - "Redefining the Neighbourhood: Addressing Social and Biophysical Processes in Urban Forests to Foster Identity" RUTHANNE HENRY , Artist, Propeller Centre for Visual Arts, Toronto - "Landscape Ironies: A Painted Narrative on the Changing Landscape of Southern Ontario"
11:00-11:30am	BREAK

<p>11:30-12:45pm</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p>
<p>HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE URBAN FOREST</p> <p>MUSIC ROOM</p> <p>Presentation: 15 minutes.</p> <p>Q&A: 5 minutes</p>	<p>MODERATOR: PETER JOHNSON, Senior Manager, Environmental Risk, TD Environment, TD Bank Group</p> <p>JOHN BACHER, Author - "Challenges in Maintaining the Urban Forest Legacy of Edmund Zavitz: The Example of Hamilton's King Forest Park and the David Dunlap Observatory Forest"</p> <p>PHILIP VAN WASSENAER, Principal Consultant, Urban Forest Innovations, Inc. - "Heritage Tree Conservation"</p> <p>RICARDO BROWN-SALAZAR, SNRE Interdisciplinary Ecology PhD Program, University of Florida - "From Canal Zone to national parks: a historical analysis of the urban forests in Panama City"</p>
<p>RE-EMERGING URBAN FORESTS</p> <p>DEBATES ROOM</p> <p>Presentation: 15 minutes.</p> <p>Q&A: 5 minutes</p>	<p>MODERATOR: John McNeil, Manager, Forestry Services, Parks and Open Space, Town of Oakville</p> <p>MARIA CASTELLANO, Post-doctoral researcher at the Environmental Education and Policy Laboratory of University of São Paulo - "Challenges to participatory environmental public policies: institutional and psychosocial dimensions"</p> <p>MARIANNE ROSENBAK, Landscape architect, PhD student, Forest & Landscape, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark - "Assessing the quality of green space in Danish compact urban environments – revealing unexploited potentials"</p> <p>JULIE KELLER AND MARIA MUSZYNSKA, Directors, Urban Nature Consultants - "Invasive Species in Urban Environments: The Necessity of Communication, Collaboration and Planning; a Case Study of Musikbyen, Copenhagen"</p>
<p>NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT</p> <p>THE GREAT HALL</p> <p>Presentation: 15 minutes.</p> <p>Q&A: 5 minutes</p>	<p>MODERATOR: Paul Aird, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto</p> <p>ALAN JAMES SIMSON, Reader in Landscape Architecture and Urban Forestry, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK - "The aesthetic and ethical issues associated with designing the urban forest in the plural cities of the Leeds City Region"</p> <p>GUNTIS BRUMELIS, Faculty of Biology, University of Latvia, Ilze Jankovska and Inga Straupe, Forest Faculty, Latvia University of Agriculture - "Urban forests of Riga, Latvia – pressures, naturalness, attitudes and management"</p> <p>JAMES MCCULLOCH, Chief Executive, Nene Park Trust, IFPRA Europe Chair - "Another way? The park trust model in the UK"</p>
<p>12:45-2:00pm</p>	<p>LUNCH + POSTER PRESENTATIONS/ART EXHIBIT</p>

<p>2:00-3:30pm</p> <p>ROUGE PARK: THE FUTURE OF CANADA'S PREMIER URBAN WILDERNESS PARK</p>	<p>MODERATOR: L. ANDERS SANDBERG, Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University</p> <p>GARY SAULT, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation</p> <p>FAISAL MOOLA, Director General, Ontario and Northern Canada, David Suzuki Foundation</p> <p>JIM ROBB, Founder and General Manager, Friends of the Rouge Watershed</p> <p>CATE SANDILANDS, Canada Research Chair in Sustainability and Culture, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University</p>
<p>3:30-4:00pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>4:00-5:30pm</p> <p>SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE URBAN FOREST: INJUSTICES AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS</p>	<p>MODERATOR: JINTHANA K. HARITAWORN, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University</p> <p>KEYNOTE: NIK HEYNEN, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Georgia - "Toward an Abolition Ecology of Planetary Urbanism"</p> <p>LAURA REINSBOROUGH, Founder and Director Not Far From the Tree, Toronto - "Not Far from the Tree: A Forestry Project to Address the Urban Food Crisis"</p> <p>SADIA BUTT, PhD Student, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto - "Community Participation and Urban Forest Distribution in Mississauga: Citizens' Access to Urban Forests and Local Level Decision Making"</p> <p>KATHLEEN VAUGHAN, Assistant Professor, Art Education, Concordia University - "A Step, A Stitch, A Sense of Self: Woods Walking as an Artist's Path to Creating Identity"</p>
<p>7:00-10:00pm</p>	<p>NETWORKING, COCKTAIL RECEPTION - MUSIC ROOM</p>

Friday, April 19

<p>7:00-8:00am</p>	<p>REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA The Great Hall & East Common Room (posters and art exhibit)</p>
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<p>8:00-9:30am</p> <p>URBAN ECOLOGY EDUCATION: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES</p> <p>Keynote address: 30 minutes</p> <p>Panelists: 15 minutes</p> <p>Facilitated discussion</p>	<p>MODERATOR: STEVE ALSOP, Professor, Faculty of Education, York University</p> <p>KEYNOTE: GREG SMITH, Professor of Teacher Education, Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education & Counseling - "Educating Students to Become Citizen Stewards"</p> <p>SIERRA FRANK, School Programs Manager, EcoSource - "Complexities of Urban Ecologies"</p> <p>ADRINA BARDEKJIAN, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University - "Uncommon Clear Cuts: Innovative Approaches to Teaching Urban Forestry"</p> <p>LOIS DELLERT, Artist and Former Deputy Chief Forester of British Columbia - "Raising Ecological Awareness through Art Education: The Case of the Environmental Totem Project"</p>
<p>9:30-11:00am</p> <p>FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNANCE: REDEFINING POLITICS</p> <p>Keynote address: 30 minutes</p> <p>Panelists: 15 minutes</p> <p>Facilitated discussion</p>	<p>MODERATOR: SCOTT PRUDHAM, Professor, Department of Geography and School of the Environment, University of Toronto</p> <p>KEYNOTE: CECIL KONIJNENDIJK, Professor of Green Space Management, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen - "From Government to Governance: Urban Forests as New Commons"</p> <p>MICHAEL ROSEN, President, Tree Canada - "Urban Forests and Corporate Culture"</p> <p>LINDSAY K. CAMPBELL, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, Rutgers University - "Constructing New York City's urban forest: The politics and governance of the MillionTreesNYC campaign"</p> <p>SEAN MARTINDALE, Artist - "Is it Possible to Intervene Outside of Government?"</p>
<p>11:00-11:30am</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>11:30-12:45pm</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p>
<p>URBAN FOREST EDUCATION</p> <p>MUSIC ROOM</p> <p>Presentation: 15 minutes.</p> <p>Q&A: 5 minutes</p>	<p>MODERATOR: PETER DMYTRASZ, Advisor, Ontario Urban Forest Council</p> <p>MARIA EUGENIA CAMARGO FERNANDES, PhD student at University of São Paulo, Brazil, Department of Education - "Environmental Education through a dialogue process: Building a common territory of meaning in APA Embu-Verde: an Environmental Protected Area in the metropolitan city of Sao Paulo, Brazil"</p> <p>DANA CRAIG, Environmental Studies Librarian, Reference, Scott Library, York University - "The Good, the Bad and the Necessary of Education"</p> <p>TIM HALL, MICFor, Operations Manager, The Woodland Trust Scotland - "Outdoor Learning in West Lothian's Urban Woodlands: The Woodland Trust Experience"</p>

**NEW GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURES IN
URBAN FORESTRY**

THE GREAT HALL

Presentation:
15 minutes.

Q&A: 5 minutes

MODERATOR: ROBERT M. RICARD, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources & the Environment, University of Connecticut

NATALIE MARIE GULSRUD, PhD Fellow, Danish Center for Forest, Landscape and Planning, University of Copenhagen - "Three shades of green: Singapore's shift from urban green space government to governance"

HELENE LITCKE, PhD Candidate, Department of Urban Planning and Environment, Division of Urban and Regional Studies, Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden - "Social and Psychological Benefits of Urban Trees and Urban Green Space: From perceived benefit to policy value."

BLAKE HUDSON, Associate Professor, Joint Appointment, LSU Law Center, School of the Coast and Environment, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, United States - "Subnational Forest Policy, Regional Governance Culture, & Global Climate Change"

12:45-2:00pm

LUNCH + POSTER PRESENTATIONS/ART EXHIBIT

A CELEBRATION EVENT The Ontario Urban Forest Council is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! There will be a commemorative tree planting held at the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto, 33 Willcocks Street, at 1:15 PM.

2:00-3:30pm

**ADAPTATION AND
VULNERABILITY
IN THE URBAN
FOREST**

Keynote address:
30 minutes

Panelists:
15 minutes

Facilitated
discussion

MODERATOR: Tim Leduc, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

KEYNOTE: SANDY SMITH, Professor, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto - "Urban Forest Resiliency: Ecological Science, our Buffer Against Collapse"

ANDY KENNEY, Senior Lecturer Emeritus, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto and Urban Forestry Practitioner - "Neighbourhoods: Engaging communities in urban forest stewardship"

DARREN PATRICK, PhD student, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University - "Thinking the urban with Ailanthus Altissima: Queer notes on the ecological ethics and politics of arboreal entanglement"

LES LUXEMBURGER, Creative Director & Owner, ART on the Go; Visual artist and art educator, youth facilitator - "Ecoart exploration for Urban Sustainability"

3:30-4:00pm

BREAK

4:00-4:30pm

**CLOSING
REMARKS AND
EVALUATION**

ROGER KEIL, Professor and Director of the CITY Institute at York University - "Urban Forests and Political Ecologies: Contextualized" - Conference Evaluation and Follow-up

4:30-5:00pm

OPEN FORUM

Saturday, April 20

9:00am	BUS LEAVES DOWNTOWN TORONTO, HART HOUSE, TO GO TO HUMBER COLLEGE CAMPUS
10:00-12:00pm	HUMBER ARBORETUM & CENTRE FOR URBAN ECOLOGY HOSTS: ALEXANDRA LINK , Director; HEATHER SOMERS , Senior Horticulture Technician; and JIMMY VINCENT , Centre for Urban Ecology Coordinator
12:00-1:00pm	BOX-LUNCH AT THE HUMBER ARBORETUM
1:00-2:00pm	BUS LEAVES FOR YORK UNIVERSITY, KEELE CAMPUS
2:00-4:00pm	ALTERNATIVE CAMPUS TOUR AT YORK UNIVERSITY (FES) L. ANDERS SANDBERG and ADRINA BARDEKJIAN with project team and students from “ENVS1200: Taking Action Engaging People and the Environment”
4:00pm	BUS LEAVES FOR YORK UNIVERSITY, KEELE CAMPUS



Field Tours

HUMBER ARBORETUM & CENTRE FOR URBAN ECOLOGY

The Humber Arboretum is located right behind Humber College's North Campus in Etobicoke. It includes over 250 acres of public gardens, forests, meadows, and wetlands. The beautiful Centre for Urban Ecology, located inside the Arboretum, is Toronto's first gold rated LEED building. The Arboretum and Centre for Urban Ecology offer free public access to the gardens, educational programs for children and families, tours, photography permits, and facility rentals for weddings, meetings, retreats, and conferences.

For more information, please visit:
www.humberarboretum.on.ca

THE ALTERNATIVE CAMPUS TOUR - YORK UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in uncovering stories shaping our campus and community? Get an insider perspective behind the highly publicized "Middle East War" which took place in Vari Hall, learn about how Stong Pond was connected to the flash flood that washed out a section of Finch Avenue in 2005, hear the concerns of women studying on a campus originally built for men and cars and discover how the 2015 Pan American Games may be a threat to the Michael Boyer Woodlot.

For more information, please visit:
www.alternativecampustour.info.yorku.ca



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Posters

#101

WENDY CHEN
Department of Geography,
University of Hong Kong
"Urban forest development in
China: natural endowment or
socioeconomic product?"

#102

EYOB TENKIR
& MEKONNEN BIRU
"Peri-urban forests as refugium
for indigenous tree species: a
case of Ethiopia"

#103

SUSAN AARON, Artist
"Embodied Spaces"

#104

ERIC AMOADU-BOATENG
Trade Unionist, Ghana
"From Government to
Governance: Redefining
politics"

#105

ANASTASYA KOSHKIN
"Between Nature and
Civilization"

#106

NURCAN ATALAN-HELICKE,
JORDAN CHANG, AMY
DURLAND, JOSHUA INABA,
and TERA JOHNSON
"Service Learning and Urban
Forests"

#108

I. O. LAWAL
Forestry Research Institute
of Nigeria and F. D. Babalola,
University of Ilorin
"Indigenous Knowledge of Plant
Conservation in Yoruba Natural
Healing Practice Among People
of Ilugun, Ogunstate - "A Step
Further for Biodiversity Panacea
through Urban Tree Culture"

#109

CHARLOTTE YOUNG
Facilitator/Evaluator/Graphic
Recorder, ENVision...synergy
"Working Within and Across
Disciplines: Introduction to
Skills for Collaborative Problem
Solving"

#110

ERIC DAVIES, PhD Student,
Faculty of Forestry,
University of Toronto - "Using
Global Species Pools to Build
Urban Tree Lists: A New Tool
for Urban Forestry"

#111

ILZE JANKOVSKA, INGA
STRAUPE, Forest Faculty,
Latvia University of Agriculture
- "Use of a choice experiment to
evaluate urban forest landscape
recreation benefits in Riga,
Latvia"

#112

ALEX COPP
"Applying Socio-Ecological
Systems Theory to Ottawa's
Urban Forest: What influenced
the street-scape monoculture
of ash?"

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Art Exhibitors

SYLVIA CURTIS-NORCROSS

ROCIO GRAHAM

RUTHANNE HENRY

LES LUXEMBURGER

VINCENZO PIETROPAOLO

MARK PRIER

BIGGI SIGURDDSON

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