

2016 Awards Presentation

The University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni (UTAGA), Planning Alumni Committee (PAC) and the Geography & Planning Department's 22nd annual Awards Presentation evening on November 3rd, 2016, was a well-attended success, with more than 70 students receiving awards.

This year, UTAGA's Fenton Chin Outstanding Service Award recipients were Helen Huang and Edwin Li for their contributions as members of the Friends of Planning Alumni Committee. As a member of PAC's communications team Helen organized and co-lead a workshop to teach Adobe design software to students, and coordinated a very successful edition of the annual Matthew Hanson Planning Opportunities Workshop where planning students learned from professionals with a range of experiences. Edwin has been a dedicated volunteer on PAC since graduating in 2013 and continues to offer his energies to various aspects of PAC's programming, from organizing a line-up of guest lecturers for the planning skills modules to now taking a lead on PAC's finances and reporting. The UTAGA Honorary President



Robert Putnam, John Warkentin

Chair in Citizenship at the Faculty of Social Sciences, The Open University, UK. He joined The Open University in 2007 after fifteen years at York University where he was professor of social science (1993-2001) and Canada Research Chair (2002-2007). His research focuses on the politics of citizenship and how citizenship has been contested by its 'others' (strangers, outsiders, aliens). He is the author or co-author of five books, including: *Being Digital Citizens* (2015), *Citizens without Frontiers* (2012), *Being Political* (2002), *Citizenship and Identity* (1999), and *Cities Without Citizens* (1992). He has edited or co-edited 10 books and is the joint Chief Editor of the leading journal *Citizenship Studies*.

Award was given to Mitchell Goldhar, the founder of SmartCentres. SmartCentres is a commercial real estate developer and owner of shopping centres which has developed over 250 shopping centres across Canada during the past two decades, the majority of which are anchored by Wal-Mart stores. Mitch has made outstanding contributions to the department, including helping to establish the prestigious John Bousfield Distinguished Visitorship in Planning, creating the Mitchell Goldhar Award for Excellent Achievement in Planning in 2003, and teaching Real Estate Development in the Program in Planning from 2000 to 2004.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was awarded in absentia to Engin Isin. Professor Isin received his PhD in Geography from the University of Toronto in 1990 and currently holds a



Jonathan Kitchen, recipient of the Matthew Hanson Scholarship in Planning with Matthew's uncle John Malloy



Graduate award recipients - Pamela Tetford, Laura Bryson and Adam Dickinson



Michael Tomczak, Professor Emeritus Larry Bourne and Mark Seasons (CIP board member)

Award Winners 2016

UNDERGRADUATE GEOGRAPHY AWARDS

UTAGA Outstanding Performance Awards

Physical Geography: Lika Miao
Human Geography: Hafsa Siddiqui
Environmental Geography: Michelle Zhong
Methods/GIS: Aayesha Patel

UTAGA Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

Jacob Dimen-Wagner
Liam Fox

UTAGA Undergraduate Computer Applications Award

Martin Marchiori-Wong

UTAGA Undergraduate Geography Toronto Award

Noel Ariyaratnam

GRADUATE GEOGRAPHY AWARDS

Graduate Alpar Scholarship

Naomi Schwartz

John D. Barnes Geodetic Sciences Fellowship

Laura Bryson

John Horner Graduate Scholarship in Geography

Brock Bersaglio Lauren Kepkiewicz
Shannon Black Joshua Steckley
Sherena Hussain Nicole Van Lier

James T. Lemon Memorial Scholarship in Geography

Julie Mah

Oscar J. Marshall Graduate Fellowship

Parastoo Hosseinibehangi

Joseph A. May Scholarship

Aviva Coopersmith Anastasia Hervas
Simon Erlich Alexis Mitchell
Beyhan Farhadi

Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship

Sarah Ariano
Jenny Cui

George Tatham / Geography Alumni Graduate Scholarship

Leah Montange



Hafsa Siddiqui (r) receiving the UTAGA Outstanding Performance Award- Human Geography from Jane Macijauskas (l), UTAGA executive



Sarah Ariano (l) and Jenny Cui (r) receiving the Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship from Robert Putnam



Adrian Lue (r) receiving the UTAGA J.B.R. Whitney award from Kaaren Whitney, Joanna Whitney, Diana Baxter



Matthew Hilder (r) receiving the CIP Award for Academic Excellence from Mark Seasons, CIP board member



Lauren An, Alexandra Fortune-Rusnyk, Jonathan Kitchen and Louise Willard (l-r) receiving the Matthew Hanson Scholarship in Planning from Matthew's uncle John Malloy (far left)

UTAGA J.B.R. Whitney Award

Adrian Lue

PLANNING PROGRAM AWARDS

Alan Tonks Planning Scholarship

Lauren An Stuart Burkimsher
Ira Banks Eric Forhan

Benjamin Sonshine Urban Planning Scholarship

Izabela Molendowski

CIP Award for Academic Excellence

Matthew Hilder

Eddie Yolles Award in Urban Planning

Matthew Hilder

Friends of Planning Graduate Scholarship for Innovation

Anni-Claudine Buelles
Stephanie Cirnu
Aviva Coopersmith

LEA Consulting Ltd. Award in Planning and Transportation

Ira Banks

Matthew Hanson Scholarship in Planning

Lauren An
Keegan Butler
Alexandra Fortune-Rusnyk
Jonathan Kitchen
Holly Wacker
Louise Willard

Mitchell Goldhar Award for Excellent Achievement in the Planning Program

Brandon Paniccia

Ian D. Macpherson Award

Jennifer Williamson

Peter R. Walker Planning Fellowship

Lauren An Danielle Magsumbol
Keegan Butler Rebecca Roach
Adam Didycz Holly Wacker
Jonathan Kitchen Louise Willard

Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship

Michelle Kearns

Thomas Luther Panton Scholarship

Maria Martelo

**University of Toronto Planning Alumni
Graduate Scholarship**

Aqsa Malik

EXTERNAL AWARDS (PROVINCIAL)

**Donald F. Putnam / George Tatham/
Ontario Graduate Scholarship in
Geography**

Adam Dickinson

**Edward Sorbara / Building Industry and
Land Development (BILD) / Ontario
Graduate Scholarship**

Nathan Stewart

**J. M. Tomczak / Ontario Graduate
Scholarship**

Adrian Khan

**Michael Ralph Walsh / Ontario Gradu-
ate Scholarship**

Jillian Linton

**Neptis Foundation / Ontario Graduate
Scholarship in Geography**

Christopher Webb

**Neptis Foundation / Ontario Graduate
Scholarship in Planning**

Leah Forte

**Urban Strategies / Ontario Graduate
Scholarship**

Brandon Paniccia

**U of T Planning Alumni / Ontario Gradu-
ate Scholarship**

Anni-Claudine Buelles

**ESRI Canada Queen Elizabeth II Gradu-
ate Scholarship in Science & Technology**

Jeffrey Allen



*Adrian Khan receiving the J. M. Tomczak / Ontario
Graduate Scholarship from Michael Tomczak*



*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Recipients*

**William G. Dean Queen Elizabeth II
Graduate Scholarship in Science &
Technology**

Justin Murfitt

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Chloe Fox Neil Nunn
Joel Krupa Katherine Perrott
Matthew Lie-Paehlke Timothy Ross
Aqsa Malik Jennifer Williamson

Connaught International Scholarship

Phuong Dao
Yasmin Khan

Ontario Trillium Scholarship

Hyun-Chul Kim
Diala Lteif

EXTERNAL AWARDS (FEDERAL)

**Natural Sciences and Engineering
Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's**

Pamela Tetford
Michael Wang

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research
Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-
Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate
Scholarships – Master's**

Stephanie Cirnu Andrew Morgan
Aviva Coopersmith Rachel Phillips
Amanda Crompton Stephanie Stanov
Sean Grisdale Katia Vasilyeva
Matthew Hunter Zylar Wang
Rebecca Jacobs Heather Wilson
Michelle Kearns

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research
Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-
Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate
Scholarships – Doctoral**

Kunitomo Kamizaki
Lea Ravensbergen-Hodgins

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation
Doctoral Scholarship**

Cynthia Morinville

UTAGA Award Winners 2016

**UTAGA Distinguished
Alumnus Award**

Mitchell Goldhar



*Mitchell Goldhar receiving the award
from David McKay*

**Fenton Chin Outstanding
Service Award**

Helen Huang
Edwin Li



*PAC Committee members Helen Huang and Edwin Li receiving
the award from Fenton's brother Gordon and sister Sophia*