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The Department of City Planning at the University of Manitoba continues to enjoy a close relationship with MPPI, and the Department thanks MPPI for its continued support.

Over the last year, we have worked together to provide students with opportunities to meet and work with practitioners. We had a great turnout at the annual mentorship event, which helps students find support for their interests and to develop connections within the profession. The relationships established at the event often develop into “Case-in-Point” studies that students undertake in collaboration with their mentors. MPPI members have also played an important role in providing mentorship through informal and social events, as well as through the monthly colloquium series.

The Department of City Planning continues to sponsor speakers of interest to the planning community and eligible for continuous professional learning credits. This year, we hosted a distinguished alumna Rachel Alterman (Technion University, Israel) who spoke about developer obligations; Michelle Thompson-Fawcett (University of Otago in New Zealand) addressing Indigenous urban design; Zack Taylor (University of Western Ontario) discussing resilience; and Jennifer Keesmaat (former Chief Planner, Toronto) speculating about prairie TODs.

We particularly appreciate MPPI’s efforts to support students financially. The Thomas B. Yauk MPPI Student Fellowship fund is granted to exceptional students every year and the University continues to work with the Province to match funding raised by MPPI. This year we were able to provide \$4600 that was shared between two students in the program. We hope the amount that the award will continue to grow. MPPI also plays a role in recognizing outstanding student work by sponsoring an award for the Best Major Degree Project and the Best Case-in-Point projects. Committees of MPPI members determine both of these awards and the Department thanks those who participated for their work and comments.

As always, we also thank MPPI members who have served on students' practicum or thesis committees, as well as those who took the time to provide lectures to classes or attended reviews of studio projects. For 2017, the studio projects included: proposals to address neighbourhood issues in Fort Richmond; ongoing research for the Manitoba Capital Region Partnership; and work for several First Nations around the province as part of the Indigenous Planning studio.

2017 Completed MCP Thesis/Practicum Topics and Advisors

Larissa Blumenschein

Planning for Complete Communities: An analysis of food access in downtown Winnipeg
Advisor: Orly Linovski

Deepa Chandran

Transportation Inclusion and Community Wellbeing: Exploring public transit accessibility of Winnipeg's North End neighbourhoods
Advisor: Janice Barry

- Ryan Eidick
Shaping Spaces in Challenged Places: What to do with The Flats; Brandon's flood-prone area
Advisor: Richard Milgrom
- Robert Galston
Places for People: Creating Pedestrian-Friendly Streets in Winnipeg
Advisor: Rae Bridgman
- Jillian Geen
The Development Corporation Model's Impact on Municipal Planning Policy, Development Process, and Standards: The Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
Advisor: David van Vliet
- Mark Inertas
The Role of Co-operatives in North End Winnipeg's Urban Revitalization
Advisor: Rae Bridgman
- Aaron Leckie
Improving Accessibility to Transit: An examination of the responsiveness of the public transportation system for older adults in Winnipeg, Manitoba
Advisor: Orly Linovski
- Ryan Paradis
For-Benefit Corporations and Urban Indigenous Community Economic Development: A case study of the Métis Economic Development Corporation (MEDO) in Manitoba, Canada
Advisor: Rae Bridgman
- Gaelen Pierce
Building Cycling Infrastructure: A case study of provincial impact on municipal transportation policies in Hamilton, Ontario
Advisor: Rae Bridgman
- Adam Prokopanko
Rapid Transit Routing in Winnipeg: Determining factors for corridor selection
Advisor: David van Vliet
- Krista Rogness
Alone on the SkyTrain in Metro Vancouver, Canada: Women's digital stories help plan safe public transit
Advisor: Rae Bridgman
- Shivani Sajwan
Community Economic Development (CED) and Social Enterprise in a Western Canadian City: A case study of Inner City Renovations (ICR) in Winnipeg's North End
Advisor: Richard Milgrom
- Jason Syvixay
Where They Meet: Indigenous Activism and City Planning in Winnipeg, Manitoba
Advisor: Rae Bridgman