Hello 2024

Happy New Year from the SAPL family! We are looking forward to the start of the new semester and classes next week on **Monday, January 8, 2024**.

**EVENTS**

**Design Matters - Sustainable Favelas: The Key to Climate Justice and Thriving Cities**

Join Theresa Williamson in-person at the CBDLab for this discussion centered on informal settlements next **Wednesday, January 10, 2024** at 5:00 PM.

Residents across Rio de Janeiro's favela communities have been adapting to climate change and coming up with development solutions in the absence of public investment for...
a century. Come hear how hundreds of grassroots organizers have come together as the Sustainable Favela Network, to develop, recognize, strengthen, consolidate and reproduce these solutions at scale.

Register here

"Threads of Culture: A Dialogue on Design, Identity, and Spirituality" with Sumayya Vally

Join us for this session as we unravel the intricate connections between cultural threads and architectural narratives, exploring how design weaves together diverse identities and spiritual dimensions in our built environment. Nooshin Esmaeili – PhD student at SAPL will be moderating this event on Monday, Jan 15, 2024, featuring Sumayya Vally the renowned architect, founder, and principal of Counterspace.

Register for free online here

Even if you can't attend, register for the event to receive the recording.

Mary-Ellen Tyler's Last Lecture


Mary-Ellen Tyler has an over 50 year connection with the University of Calgary. Initially as a graduate student in what was then the Faculty of Environmental Design (now SAPL) and subsequently returning as the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Design in 1998 and stepping in twice since that time as Associate Dean (Planning + Landscape Architecture).

Register here
IN THE NEWS

Thousands will soon be moving into Calgary's converted office towers. What are they going to do there?

When the economy started slumping in 2015, office vacancies in downtown Calgary began to climb. By 2020, the vacancy rate was sitting at over 30 per cent — about 14 million square feet of office space sat empty.

The value of office buildings in the city's core had plummeted by more than two-thirds over that period, gutting the city's property tax base and creating a revenue crisis at city hall.

Read more

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heat Adaptive Bench

Come and try the Heat Adaptive Bench at North Glenmore Park, a new and innovative design, collaboratively developed by the Laboratory for Integrative Design (LID) at SAPL and CoalaEnergy Inc. The bench is located next to the Café du Parc, where you can enjoy a hot drink and a warm seat. Don't miss this chance to experience a proof-of-concept design that could
change the way we enjoy public spaces in winter.

**SAPL x PURE – Expression of Interest Form Due**

BDCI students who wish to work with SAPL faculty on a PURE (Program for Undergraduate Research Experience) project must complete this form for consideration by **Monday, January 8, 2024 11:59 PM**.

Learn more about PURE here

**Undergraduate Research Summer Studentships**

Undergraduate Research Summer Studentships provides up to $7500 of financial support to University of Calgary undergraduates to conduct research for 8–, 12– or 16– weeks between May and August. Learn from on-campus experts about how research projects are developed and how your results can contribute to new knowledge and have an impact in the world.

Undergraduate research is a unique opportunity to develop skills and explore your interests and learn how to collaborate, communicate, and think critically and creatively outside the classroom.

Learn more here

**Call for Paper Submissions | 14th International Conference on The Constructed Environment**

Founded in 2010, the Constructed Environment Research Network is brought together by a common shared interest in human configurations of the environment and the interactions among the constructed, social and natural environments. **Fabian Neuhaus** – SAPL professor, is the conference chair.
All accepted proposals are eligible to be submitted to The International Journal of Architectonic, Spatial, and Environmental Design. The submission deadline for abstracts is **Friday, January 5, 2024.**

Learn more here

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**PhD Student Research Feature**

Did you know that SAPL now has an official place on the website to showcase PhD student's research work? Similar to the DDes Research page, the new PhD Research page showcases the students in the PhD program's work.

Check it out here

If you would like your work to be featured on the website, please send an email to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca with the subject line "PhD Research Submission" along with your submission package.

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**BDCI JANUARY ADVISING**

**Drop-in Advising**

**Virtual**

- Monday, January 15 2024, 4:00 - 5:00 PM via Zoom
- Thursday, January 18 2024, 4:00 - 5:00 PM via Zoom
- Friday, January 19 2024, 4:00 - 5:00 PM via Zoom

**In-person (SAPL office, PF 2182)**

- Friday, January 5 2024, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 10 2024, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- Thursday, January 11 2024, 9:30 - 11:00 AM

**Advising Appointments (Virtual/In-person)**

You can also book virtual and in-person advising appointments on Elevate.

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**BDCI Check-ins**
The Undergraduate Program Specialist will resume the weekly BDCI check-ins starting on **Thursday, January 11 2024** (1:00 - 1:50 PM) at PF 4170.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

#### The National Urban Design Awards

The National Urban Design Awards are now **open until Thursday, January 11, 2024**. Submissions can be made directly from individual students or groups of students enrolled in an accredited program in architecture, landscape architecture, and/or planning in the past two years. Such students and student groups may also be nominated by their schools to submit. Students and schools may forward submissions from studio or thesis projects with an emphasis on urban design.

**All SAPL students are eligible to apply!**

Learn more

#### NCC’s Urban Design Challenge 2024

The NCC’s Urban Design Challenge 2024: Student Ideas Competition for the National Capital Region is now live. The competition is open to university and college students in urban planning/ urbanism, landscape architecture, architecture, urban design and other related design programs.

Participation is free and the deadline for registration is **Saturday, January 26, 2024** and submissions are due on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**.

Learn more
2024 CAA Awards

The CAA Student Award will recognize the work of students in Years 1-3 which creatively addresses issues associated with social, economic, and environmental well-being in the context of the current biodiversity crisis and climate emergency.

The CAA President’s Award will recognize the work of students in Years 4, 5 & 6 which critically and creatively addresses the issues associated with social, economic, and environmental well-being in the context of the current biodiversity crisis and climate emergency.

The deadline for both the awards are Friday, May 31, 2024.

Nooshin Esmaeili – SAPL sessional instructor is part of the jury. Feel free to email her if you have any questions at nooshin.esmaeili@ucalgary.ca.

Full details of the award categories, the award criteria, the award programme and the submission criteria can be found here.

SAPL STUDENT TALENTS

Father's Son | Marvit Ahanonu | MArch

Year: 2022
Media: Acrylic on canvas
Size: 24 x 36 inches
Description: A lion is a state of the heart.

Like what you see up here? Share your talent with us too! Send your work to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca

JOBS
Current Opportunities

"SDL Spatial Dimension of the Law" Student Assistants

Two jobs are available with the SDL Spatial Dimension of the Law research project. This project is funded by AREF and RPI. The focus is on the relationship between building law and built form and how policy documents shape the morphology of the city of Calgary. This project has been running since 2021. This current phase aims to make visible the legal constraints on the building envelope. Duration for the Winter term 2024, 10 hours a week, GAR salary $20/hour.

Job duties:

- Researching six Calgary communities in terms of built form and legal framework
- Building and populating a database
- Design a timeline of events
- Analysis of sequence toward general trends

To apply, please send an email to fabian.neuhaus@ucalgary.ca by January 11, 2024 with your resume and cover letter.

Junior Architectural Designers

The head office of Architecture49 Inc. located in Winnipeg, Manitoba is currently seeking Junior Architectural Designers. Under the direction of the Design Architect, the Junior Designer is involved in project development during schematic design, design development, and construction documentation phases.

Job application closing date: February 27, 2024

Learn more and apply here

Elevate Job Board for SAPL Students

Are you a student looking for a job or internship? SAPL is now a participant in UCalgary's official job board – Elevate

Students can access this searchable and organizable job board by clicking here. Elevate is accessed by using your myUCalgary login. We hope this platform will easily and more effectively bring attractive job opportunities to more of our students, and do so in a faster and more effective manner.

DESIGN BYTES
Have any website updates?

Let us know what needs our attention on the SAPL website. Send a detailed note to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca explaining the problem, and please provide the content to be uploaded, updated, or that is simply missing.