

“International student resentment brews but allowing fewer students into Canada isn’t the answer”

PhD Candidate George Danso was featured in an article discussing changes for international students in Canada, emphasizing the importance of addressing issues like housing shortages and strained public services through better planning and policies. The article argues against reducing international student numbers, highlighting the economic and cultural benefits they bring. To read the article click [here!](#)



PhD Candidate George Danso



Queen’s Students Win National Urban Design Competition!

A team of three Queen’s students won the National Capital Commission’s Urban Design Challenge – “Re-Imagining the LeBreton Flats Park District”

24 teams from 11 Canadian universities participated in this year’s challenge.

The winning student team will be introduced at the NCC Urbanism Lab on Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm EDT. The graduate students won a cash prize and a trip to Ottawa, where they will unveil their winning design at the Urbanism Lab event.

SURP alumni and current MPL students in Ottawa are encouraged to attend the event. Please register and find more details on the event using the following link: <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/events/urban-design-challenge-2024-winners>.

ECOSYSTEM GREENHOUSE GAS EXCHANGE!

Ian Strachan and MSc student Leah Brown presented "Ecosystem Greenhouse Gas Exchange" at Science Rendezvous 2024 held at the Slush Puppy Place on May 11. The event was very well attended and kids enjoyed watching the CO₂ reading jump as they breathed past the Infrared Gas Analyzer. Older 'kids' learned about processes that control GHG exchanges in sensitive and disturbed ecosystems.



Above: MSc student Leah Brown explaining the inner workings of the equipment

Upper Left: The booth at Science Rendezvous 2024

Left: Dr. Ian Strachan and Leah Brown being photobombed by Bryan Adams!

JULIA CHRISTENSEN IN THE NEWS: "THIS CHALLENGE NEEDS TO BE FACED BY THE REGION AS A WHOLE"

Julia Christensen has recently been featured by **Cabin Radio** talking about her new book: *Housing, Homelessness and Social Policy in the Urban North*. In the article Julia and by extension the book, examines housing insecurity and related policies in cities across the Canadian North, Alaska, and Greenland. To read the article click [here!](#)



Above: A house under construction in Dettah. Emily Blake/Cabin Radio



Pictured Right: Julia Christensen

Graduate News!

Congratulations goes out to the newly minted **Dr. Nel Coloma Moya** who defended her PhD, “Production of Filipino Cruise Ship Workers” on April 29th! The panel consisted of John Holmes, Nel’s supervisor Audrey Kobayashi, Betsy Donald, Abigail Bakan from Political Studies and James Tyner from Kent State University.



Nel Coloma Moya, PhD



Hannah Hunter, PhD

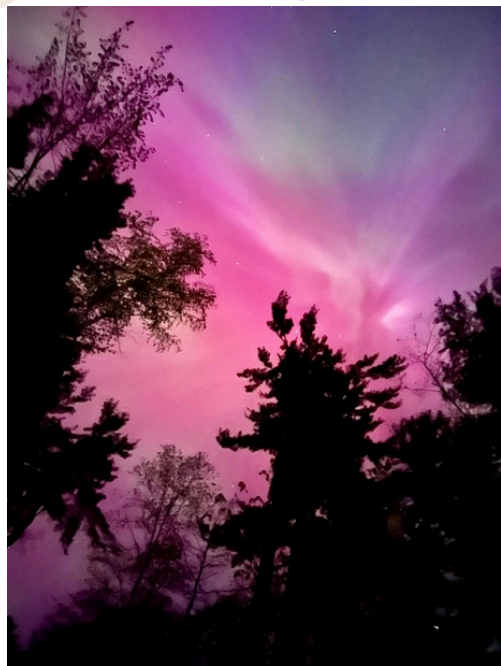
Congratulations to the newly titled **Dr. Hannah Hunter** on successfully defending her dissertation “Bioacoustics, Sound Archives, Extinction: Critical Geographies of Bird Sound Recording and the Sonic Production of environmental knowledge” on May 17th. Laura Cameron, her supervisor, wished to thank the examining committee (Dylan Robinson, Hayden Lorimer, Kristen Grier, Carolyn Prouse, and Mark Stoller) for their time, energy, and generous engagement.

Congratulations to Danika Watson who defended her Master’s Thesis titled: Decomposability and chemical composition of soil organic matter in Canadian High Arctic polar semi-desert. The Examination Committee was chaired by Robert Way and members included Neal Scott, Paul Duchesne from Chemistry and Examiners Melissa Lafreniere and Paul Grogran from Biology.



Danika Watson, MSc

On May 10th, a solar storm set the stage for a breathtaking display of the northern lights, painting the night sky with vivid colors. The spectacular aurora borealis dazzled onlookers well into the early hours of May 11th. This enchanting natural phenomenon was visible over QUBS and the serene Little Cataraqui Conservation Area, offering a memorable and awe-inspiring experience for all who witnessed it.



Dr. Joe Kim is Coming to Queen's

Special guest, Dr. Joe Kim, Department of Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour, McMaster University will be providing 3 sessions over 2 days (May 28 and 29) on teaching, student learning and our own wellbeing. Lunch will be provided to allow participants time to connect with colleagues from across the university. [Listen to Dr. Kim introduce the series.](#)



Please join us!

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Psychology of Focusing on What Really Matters

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Location: Ellis Hall, Room 321

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

KEYNOTE: Using Cognitive Principles to Motivate Durable Learning in Students

Time: 10:00 - 11:30am

Location: Ellis Hall, Auditorium

Science of Delivering Powerful Presentations (there are only a few spaces left)

Time: 12:30 - 3:00pm

Location: Ellis Hall, Room 333

[For detailed information and to register](#)

