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## MPL Alumni on Maclean's 2024 Power List

Gaetan Royer, MPL '87, is the CEO of Massive Canada. His company has found a way to produce prefab apartments, townhouses, and laneway houses made of engineered mass timber. His company has found a way to deliver larger-scale housing cost-effectively (compared to steel and concrete) to the consumer while also being easy to assemble. This level of innovation has led Gaetan to be named 5th on [Maclean's 2024 Power List](#) for Housing.

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# AAG 2024

A banner image for the AAG 2024 meeting. It features a sunset over a cityscape with palm trees in the foreground and a mountain in the background. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange. The text 'AAG 2024' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font at the top.

The Department of Geography and Planning had a strong presence at the AAG Annual Meeting, with faculty and alumni presenting various research papers and receiving awards. Topics ranged from housing research to environmental impacts, showcasing a diverse range of expertise.

Some of the highlights as outlined by Professor Emeritus **Mark Rosenberg** accepting his AAG fellowship and presenting a paper on “A New Urban Agenda for Health Geographers” Professor **Audrey Kobayashi** co-organizing and introducing three sessions on emancipatory housing research. **Dr. Ian Strachan** presented a paper on “The Return of Peatland Carbon Exchange Function - a Measure of Restoration Success. **Dr. Kathleen Wilson** (Queen’s Ph.D. 2001) won the 2024 Melinda S. Meade Distinguished Scholar Award” of the AAG Health and Medical Geography Specialty Group. **Dr. Prince Michael Amegbor** (Queen’s Ph.D. 2019) gave a paper, “Contributing Effects of Climate Change, Ambient Air Pollution and Environmental Assets on Childhood Health Outcomes: A Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa.” **Dr. Sarah Nelson** (Queen’s Post Doctoral Fellow 2018 to 2020) gave a paper, “Evaluating the impacts of age-friendly planning in Nebraska,” and in the same session, **Dr. Joseph Braimah** (Queen’s Ph.D. 2021) presented his research, “Enhancing rural older adults’ resilience to water insecurity using photovoice.” **Dr. Onyx Sloan Morgan** (Queen’s Ph.D. 2017) gave a paper, “The Political Ecologies of Fire: Recasting Fire Geographies in British Columbia, Canada.” **Martina Jakobchik-Paloheimo** (Queen's Ph.D. Candidate) presented her research, “Singing to Nature: The Importance of Shuar Knowledge and Practice for Communicating with the Spirit of Plants in the Amazon.”

Apologies to anyone affiliated with the Department who attended the AAG but was not highlighted.