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- 8:00 ● Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30 ● Land Acknowledgment & Smudge
- 8:45 ● Opening Remarks
- 8:55 ● Reconciliation & Local Governments with Suze Morrison
- 9:55 ● Coffee Break
- 10:15 ● Five Minute Thesis
- 10:50 ● Housing & Homelessness Done Differently with Sam Tsemberis
- 12:20 ● Lunch and Alumni Society AGM
- 1:30 ● Breakout Sessions:
 - ① Understanding the Importance of Academia in the Practice of Local Government
 - ② Youth Engagement & Economic Development in Rural Municipalities with Launch Pad and OMAFRA
 - ③ Research as Ceremony
- 2:45 ● Dr. Sancton & Dr. Young's Last Lecture/Book List
- 3:15 ● Award of Excellence & Program Recognition
- 3:45 ● Closing Remarks





Suze Morrison

Reconciliation & Local Governments

Suze Morrison is a communications professional and community activist in London Ontario. She is the Principal Consultant of Morrison Communications and works primarily with non-profits and Indigenous organizations. She has held past roles at a hospital, two Local Health Integration Networks, and an Indigenous political organization. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Applied Arts in Media Studies from the University of

Guelph and a Diploma in Public Relations from Humber College.

Suze is known locally in London for her passion for politics and her advocacy work in the areas of women's and Indigenous rights. She is a member of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee at the City of London, a Founding Board Member of Women and Politics, and also sits on the steering committee for the London-Middlesex Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy at the Middlesex London Health Unit.

Through her advocacy work, she has led several successful initiatives including chairing the planning committee for London's Community Forum on Racism, advising and advancing action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action at the City of London, and implementing a successful voter engagement campaign called #30days2vote which has now been replicated in other Canadian municipalities. She was recently nominated for Samara Canada's Every Day Political Citizen Award. Suze lives in London's Old East Village with her husband Trevor and their small zoo of rescue animals. In her spare time she competes in grassroots motorsports events including autocross, and serves on the board of the Western Ontario Sports Car Association.





Sam Tsemberis

Housing & Homelessness Done Differently

Sam Tsemberis, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist. He obtained a BS in psychology at Concordia University in Montreal and a Ph.D. in clinical-community psychology from New York University, NYC.

He began his work with people who are homeless and mentally ill the late 1980's. After years of directing New York City's Emergency Homeless Outreach Program, in 1992, he founded Pathways to

Housing, a non-profit organization based on the belief that housing is a basic human right. There he developed the Housing First approach. In 2003, he began to extend the Pathways network and founded Pathways, DC, Pathways, Housing, PA., and Pathways Vermont. In 2013, Pathways, Canada was opened in Toronto.

From its inception, the Housing First program proved highly effective. Today, twenty-five years later, the Pathways Housing First program is on the U.S. National Registry of Evidence Based programs and is one of the key programs for addressing chronic homelessness in the national policy of the US, Canada and Europe. Housing First programs have been successfully implemented and continue to be replicated by hundreds of agencies across these countries.

He is also on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, at Columbia University Medical Center where he teaches and conducts research on issues of homelessness, mental illness, addiction and recovery.

He has published two books on these topics: *Housing First*, published by Hazelden Publishing and recently, he co-authored: *Housing First: Transforming Systems and Changing Lives* published by Oxford University Press.



1 Understanding the Importance of Academia in the Practice of Local Government



Catherine Burr

Catherine Burr has a Master of Industrial Relations from the University of Toronto. She teaches and consults in the fields of human resource management, conflict resolution, performance management and workplace equality. She has over twenty years of career experience in federal, provincial and municipal government organizations. Her research and writing currently deals with the investigation and remedy of workplace harassment and abuse.



Zack Taylor

Professor Zack Taylor specializes in Canadian and comparative politics and public policymaking, with an empirical focus on the historical development and contemporary practices of multi-level governance and planning of North American cities. He also pursues parallel interests in municipal campaigns and elections, local public finance, and political geography. He is a non-practicing Registered Professional Planner in the province of Ontario.



Andres Perez

Dr. Perez received his Ph.D from Carleton University. He is interested in religion and politics in Latin America, and the politics of Liberation Theology and Critical Political Science. His current research projects are Religion, Politics and Social Justice: Voices of Liberation Theology in the XXI Century, and Between God and the State: Cognitive and Cultural Dimensions of Politics and Power in Latin America.



Bill Irwin

Bill Irwin is an Assistant Professor at Huron University College in the Department of Economics and Business, where he instructs in the area of Management and Organizational Studies. He also instructs Program and Policy Evaluation at UWO in the Department of Political Science in the Masters in Public Administration Program. He is interested in exploring models of program and policy evaluation focused on qualitative evaluation, outcome and impact analysis; with principal interest focused on the interplay between institutions and community.



2 Youth Engagement & Economic Development in Rural Municipalities with Launch Pad and OMAFRA

- How was the youth issue identified in Hanover? Why was a youth centre developed? How did the plan roll out?
- The development of Launch Pad. Who are the partners? What does the project currently look like, where are you going from here?
- Divide participants into small groups and have them discuss how something like the Launch Pad could be relevant in their community or how they might need to adapt it for their area – Launch Pad Youth lead this discussion
- Report back from each group.
- Brief overview of our Youth Indicators Tool and how it can help our community.



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3 Research as Ceremony

- Why should municipalities change their approach to working with Indigenous communities?
- Case Study: Ipperwash as a film subject, pre-Inquiry to present day.
- Ethics of working in Indigenous communities.
- “Indigenous Methodologies” as a research method.
- What can municipalities do to start their journey?



Monica Virtue

Monica Virtue is a filmmaker interested in using technology to tell stories in unique new ways. Monica specializes in producing and archival/investigative research, having worked on large documentary projects focused on Indigenous and social justice issues. Her filmmaking career began in 2003 when she began producing and directing a documentary on the “Ipperwash Crisis” while a student in Sheridan College’s post-graduate Advanced Television & Film Program. The film grew into a 14-year journey that continues into present day with her recent Master’s thesis project, The Ipperwash Beach Walk. Now a graduate of OCAD University, she holds a Master of Design from the Digital Futures program.





Robert Young

Professor Young is interested in multilevel governance, primarily in Canada, which he takes to be Canadian federalism pressed downward to the municipal level and outward to civil-society actors. He has been leading a very large research project on multilevel governance and public policy in Canadian municipalities. This focuses on explaining the public policies that exist in municipal space as a function of the intergovernmental relations through which they were produced and the involvement of various social forces in their planning and implementation.



Andrew Sancton

Professor Sancton specializes in the study of Canadian urban politics and local government and has written extensively on this subject. In recent years he has been both a consultant and an expert witness. He acted in these capacities in the debates about municipal amalgamation in Toronto and Montreal. Professor Sancton is interested in all aspects of urban politics and local government, but especially municipal institutions and boundaries in large metropolitan areas.

Prof. Andrew Sancton's Book List

- 1 Christopher Alcantara and Jen Nelles, *A Quiet Evolution: The Emergence of Indigenous-Local Intergovernmental Partnerships in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2016)

Chris Alcantara, our new colleague in Western's Political Science department, is the co-author of this important new book that will surely be of increasing importance for all of us. Four detailed case studies are provided, including one from Ontario involving Sault Ste. Marie

- 2 Zachary Spicer, *The Boundary Bargain: Growth, Development, and the Future of City-County Separation* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2016)

I am pleased to promote another book (the fourth, he notes proudly) that derives from a PhD thesis that I supervised. This should be of great interest to anyone working in, or interested in, the relationships between separated cities and their surrounding counties. Zac Spicer pays special attention to London and Middlesex, Guelph and Wellington, and Barrie and Orillia and Simcoe county. Another book in the "McGill-Queen's Studies in Urban Governance" series co-edited by our own Martin Horak.



Prof. Andrew Sancton's Book List

- 3** Richard White, *Planning Toronto: The Planners, The Plans, Their Legacies, 1940-80* (UBC Press, 2016)

Another of our new Political Science colleagues, Zack Taylor, played a major role in helping research material for a remarkable work that is so rich with maps and illustrations that it almost qualifies as a coffee-table book. It should be of great interest to anyone involved with planning in and around Toronto. Don't be put off by the fact that the detailed narrative ends in 1980 – much of the content is directly relevant to important current planning issues in Toronto

- 4** Jack Lucas, *Fields of Authority: Special Purpose Governance in Ontario, 1815-2015* (University of Toronto Press, 2016)

A major new book on special-purpose bodies, with deep historical analysis of their emergence in Ontario generally and particularly in Waterloo. Special attention is paid to public school boards, boards of health, and hydro-electric commissions.

- 5** Robert Kanigel, *Eyes on the Street: The Life of Jane Jacobs* (Knopf, 2016)

This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of one of my intellectual heroes, Jane Jacobs. The first major biography has recently appeared. Lots of good stuff on Jacobs the activist and author in both New York and Toronto.

- 6** Darcy McKeough, *The Duke of Kent: The Memoirs of Darcy McKeough* (ECW Press, 2016)

For those of us who have been around for a while, the name Darcy McKeough reminds us of a time when Ontario's minister of municipal affairs was at the centre of an activist, interventionist government, even if it was nominally "conservative". McKeough has now written his memoirs in which he explains at least some of his reasoning behind creating many of Ontario's regional governments, a subject that connects well with Spicer's *The Boundary Bargain*. Also lots of evidence that there really was "an old boys' network" that made the big decisions.

- 7** Christopher Armstrong, *Civic Symbol: Creating Toronto's New City Hall, 1952-1966* (University of Toronto Press 2015)

A fascinating book about both architecture and infighting at Toronto City Hall.



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