

Curriculum Vitae

Allison R. Evans

EDUCATION

PhD Student, Planning, UC Berkeley

MES, Planning, 2019-2021

HBES, 2014-2019

York University, Toronto

Architectural Technology Advanced Diploma, 2000-2003

Humber College, Toronto

SELECTED AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, *Toronto's tent encampments: Excavating northwest housing informality and state ambiguities*, York University, Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change, September 2021.

President's Award: Student, Canadian Institute of Planners, 2021.

Planning Case Competition, 2nd Place, York University, MES York Planning Alumni Council, October 2020.

Ed McClure Award for Best Master's Paper, *Unpacking the settler city: The spatiality of colonialism in Thunder Bay, Ontario*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, July 2020.

Ontario Graduate Scholarships, 2019 & 2020.

York University Graduate Fellowship, 2019.

Donald Biback and Family Entrance Scholarship, 2019.

Undergraduate Research Fair, 1st Prize Best Group Project, *Green roofs: The sky's the limit in Toronto*, York University, 2019.

York University Faculty Association Undergraduate Scholarship, 2019.

HSBC Bank of Canada Environmental Studies Award, 2018.

York University Continuing Student Scholarship, 2018, 2017.

Innovation Fund Student Challenge, 1st Prize, proposal for affordable and sustainable student housing, Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC), July 2018.

Designing Recovery, 1st Prize, Design proposal for tornado resilient housing in Joplin, Missouri, American Institute of Architects, November 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Contract Lecturer, Department of Architectural Science, Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, Toronto Metropolitan University, December 2021-April 2022

- Instructor for ASC 731: The Architecture of Urban Housing, 4th year undergraduate course cross-listed for master's students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Coordinator, June 2020-October 2021

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant

York University + City of Toronto Shelter, Support & Housing Administration Division

- Conducted research and analysis of best practices for public engagement related to services for unhoused people experiencing homelessness.
- Carried out case study research and interviews on mitigating opposition to the siting of emergency shelters.
- Co-wrote final research paper.

Research Coordinator, January 2021-May 2021

The Architect Builders Collaborative + York University + EcoCanada Grant

No/Low Carbon Garden Suites Research Project

- Conducted research on sustainable architecture best practices, policy analysis, and jurisdictional zoning scans for detached accessory dwelling units.
- Coordinated a multi-disciplinary team of building scientists, mechanical engineers, contractors, and a research assistant.
- Design development of a one- and two-storey Garden Suite for a typical downtown Toronto lot.
- Co-wrote final research paper and presented findings to City of Toronto Community Planning and Environmental Planning.

Research Assistant, September 2018-April 2019

Senior Honours Work Seminar, York University + StudentDwellTO

- Carried out research on transformations to student housing procurement and built form.
- Conducted interviews with industry professionals and university administration.
- Assisted with StudentDwellTO focus groups, transcriptions, and report writing.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Evans, A., & Sotomayor, L. (2021). Towards plush new digs in Toronto's in-between city: The changing governance of student housing in Canada. *Urban Geography*.

Evans, A. (2018). 'The dark [green] side of planning:' Ecological modernization in the neoliberal city. *The Toronto Urban Journal*, 1(1), p. 35-44.

Non-peer reviewed articles

Evans, A. (2020). The evolution of student housing. *The Toronto Urban Journal*, 2(1), p. 25-42.

Gould, A., & **Evans, A.** (Eds.). (2019). *Buildings as an agent of change: The case for green retrofits*. York University and Sustainable Buildings Canada.

Papers presented at recent scholarly meetings or conferences

Evans, A. (2020). *Unpacking the settler city: The spatiality of colonialism in Thunder Bay, Ontario*, paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Toronto, October 2020.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Co-presenter, *Carbon as currency: How to approach no/low carbon design*, Continuing Education Session, Ontario Association of Architects Annual Conference, May 2022.

Invited panelist, Housing in a State of Emergency: Shelters, Encampments and Human Rights Discourses in Toronto, webinar presentation *Pandemic structures and state ambiguities: Tiny shelters and backyard pods*, CITY Institute @ York University, October 28, 2021.

Guest lecturer, ENVS 5021 Urban Development Processes (graduate course), session topic *Urban development, public space and informality: A downtown Toronto perspective*, York University, Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change, September 13, 2021.

Group presenter, *Geary Works: Planning for a rapidly changing neighbourhood*, Ontario Professional Planners Institute Annual Conference, October 2020.

Invited speaker, Podcast V Student Housing: Urbanization & the City of Toronto, La Ville Podcast, York Village Housing Association, July 2020.

Guest lecturer, ENVS 3740 Urban Ecology (undergraduate course), presented *Green roofs: The sky's the limit in Toronto*, York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies, March 2019.

Invited roundtable panelist, presented *Neoliberalism and the changing landscape of student housing in Canada*, Homes, Housing and Human Rights: 13th Annual Community Movements Conference, Trent University, February 2019.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer, NRU Publishing, April 2022-present.

- Tasks include researching and writing feature articles about current planning events in the Greater Toronto Area.

Project Coordinator, The Architect Builders Collaborative Inc., Toronto, January 2016-September 2019

- Tasks included client correspondence, zoning review, site planning, schematic design and construction drawings at a firm specializing in sustainable low-rise residential design.

Project Coordinator, Q4 Architects Inc., Toronto, June 2012-January 2016

- Tasks included client correspondence, zoning review, site planning, schematic design and construction drawings at a full-service architecture firm specializing in suburban mid- and low-rise residential.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Student Member, Canadian Institute of Planning, 2019-present.

Student Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute, 2016-present.

Technologist, Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Science, May 2013-present.

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMEN**

Discourse analysis short course, Institute for Social Research, York University, May 2021.

Social and health survey data sources and emerging data collection methods short course, Institute for Social Research, York University, October 2020.

Revit for Architecture, George Brown School of Continuing Education, 2016.

**VOLUNTEER &
EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

Volunteer, Pocket Energy & Environment Committee, April 2017-present.

Member-at-Large, Board of Directors, Pocket Community Association, May 2017-June 2020.

Volunteer, York University Affordable Housing Committee, 2018-2019.