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education

PhD in Planning Department of Geography & Planning, University of Toronto	2022
Master of Arts, Design Writing Criticism University of the Arts London, London College of Communication, UK	2011
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Honors University of Guelph	2010

professional experience

Assistant Professor (Teaching) Wilbur H. Smith III Department of Real Estate Development & Department of Urban Planning & Spatial Analysis USC Price School of Public Policy	present
Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) Department of Urban and Regional Planning University at Buffalo	2022-2024
Lecturer (full-time) School of Planning University of Waterloo	2021-2022
Assistant Dean, Academic Planning & Governance John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design University of Toronto	2017-2020
Lecturer School of Urban and Regional Planning Toronto Metropolitan University	2018-2020
Lecturer Department of Human Geography & Urban Studies Program University of Toronto	2019
Senior Public Consultation Coordinator The City of Toronto	2015-2017
Coordinator, Community Engagement The City of Brampton	2014-2015
Design Communications Specialist The Planning Partnership Ltd., Toronto	2011-2014
Design & Writing Assistant British Design & Art Direction (D&AD), London, UK	2011
Learning Services Assistant University of Guelph, Learning Services	2009-2010

courses taught

University at Buffalo

2023, fall, END350 "Environmental Design Workshop 1: Methods of Design Inquiry"
2022 & 2023, fall, END402 "Real Estate Development Fundamentals"
2023 & 2024, spring, URP538 "Economic Concepts and Contexts"
2023 & 2024, spring, END333 "Public-Private Partnerships, Nonprofits, and Citizenship"

University of Waterloo, School of Planning

2021, fall, "Community Design Fundamentals for Planners"

Toronto Metropolitan University, School of Urban and Regional Planning

2018-2020, fall, "Imagining the Creative City"
2020, fall, Co-Instructor, "Growth and Planning of South American Cities: Buenos Aires"

University of Toronto

2019, fall, "A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Urban Studies I: Theoretical Foundations of City Building," Urban Studies Program
2019, winter, "Social Planning and Community Development," Department of Human Geography, UTSC

Recent Guest Lectures

2023, Gender Institute Feminist Research Alliance Presenter Series, University at Buffalo
2023, "Urban Information Lab," graduate course, Community & Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin
2023, "Urban-Area Planning Program," Department of Engineering, University of Pattimura, Indonesia
2022, "Planning History and Theory," graduate course, School of Planning, Dalhousie University
2019, "Feminist Perspectives on Technology," undergraduate course, York University
2018, "History of Urbanism," undergraduate course, University of Toronto, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

fellowships

Blanche and Sandy Van Ginkel Graduate Fellowship in Municipal Finance and Governance Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto	2018-19
School of Cities Student Fellowship [declined due to COVID-19 travel restrictions] University of Toronto	2020

grants, honors, and awards

Careworks Grant to support the creation of a Community Design Center, School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo Collaborators: Kelly Greg, Erkin Özay, Nick Rajkovich	2023 (\$15,000)
Formworks Grant to support book publishing, School of Architecture and Planning University at Buffalo	2022 (\$2,000)
John Horner Graduate Scholarship in Geography University of Toronto	2020 (\$1,000)
Doctoral Completion Award University of Toronto	2020 (\$8,000)
UTF Fellowship Award University of Toronto	2016-2020 (\$8,500 annually)
Gold Facilitation Impact Award International Association of Facilitators (Part of The Planning Partnership team for the York University Master Plan)	2014
Landscape Architecture Alumni Scholarship University of Guelph	2010 (\$1,000)
American Society of Landscape Architects Honor University of Guelph	2010
Roberta Mason Community Involvement Award University of Guelph	2010
Ontario Agricultural College Travel Scholarship University of Guelph	2009 (\$2,000)

Helen Kippax Memorial CSLA Scholarship University of Guelph	2009 (\$800)
Landscape Architecture Student Society Award University of Guelph	2009
Women of Distinction Nominee YMCA/YWCA Guelph	2006
J. Lorne Gray Scholarship in Journalism Carleton University	2006 (\$4,000)
K. Phyllis Wilson Scholarship in Journalism Carleton University	2006 (\$1,000)
Chancellor's Scholarship Carleton University	2005 (\$30,000)
President's Scholarship Carleton University	2005 (\$12,000)

conference activity

- [2024] Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference Paper, "Public Private Partnerships, Public Spaces, and Power: Situating the Field," co-author: Ujje Diamond, A.
- [2023] Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference paper, "The Legacy of Locally-specific Organizing Traditions and Practices in Toronto"
- [2022] Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference Paper, "The Impacts of Sidewalk Toronto's Public-Private Partnership on Participatory Planning." Washington, DC. April 13.
- [2020] Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference paper, "The Sidewalk Toronto Partnership: Understanding how and why the relationship between public and private actors has shifted throughout the development of Quayside"
- [2020] Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference paper, "The Sidewalk Toronto Public-Private Partnership and Consultation: Who's Responsible?" (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- [2019] American Association of Geographers (AAG) paper, "Who Plans Sidewalk Toronto?", *Gendering the Smart City 1: Emerging (Gendered) Spaces of Smart Cities* session, April 5.
- [2018] [UN Women Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders Forum, Edmonton](#), Panel: *Gender Responsive Planning Tools & Practices for Women's Safety in Canadian Cities*, October 16
- [2012] Presenter (with Chater, N.) "Community Engagement in Neighborhood Greening: Highland Creek." Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Annual Congress, Halifax, Nova Scotia. September 14.

forum activity

- [2019] Organizer, "[Engagement to Action: Improving Policy Outcomes Through Better Consultation](#)," Institute for Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto, December 3.
- [2019] Organizer, "[What Would a Feminist City Look Like?](#)" panel event, hosted by the University of Toronto School of Cities and the Institute for Gender and the Economy, University of Toronto.
- [2018] Building Equality in Architecture Toronto (BEAT) Forum, [Panel: What is Your Unconscious Bias?](#), October 13.
- [2016] Moderator, "Round Table: Landscape architecture in the anthropocene," John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design. Published in *Ground Magazine*, (34) 14-19.

publications

Journal Articles

- Gregg, K. and Nelischer, K. [forthcoming]. "University-affiliated Community Design Centers: Changes in Objectives, Funding, and Structure, 2012-2022." *Journal of Urbanism*.
- Nelischer, K. [2024] "Privately-directed Participatory Planning." *Canadian Planning & Policy*: 1-24
- Nelischer, K. [2023]. "Evaluating Collaborative Public-Private Partnerships: The Case of Toronto's Smart City." *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 1-13.

Book Chapters

- Nelischer, K., Boudreau, S., Cheung, P., & Murphy, A. [2023]. "The Toronto Green Infrastructure Hackathon." In Heim LaFrombois, M.E. & Mittal, J. (Ed.) *Routledge Handbook of University-Community Partnerships in Planning Education*. New York: Routledge
- Nelischer, K. [forthcoming]. "Designers in the Smart City." In Berglund, L. & Gregory, S. (Ed.) *Design Divides: Gentrification and the Challenge of Inclusive Design*. UBC Press.

Books

Nelischer, K. [Advance Contract, Manuscript in Progress] *Planning Sidewalk Toronto: The Origins, Aspirations, and Failures of a Landmark Smart City Project*. UBC Press. Anticipated 2025.

Book Review

Nelischer, K. [2018]. "Canada: Modern Architectures in History," *Design Issues Journal*, (34) 3, MIT Press.

Journal Editing

Kickert, C. and Nelischer, K (Co-editors). Forthcoming 2024. *Journal of Urbanism*. Special Issue: "Universities Designing With and Learning From Communities."

Manuscripts in Preparation

Gregg, K., Nelischer, K. and Roland, M. "Design and property value impacts of the Wasson Way bikeway in Cincinnati, OH: From a community vision to a built reality"

Ujie Diamond, A. & Nelischer, K. "Public Private Partnerships, Public Spaces, and Power: Situating the Field."

Policy Reports and Research Papers

Nelischer, K. [2020]. "[Engagement to Action: Improving Policy Outcomes Through Better Consultation](#)," Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance.

-- [2016]. "[Conflict Management and Public Participation](#)," *International Association for Public Participation Canada*. Research paper.

[contributing author] [2017]. [Green Streets Technical Guidelines](#). City of Toronto.

-- [2017] Preston-Carling Public Realm & Mobility Study. City of Ottawa. The Planning Partnership Inc.

-- [2015] [Bloor-Yorkville Planning Framework & Implementation Strategy](#). City of Toronto. The Planning Partnership Inc.

-- [2012] [Dartmouth Cove Comprehensive Plan](#). Halifax Regional Municipality and Develop Nova Scotia, The Planning Partnership Ltd.

-- [2012] [Public Art Policy](#). City of Richmond Hill. The Planning Partnership.

-- [2012] [Public Art Master Plan](#). City of Lethbridge. The Planning Partnership.

Other Publications

Nelischer, K. [2018]. "[Women's Right to the City: How women are changing cities, and cities are changing women](#)." *SITE Magazine* (38).

-- [2017]. "[Urban Citizenship: Purpose-built apartments for women](#)," *Spacing Magazine* (43): 27-28.

Boudreau, S., Cheung, P, and Nelischer, K. [2017]. "[Green Infrastructure: The right way for the right-of-way in Toronto](#)." *Municipal World*: 19-20.

Nelischer, K. [2015-2016]. *Dwell Magazine* (various)

-- [2015]. "Infrastructure: Pan Am Legacy." *Ground Magazine*, (31) 5-6.

-- [2015]. "Targeted and Tailored Engagement." *Ground Magazine*, (27) 22-23.

-- [2014]. "Habitat: Corridors for butterflies." *Ground Magazine*, (26) 3-4.

-- [2013]. "Planning: Looking at Section 37 of the Planning Act." *Ground Magazine*, (21) 3-4.

-- [2012]. "Waterfronts: Navigating an urban threshold." *Ground Magazine*, (17) 5-6.

-- [2012]. "Real and Artificial: A comparison between some commonly used natural materials and their fabricated alternatives." *Ground Magazine*, (16) 14-17.

-- [2012]. "Designing a Winter Culture." *Curb Magazine*. University of Alberta City-Region Studies Centre. (30) 13-15.

-- [2012]. "Still Closer Together: Long distance calling and a changed perception of proximity." *University of the Arts London Field Study* (14) 14-15.

-- [2011]. "A Culture of Learning: Advancing the profession through continuing education." *Ground Magazine*, (15) 26-27.

academic service

University at Buffalo

Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee 2022-2024

MS Real Estate Development Curriculum Committee 2022-2024

BA Environmental Design Curriculum Committee 2023-2024

New York State Liaison 2023-2024

Public Programs Committee 2024

University of Waterloo

2021-2022

Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee (School of Planning)

Academic Advising Community of Practice (University-wide)

University of Toronto
Faculty Representative, Experiential Learning Typology Vice Deans Group
Secretary, Faculty Council
Secretary, Diversity & Equity Committee

2017-2020

community service

Board of Directors, International Women's Resource Center (IWRC), Los Angeles 2023-present
Nominee (Canadian Representative), Board of Directors, World YWCA, Johannesburg, South Africa fall 2019
National Board of Directors, YWCA Canada 2013-2022
Chair, Nominating Committee
Chair, Diversity Strategy Task Force
Member, Governance Committee
Chair, Young Women's Leadership Committee
Communications Volunteer, Women's Design Service, London, UK 2010-2011
Board of Directors, YMCA/YWCA Guelph, Ontario 2008-2010

student advising and mentoring

Faculty Advisor, ULI Hines Student Competition, University at Buffalo 2022-2024
PhD in Urban and Regional Planning Dissertation Committee, University at Buffalo 2023-2024
Master of Urban Planning Student Thesis Advisor, University at Buffalo 2023-2024
Master of Urban Planning Student Individual Development Plan (IDP) Faculty Mentor, University at Buffalo 2023-2024
Master of Urban Planning Student Internship Advisor, University at Buffalo 2023-2024

professional affiliations and memberships

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Urban Land Institute (ULI)

professional service

Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Honor Society Committee 2022-present
Editorial Board Member, *Ground Magazine*, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects 2011-2016
Research Committee Member, International Association for Public Participation Canada (IAP2) 2016

professional development

Perspectives on Inclusive Pedagogy Conference, Office of Curriculum, Assessment and Teaching Transformation, University at Buffalo 2023
New Faculty Academy Fellow, University at Buffalo 2023
Community-Engaged Research Initiatives Workshop, University at Buffalo 2023
Best Practices for Conducting Diverse Searches to Hire Faculty and Staff, University at Buffalo 2022
UAA Teaching Academy Workshop: Syllabus 101 2022
Community-Engaged Learning Doctoral Seminar (invited member), Centre for Community Partnerships, University of Toronto 2021
Indigenous Engagement Training: Moving Beyond Awareness, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects 2021
Independent Remote Course Design Essentials (iReCoDE), week-long course, University of Waterloo 2021
Foundations in Remote Teaching (FORT), week-long course, Toronto Metropolitan University 2020
Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Training, YWCA Canada Board of Directors, annually 2016-2022
Invited Participant, Forum on Experiential Learning, hosted by University of Toronto Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education 2019
Invited Participant, Regional Roundtable on Community-Campus Engagement, University of Toronto 2018
Group Facilitation Methods Certification, IPA Associates 2016
Charrette Facilitation Certification, National Charrette Institute 2012