Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays from the SAPL family! We hope you stay warm and have a relaxing winter break. The newsletter will resume in January with a bi-weekly schedule.

EVENTS

SAPLSA Winter Holiday Bash

Get ready to party at the SAPL Winter Holiday Bash, where we’ll celebrate the festive season with friends, fun, and plenty of holiday cheer at the CBDLab this Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 6:00 - 10:30 PM.

Get your tickets here

Exploring the Potential of AI in Educational Media Production

How can we use AI effectively to create educational content? Learn from experts and thought leaders on Tuesday, December 12,
2023 as they share their strategies and tips for integrating AI tools to enhance creativity, amplify educational impact, and create immersive learning experiences. Sandra Abegglen – SAPL Researcher, will be presenting at the event.

SAPL students can attend the online event for free (event costs €50) by emailing Sandra Abegglen sandra.abegglen@ucalgary.ca

Learn more and register here

**IN THE NEWS**

Public Installation Aims to Foster Social Inclusion and Connection in Downtown Calgary

Strata, created by the Center for Civilization at SAPL, is a unique public installation intended to facilitate urban activity in the heart of downtown Calgary: Stephen Avenue. Part of a broader transdisciplinary research project helmed by Alberto de Salvatierra, associate professor and associate dean (undergraduate) at SAPL, Strata was designed, produced, built and installed by a team of graduate researchers at the CFC led by Tom Brown, MLA’23, an artist and landscape designer.

Read more
Women Breakthrough Award Winner: Atinuke Chineme

Atinuke Chineme, a PhD candidate at SAPL, is the recipient of the Women in Breakthrough Award 2023 in the Innovation Category.

Presented by the Falling Walls Foundation and the Elsevier Foundation, the award recognizes exceptional contributions of female researchers across diverse disciplines and celebrates the accomplishments of women who have broken new ground in their respective fields.

Calgary Student Housing Crisis

With the province growing quickly, students have found themselves hit with a one-two punch of rising tuition and rents. Almost 90 per cent of young adults 18-34 believe housing should be a top priority for government. And yet, things are worse than ever.

For now, students are learning that finding a place to live can be as tough as anything they face in the classroom.
Think Privacy/Security Over Convenience – It's a Choice

What you share online and with who can open you up to all kinds of cybersecurity and privacy threats, from identity theft to fraud, phishing, and online scams. But you can combat these threats by pausing before downloading new apps to check the developer’s and app’s reputation, reviewing pictures to ensure there is no identifying information before posting and critically thinking about what information is being shared and with whom. It might be more than you think.

Check out UCalgary’s Social Media Safety page, for more information. As always, all members of our campus community are strongly encouraged to report all cybersecurity incidents and concerns to UService and report all instances of phishing to reportphishing@ucalgary.ca.

SAPL Education for Reconciliation Project

Fabian Neuhaus – SAPL professor and Sandra Abegglen – SAPL Researcher presented, the SAPL Education for Reconciliation Project funded by the Office for Indigenous Engagement at the UCalgary’s Becoming Relatives 2023 Journey Update event.

Watch the event recording here.
Faculty of Graduate Studies Doctoral Scholarship Winner

Kulsum Fatima – SAPL PhD student, recently was awarded with the FGS Doctoral Graduate Scholarship through the Open Scholarship Competition - Doctoral competition, administered by the Graduate Award Office of the University of Calgary!

Congratulations Kulsum!

Global University Entrepreneurial Spirit Students’ Survey

The University of Calgary is participating in the this year’s Global University Entrepreneural Spirit Students’ Survey (GUESSS) on student entrepreneurship and invite you as a student at UCalgary to participate.

Participate here

- After completing the questionnaire, you can enter a draw for a chance to win 1 of 10 cash prizes valued at $100 each
- It will take an average of 15 minutes to complete the online questionnaire
- The confidentiality of your participation in the study is guaranteed
- This study was approved by the University of Calgary’s Research Ethics Board (REB23-1397)
- For questions about this study at UCalgary, please contact Dr Chad Saunders at the Haskayne School of Business, wsaunder@ucalgary.ca

For concerns about this study contact the Research Ethics Analyst, Research Services Office, University of Calgary at 403.220.6289 or 403.220.8640; email cfreb@ucalgary.ca.
We thank you in advance for your participation.

**Call for Paper Submissions | 14th International Conference on The Constructed Environment**

Founded in 2010, the Constructed Environment Research Network is brought together by a common shared interest in human configurations of the environment and the interactions among the constructed, social and natural environments. **Fabian Neuhaus** – SAPL professor, is the conference chair.

All accepted proposals are eligible to be submitted to The International Journal of Architectonic, Spatial, and Environmental Design. The submission deadline for abstracts is **Friday, January 5, 2024**.

[Learn more here](https://go.ucalgary.ca/index.php/email/emailWebview?mkt_tok=MTYxLU9MTi05OTAAAAGP-JQSfYBdpWgDSYwjKIFHII1QT5Mg79g5DUAfzO)

**PhD Student Research Feature**

Did you know that SAPL now has an official place on the website to showcase PhD student’s research work? Similar to the DDes Research page, the new PhD Research page showcases the students in the PhD program's work.

[Check it out here](https://go.ucalgary.ca/index.php/email/emailWebview?mkt_tok=MTYxLU9MTi05OTAAAAGP-JQSfYBdpWgDSYwjKIFHII1QT5Mg79g5DUAfzO)

If you would like your work to be featured on the website, please send an email to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca with the subject line "PhD Research Submission" along with your submission package.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**The National Urban Design Awards**

The National Urban Design Awards are now open until Thursday, January 11, 2024. Submissions can be made directly from
individual students or groups of students enrolled in an accredited program in architecture, landscape architecture, and/or planning in the past two years. Such students and student groups may also be nominated by their schools to submit. Students and schools may forward submissions from studio or thesis projects with an emphasis on urban design.

All SAPL students are eligible to apply!

Learn more

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2024 CAA Awards

The CAA Student Award will recognize the work of students in Years 1-3 which creatively addresses issues associated with social, economic, and environmental well-being in the context of the current biodiversity crisis and climate emergency.

The CAA President’s Award will recognize the work of students in Years 4, 5 & 6 which critically and creatively addresses the issues associated with social, economic, and environmental well-being in the context of the current biodiversity crisis and climate emergency.

The deadline for both the awards are Friday, May 31, 2024.

Nooshin Esmaeili – SAPL sessional instructor is part of the jury. Feel free to email her if you have any questions at nooshin.esmaeili@ucalgary.ca.

Full details of the award categories, the award criteria, the award programme and the submission criteria can be found here.
Accretion | Alex Mai | MArch

Year: 2018  
Media: Graphite on Paper  
Size: N/A  
Description: Joint project with an anonymous grade 7 student. We each drew on the artwork for 45 minutes individually and continuously passed on the artwork to each other until the drawing was finished. I was the lead artist of this project, and the goal was to harmoniously blend both my style of drawing with my partner’s to the point where it is indistinguishable that this artwork was created by two artists. Can you tell the two styles apart?

Like what you see up here? Share your talent with us too! Send your work to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca

JOBS

Current Opportunities

Landscape Architect Intern Community Development – Stantec

This is a resume and skill-building experience! Your work will include project research, site visits and observation reports, sketching, CAD and computer graphics production, design reviews, and marketing proposal assistance – all under guidance of our talented inter-disciplinary team.

Learn more and apply here

Elevate Job Board for SAPL Students

Are you a student looking for a job or internship? SAPL is now a participant in UCalgary's official job board – Elevate

Students can access this searchable and organizable job board by clicking here. Elevate is accessed by using your myUCalgary login. We hope this platform will easily and more effectively bring attractive job opportunities to more of our students, and do so in a faster and more effective manner.

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EDMONTON'S NEW CITY DISTRICT PLANS

Have any website updates?

Let us know what needs our attention on the SAPL website. Send a detailed note to marcomm@sapl.ucalgary.ca explaining the problem, and please provide the content to be uploaded, updated, or that is simply missing.