

**SCHEDULE FOR CANADIAN HISTORY AND
ENVIRONMENT SUMMER SCHOOL, 2008.
VANCOUVER**

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORIES OF URBANIZATION

General reading for CHES 2008:

Bruce Braun, "Environmental issues: writing a more-than-human urban geography,"
Progress in Human Geography, 29, 5 (2005) pp. 635–650

Note: The schedule below includes a broad range of reading and support material related to the various topics covered. This is included primarily for your reference in the future, though you may find it useful to access some of the items indicated and to review them quickly ahead of time if you have the opportunity to do so.

Essential readings related to the "Back-Alley Ecology" session on Sunday morning are a priority. Please read these carefully. Items should be fairly widely available and are also accessible at <http://digitalhistory.uwo.ca/chess08/>
username: niche password: chess08

Friday 30 May:

4:45pm: Geography Building, 1984 West Mall, UBC, Room 212

Welcome: Graeme Wynn, Geography, UBC

David Brownstein, Vancouver, "John Davidson and the environmental history of early Vancouver"

Read/ View in advance or subsequently, as you wish:

- (i) "John Davidson, The Legacy of a Canadian Botanist" at
<http://www.botanyjohn.org/>
- (ii) "An Ethnobotany of the UBC Arboretum," at
<http://www.botany.ubc.ca/facilities/arboretum/INDEX.HTM>
- (iii) "UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research," at
<http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/>
- (iv) "University Town. UBC's Emerging Community," at
<http://www.universitytown.ubc.ca/index.php>

6:00-7:00: Walk (aka field trip) through Arboretum and UBC South Campus
to UBC Botanical Garden

7:30 – 10:00: Dinner at UBC Botanical Garden

Saturday 31 May: Geography Building, Room 115

9:00- 9:20: The Niche website (Liza Piper)

9:30-12:30: Sally Hermansen, Geography, UBC and Graeme Wynn
Changing and Restoring Urban Nature; Camosun Bog, Vancouver
(including a discussion of historical maps and the www, and a workshop on use
of GIS and techniques of Geo-referencing in visualizing and mapping
environmental change)

Reading/reference: Sally Hermansen and Graeme Wynn, "Reflections on the Nature of an
Urban Bog," *Urban History Review*, 34, 1 (2005), pp.9-27, and
http://webhelp.esri.com/arcgisdesktop/9.2/index.cfm?id=2552&pid=2543&topicname=Georeferencing_a_raster_dataset

12:30- 2:00: Lunch: Geography, Room 120

(1:30-2:30 film of Burns Bog shown in Geography, Room 212)

2:55 Bus #25 eastbound from UBC Loop to 16th Avenue and Camosun St (Queen
Elizabeth School, arr.3:03) for visit to Camosun Bog. Refreshments at Bog

3:30- 5:00: Tour of Camosun Bog (Leaders: Sally Hermansen & Graeme Wynn)

5:15: walk to dinner: La Notte restaurant. Dunbar Street and 17th Avenue (or #25 bus
from Camosun & 16th at 5:33 if needed)

Sunday 1 June: Carey Centre

9:00-9:45: Dawn Biehler, Geography, UBC, "Back-Alley Ecology; Or, Bringing People,
Urban Animals, and Public Health into Environmental History."

**Readings: To be completed in advance (read both Dyl and Fairchild-Rosner and at
least two of the remaining three)**

-- Joanna L. Dyl, "The War on Rats versus the Right to Keep Chickens: Plague and the
Paving of San Francisco, 1907-1908," in Andrew C. Isenberg (ed.) *The Nature of Cities.
Culture, Landscape and Urban Space* (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press,
2006) pp. 38-61

--Amy Fairchild and David Rosner, "The Living City: Engineering Social and Urban
Change in NYC, 1865-1920," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 73, 1 (1999), pp.124-9

--Stephen Bocking, "Constructing Urban Expertise: Professional and Political Authority
in Toronto, 1940-1970," *Journal of Urban History*, 33, 1 (2006), pp. 51-76.

--Gregg Mitman, "In search of health: landscape and disease in American environmental
history," *Environmental History*, 10, 2 (2005), pp. 184-210

--Rachel Weber, "Extracting value from the city: Neoliberalism and urban
redevelopment," *Antipode*, 34, 3 (2002), pp. 519-540.

9:50-10:45: Discussion of Readings:
Leaders: Dawn Biehler, Matthew Evenden, Geography, UBC
Lecture Hall and South Classroom, Carey Centre

10:45-11:00 Coffee

11:00- 12:15: Keynote: Sverker Sorlin, Director, Swedish Institute for Studies in Education and Research (SISTER); Professor, Division for History of Science and Technology, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm,
"Historicizing Urban Preservation -- A Contribution to Global Sustainability?"

Read/ View in advance or subsequently, as you wish:
"About Us," "Research" and other pages re Stockholm Resilience Centre, at
<http://www.stockholmresilience.org/program/src/home.4.596dfd2811604b2cde9800014146.html>

12:15: Lunch at Carey Centre Dining room

1:27: depart UBC Loop by #99 bus (public transit) for Broadway Station (2:04) Transfer to Skytrain to Main Street Station (arr. approx 2:15)
Begin Strathcona - False Creek Field trip (Leaders Graeme Wynn, Sally Hermansen, Doug Harris)
2:15-3:30: Main Street- Union Street- Hawks St - McLean Park-Science World Dock
3:30-4:15: False Creek Cruise: Science World to Burrard Bridge to Stamp's Landing
4:15-5:00: South Side False Creek
5:00-5:10: Ferry from Stamp's Landing to Yaletown-Davie Street Marina
5:15-6:00: Concord-Pacific North Shore False Creek development.

Read/ View in advance or subsequently, as you wish:
"Granville Island and False Creek," at
<http://www.seegranvilleisland.com/>
Southeast False Creek, Creating a Sustainable Community," at
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/southeast/>
"False Creek Then and Now," at
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/fade/fadepanorama.htm>
Catherine Gourley, "False Creek," at
<http://www.discovervancouver.com/GVB/false-creek.asp>
"Southeast False Creek. A historical Overview," at
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/history.htm>

6:00pm: End of trip and end of formal CHES activities.

There are a number of good brew-pubs and restaurants in the vicinity of our end-point.
The CHA Graduate Student Welcome commences at 7:30 at Koerner's Pub on UBC campus.

Selection of additional Reading of interest re. Vancouver:

- Graeme Wynn and Tim Oke (eds.) *Vancouver and Its Region* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1992)
- Lance Berlowitz, *Dream City: Vancouver and the Global Imagination* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2005)
- Douglas Coupland, *City of Glass: Douglas Coupland's Vancouver* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2000)
- Mike Harcourt and Ken Cameron with Sean Rossiter, *City making in paradise: nine decisions that saved Vancouver* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2007)
- Brad Cran, *Hope in Shadows: Stories and Photographs of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2008)
- Michael Kluckner, *Vancouver Remembered* (Vancouver: Whitecap Books, 2006)
- Chuck Davis, *Vancouver Then and Now* (Magic Light Productions Inc, 2001)
- Robert A J McDonald, *Making Vancouver, 1863-1913* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1996)
- Robert K Burkinshaw, *False Creek: History, Images and Research Sources* ([Vancouver, B.C.]: City of Vancouver Archives, 1984).
- Bruce Macdonald, *Vancouver: a visual history* (Vancouver: Talonbooks, 1992)

- David Ley, "Styles of the times: Liberal and neoconservative landscapes in inner Vancouver, 1968-1986," *Journal of Historical Geography*, 14 (1987), pp.40-56.
- Roman Cybriwsky, D. Ley and J. Western, "The Political and Social Construction of Revitalized Neighborhoods: Society Hill, Philadelphia, and False Creek, Vancouver," in N. Smith and P. Williams (eds.) *Gentrification of the City* (London and Boston: Allen and Unwin, 1986), pp. 92-120

- "The Natural History of Richmond, British Columbia," at <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/richmond/city/environmentalhistory.htm>
- Burns Bog. A Road Runs Through it. NFB Film, 24 minutes. 1999. Study Guide and further detail available at <http://www.nfb.ca/collection/films/fiche/?id=33757>

- John Valliant, "The Sound and The Fury: How Stanley Park was Devastated and How it will be reborn," *Vancouver Magazine* (May 2007) at <http://www.vanmag.com/articles/07may/Stanleypark.shtml>
- Renisa Mawani, "Genealogies of the Land: Aboriginality, Law, and Territory in Vancouver's Stanley Park," *Social and Legal Studies*, 14, 3 (2005),pp.315-340.
- Renisa Mawani, "From Colonialism to Multiculturalism?: Totem Poles, Tourism, and National Identity in Vancouver's Stanley Park," *ARIEL: A Review of International English Literature*, (Special Issue on Law, Literature and Postcoloniality) 35, 1-2 (2006), pp. 31-57.
- Renisa Mawani, "Imperial Legacies (Post)Colonial Identities: Law, Space, and the Making of Stanley Park, 1859-2001," *Law/Text/Culture*, 7 (2003), pp. 98-141.
- Sean Kheraj, "Restoring Nature: Ecology, Memory, and the Storm History of Vancouver's Stanley Park," *Canadian Historical Review*, 88, 4 (2007), pp. 577-612
- Sean Kheraj, "Creature Comforts: remaking the Animal Landscapes of Vancouver's Stanley Park, 1887-1911," PODCAST of paper given at Canadian Parks for Tomorrow Conference, Calgary, 2008, available on NiCHE website at <http://niche.uwo.ca/node/301>