# **Proposal to Host** Ontario Heritage Conference London, Ontario Photo: Jessie Gussack

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#### 1.0 Introduction

Representatives of the heritage community in The City of London are very pleased to submit this proposal to host the 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference (OHC) to the Joint Conference Committee.

This proposal is a joint effort of representatives of numerous groups in London, including the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH), Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (London Region), City of London (Heritage Planning), Heritage London Foundation, London Heritage Council, London Middlesex Historical Society, Public History (Department of History, Western University) and the HEAL (Human Environments Analysis Lab - Department of Geography, Western University). This proposal is presented with the experienced event planning and venue support of Downtown London and Tourism London.

The prospect of hosting the Ontario Heritage Conference is an exciting one for the City of London, as an opportunity to highlight the rich cultural heritage of our City. London has a wealth of locally and provincially significant heritage properties, including Eldon House, The Middlesex County Courthouse, Banting House, St. Paul's Cathedral and many more. Labatt Park, the "oldest continually operating baseball grounds in the world" sits at the forks of the Thames (a part of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System), as it has since 1877. London continues to build upon this legacy with exciting adaptive reuse projects such at the London Roundhouse, and restoration projects including our City's gem, the historic Blackfriars Bridge. London is also home to 15 museums, one of the highest per capita cities in this regard in Ontario. High participation rates in events such as Doors Open London, the ACO's Geranium Heritage House Tours and the London Heritage Council's Heritage Fair demonstrate that London has a built-in audience and appetite for heritage matters.



London is home to seven Heritage Conservation Districts designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. Three of these districts are in neighbourhoods that have been awarded the title "Great Neighbourhood" in a Canada-wide competition presented since 2011 by the Canadian Institute of Planners. In fact, an HCD neighbourhood in London has been awarded either the Planner's award or the People's Choice award in four of the seven years that this contest has been held. (see Attachment 1 for more highlights).

Downtown London is easily reached by highway, air and rail from all parts of Ontario, including quick access from the Toronto area. All of our planned venues and accommodations are within a short walk of the train and bus stations, to allow for an enjoyable, hassle-free conference experience.

We welcome this opportunity to showcase the great things happening in London's heritage community, while simultaneously promoting our local accommodation, retail and dining establishments throughout the event and beyond.



Eldon House (photo credit: Tracey Voigt)



Blackfriars Bridge (photo credit: Canadian Consulting Engineer)

#### 2.0 Expression of Interest

In 2019, representatives of many of London's most active heritage groups gathered to express an interest in hosting the 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference (OHC). This conference has never been held in London, and the timing is ideal. London provides a unique opportunity as a host City, with many heritage sites, museums, accommodations, transportation hubs, presentation rooms, dining and entertainment venues all within our Downtown core area, and linked by our exciting new flex street, Dundas Place. This allows for a uniquely walkable and connected conference.

Recent changes in our City are ready for their provincial debut, including the newly reinstalled Blackfriars Bridge; the completion of recent major adaptive reuse projects such as the historic Kingsmills department store (now a Fanshawe College campus); and the recognition of our latest Heritage Conservation Districts (all within minutes of the conference venues). This conference is the perfect opportunity to show all of Ontario the many exciting things happening here in London.

This matter was first presented to the London Advisory Committee on Heritage in August of 2019, and this proposal was presented to that committee in March of 2020.

#### 2.1 Local Organizing Committee

London was honoured to be offered the opportunity to put forward this proposal to host the 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference. Undertaking a conference this size will involve a major commitment of time and energy from representative volunteers of our many heritage organizations, City heritage staff and the community at large in the form of a Local Organizing Committee (LOC). We are collectively and wholeheartedly committed to this process.

Should London be awarded the 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference, Dr. Wes Kinghorn has offered to chair the Local Organizing Committee (see Attachment 2 for his CV), alongside representatives of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (London Region), City of London (Heritage Planning), Heritage London Foundation, London Heritage Council, London Middlesex Historical Society, Public History (Department of History, Western University), the HEAL Lab (Department of Geography, Western University) and with the support of Tourism London and Downtown London.

#### 2.2 Proposed Date /Theme

The 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference would be held over three days in May or June of 2022. We are prepared to work closely with the Joint Conference Committee to determine a preferred date.

While preliminary, our proposed Ontario Heritage Conference theme for 2022 is:

# "At the heart of heritage preservation: a place for everyone" Ontario Heritage Conference 2022

The conference program would focus on heritage preservation as great 'placemaking'. We will explore the stories within heritage places: the celebrated, the forgotten and the unheard. This conference will consider how these stories can fold new voices into our heritage conversations, and how heritage places are simply great places, historically and in the modern city.

#### 3.0 General Site Requirements

#### 3.1 Proposed Conference Venues

We understand that typically OHC space requirements include:

- a) 1 Meeting Room for plenary sessions (200-250+ people) Friday/Saturday. There are many such rooms in or near Downtown London, including:
  - The Centre at the Forks (Museum London);
  - The Wolf Performance Hall (London Central Library);
  - The Aeolian Hall;
  - RBC Place;
  - The Factory;
  - The London Music Hall;
  - The Palace Theatre;
  - The Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries Ball Room, and;
  - The DoubleTree by Hilton Ball Room.
- b) 4-5 Meeting Rooms for concurrent sessions (50-75 people) Friday/Saturday. The Downtown area of London has a wealth of such facilities, including:
  - The London Roundhouse;
  - Fanshawe College (Kingsmills site);
  - The Eldon House coach house;
  - The London Central Library;
  - Innovation Works;
  - TAP Centre for Creativity;
  - London Music Hall of Fame;
  - Youth Opportunities Unlimited atrium;
  - St. Paul's Cathedral;
  - The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel meeting rooms, and;
  - The Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries meeting rooms.
- c) 1 function space for a Welcome Reception (100 people) Thursday evening. In the Downtown London area, possible venues include:
  - The Centre at the Forks (Museum London);
  - The London Roundhouse;
  - The Chef's Table at Fanshawe College (Kingsmills);
  - Jonathon Bancroft-Snell Gallery;
  - The Hilton Hotel Ballroom;
  - The Delta Armouries Hotel Ballroom, and;
  - Local downtown restaurants and pubs.

- d) 1 function space for a Gala Dinner (250 people) Friday or Saturday evening. For this purpose, we would propose using our hotel partner, possibly:
  - The Hilton Hotel Ballroom;
  - The Delta Armouries Hotel Ballroom, or;
  - The Centre at the Forks (Museum London).
- e) Registration Area Thursday to Saturday.
  - The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lobby, or;
  - The Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries Lobby.
- f) Tradeshow Space Thursday to Saturday.
   A historically significant location downtown would best suit this purpose:
  - The Middlesex County Courthouse, or;
  - Covent Garden Market's upper atrium.

All selected venues will provide, at a minimum: WiFi access, tables and chairs, and full wheelchair accessibility.





Fanshawe College Kingsmills Campus (photo credit: CTV News)

#### 3.2 Meals and Refreshments

We understand that the LOC is responsible to organize and provide the following meals and refreshments:

- Daily refreshment breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon;
- Lunch on Friday and Saturday, and;
- Dinner either on Friday or Saturday evening.

We propose incorporating local, downtown restaurants for a truly unique conference experience, with the support of the team at Downtown London. We are exploring the possibility of a progressive meal that would explore several nearby downtown heritage properties as a unique dining option.

#### 3.3 Hotel Accommodations

We understand that convenient and affordable accommodation is required for a successful conference. London offers many opportunities in this regard, with two standouts in the Downtown London area, and other options within a short walk:

- The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel;
- The Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries;
- Holiday Inn Express;
- Hotel Metro;
- The Park Hotel London, and;
- Idelwyld Inn.

We would work with one (or more) hotels to arrange discounted rates for conference attendees (optional, booked by the attendee).

#### 4.0 Promotional Requirements

The Local Organizing Committee will be responsible for: a) a presentation and exhibit at the 2021 Ontario Heritage Conference, and b) the preparation of promotional materials for the 2022 Ontario Heritage Conference.

#### 4.1 Presentation and Exhibit at the OHC 2021

London Organizing Committee representatives will attend the 2021 Ontario Heritage Conference. We will create a dynamic formal exhibit area to build excitement for the London conference among attendees. We will prepare a brief, exciting and professionally produced audio-visual presentation to deliver at the 2021 conference, encouraging those in attendance to plan a visit to London in the following year.

#### 4.2 Promotions

The London Organizing Committee will oversee an active campaign throughout 2021. This will include but not be limited to: a) the preparation of advertisements for social media releases and online promotion, b) the preparation of newsletters and updates throughout the year, and c) the creation of posters and advertisements that may be used for promotion by ACO/CHO/OAHP to their membership (appropriately designed for both direct mail and social media campaigns). We will work with the experienced staff at the City of London to ensure the success of this campaign (as well as knowledgeable local media and promotions firms) and will develop local media partnerships to assist in the promotion of conference events.

#### 5.0 Programming

#### 5.1 Conference Program

London's Local Organizing Committee will develop the content of the program for the conference. All programming will be designed with the knowledge that the Ontario Heritage Conference draws from a pool of attendees with diverse interests and professional expertise.

We have the support of the City of London (Heritage Planning) as well as numerous prominent heritage and academic leaders in London to assist in this work. These include the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (London Region), Heritage London Foundation, London Heritage Council, London Middlesex Historical Society, Public History (Department of History, Western University) and the HEAL (Human Environments Analysis Lab - Department of Geography, Western University).

The assistance and guidance of ACO/CHO/OAHP will be welcomed as we consider speakers, presentations and programs. We will also work with the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries where appropriate. To engage students in this conference, we will work with our academic partners to organise a Posters & Pints session at a local pub in which students could display their research in a casual and fun setting (at the discretion of the ACO/CHO/OAHP). We are exploring the idea of a speed networking session with Western and Fanshawe students and our visiting Heritage Professionals and experts.

#### 5.2 Social Events and Tours

Social events will lie at the heart of this conference, and will be unique and engaging, ensuring a memorable experience for all of our attendees. These will include but not be limited to pre-conference tours, the Welcome Reception, entertaining refreshment breaks, and the Gala Dinner.

Pre-conference Tours: We will arrange tours of London's rich cultural heritage places to appeal to diverse tastes, which may include: Heritage Conservation District tours, Downtown adaptive reuse tours, Woodland Cemetery tours, Historic brewery tours, Hear Here tours, and tours of the dynamic and changing industrial district in the Old East Village. This list is only a start and by no means exhaustive. The possibilities are nearly endless in London.

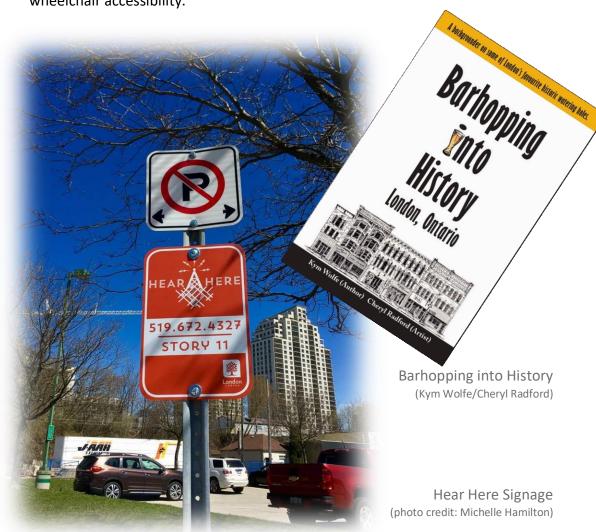
**Welcome Reception:** Downtown London boasts a wealth of potential local venues to host this reception on the Thursday evening. This event will

include entertainment and beverages, highlighting our local craft breweries and distilleries.

**Gala Dinner**: Downtown London is also home to numerous appropriate local venues ready to host this centrepiece dinner event (likely on Friday evening). The evening will include entertainment and a keynote speaker decided on in cooperation with the Joint Conference Committee (JCC).

**Other Gatherings:** We are planning a number of fun and memorable evenings of socialising and entertainment, potentially including a "Barhopping into History" pub tour; local London "Ghost Tours", and a "Pints and Posters" session.

All selected venues will provide, at a minimum: Wi-Fi access, tables and chairs, and full wheelchair accessibility.



#### 6.0 Transportation

While most of our venues will be within walking distance to ensure an easy and enjoyable conference experience, we will ensure that where necessary delegates visiting London are provided with transportation. Shuttle bus transportation will be arranged by the London LOC in coordination with the London Transit Commission and will be included in the conference budget.

#### 7.0 Organizational Support

The London LOC will be an active partner to the Joint Conference Committee (JCC) both during the conference planning phase and during the conference itself.

#### 7.1 Planning the Conference

We will assist the JCC in the search for speakers and suppliers for the event. We will work with our local London Arts Council to explore entertainment and arts opportunities to dovetail with the themes presented at the conference.

#### 7.2 During the Conference

The London LOC will staff the Conference Registration Desk with volunteers to assist our attendees with all of their conference needs. The cooperation of numerous local heritage groups (mentioned above) will ensure easy access to a large pool of volunteers.

#### 8.0 Budget and Sponsorship

The London LOC will ensure a fiscally responsible conference that will not result in a deficit. The conference budget will be the responsibility of the London LOC. We understand that the CHO, ACO and OAHP will each provide the London LOC with a loan of \$5,000 (for a total of \$15,000) as start up funding.

The London LOC will be responsible for all banking, record keeping and providing a treasurer. The London LOC will secure an experienced treasurer who will oversee the budget process and management. London also has a wealth of potential for private sponsorships and partnerships that will be fully explored to provide extra events and assist in general costs. These include local coffee, craft beer, soft drink and food services companies that will give the event a distinctly London feel. We will approach London's Reimagine Co. for advice on keeping waste down, potentially exploring the option of making the conference a zero waste event.

While the Ontario Heritage Conference is not conceived of as a profit-making venture, it should not run a deficit as it is largely funded by registration fees and sponsorships. Any

profit that does occur will be split equally between the London LOC and each of the organizations providing seed money. If the conference incurs a loss, it will be equally split between all organizations including the London LOC.

The London LOC also understands that we would be responsible for finding funding for indirect costs associated with the conference, such as staff time for those working on the project and certain resources.

#### 8.1 Planning the Conference

As soon as possible, the London LOC would request the financial budgets from the last three to five provincial conferences to assist in predicting likely revenue levels to be generated by registration fees and sponsorships, and the likely associated expenditures.

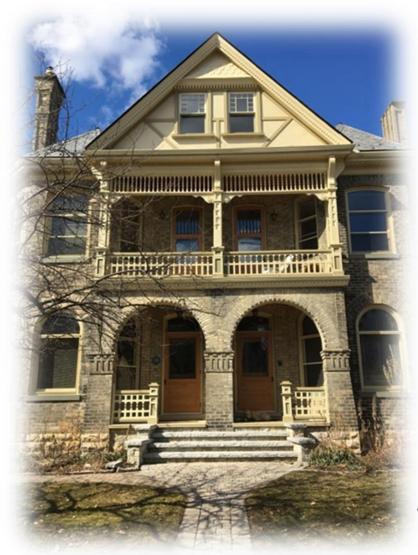
#### 9.0 Reporting

During the planning phase, the London LOC will provide regular progress reports to the Joint Conference Committee (JCC) and will regularly consult with the committee.

This reporting will include regular budget updates and a final post-conference report on all aspects of the conference will be provided by the London LOC.



Fanshawe Pioneer Village (photo credit: TripAdvisor)



A Heritage Home in London (photo credit: Jessie Gussack)

#### 10.0 Milestones/Next Steps

April, 2020: Submit Proposal to Host Conference;

June, 2020: London officials to attend the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference;

September, 2020: Selection of Host by JCC;

October, 2020: Enter Memorandum of Understanding;

Formally create the London Local Organizing Committee;

May/June, 2021: Attend the 2021 Ontario Heritage Conference to promote the 2022

Ontario Heritage Conference.

#### 11.0 Key Contacts

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This proposal also has the support of representatives of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (London Region), City of London (Heritage Planning), Heritage London Foundation, London Heritage Council, London Middlesex Historical Society, Public History (Department of History, Western University) and the HEAL (Human Environments Analysis Lab - Department of Geography, Western University). This proposal is presented with the experienced event planning and venue support of Downtown London and Tourism London.

#### **Attachment 1: Highlights of Heritage Conservation in London, Ontario**

#### Heritage as a Priority for London

- The London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH), London's Municipal Heritage Committee was first established in the 1970s as a heritage committee. The LACH continues to advise Municipal Council through London's Planning and Environment Committee. The purpose of the LACH is to lead London in conservation of its heritage through planning, education and stewardship, and to advise the City of London on the conservation of heritage resources in the community.
- The dedicated volunteer members of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage also sit on a number of sub-committee and working groups that contribute to the LACH's mandate, including the Stewardship Sub-Committee, the Planning and Policy Sub-Committee, the Education Sub-Committee, and the Archaeology Sub-Committee.
- The Corporation of the City of London has employed heritage professionals on staff since 1990. Today three Heritage Planners implement the Heritage Planning program for the City of London.
- London maintains the Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, which includes approximately 6000 properties. London has used early inventory efforts to identify properties and resources of cultural heritage value or interest, dating to the "Old London Survey" completed in 1969.
- The City of London, and associated organizations currently administer a number of programs and incentives to assist property owners in the conservation of their properties and buildings, including:
  - i. London Endowment for Heritage Fund (which has granted approximately \$350,000 since 1995);
  - ii. Downtown Façade Improvement Loan Program;
  - iii. Heritage Tax Increment Grant; and
  - iv. Heritage Development Charge Equivalent Grant.

#### Protection of Cultural Heritage Resources through By-laws and Policies

- Heritage conservation has been identified within London's Official Plan, the London Plan as part of a direction to "Build strong, healthy, and attractive neighbourhoods for everyone." The London Plan includes a chapter devoted to Cultural Heritage as a part of its City Building Policies.
- At the end of 2019, the City of London had 3,942 heritage designated properties, including:
  - 3,614 properties in one of London's seven Heritage Conservation Districts designated pursuant to Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;
  - 99 properties designated pursuant to Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act:
  - 229 properties designated pursuant to Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

- The City of London has 2,008 heritage listed properties and one cultural heritage landscape.
- Seven Heritage Conservation Districts are currently in force and effect in London including:
  - East Woodfield Heritage Conservation District;
  - Bishop Hellmuth Heritage Conservation District;
  - Old East Heritage Conservation District;
  - Downtown Heritage Conservation District;
  - West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District;
  - Blackfriars/Petersville Heritage Conservation District, and;
  - Wortley Village-Old South Heritage Conservation District.
- Each of London's seven Heritage Conservation District include unique plans and design guidelines in order to effectively manage change through alterations, development, and new construction within each of the HCDs.
- An eighth heritage conservation district has been studied in London, recommending the creation of two separate heritage conservation districts – the Great Talbot Heritage Conservation District and the Gibbons Parks Heritage Conservation District.
- A ninth heritage conservation district study for the North Talbot area of London is anticipated to begin in 2020.
- Heritage easement agreements have been obtained for properties within London.
- Additional heritage policies in London include archaeological requirements,
   Heritage Places 2.0 a guideline document of the London Plan that identifies
   potential future heritage conservation districts in London, and the Cultural Heritage
   Landscape Guideline Document.
- Heritage requirements are also addressed as a part of the building permit process, demolition control, the Sign By-law, the Property Standards By-law, and the Vacant Buildings By-law.
- Over the past several years, the City of London's Heritage Planners have experienced a steady increase in Heritage Alteration Permit applications for applicable alterations to heritage-designated properties. In 2019, over 100 Heritage Alteration Permit applications were received by the City.

#### Heritage Organizations, Institutions and Volunteers

London is supported by various organizations, institutions, and volunteer groups that contribute to and enhance awareness, education, and stewardship of cultural heritage resources. These organizations include:

- Architectural Conservancy Ontario London Region;
- London and Middlesex Historical Society;
- Heritage London Foundation;
- London Heritage Council;
- Downtown London;
- Tourism London;

- London Community Foundation;
- London Arts Council.

In addition, various community associations within London actively participate spreading awareness of the City's Heritage Conservation Districts, including:

- Blackfriars Neighbourhood Association;
- Bishop Hellmuth Neighbourhood Association;
- London Downtown Community Association;
- Old East Village Community Association;
- Old South Community Organization;
- Woodfield Community Association.

London is home to 15 museums, the largest number of museums per capita in Canada.

#### Heritage Festivals, Events, and Awards

A number of annual festivals, events, and awards take place in London that celebrate and recognize the importance of heritage in the community, including:

- An annual Heritage Week postcard is mailed to owners of heritage-designated properties, reminding property owners of Heritage Alteration Permit processes;
- The London Heritage Awards;
- The annual Geranium Heritage House Tour;
- Community association events that provide an opportunity to recognize an area's heritage value including Gathering on the Green, the Old East Village Block Party, the Historic Woodfield Fall Street Fair and many more;
- Doors Open London;
- Mayor's New Years Honours List.

#### **Stewardship of Municipally Owned Heritage Properties**

The City of London owns and maintains several municipally owned heritage properties, including:

- Baty House;
- 1 Dundas Street;
- Eldon House;
- Elsie Perrin Williams Estate;
- Flint Cottage;
- Flint Shelter;
- Grosvenor Lodge;
- Labatt Park and Club House;
- Park Farm, and;
- Springbank Pumphouse.

The conservation of each of the municipally owned heritage properties is managed according to conservation management plans.

#### Commemoration

London utilizes various forms of commemoration and interpretation to highlight the area's rich cultural heritage.

- Individually heritage-designated properties are provided with a blue plaque noting the property as designated pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.
- All Heritage Conservation Districts within London include unique street signs that name of each respective district.
- Cultural heritage interpretive signage can be found in various locations around the City, including along the Thames River, a part of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System.
- The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario London Region assists property owners in obtaining "original occupant" signage for their heritage homes, a sign noting the date of construction and the first occupant, and occupation.

#### **Partnerships in Education**

The City of London participates in educational outreach and partnership on a regular basis including:

- Western University Public History Program;
- Public School History Fairs;
- Walking tour and guest lectures for Fanshawe College, and;
- Participation in City Studio London.

## Attachment 2: C.V. for Dr. Wes Kinghorn

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Current	Post-Doctoral Scholar, Public History (Western University, London, Ontario)
2018	PhD, Urban Geography (Western University, London, Ontario)
1996	Master of Arts, Geography (Western University, London, Ontario)
1993	Bachelor of Arts, Honors Geography (Western University, London, Ontario)

#### **Related Awards and Honours**

2017	Wall of Fame (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Western University)
2017	USC Teaching Honour Roll – Award of Excellence (University Student Council,
	Western University)
2015	ACO-HLF Heritage Award (Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London / Heritage
	London Foundation)
2014	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Doctoral (Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and
	Universities)
2014	Allen K. Philbrick Scholarship in Cultural Geography (Geography Department,
	Western University)
2013	Pass with Distinction, Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination (Geography Department,
	Western University)
2013	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, awarded for a significant contribution
	to one's fellow countrymen, their community, or to Canada (Governor General of
	Canada)
1996	Pan Hellenic Council Recognition: Teaching Assistant (Pan Hellenic Council,
	Western University)
1993	Canadian Association of Geographers Thesis Award (Canadian Association of
	Geographers)
1993	Award of Merit for Academic Excellence (Western University)

#### **Related Work Experience**

Current	Assistant Professor, Urban Geography (University of Western Ontario)
Current	Wes Kinghorn Consulting: Urban Research, Representation and Communication
2018	Lecturer, Social Geography, Winter 2018 (University of Western Ontario)
2017	Lecturer, Social Geography, Winter 2017 (University of Western Ontario)
2012-2016	Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography (University of Western Ontario)

2011-2013	Lecturer, 3D Urban Design (Fanshawe College, London, Ontario)	
1993-1995	Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography (University of Western Ontario)	
Related Voluntary Leadership Roles		
2019	Co-Organiser of the Place Matters Conference (London, Ontario, Canada)	
2015-2018	President of the Urban League of London (London, Ontario, Canada)	
2013-2015	Chair of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (London, Ontario, Canada)	
2004-2014	Chair of the Woodfield Community Association (London, Ontario, Canada)	
<b>Theses</b>		
2018	PhD Thesis: The Creative Destruction of Place in an Ontario Heritage Conservation	
	District (University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada)	
1996	Master of Arts Thesis: Visual Preference in Forest Edge Environments: An	
	Application of Digital Imaging (University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario,	
	Canada)	
1993	Bachelor of Arts Thesis: The Utility of Photo-Realistic Computer Imaging for Visual	
	Landscape Assessment (University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada)	