

Project Title:

Decolonising Planning: an introduction to the theory and practice of working with/in indigenous communities... a new course proposal

Project Summary (150 words maximum)

SCARP wishes to develop an area of teaching concentration focusing on working with/in indigenous communities. A number of our existing courses offer knowledge and skills that can contribute to the development of a new generation of both First Nations (FN) and non-Native planners, but it is imperative to develop a foundational course which starts from a recognition and explication of planning's historic role in the colonization process, then examines what needs to change in contemporary planning practice. This course would be developed during 2011, and offered in Winter 2, 2012, aimed at upper level undergrads from FN Studies and Masters students in SCARP. The dream is to excite FN Studies undergrads about the potential of planning as a graduate professional program which could benefit their communities, as well as to inspire and sensitise non-Native students to (what is involved in) working in FN communities.