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Biography

Currently Adjunct Associate Professor, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute, Adjunct Professor, Bond University, School of Sustainable Development and Adjunct Professor in the School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Dr Wendy Sarkissian is passionate about our future: the future of work, of housing, of communities and of citizen participation. She is committed to finding spirited ways to nurture and support an engaged citizenry. Her successful career as consultant and academic in Australia and overseas has provided first-hand knowledge of many contexts, from developers' boardrooms to low-income housing estates.

Qualified as an educator, she holds a Masters of Arts in literature, a Master of Town Planning (Adelaide) and a PhD in environmental ethics (Murdoch University).

Building a career as a social planning consultant when there was no such discipline, she has pioneered innovative planning and development approaches in an astonishing variety of contexts. This work has earned her over forty professional awards. She has worked with senior managers and advisors to government departments and private enterprise, primarily in the urban, community, housing and development sectors. She has specialist expertise in the design of housing and other environments for older people and children and the health and restorative value of parks and public open space.

She is also expert in social and survey research, including post-occupancy evaluation and questionnaire design and analysis.

Much of Wendy's work has involved working with artists and using art and community cultural development modalities in community engagement and staff development, working to heal rifts in conflict-ridden communities and organisations. She has pioneered innovative community visioning approaches in a wide range of contexts and this work has won her many professional awards.

Widely regarded as a leader in her profession and acclaimed as a humorous and thought-provoking speaker, Dr Sarkissian was elevated to Life Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia in November 2011. She has served on Boards in South Australia and Queensland and is the award-winning author and co-author of several books on housing and community engagement.

In 2009 and 2010, she co-authored three books published by Earthscan, London:

Kitchen Table Sustainability: Practical Recipes for Community Engagement with Sustainability (Wendy Sarkissian with Nancy Hofer, Yollana Shore, Steph Vajda and Cathy Wilkinson), January 2009.

SpeakOut: The Step-by-Step Guide to SpeakOuts and Community Workshops (Wendy Sarkissian and Wiwik Bunjamin-Mau with Andrea Cook, Kelvin Walsh and Steph Vajda), April 2009.

Creative Community Planning: Transformative Engagement Methods for Working at the Edge (Wendy Sarkissian and Dianna Hurford with Christine Wenman), February 2010.

Since early 2008, Wendy has been teaching the Professional Ethics course for the Planning Institute of Australia for Certified Professional Planner (CPP) certification.

She also supervises Masters and PhD students and edits PhD dissertations and academic papers and reports.

An owner-builder, Wendy lives in an intentional ecological community in northern New South Wales, Australia.

Wendy was President of the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2009.

Qualifications

PhD Murdoch University, 1997 (environmental ethics and planning education)
Dissertation: "With a Whole Heart: Nurturing an Ethic of Caring for Nature in the Education of Australian Planners", 1996.

Master of Town Planning University of Adelaide, 1976

Master of Arts Connecticut College, New London, 1967
(English literature)

BSc in Education Southern Connecticut State College, 1965
Qualified high school English teacher

Fellow Planning Institute of Australia, 2000-2011

Life Fellow Planning Institute of Australia, from 2011

Trained as a mediator, LEADR, Sydney, 1998.

Dispute resolution and mediator training and accreditation, Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre, 2010, 2011.

Keynote addresses and major presentations

Dr Wendy Sarkissian is an inspiring and engaging speaker, speaking to national and international audiences on a range of issues about the future of organisations, planning, community engagement, urban design and housing. She covers a range of topics like: supporting an engaged citizenry, housing for real people and creating great places people love. Selected recent keynote and other addresses include...

Presentation, "The Densification Wars," to a community forum organised by City Hall Watch and other Vancouver community activists, Vancouver, Canada, 19 January 2014.

See:

<http://cityhallwatch.wordpress.com/2014/01/30/densification-wars-video/>

and <https://vimeo.com/87643788>

Presentation, “Housing as if People Mattered, UPDATED, Housing Form: Social Design Considerations,” Tasman District Council workshop on residential density, Richmond, NZ, 21 November 2013.

Public lecture, “SOS: Shared Open Space to the Rescue,” New Zealand Planning Institute, Nelson, NZ, 20 November 2013.

Public lecture, “The Role of Community Engagement in Enabling High-Quality Design Outcomes in Residential Planning,” Auckland Conversations, Auckland Council, 18 November 2013.

Presentation, Planning Institute of Australia, “NIMBY Psychology: What Can a Planner Do?,” “How to” Seminar, Brisbane, 3 September 2013.

Presentation on community engagement, H.E.A.L. Rally, Northern Beaches, Sydney, Manly, NSW, 3 August 2013.

Keynote address on community engagement and community visioning, Australasian Housing Institute Master Class on Placemaking, Sydney 5 June 2013.

Invited public lecture on NIMBY responses to higher density housing, Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, University of South Australia, Adelaide, 29 May 2013.

http://w3.unisa.edu.au/hawkecentre/events/2013events/Wendy_Sarkissian.asp

Public address, Better Planning Network Forum, Parliament House, Sydney, 20 May 2013.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLZuv6XkK_c

<http://www.sarkissian.com.au/the-better-planning-network-forum-on-nsw-planning-reforms/>

<http://www.thefiftheestate.com.au/archives/49427/>

Keynote address on rural community engagement, Regional Australia: Join the Conversation conference, Ballarat, 9 May 2013 www.aila.org.au/victoria/newsletter/2013/winter.htm

Public Lecture, Harvard University, Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, 22 February 2013

What’s Psychology Got to Do with NIMBY? Exploring the Deeper Meanings to Community Resistance to Proposed Housing Density Increases. Lunchtime seminar.

<http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/event/what%E2%80%99s-psychology-got-do-nimby-exploring-deeper-meanings-community-resistance-proposed-housing>

Tufts University, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, 6 February 2013

What’s Psychology Got to Do with NIMBY? Exploring the Deeper Meanings to Community Resistance to Proposed Housing Density Increases, Lunchtime colloquium.

Woodford Folk Festival, Presentation to the GREENhouse, 28 December 2012

“Blacklisting Blackwater; what happens when government and industry abandon a small mining town,” with Kev Cracknell.

Planning Institute of Australia, NSW Branch, Port Macquarie, 2012

Keynote address to annual conference on the CityPlan model of community engagement in Vancouver, 19 October.

Hong Kong University and Hong Kong Planning Department, 2012

“Heartstorming: Putting the Vision back into Community Visioning”, Hong Kong Conference on Community Planning, 28 September 2012.

“This would not be tolerated in Noosa” a report on the Backwater community survey, 2012

“News from the Front Line” seminar held by Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Branch, Brisbane 21 September.

Keynote address, “Smart Start Breakfast’, City of Adelaide, 2012 on “Homing Instinct”, 1 August.

Keynote Address, “Community Engagement and Coal Seam Gas Mining in Australia,” 2011 Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) National Environment Conference, Coolumb, Qld., 9 November.

Conference Paper, Queensland Environmental Law Association, Regional Seminar, Cairns, 2011 Queensland: “Social Dimensions of Fly-in Fly-Out Mining in Australia”, 4 November.

Keynote Address, “Kitchen Table Sustainability”, 2010
EAROPH Jubilee Congress, Adelaide, November.

Woodford Folk Festival, December 2010
Participant, Great Green Debate

Woodford Folk Festival, December 2010
Presentation at the GREENhouse: “Kitchen Table Sustainability”.

KidSafe WA “Nature of Play” Conference, Perth, April 2010
“The restorative power of parks and public spaces: What works and what doesn't work?”

Woodford Folk Festival, December 2009
Great Green Debate: “Resolved that the Media Can be Trusted”.
With Ian Lowe and Joanne Bragg for the Negative team (which won).

International Association of Public Participation conference, San Diego, September 2009
Keynote Address, “Kitchen Table Sustainability”

Urban Development Institute of Australia, Western Australia, Sustainability Conference, August 2009
“High-density Housing: what Works and What Doesn't Work?”

Urban Development Institute of Australia, July 2008
“Kitchen Table Sustainability,” Inaugural Queensland UDIA Community Engagement Summit, Brisbane, 16 July.

ISOCARP 43rd Urban Planning Congress: Urban Dialogues, 20 September 2007
“Kitchen Table Sustainability: Tested recipes for bringing the sustainability debate down to Earth”, Antwerp, 20 September.

Asia-Pacific Cities Summit, August 2007
“Urban Nature for Everyone: The Value of Natural Places in Cities for Tourists and Local People”, with Catherine Zheyu Zhou, August.

Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Entrepreneur Masterclass, 20 February 2007
“When Generations Collide At Work: Strategies for Working Effectively in Today's Intergenerational Workplaces”.

International Association for Public Participation, Conference, Montreal, November 2006
“Trading Places: How a major recent Perth development project turned a developer into a "green social planner" AND how a community came to understand and care about a developer's profits” keynote address with Darren Cooper, Mirvac, Perth.

International Conference on “Making Places Profitable”, Sheffield, UK, September 2006
Keynote address, “Blind Freddy Could See it: Reflections on Effective Community Engagement in a Large Public-Private Partnership Housing Project.”

World Planners Congress, Vancouver, Canada, 19 June 2006
“Giving Voice to Nature in Community Engagement.”

Caledon Institute, ANC National Policy Forum on Neighbourhood Revitalization, Ottawa, Canada, 25 October 2005
“Engaging Citizens in Neighbourhood Revitalization: Some Insights from Australian Practice.”

United Way, Toronto, Toronto Community Forum, 27 October 2005
“Second-Generation CPTED and Community Renewal: Lessons from Queensland, Australia.”

Life in the Urban Landscape Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2005
“Madness, Intransigence and Old Hurts: Dealing with Emotion in Community Engagement.”

Community Arts Network of Western Australia (CANWA) Forum, July 2005
“The Artistry of Community Consultation.”

Residential Development Conference, Property Council of WA, Perth, May 2005
“The Social Stigma of High-Rise Development or A ‘CAN DO’ Approach to Higher Density Housing in Western Australia.”

EcoEdge Conference, Melbourne, 9-12 February 2005
“How much do planners hate Nature and what can be done about it?”

Creating Child-Friendly Cities Conference, Brisbane, October 2004
“Community engagement by children and young people in Australia”, with Elyssa Ludher.

‘Chautauqua’ Extravaganza of Participatory Planning and Design, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 2004
Keynote and workshop presenter, Chautauqua, nine lectures and workshops on subject ranging from community engagement to environmental ethics.

International CPTED Association Conference, Brisbane, September 2004

Urbanism Downunder Conference, Auckland, NZ, February 2003
“Listening to the softest voices: consulting children and Nature in planning public spaces in residential areas.”

Best Practice in Parks Forum, Sydney, April 2002
Keynote address: “What if we asked the parks ... about park design?”

ALIA: Public Libraries National Conference, Melbourne, November 2001
“The Earth, the Air, the Fire, the Water: Welcoming the Voices of Nonhuman Nature into Community Participation Processes.”

Consulting

Dr Wendy Sarkissian has extensive consulting and training experience working as a social planner, social design specialist and housing specialist with multi-disciplinary teams on large sites for private and public clients in several major Australian cities. Community engagement and social design are her forté. Wendy is known for her ability to deliver successful outcomes for complex developments in disadvantaged and highly politicised urban communities.

Recent major projects include...

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SOCIAL DESIGN AND SOCIAL PLANNING

TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, NEW ZEALAND

Design and management of community engagement forum regarding residential density, 21 November 2013.

SHELTER, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Design of workshop for Aboriginal people, October 2013.

HYNES DEVELOPMENTS, Vancouver

Community workshop for residents on proposed housing density increases, North Vancouver, 5 March 2013.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP, 2012

Design, manage, evaluate and report on 2012 National Detention Conference, Sydney, November 2012.

QUEST FOR LIFE FOUNDATION, BUNDANOON NSW, 2012

Social design advice for future planning, continuing

PLANNING INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA (PIA), 2012

Redesign and rewriting of Workbook for Professional Ethics in Planning CPP course, March to July 2012

BLACKWATER COMMUNITY PROGRESS GROUP, Queensland, 2011-continuing

Volunteer Advocate from October 2011

BOWEN BASIN LOCAL LEADERSHIP GROUP, Emerald, 2012

Design, facilitation and reporting of a two-day workshop for this group in Central Queensland.

COUNCIL OF MAYORS, SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND, 2011-2012

Issues paper and design guidelines for on-site open space in medium-density housing, December 2011 to March 2012, with Brendan Hurley, Rebecca Bateman and Clare Cooper Marcus.

Bateman, Rebecca, Wendy Sarkissian and Andrea Young 2012. *Open Space and Medium-density Living Study Issues Paper* Unpublished paper prepared for the Council of Mayors (SEQ). Brisbane: Council of Mayors (SEQ). *Open Space and Medium-density Living Toolkit* (March 2012). Toolkit Awarded PIA Queensland Award for Excellence, Commendation, 2012.

NORSEARCH LTD. AND SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, 2011

Design and facilitation of professional workshop for Crawford Properties, October.

CITY OF CANNING. WA, 2011-2012

Designed and managed Stakeholders workshop and SpeakOut for Strategic Community Plan, including design and management of SpeakOut training, June to November, continuing to July 2012 (with S. Vajda).

ALBURYCITY, 2011

Designed and managed World Café, May.

LEND LEASE, BRISBANE, 2011

Social design advice on community planning, social design and use of neighbourhood parks and facilities, June and August.

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL, 2010

Community Liaison Group process for Suntown Landfill site, March to September.

HOUSING NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION, 2009

Review of social housing upgrade program, year 1, Wellington City Council.

KYOGLE COUNCIL, 2009

Kyogle Social Plan community engagement with all Kyogle communities and sector groups for preparation of the Social Plan.

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL, 2008-2009

Redland City Council Community Plan with the Phillips Group, including design and management of SpeakOut training.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, 2008

Chermside Centre Neighbourhood Plan, Social Outcomes Investigation, with Sharyn Briggs, Andrea Young and Dee Elliott.

QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING, 2008

Study of community diversity in transit-oriented developments, with Andrea Cook and Sharyn Briggs. Awarded Certificate of Merit, PIA Queensland Awards, 2009.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING, VANCOUVER, 2006-2008

A three-semester post-occupancy evaluation of a large inner city housing development, False Creek North, undertaken by students in the School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia.

LEND LEASE DEVELOPMENTS, MELBOURNE, 2007

Social planning, housing design and CPTED advice for Victoria Harbour development, Docklands, February. With Jason Prior, Elton Consulting.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, SYDNEY, 2004-2006

Specialist consultation advisor and consultation manager, Living Communities Program, Bonnyrigg Project. Full-time, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS, QUEENSLAND, 2005

Consultation Advisor, Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation.

MIRVAC FINI, DEVELOPERS, PERTH, 2003-2004

Community consultation processes for the Kennedy Bay project, Rockingham, including extensive staff and consultants' training program.

LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (ADELAIDE) 2004

Social Issues and Trends Associated with Medium to High-Density Housing. National review of medium-density housing.

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP, MELBOURNE, 1998-2002

- Community consultation manual and CD ROM (with Kelvin Walsh); Final version, 2002.
- Facilitation of community consultation for Parking Summit, February 2000.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, 1999-2002

- Community participation process, Bracken Ridge Community Hub, 2002.
- Older Person's Policy, 2000 and Community Safety Strategy, 1999-2000.

URBAN AND REGIONAL LAND CORPORATION, MELBOURNE, 2001-2002

- Team development workshop, Aurora.
- Chair and Panel Manager, Expert Reference Group, integrated water management, Aurora.
- *KidScape*: Illustrated manual for planning residential environments for children.

MIRVAC FINI AND THE FINI GROUP, PERTH, 1999-2003

- Social design advice for high-density housing development, The Peninsula, Perth, 2002-2003.
- Social design advice for the redevelopment of public housing, Juliet Court, Coolbellup, as part of the *New Living program*, 1999

QUEENSLAND HEALTH, 1999-2001

- Community participation *Methods Manual*, 2001.
- Social planning and community consultation for Supportive Environments for Physical Activity, Queensland (SEPA-Q) Trial in Eagleby, with Danny O'Hare, QUT, 1999-2000.
- *Stories in a Park*, community planning and crime prevention project, with community artist Graeme Dunstan, 2000.
- Spirit of Eagleby Festival, SpeakOut consultation, associated research and management, September 1999.

QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET, 1999-2000

Review of consultation processes across government, with Dr. Patrick Bishop.

SOUTH SYDNEY COUNCIL, 1998-1999

Community participation, social planning and social design for Redfern Community Centre.

KOGARAH CITY COUNCIL, 1998-1999

Community engagement for Moore Reserve Masterplan.

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE VISIONING

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, 2005

Stakeholder Relationships Visioning Workshop, Minto.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING and PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL, 2004

Community visioning workshop and facilitator training, Greater Granville Regeneration Plan.

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE, 2004

Workshop for Community Education Division.

PLANNINGNSW, 2003

- Research on international theory, processes and outcomes of community visioning.
- Capacity-building workshop for consultant team regarding visioning theory and practice.

URBAN LAND AUTHORITY, VICTORIA, 1988 to 2001

Design and conduct of community visioning workshops.

Training

Wendy has extensive teaching and training experience at post-secondary level in architecture, planning, landscape architecture, social work, social research methods, social policy and planning and communication. She delivers lectures and conducts training seminars for professional planners, landscape architects, architects, urban designers, developers and employees of local municipalities on a wide variety of subjects.

Her seminars and lectures have included the following...

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

AUCKLAND COUNCIL, staff development workshops on (1) post-occupancy evaluation of high-rise housing and (2) community visioning and community engagement, 18 November 2013.

CITY OF MELBOURNE, Workshop for staff and invited guests from neighbouring councils, on community engagement, 14 May 2013.

RMIT UNIVERSITY, lecture on NIMBY behaviour and community engagement, Melbourne, 13 May 2013.

CITY OF WEST TORRENS, Staff training workshop on community engagement, 25 March 2013.

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER, Staff development workshop on community resistance to housing density increases, 5 March 2013

VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH, staff development workshop on community engagement, 5 March 2013

VIA ARCHITECTURE, Vancouver, staff workshop on community engagement and housing density increases, 4 March 2013

ACTION FOR HOMELESSNESS, VANCOUVER, workshop on *Homing Instinct*, for professionals working with homeless people 17 October 2012.

CITY OF VANCOUVER, Planning Department, 1-day workshop on *Homing Instinct*, for planners and others working in planning and community engagement 12 October 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING, 2012-Address, Symposium on CityPlan and the legacy of community engagement in Vancouver, 12 October.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, one-day WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, 26 September 2012.

CITY OF ADELAIDE, STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON 'HOMING INSTINCT', 1 August 2012.

CITY OF CHARLES STURT, ADELAIDE STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, ON 'HOMING INSTINCT', JUNE 2012.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PLACE LEADERS AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONS' FORUM, Adelaide 2-3 August 2012

STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, ALBURY CITY

Community engagement workshop facilitation, recording and making meetings work, May and September 2011.

CITY OF MARION, South Australia STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP,
Workshop facilitation, recording and community engagement, **April and** September 2011.

CITY OF CANNING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS,
Community engagement workshop facilitation, recording and reporting, June and October 2011.

**PROFESSIONAL ETHICS TRAINING FOR CERTIFIED PLANNING PRACTITIONER (CPP)
Accreditation**
Planning Institute of Australia, nationally, 2007 continuing.

HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING: WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T WORK
Breakfast seminar for urban and Regional Planning Solutions, Adelaide, 15 April.

“WORKING AT THE EDGE” IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Workshop for Planning Institute of Australia, NSW Division, Sydney, February 2011

“WORKING AT THE EDGE” IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Workshop at EAROPH Congress, Adelaide, November 2010

“WORKING AT THE EDGE” IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Workshop for Planning Institute of Australia, SA Branch, Adelaide, June 2010

SWEDISH INSTITUTE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, STOCKHOLM
“The SpeakOut model, 2 seminars, 27-28 September 2007

QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ARTS NETWORK, BRISBANE, 2007
Training session on community engagement, April.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, UK, 2007
Workshop for students, faculty and invited guests on the SpeakOut model of community engagement, March.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, METROPOLITAN DESIGN CENTRE, MINNEAPOLIS, 2006, 2007
Public lectures, workshops on community engagement, the SpeakOut model and community crime prevention, November 2006 and March 2007.

SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (SPARC), VANCOUVER, 2006
Workshops on medium-density housing, social planning, and community engagement, October.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL, 2006
Workshop on the SpeakOut model of community engagement, October.

ACTION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGE, CANADA, 2006
Workshop training session in Vancouver and Thunder Bay, Ontario in community engagement, October and November.

EMPOWER O’AHU, HONOLULU, 2005
Four community training workshops on “The *SpeakOut*: An Australian Innovation in Participatory Planning, Honolulu and Island of Hawai’i, October-November and two one-day workshops in Honolulu, 5-6 December.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IAP2), 20 October 2005

One-day workshop on the SpeakOut model, international conference, Portland, Oregon.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ICEC), BRISBANE, 14-15 August 2005

- Workshop on the SpeakOut model with Andrea Cook, Red Road Consulting, Melbourne.
- Workshop on Community Visioning with Yollana Shore, OneSpirit Consulting, Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE, 2004

Design, management and analysis of staff development workshop for Community Education Division.

MIRVAC FINI, PERTH, 2003-2004

Staff and consultants' training program for community consultation for the Kennedy Bay project, Rockingham.

SOUTH SYDNEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 2002

Workshops on the public domain and staff training, Green Square.

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP, MELBOURNE, 2000, 2002

Staff and elected members training in community engagement.

URBAN AND REGIONAL LAND CORPORATION, MELBOURNE, 2001

Team development workshop for the Aurora project consultant team.

GUEST LECTURES AND SEMINARS

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, lecture on community engagement, November 2013.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, lecture on community engagement, December 2012.

University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning, workshop on "Kitchen Table Sustainability", 10 October 2012.

Swedish Institute of Town and Country Planning, Stockholm

"The SpeakOut model, lecture, 27 September 2007.

Cornell University, Department of City and Regional Planning, November

"Trading Places: How a major recent Perth development project turned a developer into a 'green social planner' AND how a community came to understand and care about a developer's profits".

Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, IX Bienal de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Santander, Spain, July 2007

Two lectures and panel discussions, 23-27 July.

Durham University, England, March 2007

Colloquium Participant, Durham University Colloquium: "Faith & Spirituality in the City: Towards a Post-Secular Urbanism", 20-21 March.

University of Strathclyde, Scottish Centre for Sustainable Community Development (SCSCD) Glasgow, March 2007

Public lecture on "Working at the edge in community engagement"

Church of the Crossroads, Honolulu, 7 December 2005

"An Ethic of Caring and a Place at the Table for Nature: Some Ways of Representing the Nonhuman Natural World in Citizen Participation in Planning."

International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), international conference, Portland, Oregon, 18 October 2005

“A Place at the Table for Nature: Some Ways of Representing the Nonhuman Natural World in Community Participation in Planning.”

Lecture tour, Honolulu, Winnipeg, Regina and Tacoma, Washington, September-October 2004

Center for Public Space Research, University of Copenhagen, June 2005
“Housing as if People Mattered Revisited”.

University of Calgary, Canada, January 2003
Two public lectures on community engagement and crime prevention.

International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Conference, Vancouver, May 2001, pre-conference training workshop in the SpeakOut model.

Center for the American Urban Landscape, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, January 2003. First Design Center Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Metropolitan Design Center: four public lectures and associated seminars.

School of Planning, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, January 2003
Professional development seminar on the SpeakOut and Search Conference models.

School of Regional and Community Planning, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 1996, continuing professional development weekend workshops on CPTED and community engagement (with Gregory Saville and Kelvin Walsh).

Official appointments and memberships

CURRENT

- Member, National **Green Star Precinct and Communities Framework Technical Reference Group**, Green Building Council of Australia, 2009-2011.
- Adjunct Associate Professor, **Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP)**, from 2009.
- Adjunct Professor, **Bond University, School of Sustainable Development**, from 2007.
- Adjunct Professor, **University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning**, 1995-1996, 2006-2009, 2014. Co-director of a major post-occupancy evaluation study on resident satisfaction, parks, public spaces, healthy living and housing in Vancouver.
- **Life Fellow**, Planning Institute of Australia, 2011
- Member, **Bond University Mirvac School of Sustainable Development Academic Advisory Panel**, 2007-2008.
- Member, **Queensland State Government Community Engagement Reference Group**, 2001-2006.
- Distinguished Lifetime Member, **International CPTED Association**, from 2001.

OTHER

- **Life Fellow**, Planning Institute of Australia, 2000-2011.
- President, **Nimbin Chamber of Commerce**, NSW, 2008-2009.
- Member, Management Committee, **Flying Eagle Facilitators**, 2004-2005.
- Member, Advisory Board, **Ideas at the Powerhouse**, Brisbane, 2000-2004
- Chair, **Queensland Community Arts Network**, 2001-2002.

- Chair of the Board, **Parks Community Centre**, Adelaide, 1989-1990.
- Member, Committee of Review, **Local Government Boundary Change**, South Australia, 1989-1990.
- Member of the Board, **South Australian Housing Trust** (State Housing Authority), 1975-1978.

Awards

Dr Wendy Sarkissian and her colleagues have received 44 professional awards in the past 30 years. She has also received many awards for professional publications and academic achievement.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2010 Commendation, Planning Scholarship, Research or Teaching, PIA National Awards for Excellence, for a trio of Earthscan books on community engagement.

2010 Award for Excellence: Planning Scholarship, Research or Teaching, PIA State Awards, NSW Branch, for a trio of Earthscan books on community engagement.

2002 Award for Excellence: Planning Scholarship, PIA Queensland for *Community Participation in Practice: New Directions* (2002), with Beauford Stenberg and Angela Hirst.

1998 National Award for Excellence: planning scholarship, RAPI for Ph.D. dissertation on environmental ethics and planning education.

1997 International finalist, Green Dove Award, Common Boundary, for Chapter 5 of Ph.D. dissertation, "A Journey to the Ecological Self." (US \$5000)**1995-6 Fellowship, Scholar in Residence program**, Centre for Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia, Canada.

1994 Dorothy Davidson Fellowship, Australian Federation of University Women, Queensland, for Ph.D. Dissertation Research (\$12,000).

1992 Progressive Architecture Citation for Architectural Research (USA) for *Housing As If People Mattered* (1986), with Clare Cooper Marcus.

1992-1995 Australian Postgraduate Research Award: PhD scholarship for four years full-time PhD study.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2012 Commendation, Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Branch, 2012 State Awards for Excellence, Planning Ideas Award, Large Regional or Urban Project Category, for Council of Mayors, Southeast Queensland, *Liveable Compact Cities Project*, 2012.

2011 Elevation to Life Fellow, Planning Institute of Australia, 11 November.

2010 Urban Development Institute WA Award for Excellence in High Density Development, awarded to Mirvac WA, for "Allegro", a high-density, high-rise residential tower at Aurora, The Peninsula, Burswood, Perth. Sarkissian Associates Planners prepared several volumes of detailed, illustrated, research-based guidelines for a wide range of user groups and contexts in high-density housing for this project in 2003 and 2004.

2009 Certificate of Merit, Awards for Excellence, PIA Queensland for Community Diversity in Transit-Oriented Development Precincts with Briggs & Mortar Pty Ltd. and Andrea Young Planning Consultants.

2008 Urban Development Institute National High Density Development Award, awarded to Mirvac WA, for “Allegro”, a high-density, high-rise residential tower at The Peninsula, Burswood, Perth. Sarkissian Associates Planners prepared several volumes of detailed, illustrated, research-based planning and design guidelines for a wide range of user groups and contexts in high-density housing for this project in 2003 and 2004.

2008 Award for Professional Excellence, Australasian Housing Institute

Outstanding Contribution to Change: Delivering community renewal or urban regeneration for Community Renewal and Urban Regeneration in Bonnyrigg, Sydney, for the Bonnyrigg Project team and NSW Department of Housing. Managed Bonnyrigg consultation project team 2004-2005; Bonnyrigg Consultation Advisor: 2004-2006.

2007 Merit Award for Excellence. Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (Victorian Division).

Darlington Public Domain Stage 1, 2007, University of Sydney. With Taylor Cullity Lethlean Landscape Architects and Paul Carter. (Responsible for CPTED analysis with Angela Pitts).

2006 National Urban Design Award for Planning Excellence: Urban Design, PIA

For design and management of community consultations for the (re)Visioning Footscray consultation project, Maribyrnong City Council, 2004 (with Andrea Cook, Red Road Consulting).

2006 Award for International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), Special Recognition, International Project of the Year, with Kelvin Walsh, Maribyrnong City Council and Andrea Cook, Red Road Consulting for (re)Visioning Footscray consultation project, Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne, 2004.

2005 Core Values Award for Robust Public Participation, International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), Australasia

for Kennedy Bay Community Engagement Process, for Mirvac Fini (WA), Perth.

2005 Planning Minister’s Award for Excellence for Melbourne 2030 Implementation, PIA Victoria

For design and management of community consultations for the (re)Visioning Footscray consultation project, Maribyrnong City Council, 2004 (with Andrea Cook, Red Road Consulting).

2004 Commendation, National President’s Award, PIA

for social planning and design guidelines for high-density housing, for Mirvac-Fini, Perth.

2003 Award for Excellence: Housing, PIA Queensland

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2002 Award for Excellence: planning scholarship, PIA Queensland

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2002 National Award for Excellence: community planning, RAPI

for interactive CD Rom of community participation techniques for the City of Port Phillip (with Kelvin Walsh and Adrienne Campbell).

2001 Certificate of Merit, Awards for Excellence, RAPI Queensland

for *Stories in a Park* community participation project for Queensland Health.

2001 Award for Excellence, RAPI Victoria

for Community Participation *Toolbook* and CD Rom for the City of Port Phillip, Melbourne.

2000 Certificate of Merit, Awards for Excellence, RAPI Queensland

for Community Renewal Program community participation project for Queensland Housing.

2000 Award for Excellence, Urban Development Institute of Australia, Western Australia

for urban renewal projects for Coolbellup New Living for the Fini Group and the Ministry of Housing, Perth (social planning and design advice).

1999 World Habitat Award, Building and Social Housing Foundation

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1998 Certificate of Merit, National Awards for Excellence RAPI

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1997 Special Commendation: community planning, Awards for Excellence, RAPI Western Australia

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1996 Certificate of Merit, National Awards for Excellence RAPI

for *Community Participation in Practice* publications, 1994 (with Kelvin Walsh).

1995 Award for Excellence, RAPI Western Australia

for *Community Participation in Practice* community participation publications, 1994 (with Kelvin Walsh).

1995, Honourable Mention, Awards for Excellence, RAPI Victoria

for *Community Participation in Practice* publications, 1994 (with Kelvin Walsh).

1994 Certificate of Merit, Royal Australian Institute of Architects South Australia

to Woodhead Firth Lee for Salisbury Town Centre redevelopment.

1993 Colonel Light Award, Awards for Excellence, RAPI South Australia

to City of Salisbury for Salisbury Town Centre redevelopment.

1993 National Award for Excellence, RAPI

for residents' evaluation of a Melbourne suburban community for the Urban Land Authority.

1993 Special Commendation, Awards for Excellence, RAPI South Australia

AMCORD Urban, *Housing Needs of Non-traditional Households: Supplementary Volume to the Australian Model Code for Residential Development: Crime Prevention in Higher density Housing*, 1992 (with Ann Forsyth and Kristin Stewart).

1992, 1993 International Shortlist, World Habitat Awards, Building and Social Housing Foundation

for participatory research, design and planning work with and manual for consultation with new residents, for the Urban Land Authority.

1992 Special Mention, National Awards for Excellence, RAPI Australia

for low-income housing study for the City of Adelaide.

1992 Award for Excellence, RAPI Victoria

for residents' evaluation of a suburban community in Melbourne for the Urban Land Authority.

1992 Award for Excellence: planning project, RAPI Victoria

for social planning and community participation for a suburban structure plan.

1991 Special Commendation, Awards for Excellence, RAPI South Australia

for Salisbury Town Centre development: participatory process.

1991 Charles LaTrobe Design for Living Award: housing Innovation,

For community participation in planning and design (with the Urban Land Authority, Melbourne).

1990 Certificate of Merit, Charles LaTrobe Design for Living Award: housing Innovation
for retirement housing research.

1990 Honourable Mention, Awards for Excellence, RAPI Victoria

for study of social mix in retirement housing for the Australian Housing Research Council.

1990 Award for Excellence, RAPI Victoria

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Publications

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