

Provost Awards for Excellence in Teaching Design and Practice

Award: Teaching Design and Practice that Employs Experiential Learning

Recipient: Dr. Pam Shaw
Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences

Pamela Shaw, PhD MCIP RPP, is a Professor at Vancouver Island University in the Geography Program, VIU Senator and Chair of the Governance Practices Committee, Education Committee Chair for the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers (WDCAG), Human Geography Editor of *Western Geography*, the peer-reviewed journal of the WDCAG, Vice-Chair of the Social Sciences Faculty Council, Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria (Geography), and an elected Council Member of the Planning Institute of BC.

Pam is an urban planner with 25 years of experience in development, community planning, and public consultation. Her current academic research concentrates on retail geography and social-ecological investigations in the Nanaimo River Estuary and Mt Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve. She is a proponent of community-based applied research and involving students in meaningful research projects: recent projects include an Action Plan for Campbellton (a neighbourhood in Campbell River), the Toquaht Nation Official Community Plan, the Bamfield Official Community Plan (working with the Alberni Clayquot Regional District and the community), and VIU's View of the World Community Mapping Project that involved international and domestic students in the development of a digital map that showed the student's views on 17 criteria layers.

Pam recently published an article with Don Alexander (VIU) in *Plan Canada* on the value of small retailing and also published her first textbook "*A Field Guide to Communication*" with Oxford University Press in 2009. Her second book "*Boxed In: Searching for the Public Good in Urban Planning*" will be published in 2014.

