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# BREAKING NEW GROUND

2025 BCSLA CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW • VANCOUVER, BC

OCTOBER 17, 18 AND 19, 2025 • **ROBERT H. LEE ALUMNI CENTRE**

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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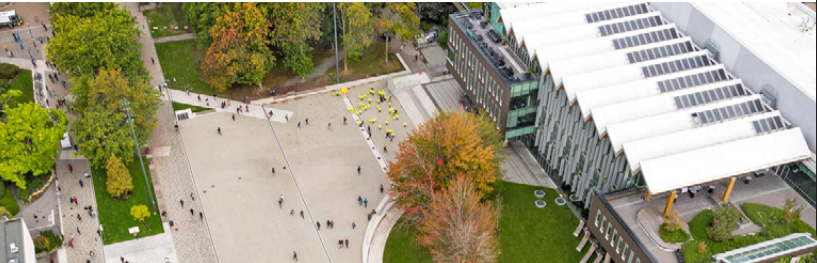
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#### JACK POOLE HALL

4:00 - 6:00 pm	REGISTRATION			
4:00 - 5:00pm	<b>Lelem Walking Tour (PWL/Musqueam Corp.)</b> — PWL co-led by Musqueam Capital Corp.			
6:00-9:00pm	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> with Student Work Display — Sponsored by Maglin Site Furniture  <b>Plenary Session 1 —</b> Future Past: Metro Vancouver as a Region of Optimism by <b>Andy Yan</b>  <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>   <b>MAGLIN™</b> Site Furniture			

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DAY 2 — OCTOBER 18					DAY 1 OCT. 17	DAY 2 OCT. 18	DAY 3 OCT. 19
2	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS			
8:00-9:00am	BREAKFAST						
8:00am-5:00pm	REGISTRATION AND TRADESHOW						
9:00-9:30am	WELCOME CEREMONY (Desiree Fraser + Grandfather), Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks by Derek Lee						
9:30-10:30am	PLENARY SESSION 2 — Troy Abromaitis — Musquem Capital Corp. <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>						
10:30-11:00am	COFFEE BREAK Sponsored by Axis Insurance: 			Vectorworks Demo — Sponsored Student Tickets 			
2	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS			
11:00:45am	Breaking the Silence on Archaeology — Rethinking Professional Responsibility for future in the Shadow of the Past <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	The St. George Rainway: Blue-Green Systems for Climate Adaptation and Livability <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Explorations with an 'Intentional Planting Plan' Approach for Urban Plant Health <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>				
11:45am-12:30pm	TRC PANEL — Troy Abromaitis	Decoding Park Vibrancy: From Global Meta-Analysis to Local Sentiment Mapping in Vancouver <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Restoration-Based Practices for Multi-Species Complexity in Landscape Architecture <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>				
12:30-1:30pm	AWARDS LUNCH Sponsored by Play Envy 						
2	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS			
1:30-2:15pm	PANEL DISCUSSION — AI — Jeff Cutler, Xun Liu, & Phillip Pasquier (Moderator: Daniel Roehr) <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Inclusive Play in Action: Insights from Unwin Community Park, Surrey <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Understanding Human-Nature Interaction through AI and Crowdsourced Imagery: A Case Study of Vancouver <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>				
2:15-3:00pm	Designing the Park Planning Process, Not Just the Park <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	AEDLA in practice – Teena Aujla, Rosanna Ho, Jeryn Mackey) <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	AI Mapping Vancouver's Roofs and Green Spaces for a Climate-Resilient Future <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>				
3:00-3:30pm	COFFEE BREAK Sponsored-by Newstone Group 			Product Demo by Maglin Site Furniture 			
2	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS			
3:30-4:15pm	Green Infrastructure in the Heart of the City: Constructing Rainwater Management at Bute-Robson Plaza <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	The Role of Darts Hill Park and The Glades Garden Park in Our Changing Environments <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Vendor Presentation: Bedrock Natural Stone				
4:15-5:00pm	Grounding Ambition: Designing DeHart Community Park Toward Carbon Neutrality <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Landscape Architecture as a STEM profession <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	CE Session by Landscape Forms: Maximizing Year-Round Enjoyment with the Louvered Roof Pergola <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>				
5:00-7:00pm	Informal Social Conference participants to make own arrangements (Pub night in small groups around campus restaurants is suggested)						
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3	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS
8:00-9:00am	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION			
8:00am-2:00pm	TRADESHOW			
9:00-9:05am	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks (Dave Hutch — BCSLA President-Elect)			
9:05-10:00am	BCSLA — PGA Update /CE Reporting Training/ Website Announcement			
10:00-10:45am	Imagine West End Waterfront Vision Plan <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	PANEL DISCUSSION: Rethinking our Approach to Inclusive Play	Education for the Evolving Practitioner <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	
10:45-11:15am	COFFEE BREAK			Product Demo by Habitat 
3	JACK POOLE HALL	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	VENDOR BOOTHS
11:15am-12pm	City of Kelowna — Parkinson Recreation Centre Integrated Project Delivery Approach <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	The Landscape-Driven Tech <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	AXIS TALK  <small>Previously Metrix Professional Insurance Brokers Inc.</small>	
12pm-12:45pm	Generative AI Beyond Visual: Customization, Context, and Creative Workflows in Landscape Architecture <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Relationships with Native Plants. Food Forest.		
12:45-1pm	CLOSING REMARKS — Dave Hutch			













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PANELISTS

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	FRIDAY TALK:	<b>Futures Past: Metro Vancouver as a Region of Optimism</b>  <b>Andy Yan</b>  A provocative panel discussion lead by Andy Yan the director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners.			
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	SATURDAY KEYNOTE:	<b>Reconciliation</b>  <b>Troy Abromaitis</b>  Troy MacBeth Abromaitis, a proud member of Lytton First Nation and survivor of the Sixties Scoop, has spent over 35 years reconnecting with his family roots, reclaiming cultural heritage, and advocating for Indigenous rights. Honoured with the name Lexʔem'ken for his leadership in rebuilding Lytton after the devastating wildfires, Troy combines deep cultural commitment with professional expertise in real estate development. Holding credentials from BCIT, UBC, and MIT, he serves as Senior Development Manager with Musqueam Capital Corporation, guiding projects that honour Musqueam values and generate lasting community benefits. His contributions have earned him national and provincial recognition, including the BC Medal of Good Citizenship, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and the King Charles III Coronation Medal, as well as Top 40 Under 40 and Community Leader of the Year honours. Outside his work, Troy enjoys nature, time with loved ones, and creative pursuits that celebrate his heritage.			
	RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE	<b>Breaking the Silence on Archaeology — Rethinking Professional Responsibility for future in the Shadow of the Past</b>  <b>Leila Todd, Geordie Howe</b>  Vancouver Park Board Archeologist Geordie Howe and Coquitlam Senior Project Manager Leila Todd explore hesitations around archaeology at the local level, discuss examples of pushback, and ways to approach Reconciliation respectfully.			
	CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>The St. George Rainway: Blue-Green Systems for Climate Adaptation and Livability</b>  <b>Cherie Xiao, Alex Scott, Sheri DeBoer, Reece Rehm</b>  Hear directly from the project team on the design, planting, and construction of the St. George Rainway. A site tour may be offered if feasible.			
	RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE	<b>Explorations with an ‘Intentional Planting Plan’ Approach for Urban Plant Health</b>  <b>Kristina Zalite, Shayla Chalifoux</b>  A two-year design-based study explores decolonizing settler design and applying ecological restoration to support long-term health, informing experimental ‘Intentional Planting Plan’ principles".			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Decoding Park Vibrancy: From Global Meta-Analysis to Local Sentiment Mapping in Vancouver</b>  <b>Keunhyun Park, Tahia Devisscher, Daniella Zhang, Asim Khanal, Mingze Chen</b>  A meta-analysis and a Vancouver-specific review of social interaction offer broad principles and local strategies for designing vibrant urban parks. Digital tools and user generated data support evidence-based approaches to transforming underused spaces into inclusive social hubs.			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Restoration-Based Practices for Multi-Species Complexity in Landscape Architecture</b>  <b>Alia Johnson</b>  Learn about emerging insights from restoration science and ongoing research at UVIC’s Visualization Lab, aimed at developing accessible regenerative design models for practitioners.			
		<b>AI Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Jeff Cutler, Xun Liu, Phillip Pasquier, Patrick Pennefather and moderated by Daniel Roehr</b>  Explore the successes and challenges of design and development in Metro Vancouver amid demographic shifts, Indigenous reconciliation, and climate action. What new and ongoing forces are shaping the region? Join a conversation with leading and emerging voices on building a region of optimism.			
	REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Inclusive Play in Action: Insights from Unwin Community Park, Surrey</b>  <b>Melody Smale</b>  Centering joy and lived experience, this session explores how inclusive play spaces like Unwin Community Park build equity, connection, and dignity in public life—beyond just physical accessibility.			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE	<b>Understanding Human-Nature Interaction through AI and Crowdsourced Imagery: A Case Study of Vancouver</b>  <b>Mingze Chen, Keunhyun Park</b>  Using geotagged Flickr photos, a deep learning model analyzed human-nature interactions in Vancouver, revealing shifts in recreations behavior and how different landscapes shape engagement. This AI-driven approach offers landscape architects a scalable, evidence-based framework for planning.			
	THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER; RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Designing the Park Planning Process, Not Just the Park</b>  <b>Fionn Byrne, Michelle Gagnon-Creeley, Narita Ico, Sarah Jacobs, Kees Lokman, Cynthia San</b>  This group presentation—featuring UBC Sala faculty, MARCLA students and an urban planner—explores the Right to Land Initiative, a project reimagining park planning as a value-driven, equitable and adaptive design process.			
	RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>AEDLA in practice</b>  <b>Teena Aujla, Rossana Ho, Jeryn Mackey</b>			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>AI Mapping Vancouver’s Roofs and Green Spaces for a Climate-Resilient Future</b>  <b>Kathy Dunster, Christine Thuring</b>  Uncover early insights from a landmark project mapping climate action through green infrastructure. See how AI can help communities build resilience to heat, floods, and drought—while supporting biodiversity.			
	CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Green Infrastructure in the Heart of the City: Constructing Rainwater Management at Bute-Robson Plaza</b>  <b>Matthew Scott, James Gray</b>  Examine the challenges of implementing green infrastructure in urban centers, showcasing innovative solutions that enhance tree canopy, active transportation, and the public realm.			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE, REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>The Role of Darts Hill Park and The Glades Garden Park in Our Changing Environments</b>  <b>Maria Fish</b>  Explore how these two iconic garden parks model ecological care and community innovation, helping to build sustainable, climate-resilient futures.			
	CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Grounding Ambition: Designing DeHart Community Park Toward Carbon Neutrality</b>  <b>Xenia Semeniuk, Cadre Simpson</b>  Learn from Kelowna’s first carbon-focused project. This session explores how ambitious sustainability goals become tangible interventions—plus lessons and challenges from the journey.			
	TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE	<b>Landscape Architecture as a STEM profession</b>  <b>Maciej Golaszewski, Connor Redman, Thomas Schwabenbauer</b>  Explore how these two iconic garden parks model ecological care and community innovation, helping to build sustainable, climate-resilient futures.			
	THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Maximizing Year-Round Enjoyment with the Louvered Roof Pergola</b>  <b>Robb Smalldon</b>  This course focuses on transforming outdoor spaces using louvered roof pergolas and a curated selection of add-ons and accessories. Learn to choose enhancements that enrich aesthetics and boost year-round functionality. With vivid visuals and practical examples, gain the skills to design adaptable, stylish outdoor environments. Create spaces that blend beauty, innovation, and everyday comfort.			
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	RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPE; REGENERATIVE FUTURES	<b>Imagine West End Waterfront Vision Plan</b>  <b>Doug Shearer, Kelty McKinnon, Jordan McAuley</b>  Discover Vancouver’s 30-year plan to transform its waterfront. Rooted in Coast Salish values and nature-based solutions, this vision reimagines the shoreline to adapt to sea-level rise, climate, and urban growth.			
	THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER	<b>Education for the Evolving Practitioner</b>  <b>Duncan Chambers</b>  Reflect on how landscape architecture education is evolving at UBC. What does the profession need from its future practitioners—and how can academia stay ahead?			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPES; THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER	<b>City of Kelowna — Parkinson Recreation Centre Integrated Project Delivery Approach</b>  <b>Mark van der Zalm</b>  Mark van der Zalm Principal V2Z+A will present Integrated project delivery methodology as a collaborative model used to administer the strategic planning, design, and construction of complex projects. Learn how the IPD process works to create a team culture that has authentic connection and purpose including the shared risk/reward in delivering the project on time and on budget.			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; CLIMATE-READY LANDSCAPES; THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER	<b>The Landscape-Driven Tech</b>  <b>Chris Landau</b>  Explore the gap between computational potential and practical use in landscape architecture. Highlights how digital tools can reshape practice and foster complex, resilient environments through case studies and theoretical work.			
	THE TECH-DRIVEN LANDSCAPE; THE EVOLVING PRACTITIONER	<b>Generative AI Beyond Visual: Customization, Context, and Creative Workflows in Landscape Architecture</b>  <b>Xun Liu</b>  Three strategies to engage AI with contextual data and workflows, positioning AI as a creative design partner. Includes student-led examples and invites reflection on evolving professional roles.			

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