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Julia is a doctoral candidate at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University with a background in urban geography, urban planning, and design. At Harvard, her work is situated within critical urban and landscape theory, urban planning and environmental design. She is a member of the Urban Theory Lab, a group that challenges inherited theoretical frameworks and embraces new approaches to tackling urban questions. She is also pursuing a secondary specialism in Critical Media Practice which integrates media production into her research. Before coming to Harvard, Julia worked in planning and urban design offices in London and Toronto, and is a registered urban planner in the UK and Ontario. She is a former lecturer at Ryerson University and the University of Waterloo.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Doctor of Design Candidate, Graduate School of Design [GSD], Harvard University**

[2015 - ] Doctorate focusing on urban planning, environmental conservation and governance.  
Secondary concentration in Critical Media Practice.  
Advisor: Professor Neil Brenner.

### **Master of Urban Design, Daniels Faculty of Architecture Landscape and Design, University of Toronto**

[2013] Graduate thesis focusing on regional strategies for landscape-urban interface conditions.

### **MSc International Planning, University College London (UCL), Bartlett School of Planning**

[2008] Graduate thesis on transportation planning and shared space street design.

### **BA (Hons) Geography, Queen's University, Canada**

[2007] Undergraduate thesis on mixed income housing strategies.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Chartered Town Planner, Royal Town Planning Institute [MRTPI]  
Registered Provincial Planner, Ontario Provincial Planning Institute [RPP]  
Harvard GIS Institute, Completed

## **GROUPS**

[2018] Joint Center for Housing Studies, Housing Research Seminar Series.  
[2017-] Editorial Board Member, *New Geographies Journal*, Harvard GSD.  
[2016-] Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Canada Program Seminar Series, Harvard University.  
[2016-] Critical Media Practice, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.  
[2015 -] Urban Theory Lab, Doctoral Seminar Group, Harvard GSD.  
[2015 -] Doctor of Design Student Representative, Harvard GSD.  
[2015-16] Design Research Forum, Student Group, Harvard GSD.

## **RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **Books, Book Chapters, and Book Contributions**

[2018] Smachylo, J. *Agents of Design: Incentivized Conservation in Southern Ontario's Private Forests* (in) Wood Urbanism: From the Molecular to the Territorial. Actar Publishing.  
[2017] *with* Lateral Office. *Many Norths: Spatial Practice in a Polar Territory*. M. White, L. Sheppard (Eds.) New York, New York: Actar.  
[2010] *with* Urban Design Skills inc. *Quality Reviewer: Appraising the Design Quality of Development Proposals*. Thomas Telford Limited, London.

### **Articles**

[2019] Chieffalo, M & Smachylo, J. Lying Fallow. *The Architectural Review*.  
[2019] Chieffalo, M & Smachylo, J, eds., *New Geographies 10: Fallow*. Cambridge: Harvard University Graduate School of Design and Barcelona: Actar Publishers, 2019.  
[2013] Smachylo, J. Successional City in *The Annual 13: Accumulation*. 13: 28-31.

- [2009] Smachylo, J. Capacitycheck: Urban Design Skills Appraisal. *Proceedings of the ICE - Urban Design and Planning*, no. 162: 99–100.
- [2009] Smachylo, J. Capacitycheck: A Useful Urban Design Tool. *Planning in London*, no. 70: 52 -54.
- [2009] Smachylo, J. Evolving Advice On What Spaces Are Actually For, *Transport Today*, 26, no. 154.

### **Exhibitions, Competitions and Creative Outputs**

- [2019] Norman, S & Smachylo, J. *Bio Pop*. 3D printed installation. Gladstone GrowOP Art Exhibition, Gladstone Hotel Toronto. Artist, Juried exhibition.
- [2019] Smachylo, J. *Silvic Stewards*, double channel video installation. Critical Media Practice Open Studios, Harvard University.
- [2014] *with* Lateral Office, *Arctic Adaptations: Nunavut at 15*, Venice Biennale, Team Canada, Honorable Mention. Deputy curator.
- [2014] Smachylo, J. Art House Gallery Installation Show, Toronto. Head curator.
- [2014] Smachylo, J & Lavertina, S. *Jardin Artificial*, Gladstone GrowOP Art Exhibition, Gladstone Hotel Toronto. Artist, Juried exhibition.
- [2014] Smachylo, J & Lavertina, S. *Eco-bistro*, The Artist Project, Toronto. Artist, Juried exhibition.
- [2013] *with* Lateral Office, *Rockaway Rising: For A Resilient Rockaway*, Design Competition. Phase I (selected).
- [2013] Smachylo, J. *Successional City*, University of Toronto Exhibition, Daniels Faculty of Architecture Landscape and Design, University of Toronto. Juried exhibition.
- [2013] Smachylo, J. *Successional City*, Urban Design Awards Exhibition at the City of Toronto, Toronto. Juried exhibition.

### **Conferences, Lectures and Presentations**

- [2019] AAG American Association of Geographers 2019 Annual Meeting, Boston. *Managed Forests as Urban Fabric*. Presenter
- [2019] AAG American Association of Geographers 2019 Annual Meeting, Boston. *New Geographies: Fallow*. Panel Member
- [2018] Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Biennial Conference. *Incentivizing Landscape Conservation*. Presenter.
- [2017] Wood at Work 2017 Annual Meeting, Montreal. *Constructing Ecologies*. Presenter
- [2017] AAG American Association of Geographers 2017 Annual Meeting, Boston. *Private Forests: Incentive-based Conservation Approaches in Southern Ontario*. Presenter
- [2017] Doctor of Design 30th Anniversary Conference. Boston. *The Managed Forest*. Presenter.
- [2012] The Canadian Centre for Architecture Public Lecture. Lagacé, B. Smachylo, J. and Woytiuk, M. *Sylva-Scape*.
- [2010] National Symposium of Canadian Urbanists (CanU2), Montreal, Quebec, Organizer.
- [2010] Canadian Institute of Planners Conference, Urban design charrette leader.
- [2009] Commission for the Built Environment [CABE] Urban Design Summer School, Bristol. Organizer and presenter.
- [2008] Commission for the Built Environment [CABE] Urban Design Summer School, Newcastle. Organizer.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN**

#### **SGL Planning & Design Inc.**

[April-August 2015\_contract] Urban planner and designer.

#### **Public Work**

[November 2014-March 2015] Urban planner and designer.

#### **Lateral Office**

[June 2013 - January 2015] Urban designer, architectural researcher and curator.

#### **The Planning Partnership, Toronto**

[January 2010 - August 2011] Urban planner and designer.

#### **Urban Design Skills, London UK**

[May 2008 - December 2010] Urban planner, designer, project manager and researcher.

#### **London Borough of Camden, UK**

[January - April 2008] Land use surveyor and data analyst.