

Deryck Holdsworth

Introduction

I am a historical geographer interested in the long-term transformations of regions and places, and my research tracks specific built environments - office buildings, domestic shelter, Quaker meeting houses, and small-town hotels, to name a few – using a range of archival and field evidence. I am also interested in ways of visualizing change, including displays in historical atlases, from my time as one of the editorial team for the Historical Atlas of Canada, and now through Historical GIS (See [Linking Words and Worlds of Trade](#)).

I also study preservation policy and practice, and have had a long-time interest in the applications of historical research, including work [on the architectural and economic revitalization of Main Street, for the Heritage Canada Foundation](#) (Reviving Main Street, 1985) as well as participation in heritage evaluation (member of the State Preservation Board in Pennsylvania, 1990-94) and heritage inventory (co-author with Jackie Melander of two National Register of Historic Places nominations for State College, PA).

Research Interests

- urban historical geography
- historical geography of North America
- historical GIS

Education

- Ph.D. Geography, University of British Columbia
- M.A. Geography, University of British Columbia
- B.A. Geography, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Advisees

- Jeremy Fisher, Ph.D. (current)
- Patrick Hagge, Ph.D. (current)
- Chelsea Teale, Ph.D. (current)
- Teresina Bailey, M.S. (current)
- Robert Albandoz Carrasquillo, Ph.D.
- Thomas Sigler, Ph.D., Geography, Queensland, Australia
- Seth Dixon, Ph.D., Rhode Island College
- David Fyfe, Ph.D., Geography, York College
- Michael Glass, Ph.D., Urban Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- Kaori Nomura, Ph.D., Geography, Shippensburg University
- Hank Rademacher, Ph.D., Universitaat Saarland, Saarbrücken, Germany
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- Sam Dennis, Ph.D., Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Brad Hunt, Ph.D., Defense Analyst, Washington, D.C.
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- John Clark, M.S.
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- Jeremy Fisher, M.S.
- Sam Smith, M.S.
- Wes Stroh, M.S.
- Matthew Hartzell, M.S.
- Jennifer Mapes, M.S.
- Rob Murray, M.S.
- Joel Staub, M.S.
- David Fyfe, M.S.
- Jennifer Nolan, M.S.
- Brian McManus, M.S.
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- Mike Carlin, M.S.
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- Sam Dennis, M.S.
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- Mandy Shear, M.S.
- Laura Geller, M.S.
- Nancy Smith, M.S.
- Catherine Reeves, M.S.
- Patrick Trimble, M.S.
- Randall Mason, M.S.
- Don Mitchell, M.S.

Courses Taught

- GEOG 122
- GEOG 423Y
- GEOG 427
- GEOG 597

Publications

Holdsworth, D.W., The counting-house library: creating mercantile knowledge in the age of sail, in Ogborn, M. and Withers, C., eds., *Geographies of the Book*, London: Ashgate, 2010, 133-56.

Fyfe, D.A., **Holdsworth, D.W.** and Weaver, C., Historical GIS and visualization: insights from three hotel guest registers in central Pennsylvania, 1888-1897. *Social Science Computer Review* 27, 3 (2009): 348-62.

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Holdsworth, D.W., Buildings as settings for seeing systems and networks, *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, 65,1 (2006) 18-20.

Sample Earlier Publications

Holdsworth, D.W., Historical geography: The octopus in the garden and the fields. *Progress in Human Geography* 28, 4 (2004): 528-35.

Holdsworth, D.W., Historical geography: new ways of imaging and seeing the past. *Progress in Human Geography* 27, 4 (2003): 486-93.

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Holdsworth, D.W., Morphological change in lower Manhattan, New York, 1893-1920. In J.W.R. Whitehand and P.J. Larkham, eds., *Urban Landscapes: International Perspectives*. London, Routledge, 1992, 114-29.

Fenske, G. and **Holdsworth, D.W.**, Corporate identity and the New York office building, 1895-1915. In D. Ward and O. Zunz, eds., *The Landscape of Modernity: Essays on New York City, 1900-1940*. New York: Russell Sage, 1992, 129-159.

Kerr, D. and **Holdsworth, D.W.**, (eds), *Historical Atlas of Canada III: Addressing the Twentieth Century, 1891-1961*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1990.

Holdsworth, D.W., *The Parking Authority of Toronto 1952-1987*. Toronto: *The Parking Authority of Toronto*, 1987.

Holdsworth, D.W., (ed.) *Reviving Main Street*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1985.

Awards

- Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship (1968-70)
- Gold Medal, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society (1994)
- Centenary Medal, The Royal Society of Canada (1994)
- Exceptional Scholarly Contribution to Cartography, Canadian Cartography Association (1994)
- Wilson Research Award, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, PSU (1995)
- Mitchell Award for Innovative Teaching, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, PSU (2006)
- Wilson Teaching Award, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, PSU (2007)
- Ruby S. and E. Willard Miller Professorship in Geography (2007-10)
- Penn State Alumni Association Teaching Fellow (2008-11)

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