

# **Penelope Gurstein**

**Professor and Director, SCARP at University of British Columbia**

Vancouver, BC, CA

Dr. Penny Gurstein is Professor and Director of the School of Community and Regional Planning and the Centre for Human Settlements at UBC.

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## **Biography**

As the first woman to achieve tenure at UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP), Penny has evolved into a leader in planning education, recognized for learning-by-doing, community engagement and socially just planning. Penny introduced perspectives on gender and social justice into the planning process and transformed the school into Canada's leader for Indigenous and social planning education. She specializes in the socio-cultural aspects of community planning, with particular emphasis on those who are the most marginalized in planning processes. As Director, Penny oversaw the development of a new degree program in SCARP, the Master of Community and Regional Planning, which provides innovative, real-world learning experiences for students. Following Penny's example, the next generation of planners is inspired to tackle Vancouver's biggest planning problems with social consciousness and a desire to serve the community.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Architecture and Planning, Construction - Residential, Education/Learning, Environmental Services, Housing, Public Policy, Program Development, Research, Philanthropy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Multimedia and Planning , Affordable Housing, Work and Society, Technology, Community-Based Research, Planning for Equity and Urban Sustainability

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## **Affiliations**

Public Policy and Global Affairs (MPPGA) Partnership Council , Applied Science Appointments Retention Promotion and Tenure (ARPT) Committee , Organizing Committee for Master of Engineering Leadership Urban Systems, Academic Development Leadership Program (ALDP)

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## **Education**

**University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D. Architecture

**University of California, Berkeley**  
M.A. Architecture

## Accomplishments

YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Education, Training and Development  
2016

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