



► VANCOUVER'S STANLEY PARK, JUST NORTH OF THE CITY, IS 10% LARGER THAN CENTRAL PARK IN NEW YORK!



► 65% of the high rise buildings in Vancouver are residential. This means that 1 in 5 residents walk to work!

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AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SOCIETY

The conference is built upon four key features: Internationalism, Interdisciplinarity, Inclusiveness, and Interaction. Conference attendees included leaders and scholars in the field who traveled from all corners of the globe and represented a broad range of disciplines and perspectives.

THE PERFECT SETTING: VANCOUVER HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS AT THE 2014 CONFERENCE

In March 2014, I (Stephanie Child) had the fantastic opportunity to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia and present a conceptual abstract I had developed during my first year as a student in the Arnold School of Public Health. Culminating from the literature regarding fundamental causes of health disparities, I began to sort through data that examined and supported the role of built environments in creating and exacerbating health disparities. What I found, and what I will continue to assess, is that the built environment plays an im-

portant role in health, even when accounting for other social determinants, such as race and socio-economic status. This work has lead me to my dissertation topic, which will focus on neighborhood effects on health outcomes in low-income and predominantly African American communities in Greenville, SC. The current abstract highlights the continued theme of contextualizing health within the environments in which we live, learn, work, and play, and provides evidence for the need to measure environmental contributors to health and wellness.



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Attending this conference was a wonderful opportunity to step outside the public health realm and create discourse among a variety of perspectives. It was also a good reminder that researchers, practitioners, and professionals from multiple disciplinary backgrounds will need to work together in order to impact public and population health.