

COLLOQUIUM SERIES

The Role of the Neighbourhood Built Environment on Outdoor Mobility of People Living with Dementia

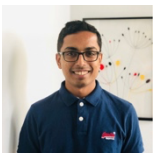
Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Dementia-friendly communities (DFCs) aim to foster a supportive, inclusive and empowering environment that promotes equal rights and resources for people living with dementia and their care partners. Central to DFCs is promoting access and navigation of outdoor spaces and destinations in the neighbourhood. The “Dementia-inclusive Spaces for Community Access, Participation, and Engagement (DemSCAPE)” study aims to identify spatial and temporal patterns in activities undertaken outside home by people living with dementia, and ways in which the neighbourhood built-environment affects their outdoor mobility and social participation.



Habib Chaudhury, Chair and Professor in the Department of Gerontology, Simon Fraser University conducts research in the following areas: role of physical environment for people with dementia in long-term care facilities, community planning and urban design for active aging, and dementia-friendly/inclusive communities. He serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Aging and Environment*, and member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) *Institute of Aging* Advisory Board and the Federal Ministerial Advisory Board on Dementia.



Kishore Seetharaman is a PhD candidate in the Department of Gerontology, at Simon Fraser University, Canada. He has a background in architecture and environmental psychology. His areas of scholarship include environment, aging, disability, and design. His current research is on dementia and neighbourhoods, using qualitative visual research methods to explore the role of the outdoor environment in shaping the mobility of people living with dementia and their care partners.



Cari Randa-Beaulieu is an MA candidate in the Department of Gerontology at Simon Fraser University and DemSCAPE Project Manager. Through her previous experience as an art therapist and program coordinator in long-term care, Cari has honed her skills for connecting with diverse collaborators in community, health care, and academic settings. In her role as DemSCAPE project manager, Cari has developed an interest in community-engaged research and knowledge mobilization.

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