

PREFACE

The Humanities Research Group of the University of Windsor encourages research in the humanities and promotes dialogue between and across disciplines. The theme of the Distinguished Speaker Series in 2000-01 was "Urban Places, Urban Pleasures: The Cultural Use of Civic Space," a theme that brought together people interested in history, sociology, many facets of civic planning, and social geography. As with other volumes in the Working Papers in the Humanities Series, the theme is examined from a variety of historical and disciplinary perspectives.

We are grateful for the challenges and insights that each of the speakers brought to the theme and for the way the speakers promptly sent their articles to HRG for manuscript preparation. This formatting task was accomplished by Vera Furmanek, while Erika Hauschild prepared the extensive bibliography. Rosemary Halford co-ordinated the project throughout and oversaw the work of student assistants Lauren Morrissey and Jason Walker.

This tenth volume of the Working Papers in the Humanities Series is a tribute to the work of many committed individuals and to the ongoing progress of the Humanities Research Group because it is the first volume that includes the insights of the discussions from a graduate seminar organized around the Distinguished Speaker Series. The graduate seminar was taught by Professor Alan Sears, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Windsor.

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