

### Session: Collaboration in Support of Innovation in the University

**Presenter:**

Steven Mannell

**Description:**

The presentation will discuss the key role of broad and meaningful collaboration among diverse groups in advancing innovation, using the development of the College of Sustainability as a case study. Topics will include identifying stakeholders, creating meaningful roles in collaboration, creating settings to encourage open and creative collaboration, and engaging in ongoing consultation and reporting that sustains a sense of involvement and shared ownership of a project.

**Biography:**

Steven Mannell, NSAA, FRAIC, is founding Director of Dalhousie University's College of Sustainability, and led development of its innovative Environment, Sustainability & Society undergraduate program. Recognized as one of "25 World Good Practices in Education for Sustainable Development" by UNESCO in 2009, the College approach resonates with audiences and institutions around the world. Steven co-teaches the Introduction to Environment, Sustainability & Society class, combining his broad knowledge of the history and technology of architecture, design and the built environment, with his passion for the environment, interdisciplinary research, and exploring the "wicked problems" facing contemporary society. He is a practicing architect and Professor of Architecture, teaching in design, technology, history and practice; his publications consider the role of water in society, and advocate the reassessment and conservation of our modern built heritage. Other research includes design-build studies of spatial improvisation in lightweight building techniques of the 20th century, and community-based sustainable building.