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My current research interests are in the general area of wood quality. In particular I am interested in approaches and techniques used to determine wood quality, and determining the effects of silvicultural treatments on the resulting wood quality. I also have an interest in the application of image analysis techniques to wood anatomy and wood composites. I have an ongoing interest in projects involving wood identification. I am also committed to the development of teaching techniques in wood science and technology and seek to improve both my abilities and the quality of our undergraduate program in these areas.

## Unit Associations

[Centre for Advanced Wood Processing CAWP](#)

## Professional Affiliations

Fellow, Institute of Wood Science

Forest Products Society FPS

Society of Wood Science and Technology

# Awards

3M National Teaching Fellow 2013

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## Current Courses

Winter 2013

### **WOOD120 Introduction to Wood Products and Forest Management** [Sections](#)

Introduction to forestry, wood products industry, processes, products, markets and forest policy issues affecting the wood industry. Not available for credit to students in the B.S.F. degree.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD280 Wood Anatomy and Identification** [Sections](#)

Introduction to tree growth; macroscopic and microscopic anatomy and identification of softwoods and hardwoods; descriptions of cell wall ultra-structure, wood variability and wood quality.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD311 Co-operative Work Placement II** [Sections](#)

Approved and supervised work experience with a public or private organization for a minimum of 13 weeks full-time. Final work term assignment required. Restricted to students in the Co-operative Education Program in Wood Products Processing.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD310 Co-operative Work Placement** [Sections](#)

Approved and supervised work experience with a public or private organization for a minimum of 13 weeks full-time. Final work term assignment required. Restricted to students in the Co-operative Education Program in Wood Products Processing.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD400 Co-operative Work Placement** [Sections](#)

Approved and supervised work experience with a public or private organization for a minimum of 13 weeks fulltime. Final work term assignment required. Restricted to students in the Co-operative Education Program in Wood Products Processing.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD412 Co-operative Work Placement V** [Sections](#)

Approved and supervised work experience with a public or private organization for minimum of 13 weeks full-time. Final work term assignment required. Restricted to students in the Co-operative Education Program in Wood Products Processing.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD449C Directed Studies in Wood Products Processing - DIR ST WD PR PRC** [Sections](#)

In special cases and with the approval of the instructor concerned, a student may carry on directed studies of specific problems in wood products processing.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD493 Project in Program Major** [Sections](#)

A report (approved by a faculty supervisor and the Program Director) based on either a technical description of a study, an extension of the senior co-op report, a detailed literature review, a research-based project, or a guided independent study developed by the student.

Winter 2013

### **WOOD475 Wood Properties, Identification and Uses** [Sections](#)

Elementary chemical, physical and mechanical properties of wood and their variations in relation to structure; identification by hand lens features; manufacture of lumber, pulp and composite wood products. Not available for credit to students in the B.S.F. degree.

In special cases and with the approval of the instructor concerned, a student may carry on directed studies of specific problems in forestry.

## ***Selected Publications***

*Sidhu, A. and S. Ellis. (2007). Evaluation of performance of phenol-melamine-formaldehyde resins for plywood.* – Forest Products Journal 57(10):58-63

*Wang, B., C. Dai and S. Ellis (2006). Veneer surface roughness and compressibility pertaining to plywood/LVL manufacture. Part 1. Experimental investigation and implication.* – Wood and Fiber Science 38(3):535-545

*Wang, B., S. Ellis and C. Dai (2006). Veneer surface roughness and compressibility pertaining to plywood/LVL manufacture. Part 2. Optimal panel densification.* – Wood and Fiber Science 38(4):727-735

*Ellis, S.C., R.A. Kozak, W. Spetic and P.D. Evans (2006). Human Resource Needs and Demand for Post-Secondary Education in the Canadian Secondary Wood Products Industry.* – Wood and Fiber Science 38(1):5-16.

*Wang, B., X. Zhou, C. Dai and S. Ellis. (2006). Air permeability of aspen veneer and glueline. Experimentation and implication. (accepted 2006)* – Holzforchung 60:304-312

*Ellis, S. and P. Steiner (2002). The behaviour of five wood species in compression* – Journal of the International Association of Wood Anatomists 23(2):201-211

*Ellis, S. and R.A. Kozak (1999). A New Model for Undergraduate Wood Processing Education – The B.Sc. in Wood Products Processing at the University of British Columbia.* – Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on the Development of Wood Science, Wood Technology and Forestry, High Wycombe, England (Forest Products Research Centre / University of Sopron). Proceedings 270-274.

*Ellis, S. (1998). Mechanical properties of second-growth hemlock.* – Basic Wood Properties of Second-Growth Western Hemlock, Forintek Canada Corp. Special Publ. No. SP-38:44-49.

*Ellis, S. (1997). The effects of spray-drying parameters on some chemical and physical characteristics of powdered phenolformaldehyde resins.* – For. Prod. J. 46(9):69-75.

*Song, Dongjin and Simon Ellis. (1997). Localized properties in flakeboard: a simulation using stacked flakes.* – Wood & Fiber Science 29(4):353-363.

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