



UBC Association of Professors Emeriti

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, April 26

Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre
6163 University Boulevard
(partners and guests are welcome)

Agenda

- 1:00 pm Coffee, tea, sandwiches and conversation
- 1:30 pm Business meeting
- 2:00 pm Professor Nancy Hermiston, O.C., Chair of the UBC School of Music's Voice and Opera Divisions, and University Marshal

Real Life and Opera

with excerpts from *The Barber of Seville*
sung by members of the *UBC Opera Ensemble*



Nancy Hermiston's operatic career has taken her throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. Her New York debut took place in Carnegie Hall with Marilyn Horne and Mario Bernardi. Her European debut led to her reputation as one of Europe's most versatile and exciting lyric coloraturas and a permanent engagement with the prestigious Nürnberg Opera. She has held numerous appointments as voice teacher, and as stage director at the Meistersinger Konservatorium, Nürnberg, and the University of Toronto Opera and Performance Divisions. She was appointed to the UBC faculty in 1995.

Professor Hermiston's Opera Ensemble season is demanding, providing the experience needed for students to launch often prestigious opera careers as well as superb entertainment for the Vancouver area community. This year the Ensemble has presented two operas—Menotti's *The Consul* and Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*—four opera teas, and a fund-raising gala Opera Ball, as well as hosting and singing with UBC's own Ben Heppner, celebrated soprano Sondra Radvanovsky, and composer John Corigliano, and participating in an Opera Week, during which they sang Baroque excerpts and presented *The Barber of Seville* for the White Rock Concert Society. The Ensemble's final opera this year will be Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, from June 22–25. The Ensemble traditionally spends the summer performing in the Czech Republic.

In 2008, Professor Hermiston was the recipient of the *Dorothy Somerset Award for Performance and Development* in the Visual and Performing Arts, and in the 2009/2010 academic year she was awarded a *Killam Teaching Prize*. In 2014, she was appointed an Officer of the *Order of Canada* for her achievements as an opera singer, stage director and educator.

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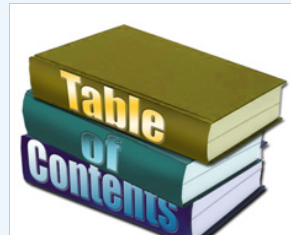
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Association News

March General Meeting

President Santa Ono: UBC's Next Century



Prior to his address, President Ono mingled with the audience and checked out the book display, while taking photos with his own camera and introducing himself to everyone he encountered. His talk conveyed the same spirit of openness. He thanked UBCAPE for the invitation to speak and expressed his wish that he would be invited back—often. He even shared his personal email address! The current and future contributions of UBC emeriti were a central feature of the President's talk. He noted that

UBC emeriti are major donors to UBC, having contributed more than \$45 million to the institution, and that emeritus researchers have received over \$14 million in research funding since retirement. He reiterated his commitment to help reimburse research expenses through the funds provided by his office—currently \$100,000 per year for two years. He also pledged to increase that sum if it proves to be insufficient.

He endorsed the concept of an Emeritus College for UBC in the strongest possible terms, and will direct the new Provost and Academic Vice-President, once that person is chosen, to work with UBCAPE to bring it into being, should the Association membership vote to support the proposal in principle.

The UBCAPE proposal for an Emeritus College will be presented to the membership at the April AGM. See pages 4-5 for details.

A video of President Ono's talk is available on the UBCAPE web site.



Who knew how successful the call for books by UBC retired professors would be? It was well worth the effort put into it by the authors, the bookstore, UBC Library, and Sandra van Ark, UBCAPE Administrator.

Approximately 55 books were displayed at the General meeting. Not only were the titles and cover illustrations fascinating but so too were the authors' write-ups.

Some were writing on topics and in genres they never tackled while a member of faculty. Others were publishing with full-time colleagues or former PhD students.

*And some authors told us about the books currently under contract or about to come out. Several had written as many as three books since retirement, and many books had received prizes and other forms of recognition. Best of all was the buzz created in the room. The books were a focal point for conversations and a sense of celebration. Many thanks to Sandra, and to our **Committee for Continuing Scholarly Activities** for the idea.*

—Dianne Newell

Proposal for an Emeritus College

1. Introduction

At the UBCAPE Executive meeting on March 28, 2017, the following motion was passed unanimously:

“That, to ensure retired UBC faculty and senior administrators are recognized, valued and supported by UBC, and continue to be an integral part of the UBC community with access to appropriate resources and support, UBCAPE propose to the Provost the establishment of an Emeritus College as a unit in the Provost’s Office, with organization and membership criteria set out in sections 4 and 5 below, and incorporating any amendments made by an ad-hoc committee established to advise on implementing an Emeritus College.”

The proposal below incorporates the amendments made by the ad-hoc committee.

2. Vision for an Emeritus College

Our vision is to see Emeriti flourish intellectually and socially, enjoy access to University benefits, resources, and services, and be supported in and valued for their scholarly and other contributions.

Emeriti and other retired faculty at UBC make important scholarly, teaching, financial and service contributions to the University. Their scholarly and teaching contributions include teaching courses at all levels, working with and supervising graduate students, and continuing to carry out research and scholarly activity that increases UBC’s research capacity and adds to its academic standing. Their financial contributions include major donations, as well as support of UBC fundraising campaigns and the United Way. Their service contributions include leadership of and membership in many committees and organizations, not only at UBC, but also in the broader community.

The Emeritus College will give faculty, librarians and administrators who have made significant contributions in support of the academic mission of the University, a logical retirement pathway to an active UBC community, into which they can plan to retire at a point in their career which is right for them and the University, and where they can retain their academic identities and continue to pursue their academic and creative interests.

The Emeritus College will promote interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary intellectual activity, support research and scholarship, provide opportunities for continued service to the University and the broader community, and ensure the contributions and achievements of its members are recognized and valued.

The Emeritus College will work to ensure that all members are respected as members of the University community and are treated equitably by their departments and faculties, and that those who wish to continue their scholarly work or research have access to appropriate resources and support.

The objectives of the Emeritus College will include the Objectives in Section 1 of the UBCAPE Constitution, including encouraging and sponsoring intellectual and social interaction by providing programming for College members, their partners, and others who are interested.

As an engaged, supportive and respectful community, the Emeritus College will enhance the health and well-being of its members during their retirement years.

3. Financial benefits

The rationale for an Emeritus College is not primarily economic or financial, but it should be noted that an Emeritus College would have a positive financial impact on UBC.

Demonstrating to retired faculty, in a direct and tangible way, that they continue to be recognized and valued members of the UBC community after retirement, will increase their level of satisfaction and help ensure their continuing commitment to UBC. This will do two things. It will increase the likelihood that retired faculty will support UBC financially, and it will encourage some faculty to view retirement as an attractive option, and retire earlier than they might have done otherwise.

The unpaid contributions of emeriti to UBC through teaching, mentoring, scholarship, research, service on committees, and in many other ways, represent a significant, tangible financial benefit to UBC. An Emeritus College, by coordinating and recognizing these contributions, will help to increase their ongoing value to the University.

An Emeritus College will therefore have a direct, positive effect on UBC's finances, and will increase the financial value of the contributions that Emeriti make to UBC. These financial benefits, on their own, will justify the relatively small cost of an Emeritus College.

4. Organization

The Emeritus College will be an entity within the Provost's Office, with access to the University's administrative systems and services.

The College Principal will be a retired faculty member with an outstanding commitment to academia, selected by a committee with a majority of members elected by members of the College. He or she will have a Board appointment, with a salary to be determined when the College is established, and will report to the Vice-Provost and Vice-President Academic Affairs.

An Executive Committee will be chaired by the Principal, with some members appointed by the Provost, and a majority of members elected by members of the College.

UBCAPE will be merged into the College. The objectives of the College will include the Objectives in Section 1 of the UBCAPE Constitution. The current Office Manager's position, which is already a position in the Provost's Office, will support the College. UBCAPE committees will become Emeritus College committees, with chairs appointed by and serving as ex-officio members of the Executive committee.

5. Membership

Membership in the Emeritus College will be open to Emeriti and other retired UBC faculty, librarians and administrators who have made significant contributions in support of the academic mission of the University. Faculty, librarians and administrators on the path to retirement, and who will be eligible for membership when they retire, will also be eligible for membership.

All UBC emeriti and current members of UBCAPE will eligible to be members of the Emeritus College.

Partners of members, and others who are interested, will continue to be welcome at College events.

Emeriti who are members of the College will be designated Fellows of the Emeritus College.

There will be no membership fee, but members will be encouraged to contribute financially to support the Emeritus College. Current members who have paid a life membership may request the return of an amount equal to $(10 - \text{number of years of life membership}) \times (\text{annual membership fee})$.

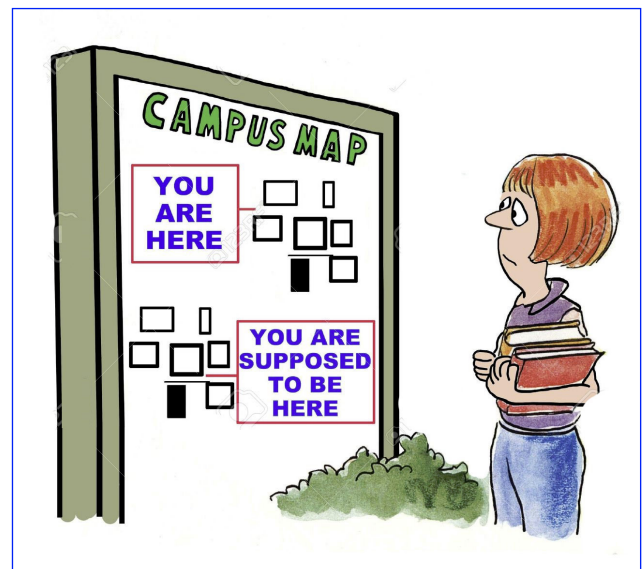
6. Next steps

A motion to approve the proposal in principle will be moved at the Annual General Meeting on April 26.

The proposal will be shared with the President, and the Vice-Provost and Vice-President Academic Affairs before the AGM, noting that it has yet to be approved by the UBCAPE membership. This will allow us to report to the AGM on the initial response of the University, and any changes that might have been requested.

If the proposal is approved by the members at the AGM, the UBCAPE Executive will ask the University to discuss the implementation of an Emeritus College. In these discussions, UBCAPE will be guided by the principles outlined here, as well as input from members. UBCAPE will also submit the proposal to the UBC strategic planning process.

If an Emeritus College is established, the procedure set out in the UBCAPE Constitution, Section 7. Dissolution of the Association, may be followed at a subsequent AGM, when a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting would be required for approval.



Attention Emeritus Researchers!



Reimbursement for Continuing Scholarly Activities

UBC President Santa Ono and Acting Provost and Vice-President Angela Redish will be providing \$100,000 per year for the next two years to UBCAPE to reimburse retired faculty for expenses incurred through continuing scholarly activities. We are extremely grateful for this acknowledgment of and support for the scholarly work of Emeriti. **Details, and an application form, are available on the Association website.**

News from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council

More money was available in 2017, with a success rate in the *Insight Grant* category of about 40%. Emeriti are entitled to apply to SSHRC. They often apply as part of a team of investigators. SSHRC *Insight* grants will now have two streams:

- A) 2-5 years, from \$7,000 to \$100,000 for smaller grants or those without large teams requiring large amounts of money, and
- B) 2-5 years, \$100,000-\$400,000 for larger grants, often team based.

Stream A seems a particularly useful category for emeriti wishing to do relatively small or individual projects.

There is a new partnership with Canadian Institutes of Health Research on Healthy and Productive work, evaluated by a special SSHRC committee, and another new focus on the social implication of genomics. Most interesting perhaps is the reintroduction of health as a permissible focus, under specific conditions. Clinical work, therapies, and epidemiology are not accepted, but research on health policy and management, health ethics, and the social construction of health and health behavior is encouraged.

—Patricia Vertinsky

Note: At the urging of UBCAPE, the UBC Administration has decided to establish an "Office of Major Awards" to facilitate nominations of faculty (including emeriti) for major awards.

Until that happens, UBCAPE will continue to work with emeritus nominees to prepare submissions.



Nominations Wanted

UBCAPE Major Awards Nominating Committee

is pleased to report success in nominating Emeriti for major awards. Using the services of a professional writer, we prepared nominations for four emeriti in the Spring of 2016. We have four nominations already for 2016-17 but would welcome more. Please

send the individual's name, a "brag" letter, their CV and the description of the award to the UBCAPE office.



Member Survey

As you know, every four years, UBCAPE does an in-depth questionnaire to make sure we are serving you well.

Thank you so much for your responses to the 2016-17 survey. We are currently analyzing the results and will report to the membership in the Fall.

UBCAPE Nominating Committee Report

Your Nominating Committee, composed of Paul Marantz (Chair), Carolyn Gilbert, and Olav Slaymaker, has prepared the following slate for the election to the Executive Committee at our AGM on Wednesday, April 26.

President	Stephen Tredwell
Vice-President	Dianne Newell
Past President	Richard Spencer
Treasurer	Richard Spencer
Secretary	Donald Blake
Member-at-Large	Elaine Carty (re-election) Donald Fisher (re-election) Nichola Hall (re-election) Bill McCutcheon (re-election) George Bluman John McNeill Kjell Rubenson

Our Constitution specifies that in addition to the Officers there shall be at least three but not more than eight members-at-large and that additional nominations for any of the above positions will be accepted provided they are submitted electronically or in writing by five members entitled to vote, agreed to by the nominee, and received by the current Secretary at least seven days prior to the AGM.

Accordingly, additional nominations should be received no later than April 19 by the Secretary, Diana Lary (lary@mail.ubc.ca), with copies to our Administrator, Sandra van Ark (admin@emeriti.ubc.ca), and Paul Marantz (paul.marantz@ubc.ca). Nominations can also be mailed to the Association Office at the address on page 2 of this Newsletter.

In Memoriam

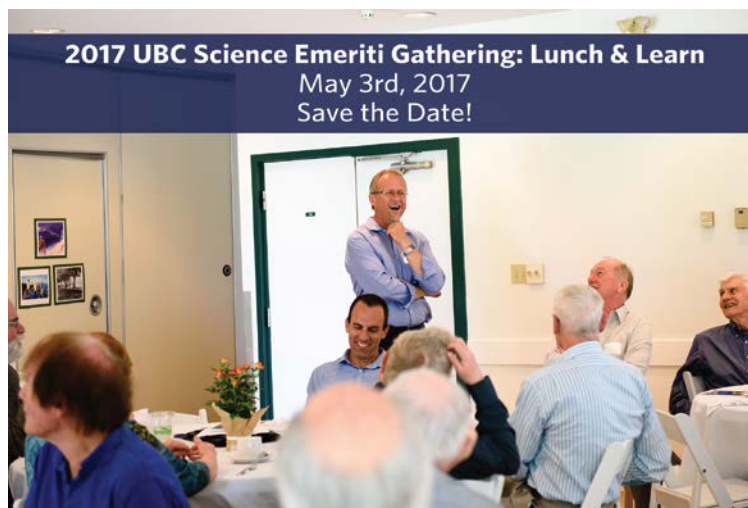
David Alexander Boyes	1925-2017	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology University Service 1957-1990
John Lawrence Benedet	1941-2017	Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology University Service 1973-2007
Michael Graham Clay	1931-2017	Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery University Service -2011
Raymond Scott Corteen	1933-2017	Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology University Service 1968-1997
James Underwood Gray	1927-2017	Associate Professor Emeritus of Visual and Performing Arts University Service 1967-1992
Sinclair Davis Healy	1925-2017	Associate Professor Emeritus of Visual and Performing Arts University Service 1960-1985
Harold Laimon	1928-2017	Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery University Service 1979-1991

Philip Hill, 1932-2016, Past President of UBCAPE

Dr. Hill was born in Vancouver in 1932. He completed his DSc at MIT and taught there as a junior faculty member. In 1967, he became Head of Mechanical Engineering at Queen's University. In 1975 he joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering at UBC. He retired in 1997 but remained significantly engaged with the University and with local industry. Dr. Hill was recognized internationally as an outstanding scholar and researcher, and leaves a tremendous legacy in numerous aspects of energy and propulsion. As an educator, Dr. Hill had a significant and lasting impact on UBC's engineering students. Many of his former students rank him amongst their most influential and motivational teachers and state that his thermodynamics classes, though complex, represented a highlight of their degrees. He was an outstanding role model for young professors and graduate students throughout his tenure at UBC, and his educational contributions were recognized by the UBC Killam Teaching Prize and the Walter Gage Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Philip Hill was the eighth President of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti (2001-2002). He is remembered by the Association for his personal warmth and integrity. Throughout his life he actively encouraged people to understand the relationship between faith and academic inquiry.

This memoir is an abbreviated version of what appears on the Department of Mechanical Engineering web site supplemented by Olav Slaymaker (Professor Emeritus of Geography), a close personal friend. They first met in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1962 where Hill was a junior faculty member at MIT and Slaymaker was a graduate student at Harvard. They parted in 1963 when Slaymaker returned to Cambridge, UK. In 1976, they were totally astonished to encounter each other on the Main Mall at UBC and remained friends until the end.



You Are Invited!

2017 UBC Science Emeriti Gathering: Lunch & Learn
 Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 11:30am - 1:30pm
 AERL, 2202 Main Mall
 Complimentary lunch provided

The Faculty of Science is pleased to invite its Emeriti to the fourth annual UBC Science Emeriti Gathering. Please join us for a Lunch and Learn to listen to colleagues share presentations on their current research and welcome newcomers to the ranks of Professor Emeritus.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Melinda Sam at 604.822.4114 or events@science.ubc.ca.

Forum on Philanthropic Work by Emeritus Professors 3:00 pm – 5:15 pm, Wednesday, April 19

Location will be announced once we know how large a room is required

Please register for this event so that we may provide adequate space and coffee:

<https://www.emeriti.ubc.ca/events>



This Forum showcases some of the charitable work that Professors Emeriti are doing, both in the community and further afield. Six members of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti will describe their work, which ranges from local to global and contributes to areas of health and well-being, education, and human and civil rights. The speakers are:

Andy Eisen — *The ALS Society of BC* (support for patients and families; www.alsbc.ca)

Nichola Hall — *From Grief to Action* (support for families and friends affected by drug use; www.fromgriefftoaction.org)

Mo Iqbal — *The Maria-Helena Foundation* (schools and education for children, especially girls; skills training for women; and health care of children in Pakistan; www.mariahelenafoundation.org)

Sid Katz — *Dogwood-25 Society* (mentorship and skills training programs for elementary and high school aboriginal students; dogwood25.squarespace.com)

Jennifer Wade — *Amnesty International* and justice issues; foster care and motivating scholarships (www.amnesty.ca)

Claire Weeks and Peter Wing — *Spinal Cord Injury Collaboration/Nepal* (training of Nepalese doctors in the care of spinal cord injuries; www.spinepal.orthopaedics.med.ubc.ca)

Input to UBC Strategic Plan



A follow-up survey about the draft priorities, core commitments, and challenges is available [online](#). The survey can also be accessed from the UBCAPE web site home page.

Please note that, at UBCAPE's urging, the survey allows respondents to indicate whether they are emeritus faculty.

Reports from previous surveys and consultations are available on this web page.

This is your chance to use your experience to contribute to the future of UBC. Responses will be accepted until April 30.

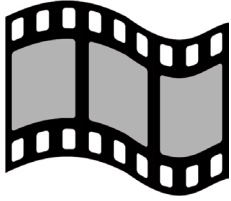
As a Professor, Fox News tells me that I can turn my students into Communists, but experience tells me that I can't even make them do the readings.

—Paul Musgrave@profmusgrave

UBCAPE ACTIVITY GROUPS

UBC Emeriti – Film Group

*Series Three – Films from Quebec
Screenings begin at 3:00pm*



*A brief introduction to the film will precede each screening.
A brief discussion of the film will follow each screening.*

Overview of Series Three

Series Three will focus on three films from Quebec. The April 25th screening (3 pm, Room 224, Alumni Centre) will feature Michel Brault's *Les Ordres*, focused on the arrest and imprisonment of ordinary Quebec citizens following the imposition of the War Measures Act precipitated by the 1970 October Crisis. This film is listed as one of Canada's all-time top ten films.

The other films in the series will be screened on May 23rd and June 27th at 3:00 pm. Watch for an *Email Alert* with location details closer to these dates.

Photography Group

At its meeting on April 3, the group enjoyed a wonderful talk by, and interaction with, **Neil leNobel**, a practicing CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art) judge. Neil began by offering valuable comments and tips for improvement on images submitted by group members. He then presented some of his own work as well as a "short how-to course" on composition, photographic technique, and post-production using Lightroom and Photoshop. Those in attendance offered high praise for the presentation.



The Photography Group will meet again during the 2017-18 academic year. Watch for times and places in the October newsletter or email alerts from the UBCAPE office. New members are always welcome. Please contact Derek Applegarth, derek.jenny@shaw.ca, if you wish to be added to the Photography Group mailing list. Those on the list receive information about upcoming meetings as soon as they are scheduled.

Travel Group



Eighteen people met in Oak House, Ponderosa Commons, on Thursday, March 16 for a very informative and engaging discussion of "thumbprint tourism," led by Carolyn Gilbert. Carolyn described some of some of the experiences she and John had while exploring different regions in Italy, staying in farmhouses and apartments, and shared her very useful insights and advice.

The next meeting of the Travel Group is at 3 pm on Thursday, April 20, in the Alumni Centre. The Campanellas and Spencers will lead a discussion of safaris in Africa, based on their experiences in Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania. Members, partners and friends are all welcome.

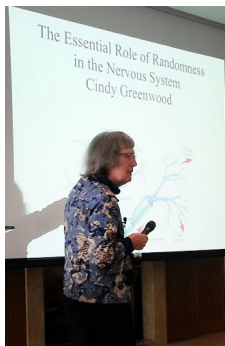
Please invite any of your colleagues and their partners, who might be interested to join us at any of our Travel Group meetings.

Richard Spencer (richard@rhspencer.ca).

Association Speakers' Series

Celebrating Emeritus Research

On April 4 a record audience turned out at the *Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies* to hear about the ongoing research of three of our very accomplished members.



After a short but convivial lunch, **Cindy Greenwood** (Mathematics) led off the program, explaining her recent work on "*The Essential Role of Randomness in the Nervous System*" and making it both comprehensible and highly interesting to non-mathematicians. She explained the structure and actions of neurons and rhythms of the nervous system and showed us the ion channel and synaptic 'noise' (randomness) that surrounds individual neurons (which 'hear' each other as they go through their own predictable cycles). Using a 3-dimensional graph that showed how sinusoidal amplitude varies through time, she demonstrated that, without this 'noise', neuronal activity is damped; the presence of random 'noise' is vital neuronal activity. Cindy predicted that we already know a lot about the structure of the brain, and we might even understand how it works by 2217.



Next, **Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe** (Art History, Visual Art, and Theory) spoke about "*A Commonwealth of Modernism.*" Concentrating on the years between 1947 and 1967—a time of changeover for both Commonwealth and Modernism—he demonstrated the conjunction of modernist architecture with the transition from the British Empire to the Commonwealth and described how design promotes autonomy of new nations. He discussed shared characteristics of Commonwealth and Modernism, such as the attempt of each to replace the old and make anew; the concern for space (Modernism's focus on spatial ease, flow, and ergonomics and Commonwealth's focus on cities and decent housing for all); and a deep-seated authoritarianism underlying each. To illustrate his points, Rhodri showed a series of slides that juxtaposed historical events and modernist architecture.



Following a brief coffee break, **Joan Anderson** (Nursing) and members of her research team concluded the program with "*Late Scholarship: Fostering the Research/Advocacy/Praxis Dialectic.*" The team itself represents intergenerational collaboration, and Joan talked about the advantage of late scholarship, which allows the researcher to reflect on what he/she has accomplished and lessons learned, and then determine where to go from there—especially in the direction of engaging more in civil society. The focus of the team is to reframe their work to translate knowledge to influencing policy. They described their project as a "metaproject," with no one program privileged. Team member **Annette Browne** explained her perspective of health equity in the face of worsening social, health, and economic disparities affecting different groups, particularly indigenous peoples. **Dan Steel** added the perspective of science-based advocacy, which involves

rethinking scientific objectivity based on substantive moral values and controversial political solutions to health and social problems. **Paddy Rodney** concluded with how to move toward policy change by engaging in a respectful, non-polemical way with policy makers, government, and civil society.



A huge "thank you" to Peter Suedfeld (Emeritus, Psychology) for organizing another fine series celebrating emeritus research at UBC!

Green College Senior Scholars' Series

Final Talk in our 2016-17 series

On March 7, **Patricia Merivale, Professor Emerita of English**, presented the final talk in the Senior Scholars' Series 2016-17, "FLÂNEUSE" IN THE PALIMPSEST CITY: SOME REFLECTIONS OF AN OLD-STYLE COMPARATIST.

Professor Merivale began with the story of her PhD experience at Harvard, crashing the 'For Men Only' library in pursuit of her research—a literary detective like the Metaphysical ones who became her major interest. Her accessing the forbidden books created a thematic loop in her talk that wound up in the medieval monastic library and its evil secrets revealed of Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose". She made clear that a flâneuse and comparatiste wanders observantly in the city of books, built out of libraries, while her metaphysical detectives pursue evildoers through real cities. One example was Poe's August Dupin in Paris, by putting himself in the perpetrator's place, leading to the ultimate paradox of metaphysical detectivry, the pursuer becoming the pursued. The witty and deadly nightshade of her asides matched her dark subject matter, and Professor Merivale left us in the audience discussing books we knew in the genre and wanting more of her flâneusing, and comparatiste investigations.

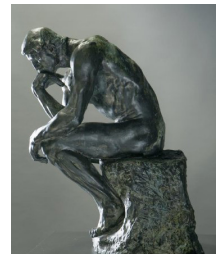
—Contributed by Angela Mairead Coid and George McWhirter

Philosophers' Café

The Spring 2017 Cafés are all about current political issues. In January and February we discussed Globalization and Pipelines. We continue this theme in April and offer you an opportunity to share your views. All Cafés are in the Tapestry Classroom, 3338 Westbrook Mall, starting at 10:30 am.

April 21: The Post-Truth era: Are objective facts less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief? If so, can anything be done?

After the Café join us for lunch at Tapestry by calling 604-225-5000 or by checking in with the front desk before the Café to reserve a spot.



UBCAPE Occasional Lectures

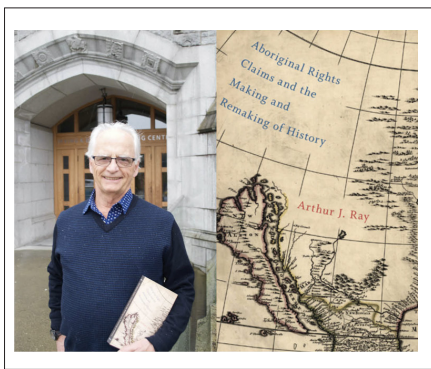
Testing Trump's Tale: Is the U.S. really a "disaster"?



On March 9, Kal Holsti, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, delivered the second "Occasional Lecture" of the academic year, before an audience of well over one hundred at Cecil Green Park. Kal presented his analysis using the "state of nature," described in Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan*, as a hook. In the "state of nature", a condition without political authority or civil society, life is "nasty, brutish and short". Using over a dozen indicators to tap these characteristics, such as life expectancy, incarceration rates, gun violence, happiness, etc., Kal compared the US to a sample of OECD countries selected to represent the organization's cultural and economic diversity—Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Japan. On most of these measures, the US fares poorly compared to the average of the sample countries, pointing to problems that the new President could address. In the case of incarceration rates and death by gun violence, for example, the US position is nearly off the scale. However, Trump has completely ignored these "problems", focusing instead on terrorism, a problem that pales in comparison.

A video of Kal Holsti's talk is available on the UBCAPE web site.

Emeriti Awards



Arthur (Skip) Ray (Professor Emeritus of History) has won two major awards for his book *Aboriginal Rights Claims and the Making and Remaking of History*.

The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences has awarded him the 2017 *Canada Prize in the Humanities and Social Sciences*. Canada Prizes are awarded annually for the best scholarly book, one in English, one in French, in the humanities and social sciences that have received funding from the Federation's Awards to Scholarly Publications Program (ASPP). The prize recognizes books that "make an exceptional contribution to scholarship, are engagingly written, and enrich the social, cultural and intellectual life of Canada."

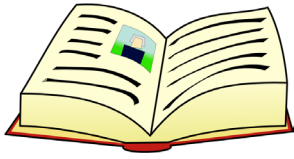
The prize will be presented at a ceremony during the 2017 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Ryerson University Sunday, May 28.

He has also been awarded the *Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize* for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia. The prize, given by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society, will be awarded at UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre on June 9.

Published by McGill-Queen's University Press, Ray's book is a masterfully written examination of land claims litigation between indigenous peoples and the settler societies of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa that powerfully demonstrates the important role proceedings in British Columbia played in events of global significance.

"This book is the outgrowth of my involvement in aboriginal claims in Canada as an expert on the historical geography of the economies of First Nations and Metis communities," says Dr. Ray, "Beginning with my participation in *Delgamuukw v. The Attorney General of British Columbia* (1997), I became interested in the ways extant case law and scholarship influenced claims research and, in turn, how the latter research advanced aboriginal rights law and scholarship about aboriginal people."

Recent Publications by Emeriti



Serge Guilbaut (Art History) and John O'Brian (eds.), *Breathless Days: 1959-1960*, Duke University Press, 2017.

"What are they up to now?" Department

Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe (Art History) has set in train repairs and conservation of the Runciman House built at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, in 1817 (to comply with Heritage Canada The National Trust and provincial and municipal covenants).

The historic Runciman House—often called the prettiest house in Nova Scotia—is an excellent example of the early 19th-century Regency cottage style. Built in 1817 for the Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Rev. John Millidge, it was known as Girvan Bank. The house was sold to the Runciman family in 1830, who owned it until it was transferred to the National Trust for Canada in 1978.



Serge Guilbault (Art History) organized and participated in a conference at the I.K. Barber Learning Centre called "Duchamp on Wheels", with Hadrien Laroche from Paris (writer and historian) and T'Hai Smith (Art History) from UBC.

Emeriti in the News

BC Civil Liberties Association Establishes the Jennifer Prosser Wade Award



The BCCLA is delighted to announce that Jennifer Prosser Wade, a notable justice advocate, has funded a new annual award for those speaking truth to power and thereby protecting civil liberties and human rights. <https://bccla.org/courage-truth/>

"Sometimes it is terribly hard to speak out against what is "establishment" and what is accepted when you know something is very wrong, especially when you know that in all likelihood you will be treated as the enemy for having spoken out against what others possibly hold dear. But conscience compels a few people to do this even though they know the messenger may be shot. Speaking truth to power requires courage". –Jennifer Prosser Wade



About Town



This long-running series is ideally suited to those who prefer daytime concerts (and a seniors' discount). Concerts begin at 10:30 am, preceded by refreshments beginning at 10:00 am. The same organization also offers a program called "Tuning In", where well-known CBC host Eric Friesen interviews musical celebrities as well as musicians on their way up. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.musicin-themorning.org or telephone 604-873-4612.

Music in the Morning Events for 2017-18

Main Concert Series

September 20-22, 2017

Timothy Chool, violin
Jeanie Chung, piano
Works by Vitali, Saint-Saëns and Ysaye

October 25-27, 2017

Rolston String Quartet

November 15-17, 2017

Simone Osborne, soprano
Songs by Mozart, Schumann and Emery

December 13-15, 2017

Ensemble Made in Canada
Quartets by Brahms and Daniel

January 17-19, 2018

Anagnoson & Kinton, piano duo
Brahms, Galland, Poulenc, Gershwin & more

February 14-16, 2018

Jan Lisiecki, piano

March 14-16, 2018

Adrian Anantawan, violin

Tuning In with Eric Friesen

January 31, 2018

Robert Silverman, world renowned pianist and Professor Emeritus of Music, UBC.

March 28, 2018

Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Canada

May 2, 2018

William Eddins, Music Director of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra

Note on location: "Music in the Morning" performances normally take place at the Vancouver Academy of Music, 1270 Chestnut Street. However, while that space undergoes renovations (until the end of December), Wednesday & Thursday concerts will be at Ryerson United Church. Friday concerts are being permanently relocated to West Vancouver United Church. "Tuning In" is at the Academy of Music.



3 Minute Thesis Event

May 5th 4pm: Tapestry Wesbrook Village

*limited seating so please RSVP via email or phone

jvieth@discovertapestry.com

Or the sales team 604-225-5000

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is an academic competition during which graduate students present the breadth and significance of their research projects to a non-specialist audience in just 3 minutes. The 3MT event at Tapestry will showcase the top 3 graduate student presenters from UBC and SFU and the audience will have the opportunity to award a People's Choice prize to their selection for top presentation! Who will you choose? Learn more about the competition at <http://3mt.grad.ubc.ca/>

Tunes at Noon

Join us on Thursdays from 12-1 pm in the foyer of the UBC Welcome Centre (Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre) for performances by UBC School of Music students and alumni. Bring your lunch, listen, and enjoy. This event is open to the public at no cost.

April 13 – Samantha Yang – violinist

April 20 – Evgenia Rabinovich – pianist



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting—April 26, 2017, 1:30-2:00

1. Moment of Silence to honour those members who have died

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2016 AGM

4. Report from the President (Richard Spencer)

5. Treasurer's Report (Richard Spencer)

6. Election of new members of the Executive

President	Steve Tredwell
Vice-President	Dianne Newell
Past President	Richard Spencer
Treasurer	Richard Spencer
Secretary	Donald Blake
Member at Large	Elaine Carty (re-election)
Member at Large	Don Fisher (re-election)
Member at Large	Nichola Hall (re-election)
Member at Large	Bill McCutcheon (re-election)
Member at Large	George Bluman
Member at Large	John McNeill
Member at Large	Kjell Rubenson

7. Other Business

Emeritus College – Notice of motion:

That UBCAPE approve in principle the proposal to establish an Emeritus College at UBC.
(The proposal is on pages 4-5 of this Newsletter, and will be available at the meeting.)

8. Adjournment

Draft Minutes to be Approved at the April 2017 AGM

The Vice President, Richard Spencer, opened the meeting with a welcome to the members. As Paul Marantz, the President, was away, Richard Spencer chaired the meeting.

1. Moment of Silence to honour members who have died – we remember them.

Norman Basco, André-Pierre Benguerel, Myer Bloom, Robert Carlisle, James Caswell, John Chapman, Michael Craddock, Fred Dill, Geoffrey Durrant, Jim Forbes, Neil Freeman, Maria Furstenwald, Paul Gilmore, Kurt Grimm, Phil Hill, Alan Kraus, Karel Klinke, Clement Lear, Stuart Maddin, David Measday, Elizabeth (Betty) Misewich, Peter Murtha, Shirley Nalevykin, Margaret Norm, Joan Pavelich, Klaus Petersen, Grosvenor Powell, Fred Sack, Trevor Sandy, Gordon Slobin, Richard Splane, Janet Ruth Stein Taylor, Edward Teghtsoonian, Bluma Tischler, Roger Tonkin and Tory Westermark.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, April 22, 2015

The minutes were approved.

4. Report from the President (Richard Spencer for Paul Marantz)

A printed copy of the President's report was available at the entrance and is available on the web-site.

Richard Spencer highlighted a few points of the report:

- The President thanked the Executive, committees and administrator for their dedicated work.
- The membership is in good shape. There are now 403 paid members, including 56 life members.
- The Green College Senior Scholars` Series were organized with thanks to John Gilbert.
- Two Research Days were organized by Peter Suedfeld
- The China Study Group at St. John`s College were organized by Diana Lary for the past two years.
- The Programs Committee co-chairs, Derek Applegarth and Carolyn Gilbert, were thanked for the organization of the five general meetings with excellent speakers, the Philosophers` Cafés, the four interest groups (photo, finances, travel and film) and other activities.
- The Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee took on a new task to help identifying emeriti for major awards. A person was hired to prepare the documents. Judy Hall and Diane Newell as co-chairs were thanked for this initiative.
- The efforts of Paul Marantz to inform the members and organize the travel and health insurance were recognized.
- The wide spread contributions of emeriti to UBC were acknowledged.
- Meetings were held with UBC Faculty Association, Provost, Vice President HR and Universities retirees` associations (SFU and UVic).

5. Treasurer's Report (Richard Spencer)

After a short explanation of the effect of life-time memberships on the budget, the motion to approve the budget for 2016-2017 was passed.

The largest expenses of space and the salary of a 60% part-time administrator (provided by the Provost office) are not included in the budget.

6. Election of new members of the Executive (Richard Spencer for Richard Tees)

The following were nominated by the Nominations Committee (Richard Tees, chair, Olav Slaymaker and Carolyn Gilbert):

Past President	Paul Marantz
President	Richard Spencer
Vice President	Steve Tredwell
Treasurer	Richard Spencer
Secretary	Diana Lary
Members-at-Large	Derek Applegarth
	Donald Blake
	Elaine Carty
	Bill McCutcheon
	Steve Tredwell
	Don Fisher
	Nichola Hall
	Dianne Newell

A motion was approved declaring the above-mentioned individuals to be elected by acclamation.

7. Other Business

a) The Film group will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 24 from 3 to 5pm. More information will follow by an alert and on the website.

b) Membership renewal is due on July 1st. Members can renew their membership by cheque or credit card.

c) At the beginning of June, a message will be sent to members with information on how to login to the website to check and change membership information.

d) A vote of thanks to Paul Marantz for his work as President in the past year was passed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2.04 pm.

President's Report-2017

In my letter in the September 2016 Newsletter, I said "I hope we can work with senior administrators at UBC, including the President, to address the need for an improved transition at retirement, greater support for emeriti, and a stronger relationship between emeriti and the University. One idea... is an administrative entity, perhaps called an Elder College, which emeriti could join." When Steve Tredwell, Paul Marantz and I met with President Ono on January 17, he asked if we had considered an Emeritus College at UBC, and suggested that the Emeritus College at Emory University could serve as a model. At our General Meeting on March 29, the President reiterated his support for an Emeritus College at UBC.

The vision of UBCAPE is to see ***"UBC Emeriti flourish intellectually and socially, enjoy access to University benefits, resources, and services, and be supported in and valued for their scholarly and other contributions."***

The vision of Emory University's Emeritus College is: "an association of ... retired faculty and administrative staff established to advance the intellectual and creative interests of its members, to maintain their social connections with University colleagues, to provide them opportunities for service to the University and the wider community, and to offer them a forum for commentary on issues of broad public interest." This vision is strongly aligned with ours.

After extensive consideration in the the **Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee**, and an email discussion with the Director of the Emeritus College at Emory University, a UBCAPE ad-hoc committee developed a proposal (see pages 4-5) for an **Emeritus College** at UBC that will, as a unit in the Provost's Office, be able to pursue all the goals and objectives of UBCAPE, and do so more effectively. The proposal was approved unanimously by the Executive, and will be presented for approval in principle by UBCAPE members at our AGM. Please consider it carefully; you will be asked to vote. I believe that by creating a more inclusive and healthy environment for emeriti and other retired faculty, an **Emeritus College** will benefit not only Emeriti, but all faculty and the University at large.

Building on the work of many people over many years, we have continued to make progress toward our goals of sponsoring and promoting intellectual and social interaction, increasing the support for and recognition of emeriti who continue their academic work, and ensuring emeriti are an integral part of the university community. I want to thank everyone who has contributed, in particular the members of the Executive and of our standing committees. There is not enough space to mention and thank every person who has helped, but I would like to recognize the following people, and acknowledge some of the important work they have done.

Judith Hall and Dianne Newell, as co-chairs of our dedicated and effective **Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee**, have seen years of hard work by the Committee come to fruition with the announcement that the University is providing \$100,000 per year for two years to reimburse research expenses of emeriti and other retired faculty. At our General Meeting on March 29, President Ono said this support will continue, with any necessary adjustments, at least as long as he is President of UBC.

The **Membership Committee**, co-chaired by *Steve Tredwell*, our incoming President, and *Olav Slaymaker*, has prepared an important submission on *Pathways to Retirement* for the University strategic planning process. This recognizes that people who are considering retirement should be prepared, not for leaving university life, but for continuing in it.

Carolyn Gilbert and the **Programs Committee** have organized, in addition to our general meetings, the *Senior Scholars Series* at Green College, research seminars, and special lectures and forums at which emeriti can speak on subjects they are passionate about. Four special interest groups are now meeting regularly (film, finance, photo and travel), and the *Philosophers Cafés* at Tapestry have been stimulating and well attended.

Paul Marantz, who chairs the **Benefits Committee**, has continued to do outstanding work not only to ensure retired faculty have access to the best possible extended health and travel medical insurance plans, but also to interpret the fine print and explain the features of these plans in clear and understandable language. Paul has proposed to UBC HR that faculty who retire before age 72, and take over full payment of the premiums, should be able to remain in the faculty extended health plan until that age. If approved, this will offer some retiring faculty better coverage at lower cost than other available plans.

Don Blake, as editor of the **UBCAPE Newsletter**, continues to produce five newsletters each year that are interesting, informative, attractive and a pleasure to read. We are fortunate to have someone with Don's talents and skills, and I am grateful that he has agreed to continue as our editor.

I also want to thank *Ken Craig*, who is just finishing a two-year term as President of **CURAC**, the federation of Canadian college and university retiree associations, and who is about to begin a two-year term as a member of the CURAC Board. Ken's willingness to serve on the national organization has benefited both CURAC and our Association.

Finally, I want to thank *Sandra van Ark*, who continues to do invaluable work as our Office Manager. Sandra, who is in a part-time position funded by the Provost, keeps the Association running and has helped make me a more effective President.

Speaking to an Association general meeting on March 29, President Ono said he wanted UBC's support of emeriti to be "best in class in Canada." I look forward to seeing the Association work with the President and the administration to achieve that goal.

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

	2016-17 Budget	Actual (preliminary)	2017-18 Projected Budget	
Revenue				
Annual memberships	\$9,900	\$9,670	\$9,750	325 @ \$30
Life memberships	\$3,000	\$5,100	\$4,500	15 @ \$30*10
Insurance rebates	\$12,000	\$12,767	\$10,000	
Total Revenue	\$24,900	\$27,537	\$24,250	
Adjusted for Life memberships:				
Deduct fees prepaid in current year	-\$2,700	-\$4,320	-\$4,050	15 @ \$30*9
Add fees prepaid in earlier years	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$2,160	
Adjusted revenue	\$23,880	\$23,217	\$22,360	
Expenditures				
Benefits	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Communications	\$2,000	\$1,920	\$2,150	
Continuing Scholarly Activities	\$3,000	\$3,483	\$3,000	
Membership	\$1,500	\$708	\$1,000	
Office and Administration	\$10,000	\$7,064	\$8,450	
Programs	\$7,300	\$5,160	\$8,800	
Total Expenditures	\$23,900 +	\$18,335	\$23,500	
Annual operating balance				
Revenue	\$24,900	\$27,537	\$24,250	
Expenditures	\$23,900	\$18,335	\$23,500	
Net	\$1,000	\$9,202	\$750	
Adjusted for revenue from life memberships	-\$20	\$4,882	-\$1,140	
Opening bank balance	\$64,866	\$64,866	\$74,068	
Closing bank balance	\$65,866	\$74,068	\$74,818 *	
Adjusted to provide for life memberships				
Actual: 56 @ \$30 in 2015-16	-\$13,440	-\$13,440	-\$11,760	56 @ \$30*7
Actual: 16 @ \$30 in 2016-17	-\$4,320	-\$4,320	-\$3,840	16 @ \$30*8
Projected: 15 @ \$30 in 2017-18			-\$4,050	15 @ \$30*9
Adjusted amount held in reserve	\$48,106	\$56,308	\$55,168	

* A review of our account with the Alumni Association showed a higher balance. The reason for this discrepancy will be investigated as soon as possible

+ Value corrected April 12, 2017