



# Newsletter | Winter 2025

## From the Principal

Our new space in Brock Commons is becoming familiar now to more of our members. The new construction of Brock Commons South was opened in October, and the College has made good use of our new space. The staff members have been working regularly from their new offices on the 4th floor, our Annual Retreat was held in a meeting space on the 2nd floor, and we have held two Council meetings in our space on the 4th floor. Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Grand Opening of our new space (for the Emeritus College) due to weather on Feb. 3, but are happy to share the new date of April 7 with you. More information is to follow via the E-News.

I have one last reminder for those who would like to nominate an emeritus professor for one of the [two annual Emeriti awards](#). The deadline is February 27.

The year has been a stressful one, with our budget shrinking. This is a UBC-wide phenomenon mostly due to the reduction in the number of international students. The executive (Paul Harrison, Past Principal, Sandra Bressler, Vice Principal, Bill McCutcheon, Principal, and Sandra van Ark, Administrative Manager) have had frequent meetings to discuss the problem and possible ways forward, and Sandra Bressler and I have had several discussions with Janice Stewart, Deputy Provost. This is why I hope you will consider supporting the Emeritus College in whatever way you can. You can read about the range of activities and programs organized by the College throughout this newsletter. Bob Armstrong, Chair of the Development Committee, explains more on the many ways you can support the College on page 21. Thank you for your continuing support!

## From the Newsletter Editor

As we head into 2025 with its attendant attacks from south of the border and far-flung wars, AI creep into our lives, and housing issues, it was a great delight for me to focus on the material received for this newsletter.

This newsletter features several books published by members, an invitation to join the Scholarly Expenses Subsidy committee, a call to nominate your fellow members for a position on the Emeritus College Council and, most importantly, to nominate fellow members for the two annual Emeritus College awards.

Most SIGs have been active, with the exception of Easy Riders and Senior Sports,



**Bill McCutcheon,**  
Principal 2024-2025,  
UBC Emeritus College,  
Professor Emeritus,  
Physics and Astronomy

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Above: Wood bison on the range in the Yukon. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.

which will start up again in the spring.

In this issue, the College decided to start featuring stories of emeriti giving, such as that on Robert Armstrong of the Development Committee or volunteering in the community as highlighted by the piece on John Gilbert. If you know of any member who could be interviewed for either of these columns, please let us know, or step forward yourself!

The highlight of this winter was intended to be the Grand Opening ceremony of the new Emeritus College space at Brock Commons South on Feb 3, with public display of the art piece by Brent Sparrow Jr. However, the weather gods did not favour us and the event had to be postponed. Stay tuned to E-News for the new date for this event, which you won't want to miss.

In keeping with the spirit of Buy Canadian, I went on a short trip last week, north to the Yukon to try and see the northern lights and to experience real winter! See my photo above.

As I have stated before: This is your newsletter and I welcome hearing about any and all of your activities. Please don't be shy!



**Valerie A. White,**  
Newsletter Editor,  
Professor Emeritus, Pathology and  
Laboratory Medicine

## From the EC office

After settling into our new home in August, the Emeritus College office has been abuzz with preparing for Giving Day with the Development Committee, planning mentorship opportunities with Student Services, and preparations for the official housewarming to be held on February 3rd. Sadly, the

event was postponed due to weather conditions (after weeks of unseasonably sunny weather). The new date of the Grand Opening is set for Monday, April 7, 2025. We are looking forward to seeing you in the new office! More details to follow in the E-news.

Chief among the ways the College supports members is the subsidy for ongoing scholarly activities to foster, promote and disseminate the scholarly activities and academic pursuits of retired faculty, consistent with the University's mission, by disbursing funds provided for this purpose by the University on the initiative of the President. See page 10 for two reports on activities that benefited from the Scholarly Subsidy fund.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

The College also offers [two annual awards](#), one, the [UBC Emeritus College Award for Excellence in Innovative and Creative Endeavours](#) for UBC Emeriti who have demonstrated excellence in engagement in innovative research, artistic creation, or new applications of previous research since attaining Emeritus status. The other, the [President's Award for Distinguished Service](#) is for UBC Emeriti who have, since attaining Emeritus status, displayed exceptional leadership in volunteer community services.

Deadline for both nominations is February 27th.

## WALK-FOR-JOY

For the third year in a row the office will be participating in the UBC Wellbeing Walk-for-Joy. This year we have two teams, the Stroll Patrol and the Ambling Academics, participating in this nine-week physical activity challenge designed to get people moving, reduce sedentary time and promote community connection. Our step counting apps are getting a workout with us!



## EMERITUS COLLEGE TRIENNIAL MEMBER SURVEY

Submitted by Anne Junker, Past Principal, EC College

To better understand our members—how they are spending their time, their interests and activities—we conducted a survey in June 2024. There were 265 respondents, and it was heartening to learn that most reported being happy or extremely happy with their life post-retirement, and that active retirement is the rule not the exception.

209 individuals responded to a question on the leisure activities they enjoy on a regular basis. The picklist of 18 options elicited a total of 1490 responses and indicated a great diversity of interests including:

### CONNECTING

86% Time with family & friends

48% Grandparenting

### RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL

13%

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

65% Fitness/Sports

63% Travel

52% Outdoor/Nature

46% Gardening

### CREATIVITY

42% Writing

40% Cooking

28% Performing Arts

20% Film

18% Video/Photography

18% Crafts\*

16% Remodeling/Home

décor

8% Visual Arts

### LIFELONG LEARNING

86% Reading

44% Lectures/Workshops

19% On-line games/chats

\*Crafts included woodworking, pottery, knitting, and sewing. Additional activities were reported, including competitive ballroom dancing, leading a jazz trio, software development, beekeeping, online and in-person bridge, study of finance and investing, languages, and astronomy and astrophotography.



Above: A sequence of diagonal shapes in late fall colours, marching from nearby into the distance, evokes the grandeur of Kootenay National Park. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group.

## UBC EMAIL TROUBLE?

The Office has become aware that some Senate approved Emeriti have lost access to their UBC email account. If you find yourself in this situation, please take the following steps:

1. Immediately contact UBC IT to request reactivation of your email account.  
UBC Vancouver: 604.822.2008 (Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm)  
UBC Okanagan: 250.807.9000 (Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm)  
Email: [service.helpdesk@ubc.ca](mailto:service.helpdesk@ubc.ca)
2. Make a note of the incident number (INC) provided by IT.
3. Contact us with your IT incident number  
Email: [office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca](mailto:office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca)  
Phone: 604-827-6359

It's very important that you reach out to our office, as we maintain a record in order to improve the UBC processes in Workday in collaboration with UBC IT and Faculty Relations. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we apologize in advance for the inconvenience for losing access to your UBC email address.

## Honours & Awards



**Judith G. Hall,**  
Professor Emerita, Pediatrics  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
Lifetime Achievement Award

The [Shriners Hospitals for Children Lifetime Achievement Award](#) is given to people who have made significant contributions to the lives of children. This award recognizes the contribution Judith G. Hall has made with her work improving the lives of children with Arthrogyposis.



**Cindy Prescott,**  
Professor Emerita, Forest and  
Conservation Sciences  
Named Fellow of the Royal Society  
of Canada (RSC)

Fellows of the RSC are distinguished Canadians from all branches of learning who have made remarkable contributions in the arts, the humanities and the sciences. [Read more](#)



**Gregory Butler,**  
Professor Emeritus, Music  
Awarded a Lifetime membership,  
American Bach Society

The American Bach Society supports the study, performance, and appreciation of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach in the United States and Canada. [Read More](#)



Above: John Gilbert and his daughter-in-law, Marit, with her new citizenship certificate

## Members Serving the Community

### EMERITI SERVING CANADA

**John Gilbert** (Principal Emeritus, College of Health Disciplines, and Professor Emeritus, Audiology and Speech Sciences) has admitted more than 13,000 new citizens into Canada. When he began to officiate, in full judicial robes, at citizenship ceremonies in 2017, the ceremonies were all held at the Vancouver office of Citizenship and Immigration Canada—until the 2020 pandemic closed it down. After a few months, and with a considerable backlog, ceremonies began to be held online via Zoom. As service started up again, John admitted two families at a time, with the number gradually increasing as the staff developed the technical capacity to manage this. In 2023 in-person ceremonies began again; John now officiates at both types of ceremonies for 60–80 new Canadians downtown and usually more than 120 online. Among others, he has admitted one of his daughters-in-law, three next-door neighbours, a faculty member he first brought to UBC as a Fulbright Scholar, and a 103-year-old veteran from Victoria. This is just one example of how emeritus professors volunteer to serve their country.

*note: Individuals appointed to the Order of Canada are offered the opportunity to preside at citizenship ceremonies.*



## Interview with an Award Winner

**Judith (Judy) Goslin Hall** OC MSc MD DSc  
Professor Emerita Pediatrics and Medical Genetics  
FRSC, FCAHS, FRCPSC(C), FAAP, FCCMG, FABMG

*What is the name of the award you received?*

"Lifetime Achievement of Improving the Lives of People with Arthrogryposis" from Shriners Hospitals for Children.

*What is the award generally given for?*

I am not aware that it has ever been given before. Arthrogryposis is a birth defect where children are born with multiple contractures (stiff joints). Every four years an International Symposium of professionals and parent support groups from over 50 countries convenes together to share their experiences and ideas.

*For what work did you receive the award?*

Because arthrogryposis is an orthopedic problem, the Shriners Hospitals have been involved. About two decades ago, Shriners Hospitals around the world made Arthrogryposis their primary focus, developing a registry of children and youth and providing whole genome sequencing to identify genetic disorders. We now know there are over 500 responsible genes.

I had the great honor of providing the introductory lecture and receiving this Lifetime Award at the Symposium in September 2024. It represents a lifetime of work, over 100 peer-reviewed publications on arthrogryposis, and the great joy of meeting so many wonderful people.

*How does this relate to your work in general?*

I am a pediatrician, with a interest in clinical genetics. I have worked on defining features and describing the natural history of birth defects for over 50 years.

*What part of your work are you most proud?*

Helping families and affected individuals understand their unique situation and whether it might recur again. It has given me great joy and satisfaction over the years.

*Are you continuing with the work as Emerita Professor?*

20 years ago, when I had mandatory retirement, I



Above: Judith Hall with one of her patients

became involved in the Emeritus College (then the Association of Professors Emerita). They became my "community". I pushed for a Committee on Continuing Scholarly Activity and later for reimbursement of expenses related to Continuing Scholarly Activities. I have had the pleasure of publishing 3-5 peer-reviewed papers each year since retirement.

*What advice do you have for new members in your field?*

My advice to young academic types is to enjoy the challenge of unanswered questions. And when finding answers, asking even more questions.

*What has been the highlight of your retirement so far?*

The highlight of my retirement is being free to investigate whatever I want with the remarkable folks at the Emeritus College; to watch us aging in many different ways and to be able to continue to support our interests.

*What do you do in your spare time?*

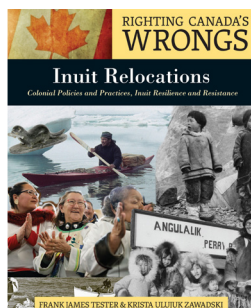
I garden, read, write, enjoy my family, and attend a few meetings each year. I am writing a memoir, having lived through challenging times and circumstances. I have an attitude of gratitude, feeling incredibly fortunate and welcoming whatever comes my way.

### Let Us Know!

Have you or a colleague received an honour or won an award in the past year? Let us know at [events@emerituscollege.ubc.ca](mailto:events@emerituscollege.ubc.ca) and they could be featured in the Newsletter!

# Scholarly Activities of Members in Retirement

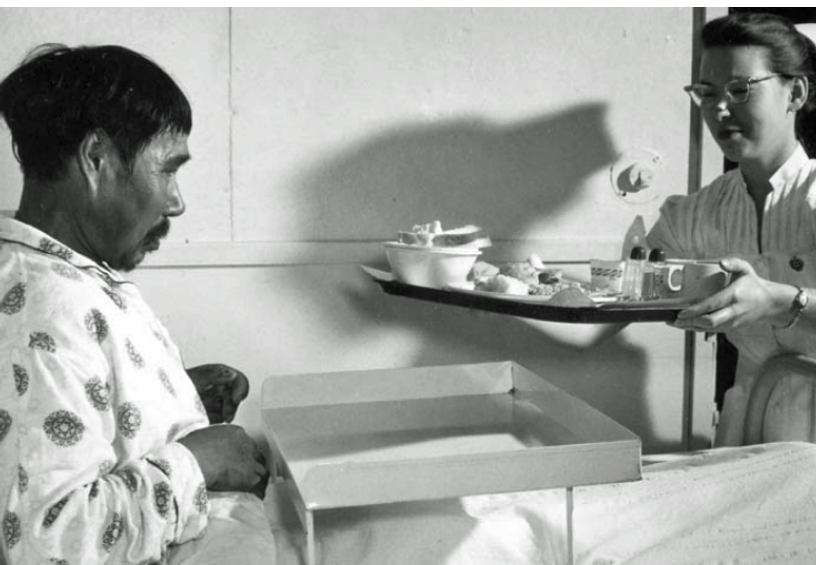
Editor Note: Having listened to Frank Tester, Professor Emeritus of Social Work at the Denman Island Writers and Readers Festival last summer, I invited him to tell us more about his recent publication.



## RIGHTING CANADA'S WRONGS: INUIT RELOCATIONS, COLONIAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES, INUIT RESILIENCE AND RESISTANCE'

by **Frank James Tester & Krista Ulujuk Zawadski**

There are many Canadians who would like to believe that, following the Second World War and the advent of a Canadian semi-welfare, initiatives including the role of New Brunswick lawyer, John Humphrey, in drafting the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, we had turned some kind of page in our relationship with 'Others'. When it comes to the Arctic, Canadians have always been a romantic bunch: fascinated by stories of heroic explorers losing their lives on the ice, doctors flying bush planes against all odds to deliver medical care to isolated northern communities, happy, smiling Inuit children playing with fuzzy puppies in a land of perpetual ice and snow.



Above: Strange food, strange place, strange language, strange people. Inuk being served food, Mountain TB Sanatorium, Hamilton Ontario. Photo provided by Frank Tester.



Above: Photograph taken at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) in 1992 dealing with Inuit relocations to the high Arctic. Photo provided by Frank Tester.

In many ways what happened to Inuit following the Second World War and subsequent decades of social progress was somewhat different from the colonial logic that decimated Indigenous peoples in southern Canada. The Inuit experience with assimilation in this period was complicated by the humanitarian blanket within which forms of abuse were cloaked.

These experiences are tackled in *Righting Canada's Wrongs: Inuit Relocations, Colonial Policies and Practices, Inuit Resilience and Resistance* (James Lorimer 2024) written with a former UBC student and research assistant, Krista Ulujuk Zawadski. Featured at last summer's Denman Island Writer's and Reader's Festival, it raised a lot of questions I am still trying to answer.

'Written' doesn't quite describe the text. This is a publication intended, not only for a general readership, but especially directed at senior post-secondary and undergraduate students. The stories are told using archival photographs, complimented by archival quotes from Inuit that capture their experiences and feelings, and documenting apologies and compensations made by the current Trudeau administration.

The book explores Inuit experience with relocating and being relocated to settlement living in the 1950s and early '60s, the result of government attempts to deal with starvations, some of which, like the Ennadai/Henick Lake relocations, were products of earlier misadventures in moving Inuit from one place to another. The relocations to the High Arctic—Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay—are re-examined, not so much as a misadventure in confirming Canadian sovereignty over the Arctic islands, but as a pathetic attempt to address the high cost of welfare payments in the Arctic Québec settlement of Inukjuak (Port Harrison).





Above: When Inuit moved into settlements in the late 1950s, they had no homes to live in. They built their own, using scrap material from D.E.W. line sites, with disastrous results for their health and well-being. Photo provided by Frank Tester.

The RCMP was responsible at the time (1953), for handing out welfare payments to Inuit. Henry Larsen, head of the Arctic Division of the RCMP, was of a somewhat crusty conservative mind, determined to ensure that Inuit, unlike Indigenous peoples in southern Canada (as he would have it), would not become 'dependent' on government largess. Inuit in the vicinity of Inukjuak (Port Harrison) had, at the time, the largest welfare payouts in the Arctic. Larsen had a solution. Inuit, relocated to the high Arctic, would be in a location where natural resources were not being exploited. Sovereignty, a consideration that made sensational headlines when this relocation was re-visited by the press in the early 1990s, was a, 'Oh, and by the way ...' after-thought. In this new, dark, cold and inhospitable setting, Inuit would look after themselves without relying on government coffers. Henry Larsen's 'heroic' exploits are still being uncritically celebrated by the Maritime Museum of Vancouver.

The book examines the intricacies of many other relocations: sent south for the treatment of tuberculosis, sent off to government-run federal day schools, moved south for schooling and acculturation, moved to take advantage of wage employment in a mine at Rankin Inlet and on the Distant Early Warning (D.E.W.) line, moved to consolidate communities and save the government money. And yes, Inuit moved themselves as the landscape changed from one supportive of Inuit as a hunting and gathering culture—the oldest form of social, political and economic organization on the planet—to the strange strictures and machinations of a modern, industrial one.

Colonization and colonial logic not only involve the occupation and transformation of territory. Bending the mind—changing attitudes, values, how we understand ourselves and others—is a common and current part of the exercise. It's currently being addressed by a new generation of Inuit artists, activists and students, who are a pleasure to know and work with.

## TIMELY PUBLICATION

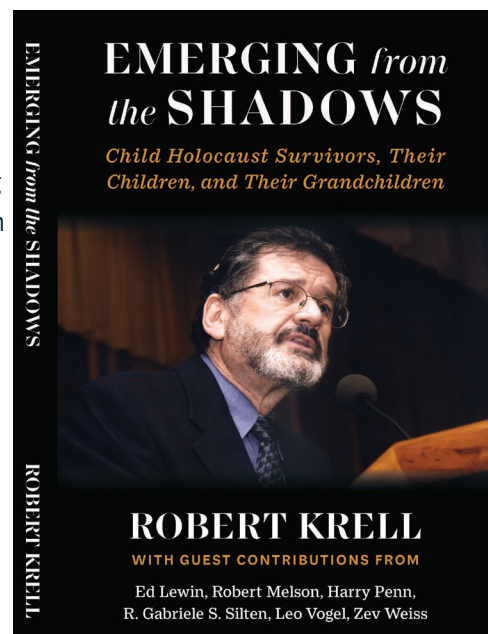
### EMERGING FROM THE SHADOWS: CHILD HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN

by **Robert Krell**, Emeritus Professor, Psychiatry  
Prepared by **Joy Fai**, Research Assistant to Robert Krell

Dr. Robert Krell has published in 2024 an anthology of his keynote addresses, many delivered at annual meetings of the World Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants, held in different locations around the world, such as New York, Jerusalem, Berlin, Amsterdam, Toronto, Vancouver and Prague.

Dr. Krell was the Recipient of the President's Award for Distinguished Service 2023 in recognition of UBC Emeriti who have demonstrated exceptional effort or leadership in volunteer community contributions since attaining UBC Emeriti Status, to the benefit of society in Canada or internationally. The award reads:

"selected for your lasting contributions to Holocaust Remembrance and Education. Of particular note was your founding of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre which remains a permanent community resource providing valuable education programs for students, teachers and anyone wanting to learn more about the Holocaust."



Dr. Krell started audiovisual taping survivors in 1978, long before it became popular to do so. He founded the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, which serves over 20,000 students and teachers annually and was instrumental in founding the Los Angeles and Vancouver child survivor groups, the latter which continues to meet bi-monthly to this day.

The book, *Emerging from the Shadows: Child Holocaust Survivors, Their Children and Their Grandchildren*, focuses on the traumas faced by children who survived the Holocaust, whether hidden with righteous persons, in convents, forests or concentration camps. It also addresses the generational traumas as well as the resilience and strength of these survivors. This book helps students, teachers, and families understand the complexities of the survival of Jews during World War II while also creating a better understanding of their own personal traumas. Further insights are offered by guest authors Zev Weiss (founder of Lessons and Legacies), Dr. Harry Penn, Robert Melson, Leo Vogel, and Ed Lewin.



Above: Cover of *ME-moir(e): Textures of a Life*.



Above: Autumn colours are always amazing. This has the perfect combination of bright but soft light, dramatic colour, white tree trunks, reflections, and the iridescent green heads of mallards as the finishing touch. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus College Photo Group.

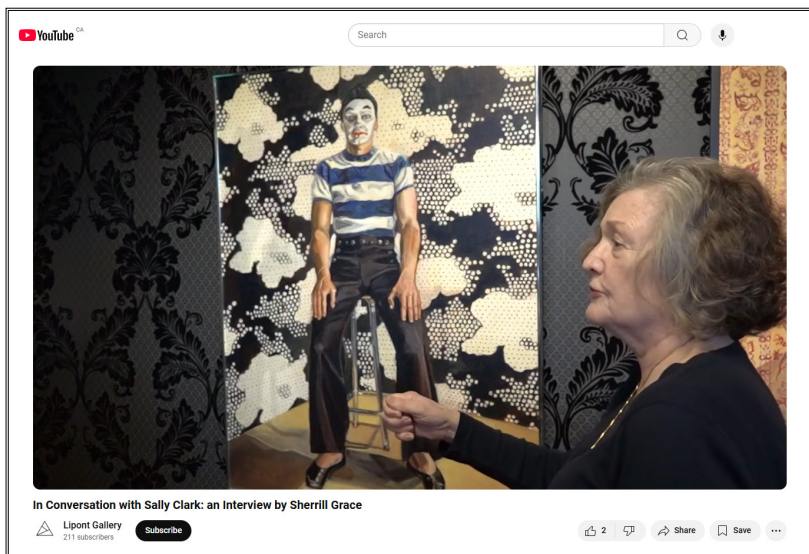
### [ME-moir\(e\): Textures of a Life](#)

by **Sneja Gunew**, Professor Emerita, English  
Emeritus Co-housing Special Interest Group Convenor  
Prepared by **Margery Fee**, Professor Emerita, English

Sneja Gunew, FRSC, was a Professor Emerita of English and the Institute for Race, Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice. She had an international reputation as a feminist scholar of multicultural studies. Her 1983 essay *Migrant women writers: Who's on whose margins?* is one of twenty included in a newly published collection, *Essays that Changed Australia: Meanjin 1940 to Today*. A festschrift is soon forthcoming as a special issue in the *Journal of Intercultural Studies*. Finally, *Taylor and Francis* have made ten of her articles [open access as a collection](#).

Sneja was the instigator of a writing group composed of eight retired feminist academics from UBC and SFU who met regularly over three years to write about our lives. Before she left us Sneja expressed the hope that her thirty-six brief contributions might be collected into an account of some aspects of her personal and professional life. Three of the members have worked on this project and can now share the result. An event was held in November 2024 not only as a commemoration of her life, but also as an opportunity for us to share the experience of working together on this self-publishing project. The book is entitled *ME-moir(e): Textures of a Life*, reflecting her love of texts and of textiles and how moiré changes according to the viewer's perspective.





Above: Still from "Three Generations of UBCers: Notes on an Exhibition" available to stream on YouTube.

*Editor Note: Sherrill Grace has been busy! Read about Sherrill's recent biography on Timothy Findley in the [Winter 2024 Emeritus College Newsletter](#).*

### THREE GENERATIONS OF UBCers: NOTES ON AN EXHIBITION

**Sherrill Grace,**

University Killam Professor Emeritus, English

In August of 2024, Sally Clark, David Grace and I met at [the Lipont Gallery](#) in Richmond, B.C. The occasion was a show of paintings by Sally Clark, and I wanted my grandson, David Grace, to see the exhibition and watch the video we were about to make of me interviewing Sally as she talked about some of her paintings. When we ran into some technical problems, David stepped up and filmed the entire interview using his iPhone! Amazing! The younger generation is not flustered by technology and the end result, which David edited, is great fun to watch and very informative about an artist's vision and process. When I mentioned this project to Valerie White, who edits our Newsletter, Valerie asked me to tell her more about who we all were and to send her the interview.

We represent three generations of people with ties to UBC:

**Sherrill Grace** is a Professor Emerita. She taught in the English Department for almost 40 years and served as its Head for a term; she has also published extensively on Canadian arts and literature.

**Sally Clark** is an award-winning playwright and visual artist. She studied at UBC from 1971 to 1972 and then 1973 to 1974 in the BFA Honours program. One of her finest plays, *Life Without Instruction*, was performed at the Freddie Wood Theatre in 1999 in a stunning production designed by Ron Fedoruk.\* She had a show up at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre from 1 October to December 17, 2024.

**David Grace** is currently a third-year undergraduate majoring in Human Geography, with a Minor in Art History. David came to UBC after spending his first two undergrad years in France with the Science Po program. During those two years he immersed himself in the French art scene. He is currently exhibitions coordinator for the [Hatch Art Gallery](#) (the student gallery housed in the Nest), and he is an editor with the [UJAH](#), UBC's Undergraduate journal of art history and visual culture.

Serendipitously, the three of us teamed up on that August afternoon in the Lipont, and the result is impressive: stunning paintings by Sally and excellent filming and editing by David.

Here's the link: [Enjoy the show!](#)

\*See Sally Clark, [Life Without Instruction](#). Vancouver: Talonbooks, 1994.  
And Sherrill Grace. "[Life Without Instruction: Artemesia, and the Lessons of Perspective](#)." *TRiC* 25. 1-2 (2004): 116-35.

## We Are Looking for Unit Reps!

The Membership Committee has been diligently working to fill several vacant unit representative positions. Unit reps play a critical role to in fostering the flow of information between departments and retired faculty. We're excited to share that we're seeking enthusiastic candidates to step into these roles. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a unit representative please reach out to David Hill at [dhill02@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:dhill02@mail.ubc.ca) or Queenie Law at [office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca](mailto:office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca).

# Emeritus College Subsidy Reports

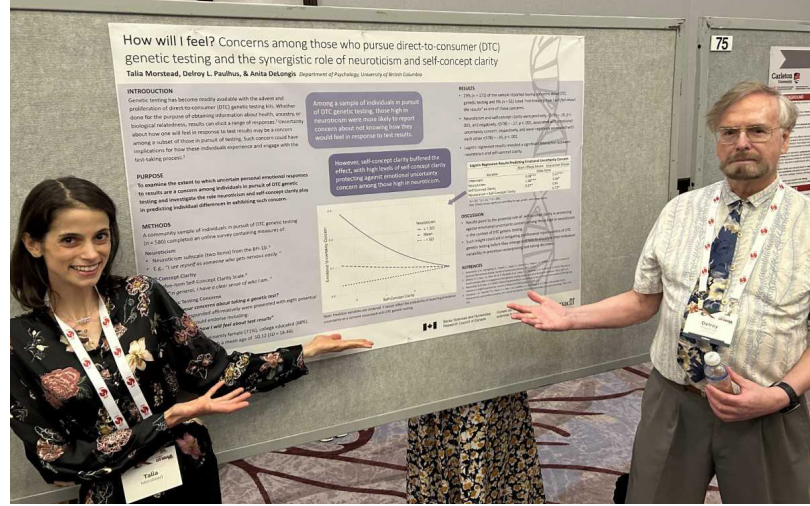
The UBC Emeritus College seeks to assist in fostering, promoting, and disseminating the scholarly activities or academic pursuits of retired faculty, consistent with the University's mission, by disbursing funds provided for this purpose by the University, on the initiative of the President. Visit the [Emeritus College website](#) for submission dates.

## BRIEF REPORT OF A SCHOLARLY EXPENSES SUBSIDY RECIPIENT

**Delroy Paulhus, Professor Emeritus, Psychology**

I'd like to thank the Emeritus College for the generous financial assistance. The funding was awarded to defray costs incurred while exhibiting our research at the recent meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association. The meeting was held in Ottawa at the Westin hotel from June 16–19, 2024.

Our research was spearheaded by graduate student, Talia Morstead (in photo), and my colleague, Dr. Anita DeLongis (not pictured). It addressed a burgeoning topic, namely, at-home DNA testing. This testing is now easily facilitated by online software such as Ancestry.com and 23&Me. Our large surveys focused on motivations for testing and how people cope with unexpected results. Results indicated that many people seek out DNA testing in the first place because their sense of self is chronically impoverished, and they wish to strengthen it. But the discovery of an unexpected parentage can be an emotional shock to many people because their very identity is threatened. These phenomena resonated with the many conference participants who commented on our presentation. Several published papers have ensued, with Talia as the primary author.



Above: Talia Morstead and Delroy Paulhus display their research at the Canadian Psychological Conference. Photo courtesy of Delroy Paulhus.

## The UBC Emeritus College is Looking for Committee Members to join the Scholarly Expenses Subsidy Committee!

Every year in July, Emeriti Professors are encouraged to apply for our (limited) funds in order to subsidize research expenses incurred in the previous year.

Much of the work in processing these applications for a subsidy is done by the Emeritus College office, but the Scholarly Expenses Subsidy Committee reviews all applications and decides on eligibility and on funding amounts. This work is mostly done over the summer and finished by the end of September, followed by a policy meeting in February to consider policy questions for the next round of funding. As continuity on this Committee is very desirable, we are looking for two new members to sign on for at least two years. The downside of being on the Committee is that you will not be eligible to apply yourself for support from the Committee. I hope that will not be too much of a deterrent. The work of our Committee is absolutely central to what the Emeritus College does, so we need good people on it!

I'm happy to talk by phone or on Zoom if you'd like to discuss it further. Just let me know if you would like to set up a time to talk.

David W. Edgington  
Chair, UBC Emeritus College Scholarly Expenses Subsidy Committee.

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## MATERNITY CARE IN NEPAL

**Cathryn Ellis**, Associate Professor of Teaching Emeritus, Family Practice

For 15 years, I have studied and worked in maternity care across urban, rural and remote areas of Nepal, some of which are only accessible by foot. I carried out my doctoral research in remote areas, walking through mountainous terrain to collect data and learn about the people and their challenges in reproductive health.

As faculty of the UBC Midwifery program I had the opportunity to share with UBC students ways that rural Nepalese nurses and midwives work, while engaging in bi-lateral teaching and learning. We worked with nurses, midwives, physicians, and community health care workers. Our students learned the challenges of providing compassionate and culturally appropriate care in remote areas while providing midwifery updates to our Nepalese colleagues and community members. Our team travelling to the remote areas included two UBC instructors, a Nepalese co-trainer and two indigenous guides/translators.

A unique aspect of this work was learning about the role of the shaman in health care and in maternal infant care. Mothers and families in remote areas frequently consult shaman. The students and I were interested to find out



Above: Cathy and guide Raj talking with local shaman/weaver (2024). Photo M. Rostoker M.D.

how they became shaman and their role in spiritual and psychological health. Many of the female shaman were also weavers, weaving cloth from nettle plants.

Thanks to an Emeritus College subsidy, I was able to attend an Anthropology Conference in Santa Fe New Mexico. I had been invited to join a group of health care workers and anthropologists to share my experiences in a session titled: Integrated Learning of Traditional Practices and Biomedical Care: Perspectives from Four Cultures. My presentation focused on the integration of traditional and medical practitioners in the promotion of safe birth in remote Nepal.

I hope to be able to continue with my academic and community teaching with Nepalese colleagues in future years. Thank you Emeritus College for supporting this work.



Above: Birth simulation with students and local nurse (2024) Photo M. Rostoker M.D.

### Subsidy Applications Open!

The deadline to submit a subsidy application is July 17, 2025. More details on the [Emeritus College website](#).





Above: The rich greens of Pitt Addington Marsh evoke a sense of peace and calm, especially with overcast lighting and a motionless reflecting pond. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group.

## News from the Special Interest Groups

### POETIC ODYSSEYS GROUP

**Philip Resnick**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Political Science

The Poetic Odyssey group continues to hold two online Zoom meetings each term. Its members regularly exchange poems with one another, contribute poems to the Emeritus Newsletter and in four cases have published poems elsewhere.

Sandra Bruneau, a poem in [The Madrona Project: Empty Bowl Cookbook, v. IV, no 1](#) and another in the anthology [City Poems, 2022-2024](#).

Mike Healey, two poems in the Sunshine Coast literary journal [Not an Island](#) in the past six months.

George McWhirter, two poems in the Londonderry journal [Abridged](#); two stories in [SubTerrain](#) along with an interview; three poems in an online magazine [Bristlecone, November, 2024](#).

Philip Resnick, eleven poems in an online Canadian journal, [Inroads, #56, Winter-Spring 2025](#).

### EASY RIDERS

**Graeme Wynn**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Geography

#### RIDERS TAKING IT EASY UNTIL THE SPRING

The UBC Emeritus College social cycling group, the “Easy Riders” will venture forth once more in the spring, when the weather warms, and the rains

POEM SUBMITTED BY  
**MICHAEL HEALEY**, PROFESSOR EMERITUS,  
RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

### *Champagne*

He left her at her door with only a gentle brush of his lips on her cheek. Barely a kiss at all. She was still feeling noodgy as she fumbled with the lock. Snow had begun to fall. Two wet flakes settled on her cheeks and made tear streaks across her makeup as they melted. Going inside she closed the door a little more firmly than necessary, removed her imitation lambswool coat and hung it on the coat rack, ignoring the pearls of melted snow on the shoulders. Was he going gallionic on her? She had to admit she had not been the best of company this evening. She had not told him, and the worry made her feel even more shirty. She went to the bathroom and began to draw a bath. While the tub filled, she opened a bottle of champagne and poured a glass, watching the perlage start to rise. She stopped the water, dropped her clothes, and took a sip of champagne, feeling its effervescence in her nose. She put a bath bomb and some oil into the bath and slipped into the fragrant, rising foam. How exactly did he feel about her. He said he loved her alterity, but what exactly did that mean? Her phone rang. She reached down to the floor and stirred her pile of clothes until she found the phone. Before she could say anything he blurted, “Can I come over, I need to ask you something.” “I need to tell you something too,” she replied. “If you get here quick you can dry my back.” “I’m on my way,” he said, “Open some champagne.”





Above: This scene of Northern Shovelers taking off shows how much energy it takes for them to get airborne. While relatively common in winter, they are never-the-less beautifully coloured and fun to watch. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus College Photo Group.

ameliorate. We take modest exercise through sedate explorations of the urban fabric of greater Vancouver on bicycles old and new, pedalled and e-assisted, and even “built for two” if any folks are so inclined and equipped. Outings are scheduled on various days of the week and usually include a stop for a snack or lunch. Remember that easy riding is our game and conviviality is our aim. Riding groups vary in size from half a dozen to 15 or 18, and we are always open to embarking on new routes. We neither demand nor expect that individuals participate in all rides. “Come as and when you can” is our operating principle, if not our mantra. Further details of Easy Rider excursions can be found in earlier Emeritus College Newsletters. Should you be interested in adding your name to our member-list to receive notifications about upcoming rides direct to your inbox please send a note to me at [wynn@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:wynn@geog.ubc.ca)

## GROVES OF ACADEME

(otherwise known as a Book Club!)

**Graeme Wynn**, Convenor,  
Professor Emeritus, Geography

## EMERITUS READERS ENGAGE THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The UBC Emeritus College reading group, aka “The Groves of Academe”, has had a thought provoking fall of stimulating reading and lively, enlightening discussion. Our schedule opened with Canadian Timothy Findley’s *Famous Last Words*, published in 1981. This boldly imagined work, part thriller and part horror story, is set in the final days of the Second World War. At its centre lies a purported conspiracy to replace the governments of Hitler and Mussolini with one headed by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Protagonist Hugh Selwyn Mauberley scrawls an account of this astonishing story on the walls and ceilings of a former hotel in the Alps where he has taken refuge. His frozen, disfigured body is later discovered by members of the liberating army. Fictitious characters and events flit through Findley’s pages alongside versions of Hess, von Ribbentrop, and others as the story unfolds and political positions are staked out. Clever, thought-provoking, and surprising, the book offers a remarkable meditation on history and humankind. Our discussion was guided by, and benefitted greatly from, the wisdom of Findley’s biographer, our own Sherrill Grace.

October brought us to *Birnam Wood*, by Eleanor Catton, described in *The Atlantic* magazine as “a biting satire about the idealistic left.” Set in the South Island of New Zealand, *Birnam Wood* takes its title from the

## GROVES 2024-25 BOOKS AND SCHEDULE

Sept: Timothy Findley, *Famous Last Words*

October: Eleanor Catton, *Birnam Wood*

November: Paul Lynch, *Prophet Song*

January: Jenny Erpenbeck, *Kairos*

Feb: Percival Everett, *James*

Mar: VV Ganeshanathan, *Brotherless Night*

April: Selva Almada, *Not a River*

name of a guerilla gardening group intent on demonstrating the misguided wastefulness of modern society by planting unused land (abandoned lots, roadside verges, and other out of the way parcels) in vegetables, in hope of generating “radical widespread and lasting social change.” Their idealism is alluring, but flawed and naïve. Members of the guerilla collective are a rag-tag lot, there for different reasons. Their dream is unconvincing. And their critique of land ownership based on exchange rather than use value, entirely impractical in the face of big capital and its ruthless leaders, personalized in Catton’s pages as Robert Lemoine, an American billionaire intent on the illegal extraction of rare minerals from a national park, under the pretence that he is building a bolt-hole bunker in which to escape the coming apocalypse. The book is open to various readings—including that of The Atlantic reviewer who sees Catton poking hard at “the dreams and pieties of people who believe they can change the world”—and some might consider its violent denouement both improbable and disappointing, but *Birnam Wood* is no simple satire. It nicely reveals the diversity of human aspirations and the foibles of individuals, and draws from its New Zealand context to illuminate the systemic forces that conspire against any effective challenge to the hegemonies of power and the business-as-usual attitudes that are driving the world to what Eleanor Catton’s grandfather, William Catton Jr., long ago termed ecological overshoot.

In November, in *Prophet Song*, members of the group found themselves in Dublin on a dark, wet evening, as scientist and mother-of-four Eilish Stack answered her front door to officers from Ireland’s newly formed secret police. The officers want to interrogate her husband, a leader in the teachers’ union. It is clear from the first that the country is descending into tyranny. Larry Stack disappears, presumably apprehended, possibly incarcerated, perhaps murdered. Eilish and her children are buffeted by anxiety, fear, and dread as the democratic society they had taken for granted unravels. One son joins the resistance and disappears; another is wounded by a sniper’s bullet. Eventually the remains of the family make a harrowing “escape”—but the fate of the refugees remains uncertain. Written without quotation marks or paragraph breaks, the breathtaking text is, by turns, challenging, exhilarating, and terrifying. Ultimately the book is devastating in its indictment of



Above: At Jericho Beach, this double crested cormorant is drying its wings after a session of diving for dinner. This is a great place for seeing and photographing wild seabirds with a dramatic urban background. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group.

the behaviour (the inhumanity) of politicians and “ordinary citizens” with limited compassion for those subject to persecution and violence. The familiar setting helps make the point that political turmoil, war, and human displacement can happen anywhere. *Prophet Song* is a deeply moral call for greater empathy toward those in need and a timely, arresting engagement with some of the most urgent social and political disquiets of our times.

Three books. Three different settings. Three radically different (novel) forms. All thought-provoking and profoundly important engagements with big and important questions. Each the catalyst of wide-ranging discussions, drawing upon the varied disciplinary backgrounds and accumulated wisdom of the “elders,” our members who together make “the groves of academe” a lively, often enlightening, and always stimulating “third place” for the exchange of ideas and the cultivation of friendships. Our spring session began with Jenny Erpenbeck’s *Kairos*; it will continue in February with Perceval Everett, *James*; in March with V. V. Ganeshanathan, *Brotherless Night*; and in April with Selva Almada, *Not a River*.

**WE WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS.** Look for further details on the Emeritus College website or contact [wynn@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:wynn@geog.ubc.ca).



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUP

**Ruth Derksen**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,  
Philosophy of Language

**Nancy Gallini**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,  
Economics

Here's a summary of recent and future activities for the EC Community Volunteer Special Interest Group:

- On January 7 the entire list of volunteer organizations was sent to members of the Community Volunteer Special Interest Group
- The total number of organizations and charities is 124 (with more to be added)
- Since sending the list, more entries and corrections have been made. Thank you to those who responded! See the [full list online](#).

This list demonstrates the wide-reaching influence of the Volunteer SIG. It also exhibits the many emeriti actively involved in the local and larger community.

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Nancy and I think it's time to get together to share stories of our volunteer experiences and celebrate our collective accomplishments! A Wine-and-Cheese gathering is planned for March 5 at a convenient location close to campus.

Please reach out to [ruth.derksen@ubc.ca](mailto:ruth.derksen@ubc.ca) for details.

## EMERITI/SENIORS' SPORTS PROGRAM

**Harry Hubball**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,  
Curriculum and Pedagogy

The Emeritus College Senior Sports Program will return with a weekly schedule running from May to September, offering a variety of competitive team games and racquet sports. EC participants—including partners, spouses, and pre-retirement colleagues—are invited to join, provided they play at an intermediate level (e.g., National Rating Player Levels 3-4+). Available activities include 4-a-side soccer, cricket-6s, as well as doubles and singles for tennis, squash, pickleball, and table tennis.

For examples of EC participants and related performance levels in team games and racquet sports, [view the images here](#).

To register contact [harry.hubball@ubc.ca](mailto:harry.hubball@ubc.ca)



Above: This is Overlord Glacier viewed from the Overlord trail that starts at the top of Blackcomb mountain—part of Whistler ski resort. This view is always spectacular, but especially dramatic when framed in clouds and variable sunlight. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group.

## WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

**David McArthur**, Convenor, Land and Food Systems

The next Wine Appreciation Group meeting will take place Thursday, February 20, at UBC Point Grey campus. Please reach out to confirm date and location.

*How is the BC wine industry (especially the Okanagan Valley) faring after the extreme cold weather last January that damaged most vineyards?*

David visited the Okanagan Valley in the fall 2024 and has discussed the cold damage with various wineries/winemakers. He will provide an update and present some BC wines that stand out for their high quality:price ratio. We will also discuss upcoming Vancouver wine events and the Vancouver International Wine Festival late February. All UBC Emeriti and their guests are welcome.

Contact [david.mcarthur@ubc.ca](mailto:david.mcarthur@ubc.ca) for more info.



## VETERANS, MILITARY AFFILIATED, EMERITI AND ACADEMICS GROUP

**Marv Westwood**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Educational and Counselling Psychology & Special Education;

**Richard Vedan**, Co-Convenor, Associate Professor Emeritus, Social Work;

**Judith Hall**, Co-Convenor, Professor Emerita, Pediatrics

Almost everyone has a relative who has been in the military. Over 250 veterans join UBC as students every year. Our hope is to make UBC a “veteran friendly campus.” UBC has a long history of strong support for veterans through the IVET program. Emeriti can serve as mentors in specific subjects and provide support in other ways to veterans. In February, we will hold a brainstorming meeting to think of the ways we could be supportive. We look forward to your joining us.

Visit the [Upcoming Events for dates and times](#).

## VEG (VEGAN ENTHUSIAST GROUP)

**Elizabeth Dean**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Physical Therapy

With an international team, Professor Emeritus Elizabeth Dean recently-published, openly-accessible [An Unbiased, Sustainable, Evidence-informed Universal Food Guide: A Timely Template for National Food Guides](#). Based on this work, she was invited to Stockholm in December to present at the ‘Conference of Doctors for the Future’ and at the Karolinska Institute.

Over the winter months, VEG shared plant-based

A POEM SUBMITTED BY **JESS H. BREWER**,  
PROFESSOR EMERITUS, PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

### *Rifracimento*

in memory of W.B. Yeats

The fascist thermals rising once again  
elevate the eagle on a vulture’s quest:  
shred our legacies and serve the carcass  
of democracy for scavengers’ breakfast;  
loose the killers, give them tools  
to execute your bidding on the innocent;  
none with better judgement dare protest  
while thugs tumesce with lust for dominance.

Surely a greater crash is coming;  
surely the nuclear codes will come to hand.  
A final war! The end of human plunder  
may come soon enough to save the other life  
with whom we share this small, polluted sphere.  
Bring it on! What we called civilization  
was from the outset doomed, creating horrors  
beyond imagination from our good intent;  
building virtual cities to lodge monsters.  
We thought a better world was in our grasp;  
but every century the beast returns  
to lift its disciples in its bloody jaws  
and set them on the universe again.  
If only this time could be the last.



resources for the festive season which can be challenging, particularly for those who are vegan. Resources were also circulated for Veganuary, a month of reflection of eating patterns and transitioning to plant-based nutrition or augmenting the healthfulness of one's vegan eating pattern.

As a resource to College members, VEG features a 'Pumpkin Seed', an 'Apple Core', or a single 'Veggie Bite' related to plant-based nutrition in each issue of EC Newsletter. For further info about VEG email [elizabeth.dean@ubc.ca](mailto:elizabeth.dean@ubc.ca).



APPLE CORE FROM THE VEG PATCH  
Happy Cow presents their listing of the [Top Ten Vegan friendly cities list for 2025!](#)

### PHOTO GROUP

**Roy Saunders**, Convenor, Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics

The photos in this newsletter were provided by **Francis Jones**. Here he tells us a bit about his career and photography process.

*I have spent the past 28 years at UBC in various roles with the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, mainly in geophysics R&D, teaching geoscience courses and development of science courses, curriculum and pedagogy. Photography has been part of my life since high school. While*



Above: Hummingbirds can drink while hovering; here she's cleverly choosing droplets at the moment they stop moving. In Vancouver, photography can be glorious in the backyard at any time of the year. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group

*never particularly expert, I have always enjoyed both the way it encourages observation and the way processing can fine tune the results.*

*Landscapes and nature's details are my favorite subjects, with a recent focus on birding. I strive to make images that either tell a bit of a story or evoke a mood or emotional reaction, but "pretty pictures" and natural abstracts are fun too.*

The Emeritus College Photo Group continues to meet monthly to share photos and offer advice in a friendly non-competitive environment. All skill levels and abilities welcome. Watch the [Emeritus College website](#) for dates/themes.

Left: Reifel Bird Sanctuary has had a breeding pair of Sandhill Cranes for several years. Staff will occasionally permit visitors to see the chicks, but a telephoto lens helps get close and intimate with the new family. Francis Jones, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, member of the Emeritus College Photo Group.







Above: Yorke Beach Landing. Photo courtesy of Richard Spencer.

## TRAVEL GROUP

**Paul Steinbok**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Surgery

## FEBRUARY MEETING

*Yorkshire's Hidden Gems: The Place That Captured My Heart*

**Andrew Eisen**, Professor Emeritus, Neurology

When people travel to the UK, they usually mean London and possibly Edinburgh. But few if any visit England's largest county Yorkshire. At the time of King Edward 1 (1298) York, the capital of Yorkshire, was also the capital of Britain. After escaping the Holocaust (I was born in Berlin), I grew up in Harrogate, Yorkshire, and went to school there and later Medical School at the University of Leeds. Many people equate Yorkshire with its large industrial cities, which during the days of textile empires and coal mines belched smoke day and night. Fortunately, this has all but gone. Within a few miles of these cities is found great beauty in the dales, the moors, the hamlets and villages, housing history going back to 1200 or earlier.

## MARCH MEETING

*This meeting features two contributors.*

*5 days on a Landing Craft in the Strait of Georgia*

**Helen and Richard Spencer**, Associate Professor Emeritus, Civil Engineering

In October 2024, together with 4 friends, we spent 5 nights on the Aurora Explorer, a 135-foot landing craft that can carry 12 passengers while delivering and picking up freight in the protected waters between Vancouver Island and the BC mainland.

*Aboard the MV Swell—Tour of Desolation Sound*

With **Jenny Preece**, Professor and Dean Emerita, Information School, University of Maryland and **Ben Shneiderman**, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland and Professor Emeritus, UBC.

In 2024 we boarded the 100-year-old tug called Swell at Campbell River to start our 5-day tour up to Desolation Sound. There were ten interesting passengers and six talented crew. We motored slowly past Quadra Island and dropped anchor in a sheltered bay for the night while enjoying the first of many creative delicious meals.

## APRIL MEETING

*South India*

**Nancy Langton**, Associate Professor Emeritus, Sauder School of Business

In January 2025 I traveled to India, to tour some of Tamil Nadu, the southernmost state of India. Our journey started in Chennai, Madurai and Chettinad. Then we drove to Kumbakonam and on to Pondicherry, where we spent 4 days, before returning to Chennai.

Along the way we saw village life, observed activities at beaches, visited flower and food markets, observed rituals at temples, explored mansions from the past, watched basket weavers and people making Kalamkari paintings, and learned how fabrics were dyed for the paintings. We visited the communal village of Auroville and the strange Thennampakkam Village Azhagar Temple. And of course there was food. Lots of food.

Visit the [Upcoming Events](#) for date/time details.





Above: Okanagan Outdoor Activities Group on a snowshoe trek. Photo courtesy of Melanie Jones.

### OKANAGAN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GROUP

**Ian Walker**, Convenor, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Earth, Environmental and Geographic Sciences and

**Melanie Jones**, Co-Convenor, Professor Emerita, Biology

### RECENT EXCURSIONS

The Okanagan Outdoor Activities Group has continued with monthly outings through the late fall and winter. A group of 5 people enjoyed a trek through fresh snow around the top of Kelowna's Knox Mountain Park, on November 27th. On December 16th, a number of emeriti joined Ian Walker and his group of bird enthusiasts for the annual Lake Country Christmas Bird Count. Our group collated a list of 34 species for the day.

On our most recent excursion, on January 28th, Melanie Jones led a group of seven emeriti and partners on a 7+ km snowshoe loop on trails of the Kelowna Nordic and Snowshoe Club, about 20 km southeast of Kelowna. Although a bit cold relative to other days this winter, it was beautifully sunny above the valley cloud. The sun's radiant warmth was easily felt. Although it had not snowed in a couple of weeks, there was still plenty of snow. A great day, with great company! Here are a few photos.

We are hoping for another snowshoe and a cross-country ski trip before the winter is over. If anyone is interested in joining our excursions, please send a note to [ian.walker@ubc.ca](mailto:ian.walker@ubc.ca). We will happily add you to our listserv, keeping you abreast of upcoming activities.

### OKANAGAN BRIDGE GROUP

**Barbara Rutherford**, Convenor, Associate Professor Emeritus, Psychology

The UBCO Bridge SIG welcomes players of all levels for games that emphasize learning and enjoyment. Our current group includes a mix of players who are new to the game and others with more experience. The combination works well. New players can request coaching when stuck, and more experienced players can test their knowledge by explaining strategies and bridge conventions. After approximately 2 hours of cognitive challenge from playing the game, we downshift to well-earned socializing over tea and treats. Meetings are typically twice per month for face-to-face games at a player's home. Our next meeting is Feb 21 at 1pm. Contact Barbara [bjr22@telus.net](mailto:bjr22@telus.net) to join and learn of the location of the game!



Above: Chickadee spotted on the Okanagan Outdoor Activities Group snowshoe trek. Photo courtesy of Melanie Jones.



## Committee and Program News

### GENERAL MEETING

For the second General Meeting of the academic year, the Emeritus College was treated to a performance by the UBC Opera Ensemble. The group performed excerpts from Kurt Weill's *Street Scene* and Nancy Hermiston, Voice and Opera Division Director, provided insightful commentary on the scenes.

The final two General Meetings of the year will include the Grand Opening of the Emeritus College Office (rescheduled from Feb 3) and Dr. Rashid Sumaila, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GRAND OPENING RESCHEDULED

April 7 at 2:00 pm

Visit the [Emeritus College website](#) for more info.

### GREEN COLLEGE SERIES

#### DISCIPLINES OVER TIME: MAKING, KEEPING AND BREAKING THE BOUNDARIES OF KNOWLEDGE

This series, co-hosted with UBC Emeritus College, brings together scholars who inhabit the same academic discipline or field of study, and are at different stages of their careers, to talk about how the boundaries separating their field of specialization from other fields have shifted over time.



Above: Green College Series, Astrophysics Over Time on January 16. L to R: William H. McCutcheon, Professor Emeritus, Physics and Astronomy; Jess McIver, Associate Professor, Physics and Astronomy; and Pedro Villalba González, PhD Candidate, Physics and Astronomy, and Green College Resident Member; and Emma Cunliffe, Principal Green College. Photo by Sandra van Ark.



Above: The UBC Opera Ensemble takes a bow after performing excerpts from 'Street Scene' at the General Meeting on November 6, 2024

### February Meeting: Immunology Over Time

with **Michael Gold**, Professor, Microbiology & Immunology; **Maria Tokuyama**, Assistant Professor, Microbiology & Immunology; **Erin Evans**, Microbiology & Immunology, and Green College Resident Member; **Tom Worthington**, Microbiology & Immunology, and Green College Resident Member

### March Meeting: Law Over Time

**Susan Boyd**, Professor Emerita, Law; **Fiona Kelly**, Assistant Professor, Law; and **Régine Tremblay**, Associate Professor, Law

### April Meeting: Anthropology Over Time

**Patricia Shaw**, Professor Emerita, Anthropology; **Gaston Gordillo**, Professor, Anthropology; **Kelly Thomas**, PhD Student, Anthropology, and a Resident Member of Green College

For more information and up-to-date dates and times please visit the [Emeritus College website](#).

### PHILOSOPHERS' CAFE

**Nichola Hall**, Continuing Studies

#### DO WE NEED THE CBC?

Pierre Poilievre is campaigning to bring down the current government. About the only concrete policy he has so far proposed is to "defund the CBC". The new CBC president has said that defunding would cripple the broadcaster, and that the CBC is facing an "existential threat". How do YOU feel about the CBC and its role in a world now dominated by "on-line media"?

Join us for the discussion in the Club room in Tapestry at Wesbrook Village. [Visit the website](#) for details.



## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Welcome to our new series about Emeritus College philanthropists, the people who give and why. In this issue, we feature **Bob Armstrong**, who currently chairs the College Development Committee.

### THE EMERITUS COLLEGE NEEDS YOU!

What comes to mind when you think of philanthropy? You may already support causes you care about, whether that's your alma mater, your scholarly discipline, or your local food bank. But did you know the Emeritus College can accept donations—and needs your help too?

Bob Armstrong currently chairs the College Development Committee. "The Emeritus College is unique in Canada in that it has support from UBC as an organizational unit. But just as faculties and departments need to augment their university funding with donations and grants to achieve their goals, the Emeritus College needs to do the same," he notes.

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What can the College do with your donations? In a word: more. "Of course we'd continue to do what we do best: provide both social and scholarly opportunities for our members," says Bob. "But we could grow and more effectively draw on our strengths to support interdisciplinary scholarly initiatives, increase opportunity for guest speakers and workshops, provide financial assistance for continuing scholarly activities and better support the range of social and community activities that are important to our members."

There are many ways to support the College and receive a tax receipt: If you donate on April 3, UBC's



Above: Robert Armstrong receiving the President's Award for Distinguished Service by UBC Emeriti in 2024 from UBC President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon.

Giving Day, a \$10,000 challenge match has been made by a College member. (*Editor's note: Matching is only for donations made on that day!*). Of course, you can still donate at any time through the UBC Development Office. Contributions to the endowment provide support in perpetuity, allowing the College to have a strong foundation into the future.

Another way to support the College is through your estate. John Fleming is a UBC expert in philanthropy via estate planning. "Giving through your estate is a fantastic way to support the College," John says. "Not only can you often give a larger amount through your estate, but adding philanthropy to your estate planning can often offset taxes and create a legacy of support for years to come." Bob understands that the College may not be members' priority for giving or estate planning. As he said, "I already have plans to support child health but as I engaged with the College, I saw its value and the importance of investing through the College in those years beyond retirement that can be so rewarding."

Whichever way you choose we hope you'll consider supporting the Emeritus College so that emeriti like you and those who join the College in future can continue to enjoy the many benefits of membership!

Prepared by

**Jeannie Scarfe**, MA (She, Her, Hers)

Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Gift and Estate Planning, Development and Alumni Engagement

**Robert Armstrong**, Professor Emeritus, Paediatrics

## Ongoing Lecture Series on Aging



### HEALTHY AGING AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT SERIES

Did you know about the **Dialogue on Aging Public Presentation Series**?

The Edwin S. H. Leong Centre for Healthy Aging at UBC hosts a public presentation series in association with Providence Health Care called Dialogue on Aging. Each semester focuses on a specific aspect of aging with speakers that cover facets of the topic. Lectures are given online and in some cases, at live events. The focus for Winter 2025 is "Biology and Aging" and January's speaker was **Dr. Grace Park**, a Family Medicine Researcher at UBC who spoke about her work on Preventing Frailty and Community Connectors. An archive of past recordings is available. The Centre for Aging also sponsors a Research Day, which this year is on Feb 19, 2025.

The series is free to all and can be accessed on [their website](#).

A promotional graphic for the "Reimagining Retirement: Holistic Cognitive Health Virtual Learning Series 2025". It features a background image of a smiling man with glasses and a green shirt, with a green circular arrow graphic around his head. The text is on a green background. Below the main title, there are three session dates and a bonus workshop date, each with a description. At the bottom right, there are logos for AROHE and Fidelity.

**REIMAGINING RETIREMENT:**  
**Holistic Cognitive Health**  
Virtual Learning Series 2025

<b>FEB 25</b>	<b>Healthy Cognition: The Science of Memory and Forgetting</b>	<b>BONUS WORKSHOP</b>	<b>April 8: Cyber Fraud and Personal Security Insights</b>
<b>MAR 11</b>	<b>Navigating Change: Strategies for Transitional Times</b>		
<b>MAR 25</b>	<b>Personal Stories: Tips from Retirees on Managing Cognitive Health</b>		

**AROHE Fidelity**

### REIMAGING RETIREMENT

The 3-part series is geared toward faculty and staff in higher education who are contemplating retirement or who are already retired. It is designed to help attendees understand the changes that occur during life's next chapter. There is no charge to attend; everyone is welcome to register. The sessions are hosted by AROHE and Fidelity Investments. Please note: Fidelity will not have access to your name or any contact details when you register for this webinar series. [Visit their website](#) for more details and to register.

Feb 25 Session: *Healthy Cognition: The Science of Memory and Forgetting*,  
**Charan Ranganath**, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of California, Davis



## In Memoriam UBC Professors Emeriti

Ian Affleck  
Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy  
1952-2024  
University Service 1987-2021

Donald Leigh Anderson  
Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering  
1934-2025  
University Service 1967-1999

Alena Branda  
Senior Instructor Emerita of Human Kinetics  
1937-2024  
University Service 1977-1996

Peter Southcott Bullen  
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics  
1928-2024  
University Service 1956-1993

Chiaying Chao (Jiaying Yeh)  
Professor Emerita of Asian Studies  
1924-2024  
University Service 1970-1990

John Xiros Cooper  
Professor Emeritus of English  
1944-2024  
University Service 1989-2013

Dana Virginia Devine  
Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory  
Medicine  
1956-2024  
University Service 1987-2024

Helen Elfert  
Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing  
1931-2024  
University Service 1969-1990

David William Gillen  
Professor Emeritus of Commerce and Business  
Administration  
1947-2024  
University Service 2005-2023

Mark Anthony (Tony) Hickling  
Professor Emeritus of Law  
1934-2025  
University Service 1966-1999

Roger Howard  
Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics and  
Astronomy  
1935-2024  
University Service 1959-1998

Paul Ross McClelland  
Assistant Professor Emeritus of Social Work  
1929-2024  
University Service 1963-1995

C. L. 'Mitch' Mitchell  
Professor Emeritus of Commerce and Business  
Administration  
1923-2024  
University Service 1952-1986

Jack Taunton  
Professor Emeritus of Family Practice  
1947-2024  
University Service 1979-2014

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