



Newsletter | Fall 2025

From the Principal

Fall marks the beginning of a new academic year for the Emeritus College and the College Council is pleased to welcome three Members-at-Large:

- Melanie Jones, Professor Emerita of Science
- Paul Steinbok, Professor Emeritus of Surgery (renewed for 3 years, after a 2-year term)
- Lorraine Weir, Professor Emeritus of English Language and Literature.

We extend our thanks to Vijay Verma (TRIUMF) for his three years of dedicated service on Council (2022-2025).

The College has had significant challenges during the past year. Because of financial constraints, the University implemented strict budget measures for all faculties and colleges. Administrative Manager, Saundra van Ark, supported by the Emeritus College Council and the Finance Committee, developed a balanced budget that meets new criteria while maintaining funding for our programs.

We take pride in being Canada's sole Emeritus College affiliated with a university. Our new office in Brock Commons South provides a home for our staff and a welcoming space for our community.

Looking ahead, the College is planning to revise its vision, mission and objectives as well as developing a new strategic plan (2025-2028). A retreat was held in June 2025 with the leadership team, committee chairs and staff. The day began with the group reviewing past accomplishments, assessing unfinished goals, and establishing new priorities. These priorities include enhancing retirement experiences, increasing our profile, fostering community engagement, showcasing the contributions of our members to UBC, and ensuring that the Emeritus College remains efficient, effective, and sustainable. A draft plan will be shared once approved by Council.

We have notably increased both the number of donors and the amount raised during our second year participating in UBC Giving Day. Ongoing fundraising efforts continue to be essential to support current priorities, facilitate the development of new initiatives and grow our endowment.

We encourage you to become actively involved—whether by joining Special Interest Groups, participating in committees, or attending programs, such as the Philosophers' Café, My Health My Responsibility Series, and our General Meetings.

I look forward to connecting with you at an upcoming event.



Sandra Bressler,
Principal, 2025-2026
Clinical Associate
Professor Emeritus,
Occupational Science and
Occupational Therapy

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From the Newsletter Editor

It's definitely autumn now and we are past the equinox. Time to settle into fall and winter routines. I didn't receive any unsolicited submissions for this Fall 2025 Newsletter, so if you want to make this newsletter even more interesting, you know what you have to do!

We have had two important holidays recently, the first being Truth and Reconciliation Day or Orange Shirt Day on September 30. What did you do to acknowledge this day and what it means? The Star Cinema in Sidney brought in several Indigenous films, which they ran along with their regular screenings, during the week of Sept 29th. On Oct 2, I saw *Sugarcane*, co-directed by Julian Brave NoiseCat. The film documents the story of NoiseCat's reconciliation with his father and his attempt to discover the events surrounding his father's birth at the St. Joseph's Mission residential school in Williams Lake, as well as the efforts of the community to confront their past. NoiseCat is an artist to watch: in addition to the film, I have also seen two other pieces about him in the last few weeks.

The second holiday was Seniors Day or the Day of Older People as the Europeans refer to it, on October 1. Dianne Newell, our representative on EAPE, described her attendance and participation at their very inspiring conference that covered a myriad of topics, all subsumed under the title of One Health and ranging from planetary to bodily health.

In this newsletter, there are several calls asking for emeriti to step forward and contribute to the mission and functioning of the EC. These include nominations for Council and the University Senate. Please consider becoming involved even if it is only in a small way.

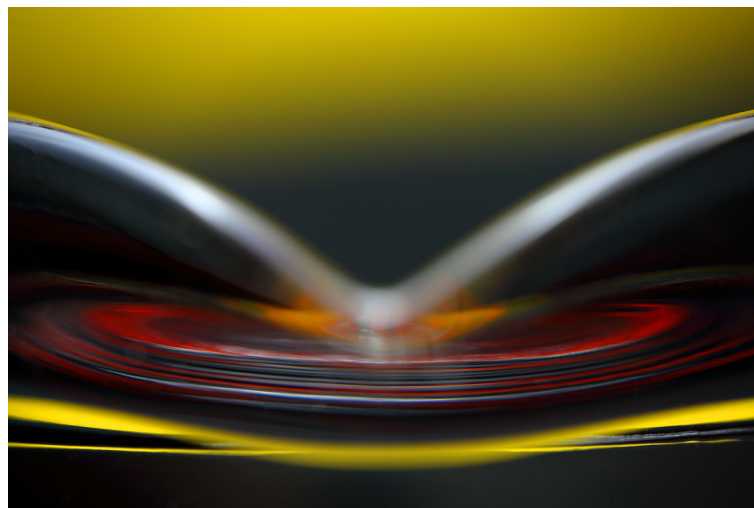
This issue features a statement from the Scholarly Engagement Committee regarding their suggestions for actions that can be taken to address issues regarding diversity, equity and inclusion as they pertain to the Emeritus College.

And don't forget to inform the College about any awards you or colleagues have received and please tell us about your interesting activities. We don't want to only hear about doom and gloom even though it will

soon be Halloween!



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



Above: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group. Brian's photography is featured throughout the Newsletter. Read more about macro photography on page 16.

Sonic boom: This photo includes a common item you most likely have in your home. Before reading on, can you guess what it is? Do you understand how the photo was taken? If not, that makes me very happy! There are two sources of light. Yellow light is coming up from underneath the subject. Soft white light is coming from behind, with the light source hidden below and behind the subject. The black is from a small piece of black cloth stuffed inside the item. Still wondering? It is a glass measuring cup. The red is from the red lettering on the side of the cup, which is refracted through the glass and creating this pattern just below the spout (I had noticed this effect one day while holding the cup up to a light).

From the EC office

NOMINATIONS FOR EMERITUS COLLEGE COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee is working to draft a slate of nominees for the position of Vice-Principal 2025-26, and 3-year-term Members-at-Large for College Council. Terms begin 1 July 2026. We hope to develop a "long list" of members who could be considered for a position this year or in future years, so if you or someone you know might be interested we would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact [Saundra van Ark](#), Administrative Manager

EMERITI, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Emeriti are part of what's called "the Convocation" and as such, can serve on the Senate of either the Okanagan or Vancouver campus. The Senates are academic governing bodies, deliberating on issues of student admission, program content, the learning environment, and the Library, as well as broad academic and research policy, among others.

Senators receive and provide feedback on proposals from the President, Provost and other senior administrators. Senators may serve on Presidential advisory committees for the appointment of senior leaders. They are elected for three-year terms.

Nominations will be sought in the coming months for terms beginning mid-2026. Please consider putting your name forth for this critical role.

If you are interested in learning more, contact [Paul Harrison](#).

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Annually, the College offers two awards. 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. And 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 is February 25, 2026.

[Visit the website](#) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE: ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

UBC Development's Gift and Estate Planning unit will be hosting an Estate Planning information session.

Estate Planning 101 will be open to all Emeritus College members on November 13, 2025 at noon.

Visit the [website for registration details](#).

Let us know!

Have you or a colleague received an award recently? We would love to hear about it.

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Honours & Awards



Allison Audrey Eddy, C.M.,
Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics
Order of Canada

Dr. Allison Eddy has been widely recognized both nationally and internationally for her research into kidney fibrosis and the connection between inflammation and kidney scarring. She is also a passionate mentor who has helped train the next generation of pediatricians and kidney disease specialists. *See interview below*



Ruth Grunau, O.B.C.,
Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics
Order of British Columbia

Dr. Ruth Grunau has transformed neonatal care through her groundbreaking research on infant pain. She developed the Neonatal Facial Coding System, the first validated tool to assess infant pain, adapted worldwide.

At BC Children's Hospital, she was a foundational member of B.C.'s first Neonatal Follow-Up Clinic. Dr. Grunau discovered that repeated NICU pain and stress can significantly impact brain development, stress regulation and behavior into adolescence. Her research identified genetic, hormonal and sex-specific factors in pain vulnerability and revealed that common treatments like morphine and sucrose may have unintended neurodevelopmental effects.

A leader in the Family Integrated Care trial, she showed that involving parents in NICU care improves outcomes. Dr. Grunau has more than 240 refereed journal publications, 35 book chapters, \$88 million in research funding, and global recognition with international awards. She ranks among the top 1.5 percent of cited researchers.

A dedicated mentor and advocate, her work has shaped clinical practices and public policy, and improved outcomes for vulnerable infants and families worldwide. Dr. Grunau loves to spend time with her eight grandchildren.

Interview with an Award Winner

Allison Audrey Eddy, C.M., M.D., FRCP(C), CAHS,
Professor Emeritus, Paediatrics

What is the name of the award(s) you received and when did you receive it (them)?

I was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada on June 30, 2025.

What is the award given for generally?

Considered one of the country's highest honours, the Order of Canada recognizes people across all sectors of society who have made extraordinary and sustained contributions to the country.

For what work did you specifically receive the award?

I received this award for both my research contributions into kidney fibrosis delineating mechanistic connections between inflammation and kidney scarring and for my dedication to training the next generation of pediatricians and kidney disease specialists.

How does that relate to your work in general?

As a clinician-scientist, I led a grant-funded basic research program since 1985 at three academic institutions—University of Toronto, University of Washington and UBC. In addition to conducting basic discovery research primarily focused on models of chronic kidney disease in genetically engineered mice, I became involved with several professional academic societies, extramural grant review panels and kidney journal editorial boards, including six years as a deputy editor. Professional mentorship activities began in my own nephrology laboratory and clinical-academic division and expanded to local institutions and to national and international kidney and academic pediatric organizations. As UBC Pediatric Department Head for 10 years, my work assumed a department-wide focus, including new approaches to mentor and train across the continuum of academic medicine—from trainees to senior leaders.

What part of your work are you most proud of?

This is a difficult question. I do not think that I can single out one achievement. Let me begin by acknowledging

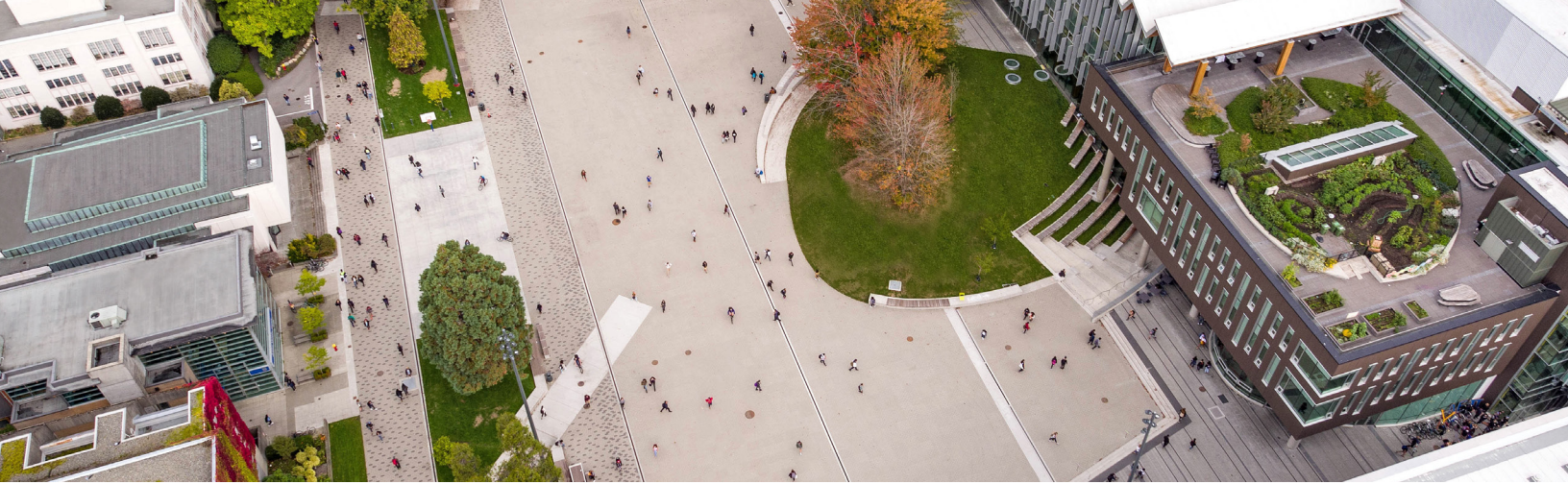


Above: Allison Eddy exploring Hirtle's Beach, Nova Scotia, summer 2025. Photo courtesy of Allison Eddy.

that I share this award with many wonderful people who joined me on my academic journey. I was a respected clinician and valued the opportunity to remain clinically active throughout my career. I gained international recognition for expertise in immune-mediated kidney disorders, especially nephrotic syndrome and tubulointerstitial nephritis.

Our discovery research included some of the earliest studies supporting a role for proteinuria and interstitial inflammation in the pathogenesis of chronic kidney disease progression via fibrosis, including roles for specific mononuclear cells and molecular pathways. It is estimated that ~12% of the adult population has chronic kidney disease, and fibrosis is recognized as the final common pathway of disease progression, irrespective of the initial cause. It is rewarding to know that ongoing research around the world continues to refine molecular kidney signatures for therapeutic and prognostic purposes.

But it is the people I have had the privilege of mentoring and working with throughout my career that I am especially proud of, many who have gone on to their own successful academic careers. I had the opportunity to develop and lead several unique mentored educational programs. For example, in Seattle I led a highly successful NIH-funded research training program for pediatric nephrology subspecialty residents (32 graduates), and a mentored basic science research development program for early career pediatric clinician-scientists (22 graduates), known as the Child Health Research Center. Personal highlights from Vancouver include founding the mentored Hudson Scholar Program in Healthcare Quality



Improvement for early career pediatric faculty (made possible by the BCCH Hudson Family Chair in Pediatric Medicine that I was awarded in 2016) and co-leading the development and 2022 launch of a new competency-based UBC research graduate program in Women+ and Children's Health (WACH). I am also proud of the work I did while serving a 6-year term as the Chair of the International Society of Nephrology Fellowship Committee that supported nephrology training for young physicians from under-developed countries from around the world.

Are you continuing with the work as an emeritus professor?

I still enjoy keeping abreast of advances in medicine. I continue to read kidney specialty journals and participate virtually in weekly nephrology rounds at BCCH whenever my schedule allows. I am still a member of a NIH Observation Study Monitoring Board (since 2014) and a member of the BCCH Research Institute, where I do some work related to the WACH Program. I am an active member of the Awards and Mentorship Committees for the Pediatric Chairs of Canada and the Fellowship Selection Committee of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

What advice do you have for upcoming members in the field?

Be curious, kind, and positive, and search for new ways of solving problems. Develop your own peer support group. Always keep your eye on what counts most—the people, whether your patients, trainees, colleagues, leaders, friends, neighbours, others and the communities and systems that support them. Maintaining frequent and open communication and ensuring a respectful workplace are important responsibilities. Acknowledge and celebrate the success

of others, as none of what we do can be accomplished in isolation. Don't be afraid to take risks when unforeseen and exciting opportunities present themselves. Volunteer for professional activities that are important to you, but don't get overextended; you need to be responsible for things that you commit to, while also ensuring time to look after yourself. Find joy in what you do and consider doing something different if that joy is no longer there.

What has been the highlight of your retirement so far?

The availability of more time to pursue activities, both old and new, with friends and family. We have had many wonderful travel adventures since I retired in 2022, and more are planned. The move to Ottawa has enabled us to spend more time with our two young grandchildren who live just north of Boston.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I am energized and rejuvenated by spending time in nature. Living in Ottawa makes this easy, as parks and waterways are easily accessible for hiking, cycling, Nordic skiing, skating on the canal and kayaking. Pursuing new activities such as curling, yoga, fitness classes, listening to audiobooks and relearning French (especially by taking courses in France!) have been great fun too. I continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a non-profit Artist-in-Residence Program in the Adirondacks (Craigardan) and I participate in local community committees. We return to BC for two weeks every winter to downhill ski.

Interview with an Award Winner

Muhammad Iqbal, Professor Emeritus,
Mechanical Engineering

Note: We would like to thank Isabeau Iqbal for facilitating this interview with her father.

What is the name of the award you received and when did you receive it?

President's Award for Distinguished Service in 2025.

What is the award given for generally?

The award honours UBC emeriti who have "displayed exceptional leadership in volunteer community services". The award was given for the contributions made through the Foundation that I started in 1996 and ran until June 30, 2025. (see below)

For what work did you specifically receive the award?

I retired in 1996 and founded a private family foundation named the Maria-Helena Foundation (MHF) after my wife's two grandmothers. The main purpose of the MHF was to improve the health and educational opportunities for poor children, particularly girls, in Pakistan. I was the president of the foundation until June 2025, but I would like to acknowledge the support of my wife in this work.

With MHF, I raised over \$2.3 million and contributed to the creation of:

- 25 schools (as well as two new primary school libraries)
- 178 scholarships for primary and secondary students—supporting the education of almost 4000 children
- One medical clinic
- A scholarship program, to support girls (gr 8-12) studying science
- A midwifery school
- A school of medical technology is currently being formed.

How does that relate to your work in general?

As a professor, I have been in the field of education for decades. My identity is that of a teacher. The majority of my own education in Pakistan was supported by the community and this was my way of giving back. Having an education opened so many doors in terms of what was possible for me.



Above: Mo on one of his weekly walks in Pacific Spirit

What part of your work are you most proud of?

Being able to help poor people gain an education. All the schools are co-educational and this gives opportunities for girls to get an education, in a culture where they typically have less opportunity.

Are you continuing with work as an emeritus professor?

I pursued the work of MHF from 1996 to June 2025 when I stepped down, but I will continue to support the projects through another organization.

What advice do you have for upcoming members in the field?

There are a lot of opportunities for charity work! You can support existing charities or start your own.

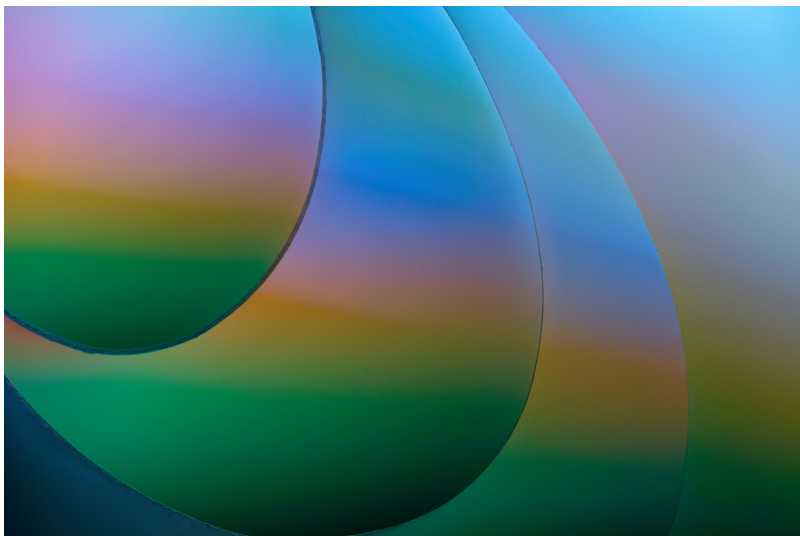
What has been the highlight of your retirement so far?

I did a lot of x-country skiing and backcountry skiing, as well as hiking. I also took care of my grandchildren a lot when they were little (2001-2005). My work with the Foundation was definitely a highlight.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Now that I'm 95, I've slowed down in my outdoor activities. I walk in Pacific Spirit Park several times a week. *Note from Isabeau: My dad has started a walking group with the [Emeritus College on Sept 23](#).*

My biggest wish is to support the university education of my grandchildren (ages 20 and 24). The eldest graduated with a BA from UBC's Geography Dept and the youngest is in her second year at UBC and is hoping to be accepted into Social Work.



Left: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group. Brian's photography is featured throughout the Newsletter. Read more about macro photography on page 16.

Teardrop Worlds: A simple setup, just paper and light are used in this photo. The subject is three strips of white printer paper (about 20mm wide) with the ends collected together to create three loops. This is sitting on edge on a raised piece of clear glass with coloured light coming up from below. The camera is pointed straight down focused on the top edge of the paper.

Committee and Program News

SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jo-ann Archibald, Chair, Professor Emeritus, Educational Studies

During 2024–25 the Scholarly Engagement Committee (SEC) developed the position statement: Emeritus Status and Inclusion at UBC, in response to ongoing concerns of institutional ageism experienced by emeriti members. These concerns, which conflict with UBC's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, were shared with University leadership. The Emeritus College Council and Executive are now working with the Associate Vice President Academic to identify ways to address these issues.

POSITION STATEMENT

Emeritus Status and Inclusion at UBC

The creation of the Emeritus College under President Santa Ono in 2018 is a significant institutional marker of the core principles of diversity, equity and inclusion as they apply to Emeriti. It is also a stage in the University's recognition of the scholarly and community contributions which many Emeriti continue to make, marking the achievement of Emeritus status as a capstone event in the scholar's career.

However, UBC has yet to fully operationalize the core principles of diversity, equity and inclusion as they apply to Emeriti. For example, an integrated effort is needed across the University in order to provide equitable access for Emeriti to such basics as office space for active scholars, opportunities to continue to teach courses in their areas of specialization and to

work with graduate students on dissertation committees, and equitable access to research funding. Progress in these and related areas has been uneven across the University or, in some cases, absent. Even the most basic tenet of inclusion in community, the inclusion of the names of Emeriti by rank on each Department's faculty website (as opposed to being consigned to, e.g., a separate Emeritus category invisible from the main listing of colleagues) is inconsistent across the University. One consequence is that graduate students are less likely to seek mentoring from active scholars whose names are not included in field or area listings on departmental websites. This act of erasure, reflecting now obsolete practices of mandatory retirement and institutional ageism, violates the core principles of diversity, equity and inclusion at the heart of UBC as it is now. While addressing this erasure poses no significant financial consequences for UBC, it will significantly enhance the University's profile both provincially and nationally.

Our society is in struggle with ageism, and the University must be as well. While the founding of the Emeritus College and the elimination of mandatory retirement are important steps on the road to inclusion, much remains to be done. The Scholarly Engagement Committee recommends that the Emeritus College take immediate action to ensure that the University live up to its commitment to inclusion so those Emeriti who are actively engaged in the research, learning and service goals of the University can be fully included in the life of the University. Recognition of the achievement of Emeritus status as a capstone moment in a scholar's career is the beginning of this process.



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Robert Armstrong, Chair, Professor Emeritus,
Paediatrics

THE EMERITUS COLLEGE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

The UBC Emeritus College is now well established as an academic unit within the University, overseen by the Vice-President, Academic. While faculty may continue to engage with their department-specific activities in a post-retirement or emeritus relationship, the College provides an interdisciplinary opportunity that supports retirement planning, scholarly engagements, and social connections through a range of [activity and program offerings](#).

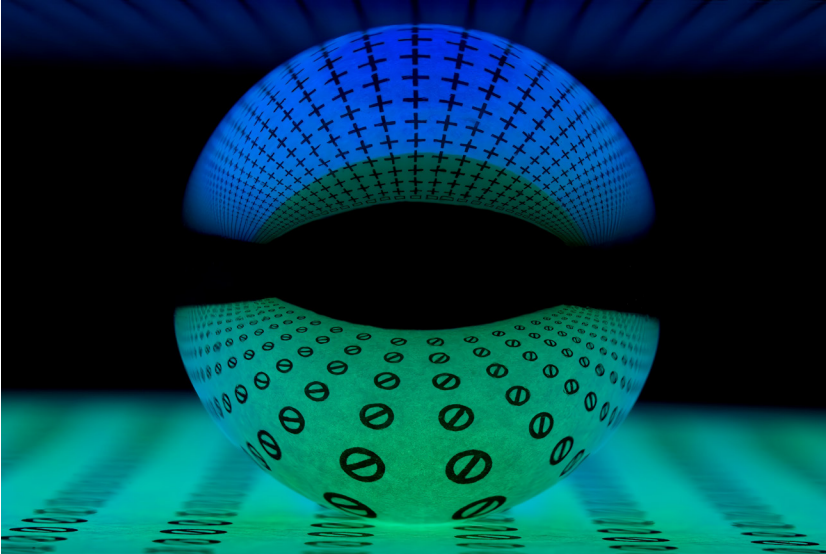
Core financial support for the College comes from the Vice-Provost Academic through the annual University budget process. For the 2025/2026 financial year, the College has received an allocation of \$289,000 from the University for administrative and staff support. While these funds support the base operation of the College, they cannot fund the full range of programs and activities that have been developed by the College for the membership. We have an active community and a committed number of emeritus faculty volunteers who support these activities. The College has sustained existing programs through expenditure of reserve funds accumulated during the pandemic. This reserve will be fully expended next year. The College will have to significantly reduce programs if we do not identify additional sources of funding.

The College has updated the strategic plan for 2025–2028 and has carefully reviewed the operations of the College and defined the programs and activities that will continue to bring value to the membership. The role of the Development Committee is to reach out to the University, to the membership and to other

sources to raise the funds required to deliver on the goals of the College. To sustain these programs and activities we need to raise between \$100,000 and \$150,000 on an annual basis, beginning in the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

We have three broad strategies to achieve this:

- 1. Request to our Community:** In the past, emeritus professors contributed an annual membership fee to support what was then the Association of Professors Emeritus. With creation of the College in 2018 the fee was discontinued so that there were no barriers to participation but an expectation that members able to contribute would do so (and receive a tax receipt). This year the College raised \$50,000 through the generous support of members to the UBC Giving Day and to unsolicited contributions over the year.
- 2. Contributions to the Endowment:** Building the endowment is a core strategy for achieving a sustainable financial source of funding for the College, with the initial goal to reach \$2.5 M over the next 5 years and to grow over time to \$5M. The endowment currently sits at \$305,000 following a \$50,000 contribution from the estate of Thelma Cook. We hope that College members will consider some contribution to the College endowment through planned giving or through their estate planning. We expect the College will not be the prime consideration of many emeriti, but we encourage you to consider it as part of your legacy of support.
- 3. Other Revenue Sources:** The College receives a small amount of funding from insurance companies based on enrollment of members in extended health and travel plans. We are exploring other opportunities for sponsorships and other initiatives that generate revenue.



Above: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group. Brian's photography is featured throughout the Newsletter. Read more about macro photography on page 16.

Eye on the Ball: A complicated setup, including white paper with patterns printed on them (created these in spreadsheets), coloured light from below and from above, and sandwiched in between is a polished metal Chinese baoding ball. I spent a long time thinking about what to do with this subject, how light and patterns would reflect off this spherical mirror, and the final photo came out mostly as imagined. I am not finished with this subject yet, but this is what I have so far.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!

The success of the College is dependent on the extensive volunteer support of our community. We cannot achieve the goals of the College without a sustained financial contribution from our membership. Our fundraising goal is to achieve a median contribution of \$20/ month (\$240/year) which, with tax savings, represents an actual median contribution of \$15/month. We are saying "median" because we recognize this may be difficult for some members, while other members may be willing to contribute more. Several faculty members have already committed to an annual amount through the UBC Giving Day, but you can start your contribution at any time through the following link: [Emeritus College Giving](#)

We are aware that some members think that the University should provide all the required funds to deliver on the goals of the College. The University does provide core funding for the College to exist, but our ambitions go beyond basic services and for this, as members, we need to contribute financially to the life of the College, whether this is through annual giving or to the endowment.

The Principal of the College, with the input of membership and advice of the EC Council, is responsible

for achieving a balanced budget aligned to a strategic plan that identifies the priority programs and activities of the College. If our financial target is not met, then there will need to be an adjustment to the plan, with reduction in programs and activities, to achieve a balanced budget. Our goal is to avoid this necessity, and we are confident that with your support and ideas we can achieve the financial stability needed to assure that the College can deliver on its goals.

This communication is the beginning of our efforts to solicit your views on how best to achieve financial sustainability for the College. Please send us your comments about our proposed approach, whether you think an annual contribution is a reasonable expectation, thoughts on how to encourage planned giving or estate planning, or any other suggestions for us to consider.

Send your comments to the [Emeritus College Office](#) and/or directly to the [Committee through the Chair](#).

GENERAL MEETINGS

The Programs Committee has a full slate of new and interesting speakers for the 2025–2026 academic year. Please Save the Date for the first two General Meetings which will take place online and in person.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Ocean Science and the Economics of Sustainability with **Rashid Samaila**, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries and the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA), University of British Columbia

When: Thursday, October 23 at 12:15 pm

[More Information](#)

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

"Writing through the Flowers": Masked Messages from Soviet Gulag Prison Camps (1930–38) with **Ruth Derksen**, Senior Instructor Emerita, Philosophy of Language, PhD

When: Tuesday, November 18 at 12:15 pm.

[More Information](#)



Above: Clock tower at UBC's St John College.

PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT (PACCE)

Judith G. Hall, Professor Emerita, Pediatrics

There are number of interesting campus developments to bring to your attention.

The St. John's College site will be further developed over the next several years with six new buildings many of which are relatively high rise and featuring many types of housing. The old Fire Hall will be moved to the centre of the campus to be a permanent gathering place. There will be a facility for the childcare of 37 children and a music room.

A dining room seating up to 250 individuals will be available for special events. It is hoped that some of the roles such as hosting department events or weddings which the old faculty club provided will be available through this development.

4300 new beds will be available (1,000 as replacements) of which 1520 will be for graduate students.

The second development which is of interest to the Emeriti is a new UBC Museum of UBC's History featuring our development over the last hundred years. This has been placed in the Alumni Center on the north side and is in the process of being enlarged and possibly finding another more permanent home. Many examples of athletic gear and other kinds of clothing are displayed. As the museum develops it welcomes suggestions for additional information that should be added. It was started at this time since this is the hundredth anniversary of the Great Trek which led to the beginning of development of UBC as we know it

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

David Hill, Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences

WEBSITE REVISION

Thanks to the committed efforts of Linda Leonard and Sandra Wilkins, the committee and office staff have completed a major update to the membership section of the UBC Emeritus College website. The revision is intended to provide a clearer delineation between the various categories of membership. It also offers a more encouraging statement to those UBC retirees who could be eligible to join the College through the elected membership process. The revised website information includes the online application form, member eligibility requirements, and the specific Emeritus College-offered and University-offered benefits provided to retirees in each member category. The new website also contains a tab describing the role of Department, School or Faculty Unit Representatives and provides the names of all current unit representatives that a prospective Emeritus College member could contact if that retiree would like further information about the Emeritus College.

EMERITUS COLLEGE BROCK COMMONS SPACE AVAILABILITY

For department unit representatives, the Emeritus College is pleased to be able to offer the use of some of its office boardroom/kitchen area for scheduled meetings of department retirees or other related organized events. Further details on how to make arrangements for reserving the Emeritus College space please reach out to [the Office](#).

UNIT REPRESENTATIVES:

The Membership Committee continues to seek volunteers to serve as Unit Representatives for a number of departments and schools for which the position is currently vacant. All UBC departments and schools have an Emeritus College member who is the designated representative to facilitate the flow of information between the unit's emeriti (and those in the unit nearing retirement) and the administrative, governance and programmatic functions of the College. The Committee is anxious to fill the vacant positions in the many departments. [Visit the website](#) for more details on participating.



Above: Laurel Brinton presenting at the 45th ICAME Conference in Vigo, Spain.

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, by disbursing funds provided for this purpose. Below are two reports from Subsidy recipients from the 2023-2024 academic year.

Deadline to apply for a scholarly subsidy for 2024-2025 has passed but [visit the website](#) for deadlines for 2025-2026.

THE 45TH ANNUAL ICAME CONFERENCE

Laurel Brinton, Professor Emerita,
English Language and Literatures

A subsidy from Emeritus College paid the registration fees for my attendance at the [45th annual ICAME conference](#) in Vigo, Spain, in June 2024. ICAME, which stands for “International Computer Archive of Modern and Medieval Languages”, is, as described on its [website](#), “an international group of linguists and data scientists working with English language corpora”. The first ICAME conference was held in Bergen, Norway, in 1979, and it has been held annually since then, almost always in Europe or the UK. In 1995 it was held in Toronto, though the scare about SARS reduced attendance. The computer archive mentioned in the name was responsible for the development and distribution of computer corpora (collections of linguistic data available in electronic form) in the early

days, including the very important Brown Corpus of American English and Lancaster-Oslo-Bergen (LOB) Corpus of British English. It is not an overstatement to say that computer corpora have revolutionized the way in which linguistic data are collected and analyzed, and they are the standard of use today in most linguistic research. Since these early corpora, we have seen the development of specialized corpora, both historical and contemporary (such as of medieval medical recipes or Irish English) as well as huge general corpora (such as the one-billion-word Corpus of Contemporary American English). We have a small corpus of Canadian English, the Strathy Corpus, but it is now sadly somewhat dated.

At ICAME 45, I participated in a workshop on “Sociopragmatic Variation in Late Modern English”, presenting a paper entitled “I wonder if and I would be grateful if: The rise of new conventional indirect directives in Late Modern English”. This paper explored the rise of new ways of asking someone to do something (a directive). In earlier English, even through the Early Modern English period (1500–1700), commands and requests to others were typically expressed in a direct fashion (such as with an imperative sentence). It is hypothesized that this directness was possible because of the stricter social hierarchy in existence then.

Interestingly, the most common ways of requesting in Present-day English (Can/could/will/would you ...?) did not arise until after 1900; rather than commanding someone to do something, these forms ask about the hearer’s willingness or ability to carry out an action. This is what is termed an “indirect speech act”. My paper explores the myriad other indirect ways that we have today of issuing requests, focusing on the “appreciative” I would be grateful if and the “deliberative” I wonder if. The majority of these constructions first came into use in the Late Modern English (1700–1900) and Present-Day English (1900–) periods. The use of indirect ways of requesting is seen as the result of “negative politeness” in the contemporary society, in which the speaker tries not to impose or put pressure upon the hearer. The research underlying this paper was based on the use of a number of different corpora and text collections of historical English.



Above: Photo of common loons on Beaver Lake, near Kelowna. Photo courtesy of Ian Walker, Convenor of the Okanagan Outdoor Activities Group.

Prior to attending the conference, I presented two papers at Uppsala University and was interviewed by Merja Kytö about my career for a piece that appeared in the *Journal of English Linguistics*; it can be accessed [here](#). Merja was a pioneer in the development of electronic corpora, being a driving force behind the [Helsinki Corpus](#), the first corpus spanning the entire history of the English language.

RESEARCH ON BACH IN GERMANY

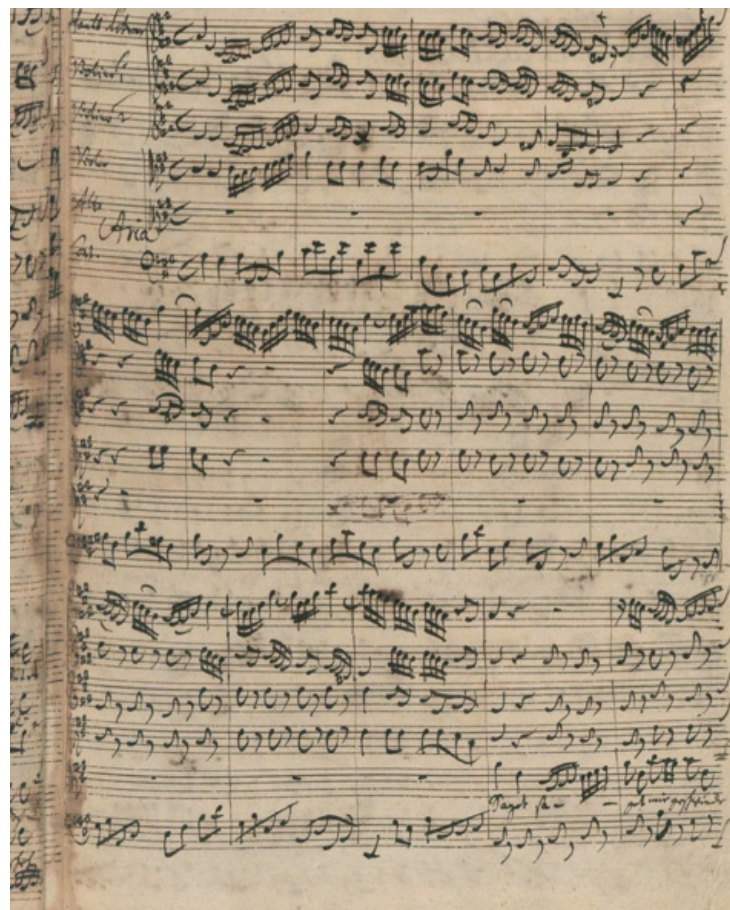
Gregory Butler, Professor Emeritus, Music

I am indebted to the Emeritus College of for funding my travel to, and my stay in Leipzig, Germany for the purpose of carrying out the following research.

The source history of Bach's Easter Oratorio is complex. The work was first performed with its sacred text as a cantata on Easter Day, 1725 but it did not become an oratorio until over a decade later in 1738. A particularly thorny movement is the tenor aria "Saget, saget mir geschwinde." The earliest version of the movement includes in its scoring the normal oboe whose range is a minor third above that of the oboe d'amore. The commonly held view among Bach scholars is that the movement was rescored for oboe d'amore only when the work became an oratorio. A study of an early set of parts undertaken by me in Leipzig in the spring of 2024 suggests that an even earlier version of this movement which has not survived must originally have been scored not for normal oboe but for oboe d'amore. As well, in the Easter cantata a segment of the text has been altered, a revision believed to have been part of the overhaul of the movement when it became an oratorio. But the parts indicate beyond a doubt that the alteration of the

text was made not by Bach's scribe but by the composer personally. It took place not as part of the overhaul of the work as an oratorio in 1738 but earlier for the performance of the Easter cantata. Both findings make possible the reconstruction of the version of this aria performed as part of the Easter cantata.

In May of this year, I presented my findings before a meeting of the Bach Colloquium at Harvard University.



Above: Photo of the music for the beginning of the aria in Bach's Easter Oratorio provided by Gregory Butler.



Above: Phil Resnick "Ruined in Greece". Photo courtesy of Philip Resnick, Convenor of the Poetry Group.

PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ

Nichola Hall, Convenor, Continuing Studies

Join in the discussion in the Club room in Seasons at Wesbrook Village. Visit the website for details.

OCTOBER MEETING

Canada's Response to Climate Change: Where is it Going?
BC's wildfires have been raging all summer, with smoke affecting Vancouver's atmosphere. Danielle Smith's government in Alberta is strongly backing more and more oil extraction. Mark Carney has cancelled the federal consumer carbon tax and is non-committal about meeting the previous 2030 emissions targets. Is Canada giving up on fighting climate change? What are the implications of federal and provincial governments' actions for this country?

NOVEMBER MEETING

A Ward System for Vancouver?

In the last election in Vancouver for City Council there were 70 candidates running on the ballot. Most of them were running as independent, although there were a few parties. It was very challenging for voters to make decisions.

Mayoral candidates Kennedy Stewart and Colleen Hardwick have been saying that Vancouver should adopt a ward system instead of the current "at large" system and are preparing to challenge the province's municipal voting system in court. If a referendum were held, how would you vote, and why?

POEM SUBMITTED BY **PHILIP RESNICK,**
PROFESSOR EMERITUS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Plato's Academy: or the Ruins of Philosophy

As always in Greece,
there's a myth behind a name,
hence Academus, an Attic hero
supposedly buried on this spot
where centuries later, in a public grove,
Plato is said to have founded his Academy.

Cicadas are chirping away
in the trees above the site
in imitation of the chatter to and fro
that echoed here millennia ago.

In the park that has grown up around,
neighbouring residents walking their dogs,
mothers with their prams,
small kids fighting for possession of a ball.

Not quite the search for some eternal truths
by Plato and his acolytes,
but to those venturing here
some distance off the beaten tourist track,
a reminder that the philosophical quest
began in ruins like these.

Athens, Sept. 2025

EMERITUS VISITING SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

A Partnership with Green College
Donald Fisher, Chair, Professor Emeritus,
Educational Studies

EXCITING NEW INITIATIVE!

The College is delighted to announce a new collaborative venture with Green College. This three-year pilot program will extend over the academic years 2025-2028. The Emeritus College will henceforth nominate Visitors who are distinguished in their field and who have a proven track record of interdisciplinary practice or engagement, to be a resident at Green College. Visitors will be invited to be either a Green College Patricia Merivale Visitor in Residence or a Cecil H. and Ida Green (CIG) Visiting Professor. In terms of residence, the Merivale Visitors are invited for a month-long stay, while the CIGs stay for one or two weeks.

The intent is to foster collaboration and the interchange of ideas on interdisciplinary topics with scholars, artists and intellectuals from outside British Columbia. To provide the greatest impact the Visitor's field of interest should have broad appeal to members of both Colleges.

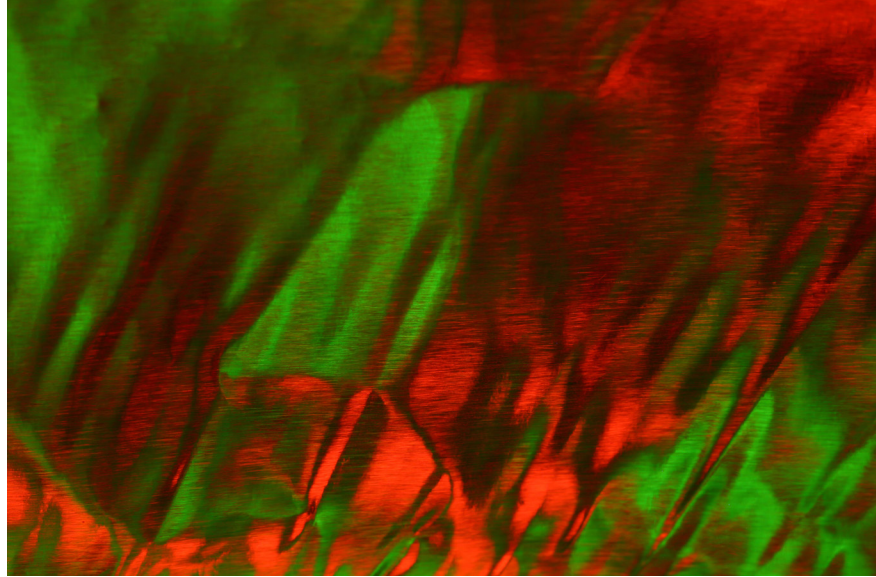
A feature of each Residency will be a public event led by the Visitor in each college. The visit will allow for extensive collaboration with members of the Emeritus College and engagement with graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, UBC faculty and the broader community.

Green College will cover the full cost of accommodation (with breakfast and dinner five days a week in the community), travel and the cost of the public event at Green College. The CIG endowment typically includes an honorarium (amount to be discussed with Green College once a visitor is identified).

NOMINATION PROCESS

Members of the Emeritus College are invited to nominate a Visitor. The earliest timeslot for a Merivale Residency is Term 2, January-April, 2026. Nominators should also plan ahead for timeslots in the Winter Terms 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Nominations will be submitted to the Emeritus College Visitor in Residence Program Committee (Professor Emeritus Donald Fisher, Chair; Dean Emeritus of Arts Nancy Gallini and Dean Emeritus of Graduate and



Above: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group. Brian's photography is featured throughout the Newsletter. Read more about macro photography on page 16.

Spontaneous Combustion: I took this in July 2023 during BC's worst forest fire season on record. Very simple setup. The subject is a piece of aluminum foil, crumpled up into a ball and then flattened out again, with green light from the right side and red light from the left.

Postdoctoral Studies Susan Porter. Deadlines for applications will be announced at the beginning of each academic year. With the approval of the Emeritus College Council, nominations will be forwarded for review by the Green College Academic Committee.

DEADLINES

The Fall deadline for nominations is October 17, 2025. Direct preliminary inquiries to the Chair, Emeritus Professor [Donald Fisher](#):

More information and nomination form can be [found on the website](#).

CORPORATE CULTURE AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Olav Slaymaker, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Geography, and
Frank Tester, Professor Emeritus, Social Work

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CULTURE EMERGENCY COHORT FROM 2021 TO NOW

Since 2021, the Emeriti Climate Change and Culture Emergency Cohort has brought together 7-9 colleagues from diverse academic backgrounds to address the urgent and complex challenges of the climate crisis.

- 2021-22: Convened experts from across UBC to present on climate change from multiple perspectives, launching a lecture series in collaboration with the Peter Wall Institute of Advanced Studies (PWIAS).
- 2022-23: Engaged UBC Senior Administration and the Board of Governors with concerns about “business as usual” approaches, highlighting the need for degrowth, justice, and systemic change.
- 2023-24: Shifted focus to culture and intergenerational dialogue, contributing to the Moving with Storms report from PWIAS and producing the film Voice.
- 2024-25: Produced the film All My Relations, deepening exploration of cultural and Indigenous perspectives; raised the idea of an international conference.
- 2025-26: Plans to secure funding for new films (Limits to the Technical Fix and Grief, Anxiety, Despair, Collective Fatigue and Hope), and contribute to UBC Climate Emergency Week in November
- 2026-27: Continuing intergenerational initiatives, with a third film in progress.

Throughout, the cohort has consistently asked bold questions: How can universities model socially just responses to the climate polycrisis? What can be learned from Indigenous and steady-state communities? Where do we find hope in this crisis?

The cohort’s work underscores the urgency of climate and cultural transformation while offering space for dialogue, reflection, and action.

BRING YOUR EXPERTISE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND CULTURE EMERGENCY COHORT

Are you interested in contributing your expertise to the Climate Cohort? We welcome expressions of interest from Emeriti colleagues.

Read more about the history of [the program on our website](#), and get involved by emailing [Olav Slaymaker](#)

SAVE THE DATE

The Climate Cohort will be hosting a seminar “All My Relations: Addressing Climate Crisis as Cultural Dysfunction” as part of UBC’s Climate Emergency Week, November 17-21.



Above: Make a decision buying cloth in Malawi. Photo courtesy of Valerie White. Read more about her trip on page 25.

DIALOGUE ON AGING PRESENTATION SERIES

The fall 2025 theme for the Dialogue on Aging Public Presentation Series was *Climate Change and Aging*. You can watch archived recordings of the presentations "The Health of Canadians in the Climate Emergency" and "Building Climate Resilience with Older Adults" on [their website](#).

MY HEALTH, MY RESPONSIBILITY LECTURE SERIES

Convened by **Carolyn Gilbert**, Assistant Professor Emerita, Audiology and Speech Sciences

Join us for My Health, My Responsibility, a thoughtful new series of health-focused talks for members of the College. Each program aims to offer insights into an aspect of physical, mental or preventive health—empowering you to take charge of your well-being with confidence and clarity.

ACTIVE BODY, HEALTHY BRAINS: THE ROLE OF EXERCISE IN PROMOTING HEALTHY COGNITIVE AGING

with **Dr. Teresa Liu-Ambrose**, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Healthy Aging at UBC.

In this presentation, Dr. Liu-Ambrose will highlight the evidence and knowledge gaps regarding the role of physical activity in promoting brain health in aging.

When: Wednesday, October 29 at 2:00 pm

Where: Online and in-person

Visit our website for [more info and to register](#).



Left: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group. Brian's photography is featured throughout the Newsletter. Read more about macro photography on page 16.

Above the Melee: After doing a long series of photos over several years using just paper and light, I decided to find a new subject to work on. Photographing paper is a very common thing that many macro photographers do, so nothing new, although I like to think I improved on the techniques a bit. My goal was to find a unique subject that has not been extensively photographed. Many searches produced no creative macro photos that I could find of tin cans, so I chose tin cans as my subject. It has proven to be more challenging to work with than paper which led me to believe there may be good reasons why no one else seems to be photographing them. But I persisted and have a few acceptable photos so far. This photo is three pieces of a cut up tin can, standing upright on a raised piece of glass with coloured light coming up from below. I am not finished with this subject yet and this is one of my ongoing projects.

News from the Special Interest Groups

A NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP!

WEEKLY EMERITUS COLLEGE MEMBERS WALK IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK

Mo Iqbal, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering

Join us every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM for a gentle-paced walk through the beautiful trails of Pacific Spirit Park. This group is designed for seniors and members of the Emeritus College who enjoy nature, light exercise, and friendly company.

We will meet at the Sasamat Trailhead on West 16th Ave, where roadside parking and washroom facilities are available. The walk follows a scenic loop through forested trails, with a scheduled rest stop for water and snacks. Walking poles are recommended for added comfort and stability.

The route is approximately 2 hours long, with mostly flat terrain and a few gentle inclines. Dogs are welcome—please follow posted leash rules.

Visit the [website for more details](#)

POETIC ODYSSEYS GROUP

Philip Resnick, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Political Science

A key new development was the announcement of a \$5000 grant from the EC Council towards the publication of an anthology of poems written by past and present members of the Poetic Odysseys group. The group will be approaching a local press soon and hope to have a publication in hand some time in 2026. This

would mark the first publication under the auspices of the Emeritus College. Details regarding submission will be forthcoming.

PHOTO GROUP

Roy Saunders, Convenor, Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics

The Photo Group continues to meet monthly online. Visit the website for [details on themes and meetings](#).

Brian Bemmels, Professor Emeritus, Sauder School of Business, provided photos for this issue of the Newsletter. Brian also gave a demonstration on Macro Photography to the Emeritus College Photography Group in June of 2025.

I am a Professor Emeritus from the Sauder School of Business and have been a member of the Emeritus Photography Group since my retirement in 2018. My interest in photography started while still a student and was focused primarily on bird and wildlife photography. For the next several decades, I always had a camera and took photos when I could, but with school, career and raising a family never seemed to have the time to get serious about it and never invested in the large telephoto lenses needed for wildlife photography. On the rare occasions when I did get my camera out it generally led to little more than frustration as I could not remember how to use it. But my passion for photography was always there in the background.

With retirement approaching I purchased some professional quality equipment and rejuvenated my

photographic journey. Since then, a great deal of my time has been devoted to reading about photography and studying the work of other photographers. I often feel like retirement has been completing a self-directed PhD in photography. Surprisingly though, my photographic interest soon shifted from wildlife to macro photography. I still photograph wildlife (bumble bees are a favorite) but now do a lot of studio macro work.

My studio photos include a variety of subjects, some from nature (flowers, leaves, etc.) but many include common items from around the house and garage, or the trash. Most images range from somewhat to completely abstract. This also surprises me, as I generally do not like abstract images, but some fascinate me. The abstract photos that fascinate me have something intriguing about them that leave me wondering “What is that?” and “How did they do that?” It is hard to determine exactly what that “something” is, but I try to create that in my photos as well.

Other photographers have scolded me and said abstract images can have no title other than “untitled”. But that seems boring to me, so instead I provide a title of what the image might suggest. For me, photographic rules are just made to be broken.

On June 20, 2025, at the request of members of the Emeritus Group, I presented a demonstration of how some of my studio photos were created. Above is a photo of the set-up that I use. Some of my photos are scattered throughout this issue of the newsletter with a brief explanation of the lighting and techniques used for these studio macro images.

Where my photographic journey will go next remains a mystery to me. But I have learned that learning new subjects, approaches and techniques is what keeps me motivated and moving forward. Learning, and also having lots of fun.

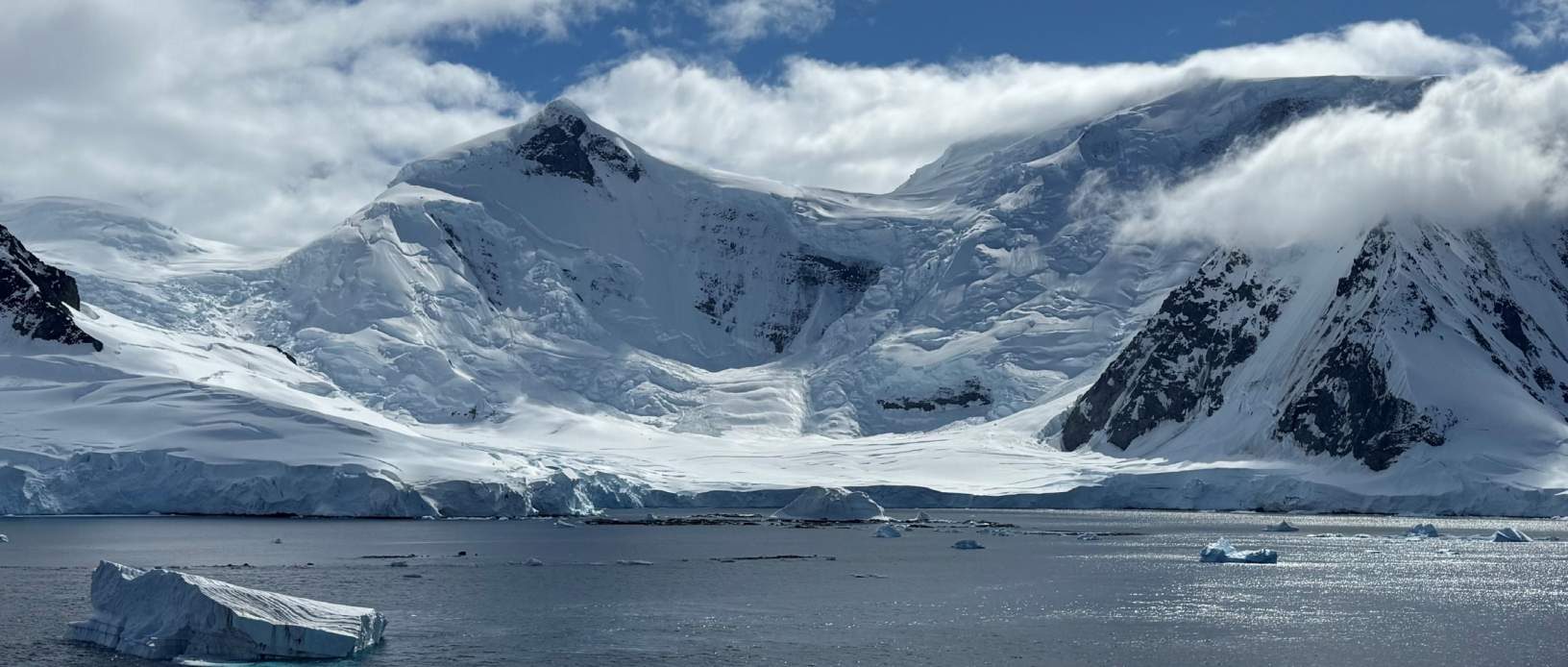
If you would like to see more of my photos, [you can view them on Flickr](#). You do not need to join or create a Flickr account to view the photos.



Above: Photo by Brian Bemmels, Member of the Photo Group.

Studio Setup: This photo was taken at the end of a photo shoot in 2020. I flipped on the overhead light in our home office and took this with my cell phone. While taking photos the room is completely dark except for the light put on the subject. I use a variety of light sources, including desk lamps, numerous small LED flashlights, a light pad and sometimes an iPad. In the photo I was taking that day the only light source was the desk lamp with the light reflecting off the vase of flowers and onto the subject. The subject is some small pieces of broken glass that you can see in front of the camera. The camera is controlled with my laptop using Helicon Remote software and you can see the live image on the laptop screen. The second monitor is used for viewing the photos taken and sometimes doing some quick editing to make sure it turned out as desired. I may use other configurations (sometimes the camera is on a tripod pointing down), but this small macro studio has worked well for me.

I love digital photography. It offers so much flexibility and convenience relative to film. One potential downside with digital, however, is that since the marginal cost of taking more photos is essentially zero, this can lead to a shotgun approach of shooting many rapid photos and simply hoping something turns out. Increasingly, I spend a lot less time taking photos and a lot more time thinking and planning about what photo I will take next. Chaos and randomness, however, are still important ingredients in many of my photos. For example, crumpling up paper or foil first before using it as a subject in a photo. If the photo looks boring, then inserting a bit of chaos will usually help.



Above: Views of Antarctica. Photo courtesy of Jeffrey H. Davis who is hosting the November Travel Group talk.

TRAVEL GROUP

Paul Steinbok, Convenor, Professor Emeritus, Surgery
Visit [Upcoming Events](#) for dates and time and
[Recordings](#) for past meetings.

OCTOBER MEETING

Excursions to Hong Kong and Mainland China

Anthony W. Chow, Professor Emeritus, Infectious
Diseases, Medicine

In 2024, my wife and I attended my 65th high school reunion in Hong Kong and took the opportunity to tour mainland China including Shanghai, Suzhou, Yangzhou and Chengdu. Since I was born in Hong Kong and had visited mainland China multiple times during the early 80's and 90's on behalf of CIDA-funded research projects, it was of great interest to observe first-hand the amazing social and infrastructure transformations occurring in mainland China.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Antarctica and Iguazu Falls

Jeffrey H. Davis, Associate Professor Emeritus,
Pediatrics

Tracing the Shackleton expedition to Antarctica on the Sapphire Princess and then on to explore The Mission at Iguazu Falls, we embarked on a 17-day cruise from Buenos Aires down through the Magellan Strait and across the Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula, then up to the Falkland Islands and on to Montevideo, Uruguay. We then traveled over to Iguazu Falls for a few days to see the falls from the Brazilian and Argentinian sides.

VETERANS, MILITARY AFFILIATED, EMERITI AND ACADEMICS GROUP

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

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

Judith Hall, Co-Convenor, Professor Emerita,
Pediatrics

We, as the coordinators of the Veteran Student SIG, have held meetings with the UBC Provost and Deputy Provost to secure interim funding for the UBC IVET program, in light of the current suspension of this support for Military Affiliated and Veteran students admitted to UBC.

We have also held several planning meetings this past year to ensure that members of the College become aware of our invitation to them to join the EC Veteran Student Mentorship Program – given the interest of support expressed by many of our members and the level of expertise across all Faculties on this and the Okanagan campus.

With Nancy Hermiston, Opera Division Director, UBC Opera Ensemble, we planned the October 15 event [True North Strong and Free](#) in the Old Auditorium. This event honoured the contribution made by WWI and WWII Veterans to UBC. Canadian Veterans played a key role in pushing for the establishment of a university and initiated the Great Trek of 1925, which led to the creation of UBC! [Visit the website](#) for details on upcoming meetings.

GROVES OF ACADEME

(otherwise known as a Book Club!)

Graeme Wynn, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,
Geography

This group meets between September and April. At last report we were midway through the 2023-24 season. In the second half we read and discussed four books: Jenny Erpenbeck, *Kairos*; Percival Everett, *James*; V V Ganeshanathan, *Brotherless Night*; and Selva Almada, *Not a River*. A report on our pre-Christmas endeavours appeared in the EC Newsletter, as did a report on our discussion of *James*, when we benefitted from the participation of Anthony Stewart, a specialist in African American literature, and author of works on Percival Everett.

Our 2024-25 season began on September 22 with Barbara Kingsolver's, *Demon Copperhead*. An exciting selection of older and recent works will carry us, engagingly into May 2026: see below for schedule. Our (fun and) games will continue to be scheduled on MONDAY afternoons, 3:15- [discussion begins 3:30] till 5:00 [with possible 30 minute extra time if game circumstances so dictate]—subject to possible adjustment if required by hoped for guest author.

We welcome new participants. Please contact [Graeme Wynn](#) if you wish to participate



Above: Members of the Easy Riders cycling group stop for a break during their July 2025 ride.

EASY RIDERS

Graeme Wynn, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,
Geography

This group has wrapped up its season till next spring. The weather gods have smiled on us this glorious summer. We had seven rides between early May and early September. One outing was postponed for a couple of days, but in the end all were bathed in sunshine and warmth (both climatic and human). We have ventured forth through Vancouver and into Richmond, Burnaby and West and North Vancouver. Outings include a well-chosen coffee shop or restaurant, lots of conversation, and good company. In a coffee shop in West Van., talk even turned to the joys (and prospects?) of a bike and barge trip in France!! Who knows? Perhaps members of another SIG might care to travel in the saddle and fall to sleep with the gentle lap of water on hull? This convivial bike group welcomes new participants.

Inquiries to [Graeme Wynn](#)

EMERITI/SENIORS' SPORTS PROGRAM

Harry Hubball, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,
Curriculum and Pedagogy

The Emeritus College Senior Sports Program has wrapped for the season! The group will start up again May to September 2026 with a variety of team games and racket sports. Visit the website for more information and contact [Harry Hubball](#) to register.

Groves of Academe 2025-2026 book list:

2025

- SEP Barbara Kingsolver, *Demon Copperhead*
- OCT Han Kang, *Human Acts*
- DEC Malcolm Lowry, *Under the Volcano*

2026

- JAN Mordecai Richler, *Solomon Gursky Was Here*
- FEB Robert Harris, *Archangel*
- MAR Vladimir Nabokov, *Pnin*
- APR Michael Crummey, *The Adversary*
- MAY Vincent Delecroix, *Small Boat*



Above: Outdoor Activities Group paddle excursion on July 12 2025. Photo courtesy of Ian Walker, Convenor of the Outdoor Activities Group.

VEG (VEGAN ENTHUSIAST GROUP)

Elizabeth Dean, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,
Physical Therapy

As a resource to Emeritus College members, VEG features a plant-based health tip, related to plantbased nutrition, in each issue of the Newsletter. For further information about VEG, an inclusive plantbased resource SIG contact [Elizabeth Dean](#). Please join us for 'the health of it'.

ASPARAGUS TIP FROM THE VEG PATCH



To acknowledge World Heart Day September 29th, our Asparagus Tip from the VEG patch features a [short evidence-based video on eliminating heart disease by Dr. Michael Greger](#) (founder of nutritionfacts.org).

Of related interest, with an international team, Professor Emeritus Elizabeth Dean published '[An Unbiased, Sustainable, Evidence-informed Universal Food Guide: A Timely Template for National Food Guides](#)'. Based on this work, she was invited to Stockholm to present at the 'Conference of Doctors for the Future' and at the Karolinska Institute.

Over the spring/summer months, VEG shared plant-based resources related to plant-based nutrition for personal and public health, but also for the environment/ climate and animal welfare.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUP

Ruth Derksen, Convenor, Professor Emeritus,
Philosophy of Language

After much thought and consultation, it appears that as we carry on with meaningful volunteer work, a slightly altered vision for the Volunteer SIG is needed. Based on observations of the past few years and the way participants are engaging in a vast variety of community volunteer work, there are a few points worth noting:

- To date, the Volunteer Community SIG has had relevant and inspiring meetings.
- A survey was designed and responses collated in 2024.
- The data has been tabulated and is [now in an accessible form](#)

This year a reduction of available resources, staff hours and finances for all EC activities has prompted further questions:

- Should the Volunteer SIG evolve to become a "needs-based" structure? Rather than a "routine-based" system? Becoming purpose oriented rather than meeting focused?
- Should we meet to address specific opportunities offered by members or gather to hear an invited speaker?

As an example of a specific need, it is clear that volunteering with refugee sponsorship/settlement has dramatically changed. Shifting priorities and funding restrictions have altered traditional roles for volunteers. International services, once assumed to continue indefinitely, have been challenged. Changes in IRCC (Immigration, Refugee, Citizenship Canada) and USAID have had far-reaching outcomes. Shifting

priorities have also altered traditional roles for volunteers. As a result, organizations like MOSAIC and SUCCESS have directed more of their focus on refugees and immigrants already in Canada. They now emphasize workplace mentoring, cultural knowledge support and language assistance. Considering this example and others, macro-political and cultural changes are profoundly affecting the nature of volunteerism.

To this end a meeting will be organized with MOSAIC to discuss changes to their work. For further details please contact [Ruth Derksen](#).

OKANAGAN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GROUP

Ian Walker, Convenor, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Earth, Environmental and Geographic Sciences and **Melanie Jones**, Co-Convenor, Professor Emerita, Biology

12 JULY: EMERITUS PADDLE ON THE DEE LAKE CHAIN

This trip was hastily rescheduled when the prospect of heavy rain, thunder and lightning emerged in the forecast for our original date. Nevertheless, six Emeriti guided our three canoes past Island & Deer Lakes to the eastern end of Crooked Lake on July 12th. As we paddled we were serenaded by the haunting calls of Common Loons and afterwards enjoyed a picnic at the Island Lake Forest Recreation Site. A highlight of the picnic was fiddlehead hors d'oeuvres served up by Ian and Linda.

14 AUGUST: CYCLING THE FLATS OF DOWNTOWN KELOWNA

Four Cyclists took advantage of Kelowna's rapidly evolving Active Transportation Corridors to tour the city. Our route took us from Mission Creek Regional Park, north to the Okanagan Rail Trail, west to Waterfront Park, south through a series of additional beachfront parks (Stuart, City, and Gyro) to our lunch stop in a new park (Truswell Park) at the mouth of Mission Creek. After lunch we returned to our starting point via the Mission Creek Greenway.



Above: Outdoor Activities Group enjoying fiddlehead hors d'oeuvres after the paddle. Photo courtesy of Ian Walker.

Because our activities are weather dependent, we often refrain from sending notices until just a few days in advance – so interested persons are best served by joining our listserv. Contact ian.walker@ubc.ca or melanie.jones@ubc.ca

OKANAGAN BRIDGE GROUP

Barbara Rutherford, Convenor, Associate Professor Emeritus, Psychology

The UBCO Bridge group continued playing together throughout the summer. Beginning in September they moved their meet up from campus to the UBC Innovation Centre in the downtown Kelowna library. The space worked well, and North and South players got some stretching as well as cognitive exercise because the table was quite long. Six players showed for the game, so we rotated players every few hands, with observers serving as consultants. We debated the pros and cons of aggressive bidding and the jury was split, though everyone agreed that the distribution of cards in a hand could enable a contract to be made even though high card points were low.

We welcome players of all levels to join us. Please [visit the website for more details](#).



Above: Members of the board of CURAC and representatives of other member organizations enjoy pre-conference drinks in Montreal.

Activities of Members

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES OF "SISTER" ORGANIZATIONS

CURAC / ARUCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Joost Blom, Professor Emeritus, Law

The Emeritus College is a member of [the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada \(CURAC\)](#). The organization was launched in 2003 as a forum to exchange information and develop resources that will help CURAC's 40 or so member associations to serve their individual retiree members.

Except for a hiatus during the Covid years, CURAC has held an annual conference that combines a business program (board meetings, annual meeting of members, best practices session) with a one-day thematic program. There is also a combined banquet and awards session. Sandra van Ark, College Manager, and Joost Blom, former College Principal, attended this year's conference, hosted in Montreal in May by the McGill University Retiree Association (MURA). Sandra was the Principal's delegate at the annual meeting, and Joost was appointed to the CURAC Board of Directors as of that meeting for a two-year term.

The one-day thematic program was held in the McGill Faculty Club, which is housed in a mansion built in 1886 by a German sugar tycoon. The theme was "[The Well-Being of the Person, the Community, and the Planet](#)".

Four McGill speakers spoke on:

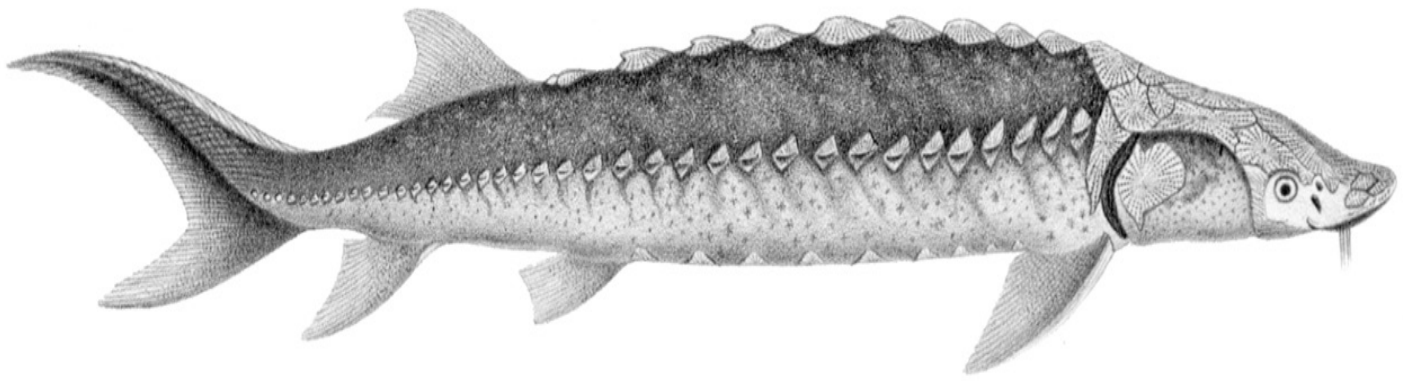
- Smartphones vs AI: Which has more profoundly transformed our society?
 - A Trauma-Sensitive Approach to the Well-Being of People, Communities and Ecosystems
 - Equity and Climate change: Insights from my Collaborations with the First Peoples of Canada and Panama
 - The Age of Misinformation and Disinformation
- Recordings of these presentations (two in English, two in French) are available on [MURA's website](#).

On the second morning, delegates from member associations took part in best practices discussions on common challenges, such as programming for members, volunteer engagement, and relationships with home universities. The exchange of experiences and ideas was valuable in highlighting approaches that work well across associations.

Save the Date!

The SFU Retirees Association (SFURA) is pleased to host the 2026 annual conference for the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) from May 20–22, 2026. We will meet at the Inn at the Quay in New Westminster. *All university and college retirees are invited to the conference.*





Above: 1868 Paris etching of a sturgeon available through Wiki Commons.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN PROFESSORS EMERITI ('EAPE')

Dianne Newell, Professor Emeritus, History and Institute for the Oceans & Fisheries

THOUGHTS ON ONE HEALTH: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI (EAPE), POZZUOLO, NAPLES, ITALY, HOTEL GLI DEI, MAY 27-29, 2025

An intellectually and socially successful [EAPE](#) congress that took place in the Naples area was remarkable for its ambition and scope. The EAPE organizers were equally successful in attracting top sponsors, including the President of the Republic of Italy and the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, who granted the "High Patronage of the European Parliament to the One Health Naples EAPE 2025 Conference." As a result, all the official events and communications had to present the Parliament's logo.

The subtitle of One Health is "Safeguarding of man, culture and scientific activity, economy, environment and planet, and Artificial Intelligence." Remarkably, the program covered every one of the themes across a range of sessions that included: current vaccines and new frontiers in vaccine research; the Silver economy; new technologies and research in alternative energy sources; sane and active aging; planetary health; role of robotics in surgery; Artificial Intelligence: the unknown; water: a primary need; neurological and mental health in the elderly; oncology and nutrition; safeguarding the environment (e.g. the history of plastic and microplastics); safeguarding the planet; food and health.

The conference opener was a large panel on "Planetary Health," which included my own presentation: The Story of Sturgeon and the Limits of Adaptability." In it I mentioned the evolution of fish as a significant and

ancient life form, and of the emergence of sturgeon about 200 million years ago, in the Jurassic. Twenty-five species of 'recent' sturgeon survive today as 'living fossils'. They remain relatively unchanged after having withstood cataclysmic environmental change, mass extinction events, the formation of continents, and several glacial cycles. They inhabit the northern temperate zones of all continents of the Northern hemisphere.

White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) migrated into the Fraser River around 10,000 BP, which is about the time when the first people arrived in the river. By that time glacial waters had retreated and the Fraser River watershed had emerged. White sturgeon have co-existed with descendants of the first humans since that distant time.

With the arrival of Euro-Canadian settlers in the 19th century, reckless commercial over-fishing of sturgeon led to the near extinction of the fish during the 1880s to early decades of the 20th century. Despite conservation efforts, most notably the banning of the retention fisheries and the promotion of a catch-and-release sport fishery on the Fraser River after 1995, and extensive scientific monitoring and assessment of sturgeon during the past few decades, populations have declined to extinction levels. Today sturgeon are considered one of the most endangered of fish populations in the world.

The conference's closing roundtable, on "Professors Emeriti in Europe," included a short, invited presentation "Emeriti in Canadian Universities. A Comparison." It was a practical session with little time and a small audience—many having left for the airport. Expanded versions of the conference presentations, included my own, will be published in the edited proceedings, due for release in 2025.



Above: Photo of Climate March in Union Square San Francisco. Courtesy of Li-An Lim via Unsplash.



Above: Photo of Seniors for Climate group marching on September 20, 2025. Courtesy of Robert Woollard.

SENIORS FOR CLIMATE - ELDERS IN ACTION

Submitted by **Robert Woollard**, Professor Emeritus, Medicine

The Emeritus College is composed of a wealth of thoughtful and knowledgeable citizens whose careers have made great contributions to the Canada we now enjoy. However, we are also subjected to a “polycrisis” that is truly existential—a synergistic crisis of climate, overconsumption, deadly waste management, rising inequity and resultant systemic global violence.

A century ago TS Eliot wistfully asked:

*“Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the Knowledge we have lost in information?”*

At no time has this been more pertinent. College members have contributed and distributed data and knowledge through their careers and now they are being

called upon to provide wise action.

The role of seniors as agents for positive change was highlighted across the Province and the Country on September 20. A multi-cause day of action under the international title Draw the Line led to some 22,000 people on the streets in small and big communities. Seniors for Climate, the national coalition of concern had 16,000 participating. In BC, there were 25 locations where Seniors for Climate connected and rose for climate justice, migrant rights, Indigenous reconciliation, social justice and equity, and peace.

Seniors have resources and vote. Knowing that “Later is Too Late”, we can mobilize, engage, educate and lobby towards a cohesive, coordinated, collaborative and confident voice for climate and social justice—one that does not turn to more fossil fuels and armaments in a panic response.

Prime Minister Carney is invited to attend COP 30 in November in Brazil. The academy owes Canada its wisdom to carry with him. Please visit [Seniors for Climate](#) for more information.

66 BIRDS/3 DEGREES PROJECT

An interesting exhibit is on until Dec 31, 2025 at the [Beaty Biodiversity Museum](#) on the UBC Campus, the [66 Birds/3 Degrees](#) project is a visual and sound environment of Pacific Northwest birds that are at risk if global warming is not mitigated. This study assesses the impact of climate warming up to 3 degrees Celsius on North American bird species. All paintings are by Natalie Niblack, a Washington state artist, some accompanied by their sounds.



Above: Tree of Life tapestry by Terrie Taylor's collaborators. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.

A TRIP TO THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Valerie A. White, Professor Emeritus, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Earlier this year a unique travel opportunity presented itself, and even though we had already booked and paid for a European trip in July, we couldn't turn down the chance to go back to Africa in June. The reason for the trip was that a colleague I had worked with previously, [Dr. Terrie Taylor](#), from the University of Michigan, was retiring and in her honor, the Medical College of Malawi was holding a two-day colloquium to present and celebrate the results of her long tenure of work in the country trying to understand the cause of death in children with cerebral malaria. After the meeting, she had agreed to personally guide a small group of colleagues around some of the national parks in southern Malawi, so this combination of academic work and game viewing was tempting.

Terrie had initially gone to Malawi in the late 1980's as an internal medicine resident to begin a research project at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, the largest city in Malawi. Terrie spent the rainy season every year from January to June in Malawi, when cases of childhood malaria are at their peak, gradually amassing a cohort of colleagues from Africa and around the world dedicated to trying to understand the disease, of which I was one. Her main

focus when I joined the project was performing complete autopsies on the children who died in an attempt to understand the pathophysiology of their deaths. Although malaria has been known from ancient times, the precise cause of death had never been determined.

My involvement in the [Blantyre Malaria Project](#) began in 1996, when I was asked by Dr. Susan Lewallen, an ophthalmologist working in Malawi at the time, if I would examine the eyes pathologically from children who had died of cerebral malaria. She had been asked by Terrie to examine the eyes of children before they died, and seeing several unique features that she had not seen in other diseases, wanted to understand their pathological basis. I was in mid-career at the time and jumped at the chance to be involved in a unique project studying an infectious disease that still killed millions each year but is not seen in North America anymore. As a result of my involvement, I was able to travel to Malawi several times in the late 90's and early 2000's to perform autopsies on children who died in the research ward. I recruited Dr. Katerina Zis, a neuropathologist at VGH/UBC (now one of our Emeriti) to oversee the neuropathological arm of the study. Results of my collaborations showed that there are several unique eye findings that mirror the findings in the brain, including hemorrhages and sequestration of parasites in the retinal and cerebral blood vessels, leading to the major pathology. These findings have been used to assess and follow patients presenting to the research ward to aid in diagnosis and in

determining the severity of their disease. Alas, the cause of death was not determined by the autopsy study, but by cerebral imaging, when that became available later in the timeline of the project, which proved that death was due to cerebral edema.

Malawi is a tiny country by our standards, landlocked between Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia. The predominant people are Chewa, Tumbuka, Lomwe and Yao, but there is a large component of Asians as in most countries in East Africa. When I had last been there in 2003, the population was about 9 million but is now over 22 million. Its major geographical feature is Lake Malawi, one of the Rift Valley lakes, that occupies a large portion of the country. The first thing we noticed upon our arrival in Blantyre this year was the increase in traffic and many new shiny glass and steel buildings. The circular drive in front of the hospital, which used to sport a few jeeps belonging to NGOs, was blocked by all manner of cars just as we would see here. The hospital grounds had several new buildings, including one built by Madonna's Mercy James Foundation to provide critical care to paying patients, something not available in the public system. These symbols of 'progress' made the city seem more affluent, but I'm sure this feeling was only shared by a few.

After a few days' acclimatization, we attended the meeting and listened as one speaker after another



Above: Crocodiles on the Shire River, Malawi. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.



Above: A lion encounter in Majete National Park. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.

praised Terrie's collegiality and spirit of cooperation. In particular she was lauded as someone who never turned down the chance to work on an interesting idea, even if presented to her by a junior colleague, that could be incorporated into the umbrella of her project. In this way she spawned a huge network of research colleagues and friends, as well as facilitating several colleagues' careers.

The next day we set off for [Majete National Park](#), the first in our series of parks. When I was going to Malawi, more than twenty years ago, people said not to bother visiting this and other parks in southern Malawi as there were almost no animals left due to widespread poaching. In the intervening time, the administration of the park has been taken over by African Parks, a South African company, and has been completely restocked with animals that were excess to parks across southern Africa, including elephants, hippos, lions, zebras and water buck. It was here on an evening game drive, that we had our thrilling close encounter with lions. It had been raining during the day, and the guide explained that when it gets cooler in the evening, lions like to lie on the road, where it is still warm. We came around a bend to a group of nine lionesses lounging in the middle of our way. The guide stopped the vehicle, and we just sat and watched the lions in the dim light. After some minutes, they decided to amble towards us seemingly unperturbed by our presence. Andy, one of our group, sprung away from the open side of the truck, which a lion could easily have jumped into. The guide told us quietly,



Above: Men in a dugout canoe on Lake Malawi. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.

“Don’t move. Don’t say anything. Be quiet.” We were all too terrified to talk as the lions surrounded the vehicle, walking right by us, so close that we could have reached down and petted them. It was almost like they didn’t see us, their yellow eyes staring straight ahead. Then without a glance, they turned into the forest and disappeared. We all exhaled as one then breathed deeply, awed at the closeness of these ferocious animals that truly seemed like big housecats in the moment.

The second park we visited, [Liwonde National Park](#), is also managed by African Parks. There we learned that from 2017 to 2022, over 600 elephants, a major source of animal-human conflict, were relocated to other parks in the country, and lions, cheetahs and black rhinos were reintroduced. This park is located along the Shire River, a large tributary of the Zambezi River, and a highlight of our visit, was an evening boat ride on the river to view the fabulous and varied birdlife, as well as numerous hippos and crocodiles. As the sun set, the ride evolved into ‘a spot the crocodile contest’, as they initially appear like parts of dead trees or logs, often at the base of large termite mounds, until they open their jaws and slither away into the water.

The other locations we visited were Blue Zebra Lodge on a small island in Lake Malawi and Zomba Forest Lodge, each with their own very different features from the game parks. We travelled in a small, rented bus with a hired driver who Terrie knew and who knew

the roads well. Driving in Malawi is not for the faint of heart or the distracted as the roads are poor, often shared by cars, buses, cyclists with goods or people piled on, and carts pulled by donkeys. African life is lived alongside the edge of the road in many locations, so great care is required.

We became a compatible group of travelling companions which included an ophthalmologist from Vancouver who had volunteered on the malaria project several times, a gynecologist from Alaska who had first gone to Malawi as a medical student with Terrie, a retired parasitologist from Malaysia who had first come to Malawi to learn how to culture malaria parasites in the lab when the project first started, the female head of a department of infectious diseases in Florida who collaborated with Terrie on malaria research, and my husband, who had overseen construction work on his trips to the country.

It was a trip to remember!



Above: Alex hugging a Baobab tree in Malawi. Photo courtesy of Valerie White.

MISSING MARK THOMPSON

submitted by

Carolyn Gilbert, Assistant Professor Emerita,
Audiology and Speech Sciences and

Nancy Langton, Associate Professor Emeritus,
Commerce and Business Administration

Mark was a much loved and respected member of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti/UBC Emeritus College. He joined the Association when he retired from the Sauder School of Business in 2002, largely because he was interested in making connections with emeriti from other disciplines across the University. He clearly accomplished this; many of us from multiple faculties enjoyed and valued his friendship and his contributions to the Association/College.

Mark became President of the Association in 2010–2011. One of his main goals as President was to continue the work of Ken Craig, who preceded him, to gain recognition and support for emeriti who wished to continue their research and/or teaching. This advocacy (continued by Olav Slaymaker and Judith Hall in their presidencies) led to the UBC research funding compensation currently enjoyed by UBC emeriti. Mark's other main goal as President was to expand the activities of the Association. At the time, there were five General Meetings each year, but only a few other occasional get-togethers or excursions. Because he enjoyed the meetings and excursions and recognized the considerable talent in the organization, he aimed to double the number of activities during his term. One of the successful activities (with the help of Paul Marantz) was a series of hands-on sessions at the UBC Library, in which emeriti could learn how to use the (fairly new at the time, and constantly in flux) electronic library. Another activity, which he hoped would be continued, was a collaboration with UBC's south campus neighbourhood association to host an all-candidates meeting before the federal election. Mark accomplished his goal of doubling APE's activities.

Other significant accomplishments during Mark's presidency included the Provost's provision of the Association's first office and funds to hire a part-time assistant, leading to the hiring Sandra van Ark two years later—and, to quote Mark, "the rest is history."



Above: Mark Thompson was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2018.

Under Mark's leadership, members of the Executive made a list of the many services emeriti provide to UBC *pro bono*. This list was sent to each UBC administrator before meetings with the UBCAPE Executive; the meetings were largely devoted to informing administrators about who emeriti were and what they did for the University. An important innovation Mark made at this time was including the Association's President, Vice-President, and Past President in all these meetings. This is vital because it provides leadership continuity in an organization in which the term for President/Principal is one year. During this year, with considerable work by Paul Marantz, UBCAPE solidified emeritus benefits that included parking, travel insurance, and free entrance to UBC's gardens and museums. Mark was happy about these accomplishments but unsatisfied that they were not formally consolidated. UBCAPE was not formally acknowledged by UBC until a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and Provost was signed in 2014 and not formally attached to UBC until it became a College in 2019.

Mark was an active Association and College member through all the years of his membership. During the years when UBCAPE was managed completely by member volunteers, Mark participated in basic support activities such as folding the newsletter and stuffing envelopes for mailing. (Many members at the time didn't like receiving the newsletter by email.) This involved a lot of chat and storytelling around the table. Mark was the representative to the Sauder



School until his death. In recent years he belonged to several special interest groups of the College, including the Photo Group, the Travel Group, and the Veterans, Military Affiliated, Emeriti and Academics group. As a Past President, Mark attended many Executive/Council meetings, contributing his wisdom in a helpful way.

Mark joined UBC in 1971 and was promoted to Professor in 1985. He held the prestigious William Hamilton Chair in Industrial Relations for much of his career. Mark was a gifted teacher and widely respected scholar who helped shape labour policy across Canada. His work influenced employment standards, workplace safety, and public sector bargaining, and was cited by the Supreme Court of Canada. Highly relevant to us, Mark was influential in establishing collective bargaining rights for faculty at universities across Canada. He was instrumental in establishing the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), which is dedicated to ensuring faculty collective bargaining rights across Canada. These efforts have helped to develop strong working conditions in universities across Canada. He was also a trusted labour arbitrator, adjudicating more than 200 cases over his career. Acknowledged with numerous awards, he was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2018 in recognition of his service to labour-management relations and public policy. Even after retiring in 2002, Mark remained active in research, mentorship, and advocacy.

For a more thorough summary of his work, please see the excellent In Memoriam piece on the [Sauder School website](#).

POEM SUBMITTED BY **SANDRA BRUNEAU**

House on the Cliff

It was an invitation to go inside, leave
the rough weather, sit by a great fire
in a mansion at the cliff edge.

Once inside Cecil Green Park House,
I put aside my desire for the modern,
confiding in ageing wood-marble.

It is silent here, far from the city's
cacophony, its walls, rooms, windows
from a long bygone era.

Peace, clarity, warmth for hungry, smart,
monied souls. Rooms where legal minds
might gather to dine, servants scramble

to review every whim, catalogue every
mislaid napkin, every wavering candle
and silver tray.

There's a door on the left for peace and love.
There's another door right, open to strength.
And yet another to a lounge to lay away cares.

I imagine myself the owner. Here, my family
will take charge, make our mark, transform
law, medicine, academe, society's couplings.

I'll stage parties and weddings, meetings,
celebrations of life, birthdays, graduations,
or for no reason at all.

They'll be grand events: in-house and
in-garden. Or on a balcony overlooking sea
and a city carved by lumber barons, bankers,
legal minds, princes of wealth.

Then I'll return to my modest dwelling, new
roof, stable walls, a fireplace waiting to be lit.

In Memoriam UBC Professors Emeriti

Thomas Roy Bentley
Professor Emeritus of Language Education
1931-2025
University Service 1970-1996

Peter Boothroyd
Professor Emeritus of Community and
Regional Planning
1940-2025
University Service 1981-2006

William Caselton
Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil
Engineering
1936-2024
University Service 1972-1996

Keith Dawson
Professor Emeritus of Medicine
1930-2025
University Service 1978-1996

Robert (Bob) Ellis
Professor Emeritus of Earth and Ocean
Sciences
1936-2025
University Service 1974-2001

James Fankhauser
Professor Emeritus of Music
1939-2025
University Service 1973-2000

Ian Housego
Professor Emeritus of Administrative, Adult,
and Higher Education
1931-2025
University Service 1967-1994

Julia Levy
Professor Emerita of Microbiology
1934-2024
University Service 1958-1999

Terence Gary McGee
Professor Emeritus of Asian Research
1936-2025
University Service 1978-2001

Neil Reiner
Professor Emeritus of Medicine
1947-2025
University Service 1984-2021

James Russell
Professor Emeritus of Classical, Near Eastern
and Religious Studies
1935-2025
University Service 1966-1999

Matsuo Soga
Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies
1931-2025
University Service 1971-1992

Mark Thompson
Professor Emeritus of Commerce and
Business Administration
1939-2025
University Service 1971-2002

Frank (Geddes) Owen Tyers
Professor Emeritus of Surgery
1935-2025
University Service 1979-2000

Gordon Arthur Walter
Associate Professor Emeritus of Commerce
and Business Administration
1943-2025
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The newsletter strives to include stories and information about all types of activities of emeriti in retirement, whether personal or scholarly. Accompanying photos are encouraged and appreciated. If you are uncertain as to whether a piece would be suitable don't hesitate to reach out.

To showcase your research, we welcome short descriptions of scholarly work that are written in a narrative style, without jargon related to a specific field, such that all members of the EC, regardless of faculty, can understand the substance of the work being described.

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