



UBC Emeritus College

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20

Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre
6163 University Boulevard

(Partners and guests are welcome)

Agenda

- 1:00 pm Coffee, cookies and conversation
- 1:45 pm Business meeting, including voting on proposed constitutional amendments
- 2:00 pm **Professor B. Brett Finlay** OC, OBC, FRSC, FCAHS, Finlay Lab/Michael Smith Laboratories, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Peter Wall Distinguished Professor, CIFAR Senior Fellow

Microbes and Their Effect on Healthy Living and Aging



Dr. Finlay will discuss how the microbiome has previously unrecognized effects on human health and disease, and how it affects the body's development in our early life, and has a major effect as we age. His lecture will be based on the information in his newly released book (co-authored with his daughter, Jessica), *The Whole-body Microbiome: How to Harness Microbes—Inside and Out—for Lifelong Health*, promoted as "a novel and innovative approach to preventing and treating disease." In the book, the Finlays describe the microbial communities of specific body systems (skin, brain, teeth, heart, stomach, intestines, bones and muscles, immune system) and how they impact health and disease. They also discuss the microbial world around us (e.g., pets, cell-

phones, kitchen sponges), as well as travel to new places and contact with other people, and their effects on our individual microbiomes. Nine of the top 10 causes of death have microbial contributions. Dr. Finlay will suggest how to improve our diets, routines, and lifestyles to enhance health and longevity, possibly even protecting our brains from Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. Copies of the Finlays' book will be available for purchase after the meeting.

Professor Finlay came to UBC in 1989 and currently heads the Finlay Lab in the Michael Smith Laboratories, a state-of-the-art interdisciplinary facility with approximately 250 research personnel engaged in research activities from animal genetics and genomics, to plant and forestry molecular genetics. The Lab primarily focuses on understanding how microbes interact with their hosts to cause health or disease. By combining cell biology with microbiology, Prof. Finlay is at the forefront of a new field, Cellular Microbiology, having made several fundamental discoveries and published over 500 papers. His lab studies several pathogenic bacteria, including Salmonella and pathogenic E. coli, and—more recently—microbiota. He is well recognized internationally for his work, and has won more prestigious awards than we can mention here, including the Canadian Killam Health Sciences Prize (please see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BrettFinlay>). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences as well as other learned societies, and has been inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. He is a co-founder of Inimex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Microbiome Insights; scientific co-founder of Vedanta Pharmaceuticals and CommenSense; Director of the SARS Accelerated Vaccine Initiative; and Founding Director and Senior Fellow of CIFAR's Microbes and Humans. He is also the co-author of the 2016 book, *Let Them Eat Dirt: Saving our Children from an Oversanitized World*.

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Emeritus College News

Principal's Report: Transitions



While continuing with the programs founded under the Association of Professors Emeriti, we are also adapting to our new role as a college at UBC, and that includes building connections within the university. In that spirit, I just recently sent the following message to President Ono: "On behalf of the UBC Emeritus College, I'm sending warm congratulations on UBC being named one of Canada's Top Employers of Young People for 2019. I note that UBC has received this recognition for seven consecutive years and is the only post-secondary institution to make the list. Of all the recognitions UBC receives, this particular one seems very special indeed."

President Santo Ono will be participating in our celebratory event to mark the founding of the Emeritus College, 11-12 April: a symposium with invited panelists and speakers, "Scholarship and the Future University". Meanwhile, one of our leading members, Judy Hall, has organized a networking lunch meeting of senior (65 and older) PhD students, to be hosted by the College. This is a very innovative attempt at outreach, but one that is not atypical of UBC Emeriti. As we complete discussions with the Provost on Terms of Reference for the College, something that our Vice-Principal and other dedicated Emeriti have worked away at during my absence last fall, we inch ever closer to our goal for the past few years: to become a permanent, special part of UBC.

—Dianne Newell

Report on November 2018 General Meeting



On November 21, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, **Phil Gregory** presented a fascinating talk, sharing his 3-plus year journey studying conventional agriculture, soil biology, desertification, and animal grazing in an effort to understand and confront the problem of the world-wide decline in soil quality. Professor Gregory presented compelling evidence to support his claim that falling crop yields, and desertification of formerly productive farm land, are linked to farming practices such as deep ploughing, the application of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, and the growing of monocultures that destroy soil structure built up over the centuries by natural processes. A by-product of these processes is a huge

reduction in the capacity of soil to retain carbon dioxide, contributing to the greenhouse gas problem. His recommendation—return to regenerative cropping and grazing practices. A YouTube version of his presentation is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWILIYSf5ts>.

Microbes are the secret behind healthy soil.

Each teaspoon of healthy soil contains as many microbes as the population of humans on earth.



Proposed Constitutional Amendments at General Meeting on February 20, 2019

At its meeting on December 4, 2018, the Executive of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti approved a motion to submit a proposed Constitutional Amendment, and a motion to dissolve the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti, for consideration at the General Meeting on February 20, 2019.

Clause 7.1 and 7.2 of our Constitution state that:

"The Association may be dissolved if a proposed Constitutional Amendment to this effect is passed by the Executive and approved at an Annual General Meeting."

and

"In the event that the Association is dissolved through a constitutional amendment proposed by the Executive and approved at an Annual General Meeting, all of its assets and accumulated income will be transferred to one or more University of British Columbia units or organizations (named in that amendment) that would provide direct or indirect recognition of the contributions of its emeritus faculty."

The first motion to amend is "that the term 'annual' be removed from clause 7.1 and 7.2."

The second motion to amend is "that the Association be dissolved and that all of its assets and accumulated income be transferred to the UBC Emeritus College."

Rationale for the Amendments

At the Annual General Meeting of April 26, 2017, the membership of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti approved in principle the proposal to establish an Emeritus College at UBC. On May 16, 2018, UBC Senate approved the proposal to establish a UBC Emeritus College. In the proposal it was stated that if the proposal was approved, "the function and governance of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti (UBCAPE) will be merged into the Emeritus College and its operational units moved to governance by the College."

Procedures for Amending the Constitution

Clause 6.1 states: "The Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting of the Association. Members must be provided in writing with the proposed amendment at least 14 days prior to the General Meeting."

Clause 6.2 states: "A motion to amend the Constitution must be considered by the Executive and passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at such a General Meeting of the Association."

The full text of our Constitution may be found on our website at:

<http://www.emeriti.ubc.ca/constitution>



Celebratory lunch following the first official meeting of the UBC Emeritus College Council. Note: members paid for their own lunches.

Informational Meeting on Extended Health and Travel Insurance

A meeting to discuss extended health and travel insurance has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 27, 2:30-4:30 pm** in Michael Smith MSL 102 (Auditorium). Representatives from UBC/Sun Life, Johnson, and RTO will be available to respond to any questions you might have about the insurance plans that are available to you.

This meeting will provide an update and refresher on the key features of the insurance plans and their comparative strengths and weaknesses. It should be of special interest to individuals whose health or personal circumstances have recently changed, to those approaching their mid-seventies (when the cost of stand-alone travel insurance jumps significantly), to those who would like to know more about the comparative advantages of the Johnson and RTO plans, and to faculty still employed by UBC who are approaching retirement or the cessation of regular UBC insurance at age 72.

A newly updated and expanded version of the Emeritus College’s user-friendly guide to insurance, “Choosing Extended Health and Travel Insurance to Meet Your Specific Needs,” is available on our website, www.emeriti.ubc.ca. You can read and/or print it by going to our website and clicking on “Benefits”. You may find it useful to have a look at this report prior to the meeting on February 27.

The report discusses the coverage, strengths, limitations, and costs of the four plans that are available to all UBC emeriti, members of the Emeritus College, and UBC faculty members approaching retirement. The plans are:

- **UBC/Sun Life plan** (UBC RSB Extended Health Care Plan)
- **MEDOC plan** (MEDOC Travel Insurance plan)
- **Johnson plan** (Johnson EHC and Prestige Travel plan)
- **RTO plan** (RTO/ERO EHC plan).



Subsidy for Continuing Scholarly Activities

The Emeritus College invites applications for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Emeriti while conducting Scholarly Activities during the academic year 2018-2019. Remember to save your receipts for research expenses for which you have not been able to be, or have not been, reimbursed. The deadline for submission of receipts is July 15, 2019, but please submit earlier if you have completed the activity before then. Information and forms are available on the Association website: <https://www.emeriti.ubc.ca/subsidy2019>

If you have questions, please contact UBCAPE Administrator, Sandra van Ark, admin@emeriti.ubc.ca.

Help Wanted: Faculty of Graduate Studies



Robyn Starkey, UBC's Doctoral Exams Coordinator, is looking to expand the roster of potential participants in Doctoral Examinations. Doctoral Exams currently has many connections with Emeriti, who are valuable members of examining committees in a variety of roles. One of their biggest challenges is finding Chairs for exams, and Emeriti are particularly important in this role, because they bring a wealth of institutional experience, which helps to ensure a continued high standard in the conduct of doctoral examinations. They are always looking for Chairs who might have a range of interests and skills outside their original research discipline—perhaps a secondary research interest, or a skill like a second language. It is helpful if people who are already on their list also update them about their interests and activities. If you have an interest in chairing, or would like to update your profile, please contact Robyn at robyn.starkey@ubc.ca.

Boye Ahlborn Endowment for the Engineering Physics Project Lab



A major fundraising campaign has been launched to provide an endowment for the Engineering Physics Project Lab. The endowment is named in honour of Professor Emeritus of Physics & Astronomy, **Boye Ahlborn**, who founded the lab 40 years ago. The campaign was started by a gift of \$250,000 from Scott Phillips, a former Engineering Physics Graduate.

Scott Phillips has committed another \$250,000 to match donations to the endowment. Those wishing to donate should visit <https://support.ubc.ca/projects/boye-ahlborn-endowment-for-the-engineering-physics-project-lab/>, which contains a DONATE button.

Lost & Found(?)

The Emeritus College is seeking contact information for the following UBC emeriti. (Retirement dates are in parentheses.) If you can help, please contact Sandra van Ark (admin@emeriti.ubc.ca).

Nadia Abu-Zahra (2002)	Assistant Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Sociology
Anne Anthony (2003)	Senior Instructor Emerita of Curriculum Studies
Victoria Bernstein (2006)	Clinical Professor Emerita of Medicine
D. Bethune-Johnson (1984)	Assistant Professor Emerita of Social and Educational Studies
A. G. Birkett (1974)	Professor Emerita of Education
Bart Van Der Kamp (2007)	Professor Emeritus of Forest Sciences
Marcia Boyd (2001)	Professor Emerita of Oral Health Sciences
Ann Curry (2011)	Professor Emeritus of Library, Archival and Information Studies
Barbara Olson (2004)	Clinical Assistant Professor Emerita of Anaesthesia
Anne Tilley (1994)	Associate Professor Emerita of Human Kinetics

Emeritus College Activity Groups

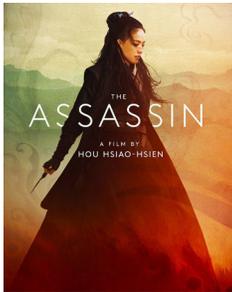
Emeritus College Film Group

Series Eight – China: Ancient and Modern



China has a long and substantial history of filmmaking, ranging across both popular and art film forms. Film production has developed distinctly in three areas of the region: Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China but themes and styles overlap among the three. The Hong Kong film industry is known for its martial arts action films, but many prominent directors from other areas of the region have tried their hand at this quintessentially Chinese genre, including, recently, Taiwan art film master Hou Hsiao-Hsien, often regarded as one of the greatest contemporary filmmakers. In contrast, underrated Hong Kong filmmaker Ann Hui has focused on the ordinary lives of Hong Kong residents, although she has recently turned to historical epics. Coming from the more

remote northern China region of Shanxi, Jia Zhang-ke has become an internationally lauded director, focusing on social critique of China's rapidly advancing modernity.



Jan. 22 – Assassin (2015) by Hou Hsiao-Hsien recasts the popular wuxia (sword-play) genre as an art film focused more on capturing the ambience of the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD) in which the story is set than the fight scenes that typify the genre. Retaining the characters and basic plot of the original story, Hou provides myriad details capturing the life of the period (which he thoroughly researched) and deepens and expands the plot beyond the brief original version, concentrating on the Taoist spirit of martial arts and the Tang period, at this point in decline from political strife between the central government and the outlying provinces.

Room 202, School of Population and Public Health, 2206 East Mall



Feb. 26 – A Simple Life (2012) by Ann Hui focuses on the long-time nanny/maid (Ah Tao) of a well off Hong Kong family. Having served the family for decades, Ah Tao suffers a stroke and Roger (the child she raised from infancy and now a successful film producer) finds himself reversing roles and looking after Ah Tao. This role reversal provides Hui not only with the source for much humor but also a vehicle for exploring long standing Chinese cultural values and examining current Hong Kong film culture.

Room 113, Allard Hall, 1822 East Mall



Mar. 26 – The World (2005) by Jia Zhang-ke examines the rapid modernization of China, using an actual Beijing suburb theme park (known as The World and featuring miniatures of famous world buildings) as the setting for the lives of various contemporary Chinese young people arriving in the cities from the provinces and caught up in emerging modern China. The glittering theme park contrasts with the largely impoverished lives of its workers, revealing the huge gap between Chinese aspirations and reality.

Room 335, Henry Angus Building, 2053 Main Mall

Screenings begin at 2:00 pm

Presented by John LeBlanc

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

Travel Group



On November 15, 2018, **Paul Steinbok** presented a talk entitled "Cruising the Mekong River with Viking". Paul's trip began in Hanoi, Vietnam. From there he flew to Siem Reap, Cambodia, to visit Angor Wat, then cruised on the Mekong River from Cambodia to Saigon.

Donald & Lorna Blake led off the 2019 Travel Group meetings on January 17 with an account of their trip to Soriano nel Cimino, a small hilltop

town north of Rome. Their visit coincided with the annual "Chestnut Festival", which commemorates the town's successful battle against an attempt to capture Soriano in 1489. During the Festival, residents from the town's four neighbourhoods dress in medieval costumes, compete in traditional games and try to outdo each other with colourful processions displaying 15th century occupations and way of life.



The next meeting will be on February 21 in the Alumni Centre, Polygon Homes Classroom 224, when **Judith Hall** will talk about traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer. On March 21 **Carolyn Gilbert** will talk about a trip to Sicily, and on April 18 **Joel Oger's** topic will be Syria. All meetings start at 3pm.

Members and their partners, together with guests, are welcome at all Travel Group meetings. Contact Richard Spencer at richard@rhspencer.ca if you would like to be added to our email list.

Photography Group

The first meeting of 2019 is scheduled for Friday, February 1, from 4:00-5:30 in Room 156, Barber Centre. The



theme is special effects achieved in-camera (rather than in post-processing), such as flash, unusual natural or environmental lighting, focus, movement, freeze-action, long exposures, depth of field effects, special filter.

The group welcomes new members. To get on the mailing list for meeting announcements, please contact Derek Applegarth: derek.jenny@shaw.ca.



In Memoriam

Anne Autor	1935-2018	Professor Emerita of Pathology University Service 1983- 2000
Gary Derkson	1942-2018	Associate Professor Emeritus of Oral Health Sciences University Service 1977-2007
Martha Donnelly	1950-2019	Associate Professor Emerita of Psychiatry University Service 1987-2013
Robert Miura	1938-2018	Professor Emeritus of Mathematics University Service 1976-2001
Helen Niskala	1929-2018	Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing University Service 1982-1995
Geoffrey Smedley	1927-2018	Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts University Service 1978-1992

Emeritus College Speakers’ Programs

Lecture Series: My Health, My Responsibility

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2:00–3:30

Where: Leonard S. Klinck 460

Hearing Health: How We Hear and What Happens When We Don’t

Dr. Lorie Jenstad, School of Audiology and Speech Sciences



In her talk, Dr. Jenstad will cover a lot of ground related to hearing and hearing health. She will go through some facts about how we hear and about hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ears). She will also talk about what is known about preventing hearing loss and recognizing the early signs of hearing loss. She will go over steps in seeking hearing health, including which professionals to see and what types of services they can provide. These services include hearing tests, hearing aids, alternatives to hearing aids, and counselling about good communication strategies.

She will show some of the latest hearing aid technology and talk about some sources of funding available to help with the cost of hearing health. There will be opportunity to ask your own burning questions about hearing health.

Lorie Jenstad, PhD, is an audiologist and Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia’s School of Audiology and Speech Sciences. She received her Master’s degree in audiology from the University of Western Ontario in 1996, after which she worked for five years conducting clinical research with hearing aids. Subsequently, she went to the University of Washington for her doctoral studies in Audiology with a focus on hearing-aid processing for older adults. Her teaching and research interests include hearing and aging, hearing aid processing, and hearing health care for older adults. She is currently conducting research studies on hearing aid-related smartphone apps and communication between patients and health care providers.

Senior Scholars' Series: The Passions that Drive Academic Life

The Final Senior Scholar Speakers for 2018-19

February 14: Joanne Weinberg, Cellular and Physiological Sciences



From Basic Science to Clinical Research: A Neuroscientist's Journey

After teaching high school biology for several years, Joanne Weinberg entered a PhD program in Neuroscience as the oldest student in the class. Research opportunities and fortuitous connections with people along her path led her from basic studies on the effects of early life experience and stress on brain and biological development to a focus on the adverse effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, utilizing rodent models to examine alcohol's impact from the prenatal period through adulthood. Her latest research, part of the NIH Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (CIFASD), investigates alcohol-induced effects on immune profiles of pregnant women and on immune function and health of children across the lifespan, a critical but understudied area in the FASD field.

March 14: John O'Brian, Art History, Visual Arts and Theory



How to Photograph an Atomic Bomb

John O'Brian was born into a military family in England during the Second World War, shortly before the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Those alive at the time of the bombings were the first generation exposed to the possibility of doomsday. The philosopher Hannah Arendt has suggested that this generation may be psychologically disposed to return to sites of nuclear catastrophe. It took John O'Brian more than half a century to make the return, and he almost failed to get there. After studying economics as an undergraduate, and becoming an investment banker, he eventually left the world of finance to investigate relationships between art and capital as a graduate student in art history at Harvard. It was only after 9/11, when he began work on the role of photography in shaping a public image of the atomic bomb, that he found himself confronting the catastrophe of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Reports on Previous Speakers

Making Sense of Being an Indigenous Scholar

On November 8, **Jo-ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiem**, O.C., Professor Emerita of Educational Studies, presented the final talk of the Fall Term in the Senior Scholar Series at Green College. When she first joined UBC as a Sessional Lecturer in the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP) in 1981, there were only 26 indigenous teachers among the 26,000 teachers in the province. By the time she retired in 2017, the program had graduated over 400. She used symbols from First Nations culture to illustrate how she dealt with the challenges she faced during her career. "Coyote" was her critical friend—teaching her to challenge academic priorities that were not relevant to indigenous communities. "Eagle" symbolized some of her most significant achievements—founding of the First Nations House of Learning, creation of the first "integrated" child care centre at UBC. "Thunderbird" symbolized the transformation in her career from part time sessional lecturer, to innovative teacher, to visionary administrator. Professor Archibald was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in December 27, 2018. *See page 14.*



Solving Puzzles, Applying Solutions: A Career in Air Pollution Meteorology

On January 10th, **Douw Steyn** (Emeritus Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences) offered a lucid account of his work on air pollution in the Lower Fraser Valley, summarized by roving reporter Graeme Wynn (Emeritus Geography)

Douw Gerbrand Steyn and I joined the department of geography at UBC within months of each other in 1976—he as a PhD student with Tim Oke and I as a new Assistant Professor. We share South African roots and have spent virtually our entire careers at UBC (Douw joined the faculty in geography in 1982). We do very different kinds of work, but I have always appreciated (if not understood) Douw’s high-end proficiency in mathematics and statistics. He trained as a physicist in the University of Cape Town, became a geographer with interests in air pollution and the atmospheric boundary layer, and later joined like-minded colleagues in atmospheric science in the department from which he retired in 2015. At UBC he served, variously, as Chair of the Atmospheric Science program, Director of the Science One Program, Chair of the Environmental Science Program, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and as Interim Principal in the College for Interdisciplinary Studies.

Characterizing his career in air pollution meteorology as a continuation of his lifelong interest in solving puzzles and applying solutions, this accredited consulting meteorologist and self-described “environmentalist by inclination,” who has long worked to improve or to prevent further deterioration of regional air quality in the lower Fraser Valley, began by describing his research on sea breezes. Based on ingenious field measurements collected by instruments attached to tethered balloons, this work led to the development of important universal scaling laws for sea-breeze depth and strength. These in turn enabled further sophisticated modelling of ozone pollution in the Vancouver-Hope corridor, and continuing consultancy and public advocacy work that has seen Steyn give expert testimony in numerous court cases and appeal board hearings in British Columbia.



Douw Steyn & Ian McKendry

Responding to an invitation from the floor to reflect more broadly on his time at UBC, Douw observed that his international relocation had been crucial to his intellectual development, and offered warm recollections and praise for the colleagues, as well as the impressive students, with whom he had the privilege to work, at all levels, in Vancouver. Happily, Ian McKendry, who came from New Zealand to do a Post-Doc with Douw in the 1980s, and returned some years later to a faculty position in the UBC department of geography, was in the audience (and the picture left).

This series is co-sponsored by UBC Emeritus College and Green College and organized by Emeritus Professor John Gilbert.

All talks begin at 5:00 pm in the Green College Coachhouse. For more information: www.green-college.ubc.ca or GC.events@ubc.ca

Come at 4:30 for tea and coffee in the Green College Piano Room and stay for refreshments after the talks. To stay for dinner, tickets can be purchased through the Green College Office—604-822-8660.

Philosophers' Café

Friday, January 25: "Is beauty in the eye of the beholder?"

This common saying means beauty doesn't exist on its own but is created by observers. Many of us feel differently about what is beautiful in art and architecture and music, not to mention the human form. Different cultures have different norms for beauty, and those norms can change over time. The media and the advertising of corporations can be seen as dictating what we consider beautiful. Is there some kind of accepted standard of beauty that everyone can agree on... and should there be?



Looking ahead:

February 22: The opioid crisis

March 22: What is the objective of a university education?

All Cafés are in the Tapestry classroom, 3338 Wesbrook Mall, starting at 10:30 am. After the Café join us for lunch at Tapestry by calling 604-225-5000 or by checking in with the front desk before the Café to reserve a spot.

Emeriti in the News



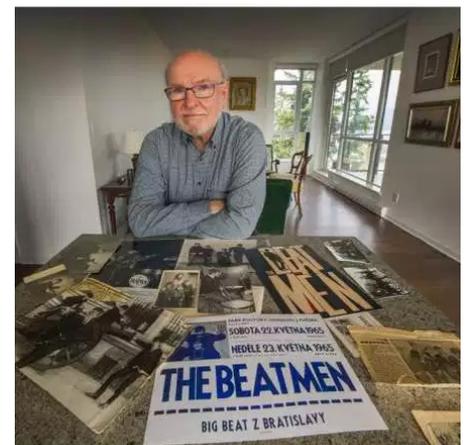
The Fall 2018 issue of *Trek* featured psychology emeritus **Peter Suedfeld** and his colleague (and spouse) Phyllis Johnson and their work on the psychological effects of long-term space flight. The two UBC researchers are conducting Canada's first psychosocial experiment on board the International Space Station. They want to learn how astronauts can not only survive the high-pressure and isolating experience of long-term space flight, but thrive in it.

The article can be found at:

<https://trekmagazine.alumni.ubc.ca/2018/fall-2018/features/at-home-in-space/>



Peter Petro, Professor Emeritus of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies, was the focus of a *Vancouver Sun* story about the band that brought western rock music to Czechoslovakia. Petro (pictured saluting at left) was the drummer in *The Beatmen*, a Beatlesque quartet from Bratislava that took his native land by storm between 1964 and 1966. Peter Petro and his wife defected to the West during the Soviet invasion in 1968.



For the full story, go to:

<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/the-pop-star-prof-ubc-retiree-was-the-ringo-starr-of-czechoslovakia>

UBC Emeritus College Is the First of Its Kind in Canada

by Professor Santa Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor

I always feel energized and hopeful at the start of the New Year.

The days are getting perceptibly longer. Students, faculty and staff are back on campus, with renewed energy and enthusiasm, prepared once more to, in the words of the UBC Strategic Plan, “pursue excellence in research, learning and engagement to foster global citizenship and advance a sustainable and just society across British Columbia, Canada and the world.”

But it’s not only current students, faculty and staff who are working towards these goals. UBC Emeriti faculty—retired faculty members who have been granted emeritus status by the University Senate—are also active in teaching, research and mentorship.

Their continued involvement with the university is an example to everybody at UBC. They contribute by continuing to teach and do research, and through other ways as well. They give much to the university—through their experience, through serving on committees, donations to the UBC and more.

They recognize that retirement from daily university life does not necessarily mean withdrawing from UBC. Rather, it should be regarded as an opportunity for emeriti to flourish intellectually and socially, and to enjoy the many benefits a university has to offer.

The *UBC Association of Professors Emeriti* is the oldest association of its kind in Canada and has demonstrated a 30-year commitment to encouraging and facilitating the involvement of emeriti in the university. In recognition of the work of UBC Emeriti, UBC and its Association of Professors Emeriti have just created an Emeritus College at the University of British Columbia—the first in Canada—that will sustain and deepen that commitment. Officially, UBC Association of Professors Emeriti has been transformed into the UBC Emeritus College (you can find out more at the College website: emeriti.ubc.ca). The university has agreed to cover the College’s basic operating expenses and has already dedicated a new space being planned in the heart of UBC Vancouver campus to become the College’s new home.

The Emeritus College at UBC will support UBC

Emeriti to continue their contributions to the academic mission of the university. It will also ensure Emeriti remain an integral part of the UBC community, with links to their academic departments and faculties that are mutually beneficial. In addition, the culture and environment of the College provide a natural growth opportunity for interdisciplinary projects. In the College, Emeriti will form and strengthen intellectual, social, and community volunteer networks. As Emeriti College Vice-Principal Donald Fisher notes on the emeriti.ubc.ca website, the College has a number of overlapping aims.



- Create a community of scholarship and camaraderie for retired UBC Faculty, Librarians, and Administrators and to provide support for their continued intellectual growth, scholarly output, and involvement in both university-based and community support activity.
- Create a welcoming social and intellectual environment for potential retirees, newly retired colleagues and established members.
- Promote social and intellectual interaction and collaboration among retired colleagues from a variety of disciplines by providing programming and opportunities for the exchange of ideas and to foster and promote an environment that supports interdisciplinary inquiry.
- Encourage social and civic engagement by members of the College with the UBC community, members of indigenous communities, and the external community at large.
 - Recognize the contributions of Emeriti to UBC, their disciplines, and the local and global community during and following their formal careers.

UBC Emeriti are an under-utilized resource. Many Emeriti contribute to the academic work and reputation of UBC through lecturing and mentoring, research and publishing, and participation in foundational university committees. UBC Emeritus College will significantly strengthen these important bonds and increase UBC research capacity. The College will also provide Emeriti with a supportive retirement pathway to an active UBC community, allowing them to

retire when it is right for them while also maintaining their desired level of activity and connection.

I'd like to thank Donald Fisher and all the others who helped make the Emeritus College a reality, including Carolyn Gilbert, Dianne Newell, Olav Slaymaker, Richard Spencer, Richard Tees, and Stephen Tredwell. If you would like to contribute to an endowment to allow for the financial

sustainability of the College in perpetuity, please contact John Fleming, Associate Director, UBC Development & Alumni Engagement at 604-822-8767 or john.fleming@ubc.ca. Gifts will help to create a robust college, encourage UBC Emeriti participation, and further the missions of the College and UBC.

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Emeritus Awards

Order of Canada



Jo-ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiim, O.C., Professor Emerita of Educational Studies. A member of the Sto-Lo First Nation, she is a visionary and an agent of change. She is recognized nationally for the creation of culturally relevant

teacher education programs for indigenous students. Over her career of more than 45 years, her work transformed the learning landscape through curriculum development, policy change, teaching, and research.



Robert Hindmarch, C.M., O.B.C. Professor Emeritus of Kinesiology. Dr. Hindmarch has made a profound difference to thousands of people over his 60-year career as an athlete, hockey coach, educator and Director of UBC's Athletic programs; and through national and international sports organizations. Renowned as a bridge builder his passion for people fostered UBC's international relationships across the globe.



Other Awards



Alan Hill (Pediatrics) is the recipient of the inaugural Henry Dunn Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Child Neurology.

Recent Publications by Emeriti

Barbara Bernhardt (Audiology & Speech Sciences)

Brosseau-Lapr e, F., Rvachew, S. MacLeod, A.A.N., Findlay, K., B erub e, D. & **Bernhardt, B.M.** 2018. Une vue d'ensemble: Les donn ees probantes sur le d veloppement phonologiques des enfants francophones canadiens. [An overview of data on the phonological development of French-speaking Canadian children]. *CJSLPA*, 42 (1), 1-19.

Susan Boyd (Law)

Susan Boyd and Dominique Goubau, special editors, "La famille au XXe siecle et les mutations du droit", a special issue of *Cahiers de Droit*, 2018 (59:4), pp. 783-1137.

John Cooper (English)

"Bringing Modernism to Market: The Case of Faber & Faber." In *Modernism and Book History*. Ed. Lisa Jaillant. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming 2019.

Dead Letter. London, UK: Endeavour Media, forthcoming. This is the second of a series of crime novels set in Athens, Greece.

Sherrill Grace (English)

"Reading the Writing on the Wall: From Malcolm Lowry to Timothy Findley," in *Malcolm Lowry: La Fureur et la Grace*. Ed. Josiane Paccaud-Huguet. Paris: Garnier Classiques, 2017. 399-415;

"Anniversary Reading." *Reflections of Canada: Illuminating Our Opportunities and Challenges at 150+ Years*. Eds. Philippe Tortell et al. PWIAS and UBC press, 2017. 18-23;

"Wallis: Portraits of 'That Woman' by Timothy Findley and Linda Griffiths," in *Linda Griffiths Anthology*. Ed Jacqueline Petropoulos. PLP, 2018. 64-77;

"Timothy Findley, His Biographers, and The Piano Man's Daughter," in *Text Matters* 8.8 (2018): 413-29;

"Timothy Findley's The Wars," in *Memory*, ed. Philippe Tortell et al. PWIAS and UBC Press, 2018. 49-55.

Diana Juriloff and Muriel Harris (Medical Genetics)

"Insights into the etiology of mammalian neural tube closure defects, from developmental, genetics and evolutionary studies" *Journal of Developmental Biology* 2018 6:22-62.

Graham Riches (Social Work)

Food Bank Nations, Poverty, Corporate Charity and the Right to Food (Routledge, 2018) <https://www.routledge.com/Food-Bank-Nations-Poverty-Corporate-Charity-and-the-Right-to-Food/Riches/p/book/9781138739758>

W. Craig Riddell (Economics)

"The labor market in Canada, 2000-2016" *IZA World of Labor*, March 2018, doi: 10.15185/iza-wol.432, available at: <https://wol.iza.org/articles/the-labor-market-in-canada/long>.

"Is There a Tradeoff Between Ethnic Diversity and Redistribution? The Case of Income Assistance in Canada" chapter 10 in *Federalism and the Welfare State in a Multicultural World*. Eds., Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Richard Johnston, Will Kymlicka and John Myles. Kingston and Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2018 (with David A. Green).

"Interpreting Experimental Evidence in the Presence of Post-Randomization Events: A Re-Assessment of the Self Sufficiency Project" *Journal of Labor Economics*, forthcoming (with Chris Riddell).

"Ageing and Skills: The Case of Literacy Skills" *European Journal of Education*, forthcoming (with Garry F. Barrett).

Paul Stanwood (English)

"Essays in Divinity and Donne's Reading of Genesis," *John Donne Journal* 34 (2018)

Jim White (Sociology)

White, J.M. , Martin, T. and Adamsons, K. (2019). *Family Theories*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Graeme Wynn (Geography)

"Strains of Liberalism," Foreword to David Calverley, *Who Controls the Hunt? First Nations, Treaty Rights and Wildlife Conservation in Ontario, 1783-1939* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2018), ix-xxiv and 130-34. This is the 33rd book in a series for which Graeme Wynn is General Editor

"The Importance of Rivers," *Landfall Review Online*, New Zealand, (1 December 2018) at: <https://landfallreview.com/the-importance-of-rivers/>

"A good year and a good man," *The Ormsby Review*, 230 (January 2018) at: <https://bcbooklook.com/2018/01/10/a-good-year-and-a-good-man/>

"What are they up to now?" Department



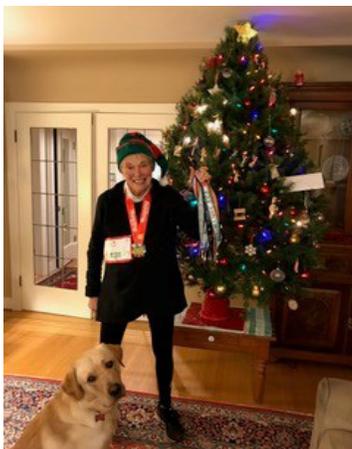
Professor Emeritus of Art History, Visual Art and Theory, **Serge Guilbaut** (on the right the picture), at his newly curated exhibition in Madrid at the Museo Reina Sofía—*Lost, Loose and Loved: Foreign Artists in Paris 1944-1968*. The exhibition opened on November 21, 2018 and runs until April 22, 2019.

This show explores the contribution of foreign artists who, after the Second World War, were working in Paris, a city which still preserved a certain aura surrounding its mythical modern embodiment as a "City of Light" in the

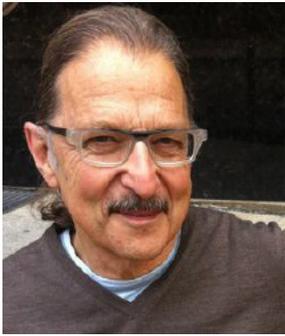


*Pablo Picasso,
L'Enfant aux colombes*

19th century. Paris at that time, rebuilding politically, socially and economically after the war, was trying to revamp the old image of the "School of Paris", which had always relied upon the contribution of émigré artists for the development of a modern discourse. Paris was seen as a place of freedom, where individual personalities and identities were allowed and encouraged and, equally, measured meticulously according to a form of Cartesian restraint.



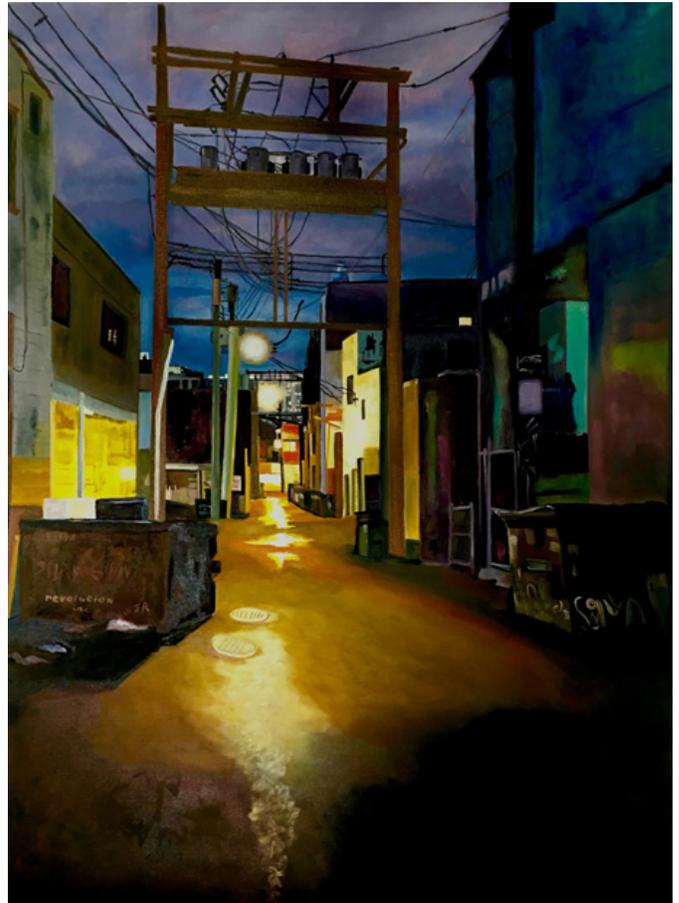
Professor Emerita, **Sandra Davies**, Music Education (pictured here) having just completed the Big Elf 10km run on December 22 and holding medals won in age group 75-79 for 2018—16 in all—for runs from 5 to 10 km. She is already registered for five runs in 2019 beginning with the Steveston Ice Breaker 8km on January 20th. In the foreground is Dune, the PADS (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society) service dog in training. These two areas of focus as well as gardening, playing piano, embroidering, knitting, bridge, and grandchildren provide a most satisfying life.



Since retiring in 2016, **Jack Rootman**, Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology, has been pursuing his life long interest in painting. In 2018 his work was selected from amongst 400 applicants to join 42 other artists' work in the Palm Springs Artists Council Show at the Palm Springs Art Museum Springs Museum.

Jack has been painting for 40 years and trained in Vancouver at Emily Carr and at the Art Student League, National Academy of Art and New York Academy of Art in Manhattan. He has been in 34 group exhibitions and has had 11 one-man shows in Vancouver as well as Singapore.

His artistic journey has been driven by the natural curiosity of an observer and by an interest in the figure and spiritual values. His principal goal is to represent some of the universals in human behavior and the environment, with special emphasis on those moments that touch the spirit. His current series of paintings, to be shown in Vancouver next June, are *Nocturnes*, which are about what we notice at night and may not be aware of during the day, with a particular interest in human behavior. One of those pictures, *Laneway*, is reproduced here.



Professor Rootman is also a major contributor to the UBC Emeritus College Endowment fund.



Sherrill Grace

(English) gave the plenary lecture, "Kindred Spirits: From Malcolm Lowry to Timothy Findley," at the International Lowry conference, Liverpool, July 2017; and will give a Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences plenary lecture at UBC in June 2019 titled: "Lost and Found: Conversations Within and About Archives."



Sneja Gunew

(English/Social Justice Institute) delivered the keynote address, "Neo-Cosmopolitan Mediators: Australian Im/Em/Migrant Writers Interrogate Museums of Identity," Australian Perspectives on Migration, 16th Biennial GAST (German Australian Studies) Conference, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Oct. 2018.



Nancy Gallini, right end of the first row

From **Nancy Gallini, Dean Emeritus of Arts and Professor Emeritus of Economics**: Last July, I travelled to Malawi with six other members of the Vancouver Council of CARE Canada to meet Malawian families participating in CARE’s project *Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies*. This project provides knowledge and training to thousands of Malawians in the rural villages regarding nutrition and improved healthcare, and empowers women starting new businesses through village-operated savings and loans groups. CARE trains the local villagers with expertise and methods that are then entirely owned, managed, maintained, passed on and sustained by the village communities. It was a privilege to meet the extraordinary women in the villages, to hear their voices rise up with confidence and pride when they spoke of the transformative impact of the

program. Knowledge is power, a power that is giving the women of Malawi a voice and improving the health and well-being of their children: the future promise of Malawi.

On **Sunday morning, March 3**, at the Creekside Community Center (1 Athletes Way), we will participate in the main fundraising event for the project—*Walk in Her Shoes*—by walking 10,000 steps in solidarity with the women and girls in developing countries who walk that distance every day to collect water and firewood for their families. It’s a great way to spend the Sunday leading up to International Women’s Day, with fascinating people of all ages, a silent auction, and great exercise for a wonderful cause. Here’s the website for the walk: http://careca.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1322&pg=entry. You can sign up yourself, create a team, or contact me (nancy.gallini@ubc.ca) for more information. Looking forward to seeing you at *Walk in Her Shoes* on March 3. Martha Piper got me involved when she started the Vancouver Council 7 years ago. The walk has grown from six of us to around 500. Gloria Macarenko, C.M., from CBC (also a member) has agreed to emcee, and the Lieutenant Governor, among others, to attend.



In November of 2018, **David Pulfrey**, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, made his 3rd visit to Africa as part of the Africa Initiative Program sponsored by the Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). The program asserts that technological innovation is the principal driver for improvements in the quality of life and economic prosperity. IEEE seeks to actualize this innovation by providing assistance in building local engineering capacity. Dr. Pulfrey lectured to engineers and academics in Accra and Kumasi, Ghana on “Photovoltaics and LED Luminaires for Sustainable Electricity Generation and Lighting”.



Course participants in Accra

The course demonstrated that photovoltaic power generation and LED lighting are not only cost-effective when compared to fossil-fuel power generation and incandescent bulbs, respectively, but also, if widely implemented, would bring about huge reductions in electricity-related greenhouse-gas emissions.



Susan Harris (Physical Therapy) was interviewed in December 2018 for National Public Radio (NPR) about her landmark research showing that vigorous, repetitive, upper body exercise (Dragon Boat racing) was safe for women who had undergone axillary dissection for breast cancer. Included also in the interview were Dr. Don McKenzie, Professor in the School of Kinesiology, and Ms. Jane Frost, one of the study participants and an original member of *Abreast in a Boat*. The interview aired in 300 cities across the US and can be heard at: <https://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2018/11/30/sandy-smith-mckenzie-harris-frost>

Around Campus



The **UBC Faculty Women's Club** invites members of the UBC Emeritus College and their spouses/partners to attend our speaker series. Men are more than welcome to attend. The next event will be:

Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 12:00 pm
 Speaker - Pnina Granirer, Artist & Author
 Topic - Her Art & Her Memoir
 Cecil Green Park House

For more details, visit <http://facultywomensclub.ubc.ca>



Mozart Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute) UBC Opera Ensemble

Members of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra
 Neil Varon, conductor
 Nancy Hermiston, director

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 January 31 – February 2
 7:30 pm, Chan Centre
 Sunday, February 3
 2:00 pm, Chan Centre

\$45 Adult | \$35 Senior | \$20 Student | \$15 UBC Student
 Tickets available online at ubcoperatickets.com, or by telephone at (604) 822-6725.





February 12: Robert Gibbs, Professor of Philosophy and Religion University of Toronto, **HOW WILL WE STUDY?** (Note:

this event requires pre-registration.)

March 5: Michael Byers, Political Science, UBC, **SPACE FORCE? SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC AND SPACE**

March 12: Robert Gibbs, Professor of Philosophy and Religion University of Toronto, **WHEN IS STUDY FOR?** (Note: *this event requires pre-registration.*)

March 19: Michael Byers, Political Science, UBC, **LOOK UP! CANADA AS AN ARCTIC AND SPACE NATION**

March 26: Elin Kelsey, writer and environmentalist, **IF TREES FIGHT CRIME AND WHALES COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, HOW CAN WE AMPLIFY THE CAPACITY OF OTHER SPECIES TO DO GOOD?**

*All talks in Green College Coach House
5-6:30 pm*

Vancouver Institute Lectures



February 2: Dr. Meredith Wadman, Politics and Policy Reporter, Science Magazine, Washington, D.C., **THE VACCINE RACE: AN ASTONISHING HISTORY AND A CHALLENGING PRESENT**

February 9: Professor Robert Silverman, OC, Professor Emeritus of Music, **AN EVENING OF CHOPIN**

February 23: Professor Maya Tolstoy, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University, **THE SECRET LIVES OF DEEP-SEA VOLCANOES**

March 2: Professor Maxwell A. Cameron, Director, Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, UBC, **CIVILITY AND PARTISANSHIP: HOW WE CAN TRAIN FUTURE POLITICIANS**

March 9: Professor Taylor Owen, Beaverbrook Chair in Media, Ethics and Communication, Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University, **WHAT'S BEHIND THE TECHLASH? HOW SILICON VALLEY WENT FROM DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION TO UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY**

March 16: Ms. Carol Off, Award winning writer and journalist Host of *As It Happens*, CBC Radio, **AN EVENING WITH CAROL OFF**

March 23: Dr. Elin Kelsey, Educator and award-winning author, Department of Environment and Sustainability, Royal Roads University **A CURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOOM AND GLOOM**

All lectures
take place in IRC 2 at 8:15 pm.

UBC School of Music Wednesday Noon Hour Concerts 12:00 pm, Barnett Hall Admission \$5

Feb 6: *From Their Youth* Mary Sokol Brown (violin), Tawnya Popoff (viola), Eric Wilson (cello), David Brown (bass), Terence Dawson (piano), Schubert *Sonata in B-flat major, D. 28*, Vaughan Williams *Piano Quintet in C minor (1903)*

Feb 13: David Jalbert (piano) Bach *Tocatta in C minor, BWV 911*, Fauré *Nocturne No. 2 in B major, Op. 33 No. 2*, Liszt *Legend No. 2 "St-François de Paule marchant sur les flots"*, Prokofiev *Sonata No. 4 in C minor, Op. 29 "After old notebooks"*

Feb 27: *Keyboard Music from 16th Century Poland*, Corina Marti (harpsichord), Preludes, fantasias, intabulations and dances from Johannes of Lublin, Johannes Fischer Morungensis and anonymous manuscripts

Mar 6: **BRAZZ**, Vancouver's new large brass jazz ensemble. A unique combo of brass that will blow you away! Trumpets, French horns, trombones, euphonium and tuba with rhythm section. New arrangements of works by Monk, Nelson, Hagen, Lennon/McCartney, Arlen, Mingus, Stride and more

Mar 13: *REConnected*, Daniel Tones (percussion), Owen Underhill (piano), Rzewski *To the Earth for speaker and flower pots*, Owen Underhill *A/Symmetry Ritual*, Linda Catlin Smith *Invisible Cities for solo vibraphone*, Javier Alvarez *Temazcal for maracas and digital audio*