**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

Wednesday 19 May 2021, 1:00 pm

1:00pm  Business Meeting
1:30pm  Awards Ceremony for
President’s Award for Distinguished Service by UBC Emeriti and
UBC Emeritus College Award for Excellence in Innovative and Creative Endeavours
2:00pm  Mars Exploration—2021 and Beyond, Professor Bruce Jakosky (U of Colorado)
3:00pm  Q&A  *See pp. 22-24 for the Agenda and draft Minutes of the 2020 AGM.

Registration available at UBC Emeritus College website

Mars Exploration—2021 and Beyond

2021 has seen the arrival of four new spacecraft at Mars -- two that will orbit the planet and two that will land -- coming from three different countries. At the same time, both government and private entities are planning for future human exploration of Mars. What makes Mars such a compelling place to explore? What are we trying to learn and why? Professor Bruce Jakosky will discuss recent and ongoing exploration of Mars by robotic spacecraft, possible human missions over the next few decades, and whether we can change the Martian climate (“terraform” it) to better allow humans to survive on the surface.

Professor Jakosky (Geological Sciences) is Associate Director for the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado and Principal Investigator, MAVEN Mars mission. He has been involved with the Viking, Solar Mesosphere Explorer, Clementine, Mars Observer, Mars Global Surveyor, Mars Odyssey, and Mars Science Laboratory spacecraft missions, and is involved in planning future spacecraft missions. He heads up the University of Colorado’s team in the NASA Astrobiology Institute. He has published more than 100 papers and two books: *The Search for Life on Other Planets*, 1988, and *Science, Society and the Search for Life in the Universe*, 2006.
Contributions to the Newsletter

Please send the editor information about your recent activities and community engagements. Suggestions for stories are welcome. Space permitting, we will list publications in the newsletter in the citation format of your choice. For awards, a description of the award, award citation, or link to the announcement is helpful. We may edit submissions for brevity or clarity. Photographs suitable for publication are always welcome.

Thanks to Don Blake for designing the front page and much more, and Carolyn Gilbert and Herbert Rosengarten for their advice and keen eyes for typos, errors and font size changes. All remaining errors and bizarre layout features are the editor’s responsibility.

The Emeritus College (formerly UBCAPE) could not function without the contribution of many past Presidents/Principals and Members-at-Large who continue to provide their services.
From the Principal

Staring at a blank screen, wondering what to say in this, my last Principal’s column, I am impelled to reflect on the void – as in COVOID – of my time in office, and to wonder, bizarrely, whether Francis Bacon anticipated the implications of Zoom.

The latter seems unlikely—the philosopher, statesman, and (some would say) father of empiricism, died in 1626 of pneumonia contracted while studying the effects of freezing on meat preservation—but remains hauntingly imaginable. By similar token, I hope that this year will stand not as a hollow and frustrating time of pandemic retraction, but as a period of enlargement and extension in the annals of the Emeritus College.

None of us signed up for the prolonged anxiety, restriction, and substantial confinement that has been 2020–21. Much that we anticipated fell away; other things endured in radically different form. Patterns of behaviour shifted and casual interpersonal encounters all but vanished from everyday experience. Thanks to Sandra van Ark and Christina Girardi in our College office, and the widespread willingness of our membership to pitch in and try new things, however, we maintained the substance if not the form of many of our established activities, added new dimensions to our programs, and reached out to new audiences.

At the same time, the College Council engaged in a major re-visioning exercise that clarified the organizational structure of the College, established the bedrock for more dynamic self-governance, and refined the mandates of committees and programs to facilitate both continuity and change going forward. We have a new thematic program of talks in development with Green College; new committees, including one to promote recognition of particularly distinguished colleagues; new interest groups in prospect; plans to enhance communication about matters of interest to Emeriti; and continuing strong support from the University administration.

So why Bacon you ask? Exactly. How did he know, four centuries before we spent months on Zoom, that “a crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; and talk but a tinkling cymbal.” It was because he valued friendship and knew that it depended on love, respect, and continuing nurture. “Magna civitas, magna solitude” he wrote (in “Of Friendship”)—“because in a great town friends are scattered; so that there is not that fellowship, for the most part, which is in less neighbourhoods.” As we begin to enjoy, again, the pleasures of moving about the great city of Vancouver and beyond, let us also work together to strengthen the role of the UBC Emeritus College as one of those “lesser neighbourhoods” in which support, fellowship, joy, and fascination abound.

I end by extending my gratitude to all those who helped to steer us through the blankness of Covid Times. The list is long, too long to enumerate individually, but you know who you are. By chairing committees, sharing ideas, stepping up to take on various tasks, and above all by persisting with grace and good humour through a year of upheaval and uncertainty, you have contributed immensely to the life of the Emeritus College and the well-being of innumerable colleagues.

Graeme Wynn, Professor Emeritus of Geography
From the College

EMERITUS COLLEGE SUBSIDY FOR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The UBC Emeritus College seeks to assist in fostering, promoting, and disseminating the scholarly activities/academic pursuits of retired faculty, consonant with the University's mission, by disbursing funds provided for this purpose by the University, on the initiative of the President.

General Description

Recognizing that many faculty contribute to the scholarly, scientific, and artistic life of the University after retirement and that the University has invested a great deal in faculty over the years, the College invites applications for partial subsidy of expenses incurred by members of the Emeritus College in conducting scholarly activities during the academic year 2020–2021.

Applications for such support will be assessed by an Adjudication Committee, consisting of at least three members of the College, each representing a different discipline. The Committee will seek to support as many applications as can be funded, provided the expenses claimed are eligible. If requests for reimbursement exceed the monies available, requests may be refused or met only in part. The Committee will aim to achieve some level of balance among disciplines, while recognizing that this will not be possible every year, and will give priority to first-time applicants (i.e., those who have not received awards in previous years). Members of the Emeritus College should seek support from this fund, only when no other sources of reimbursement (e.g., research grants; support from a department, an institution or organization) are available to them.

The Adjudication Committee will be guided by three key principles:

1. Requests for subsidy must be consistent with the spirit of the program, and in support of scholarly activity as defined by the University’s Collective Agreement.
2. Requests must adhere to the University’s current financial practices and procedures.
3. Requests must be for expenses for which no other resources are available (i.e., for which the applicant would be personally out-of-pocket).

The deadline for receipt of online submissions is Thursday, July 22, 2021. Further details and the online application form can be found on the UBC Emeritus College website here.
From the College

UBC EMERITUS COLLEGE MEETINGS
ZOOM and VIDEOS

All our meetings are held online on Zoom. You can find instructions on how to Zoom at https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/events/how-to-zoom. Contact the office if you need help to set up Zoom before a meeting. Some meetings are recorded and can be found online:

Videos of talks and events

View the Art Show from the General meeting on March 17, 2021 online.

$1,000 Post-Secondary Scholarships Available:
Announcement from Johnson, Inc.

Johnson, Inc. is once again offering 50 scholarships valued at $1,000 each to eligible students completing high school in 2021 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2021. The Johnson Scholarship Program is open to children and grandchildren of all UBC Emeritus College members (even if they are not Johnson policyholders). Applications must be submitted by July 15, 2021. To learn more, visit Johnson.ca/scholarship.

AROHE Virtual Conference October 12-14, 2021
https://www.arohe.org/Conference

Please join AROHE for its first virtual conference. Keynoters Louise Aronson, MD, acclaimed geriatrician and author of the bestselling Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, and Reimagining Life, and Jean Accius, PhD, Senior Vice President for Global Thought Leadership at AARP, will inspire us to resist agism and re-imagine retirement as a time of purpose and passion for elders everywhere. And, of course, Sessions will focus on the post-pandemic future of university retirement organizations too, highlighting the innovative ways we will continue to sustain social and intellectual engagement as well as offer service to our local and global communities. The planning committee is still finalizing details; we anticipate that registration will open in the summer. Deadline to submit a Session proposal: June 1, 2021.

AROHE is the Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education, the USA equivalent of CURAC—an association of associations. The UBC Emeritus College is a member. Has the College provided new programming helpful during the pandemic? Ideas for Sessions can submitted to the College Council.
Coming Events

Lecture Series: MY HEALTH, MY RESPONSIBILITY
Thursday, May 13 — 3:00

Medically Assisted Dying

Dr. Derryck Smith, Clinical Professor Emeritus, Psychiatry, will speak about medically assisted dying. Dr. Smith is a Vancouver-based psychiatrist, still active in clinical teaching of medical students and residents. He is a past president of the BC Medical Association and a past board member of the Canadian Medical Association, as well as a past president of the Medical Legal Society. He served as Chair of the Board for the Greater Vancouver Mental Health Services Society. Dr. Smith provided an affidavit in support of legalizing medically assisted dying in the recent Gloria Taylor case in BC.

Viewpoint: "As a physician, and assuming the law prohibiting physician-assisted dying were changed, I view physician-assisted dying in prescribed circumstances with appropriate safeguards (as) part of the appropriate continuum of care that I would provide a patient. This care, in my view, would be consistent with my ethical and professional obligations."

Please register by going to the Emeritus College website.

REFLECTIONS, UCLUELET

Photo by Don Blake
Forum on Emeritus Philanthropy

In April, 2017, the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti held its first Forum on Philanthropic Work by Emeritus Professors. Many Emeriti extend their passion for their academic work to passion for helping others. As Professor Emeritus Les Lavkulich (Land and Food Systems) has said, “passion leads to compassion.” This Forum showcased some of the charitable work that Emeriti were doing, both in the community and internationally, contributing to areas of health and well-being, education, and human and civil rights. It was very successful, in terms of both attendance and positive feedback. It’s time to have a second Forum.

—Call for Participation—

If you are volunteering your help, either locally or further afield, we invite you to participate in a Forum in early June (date to be determined). We anticipate that the format will be a panel of up to four presenters, who will talk about the work they are doing. There will be time for questions and discussion of involvement in charitable work in general.

To participate, please send a message to Carolyn Gilbert, Forum on Emeritus Philanthropy Coordinator, at carolyn.gilbert@ubc.ca.
Special Interest Groups

Times and dates for upcoming meetings will be listed on the Emeritus College website.

TRAVEL GROUP—Thursdays, 3:00 pm

Thursday May 20, 2021 at 3pm
Adventure Cruising in the Arctic—Eastern Canada and Nunavut
Presented by John Aldrich, Professor, Dept of Radiology, Faculty of Medicine

John and his wife, Sylvia, have travelled in the Arctic several times on a purpose-built level 1B ice class cruise ship. The talk will concentrate on the Canadian Arctic from Resolute in the north to Cape Dorset in south Baffin Island. Starting in Resolute, the second most northerly town in Canada, we will visit Beechey Island, with its artifacts and associations with the ill-fated Franklin Expedition. The first glacier we see will be on Devon Island—a mere 900 metres thick—and a close-by ill-fated RCMP post. On Baffin Island we will tour several Inuit communities including Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet and Cape Dorset, the last famous for its Inuit crafts. We will enjoy traditional music and dance, as well as indoor Arctic Games, in several communities. And maybe even see some flora and fauna along the way…

Thursday June 24 at 3:00 pm
Senegal, Presented by Nancy Langton

Thursday July 22 at 3:00 pm
Peru, Presented by Paul Steinbok

Paul and his wife, Edie, went to Peru in 2016 with the major objective of visiting Machu Picchu. After a brief stay in Lima, they flew to Arequipa in the Andean foothills to start their acclimatization to high altitude. They then travelled by car North across the high Andes to Colca canyon, where they experienced condors. From there they traversed the Andean highlands going East to Puno and Lake Titicaca. After touring Lake Titicaca, they boarded the Andean Explorer train in Puno en route to their final destination, Cusco. This culminated in visits to Machu Picchu, where they both climbed the “stairs of death’ to the top of Wayna Picchu.
FILM GROUP

Series Twelve – Ecofeminist Warriors

The films can be screened via the streaming sites listed with each film.

Zoom discussions of each film will take place on: Wednesday May 26 and Wednesday June 30 at 4:00 pm

Hosted by John LeBlanc. To join the group, please email john.leblanc@ubc.ca

Series Twelve: Ecofeminism addresses the relationship between human beings and their surrounding world from a gender-based perspective, insisting upon equality for women within a patriarchy-dominated society while also demanding the ethical treatment of a nature suffering a similar patriarchal oppression. Unlike Hollywood films (such as Interstellar) that present the relationship with nature from the perspective of patriarchal elites, which devalues human and natural diversity and democracy, ecofeminist films emphasize that we live in harmony with nature, instead of dominating it, with women playing a strong role in redressing that imbalance. The first two films in the series (Spoor and Woman at War) feature examples of strong European women who defy their entrenched social orders to achieve their ecofeminist goals. The third film (Women Without Men), situated in the strongly patriarchal culture of Iran, provides a more nuanced, artistic consideration of ecofeminist activism.

May 26—Woman at War (2018), directed by Benedikt Erlingsson (the much-loved Icelandic film, TV and theatre actor and director) focuses on Halla (an early 50s single woman, leading an otherwise responsible life) whose attack on an environmentally insensitive new aluminum smelter in Iceland’s highlands escalates to industrial sabotage as she attempts to thwart negotiations between the corporation and the Icelandic government even though her activism threatens her upcoming adoption of a Ukrainian child. Counterpointing the seriousness of the issue is a humorous tone, accomplished by the repeated appearance of a musical chorus and the director’s resistance of auteur seriousness and refusal to grant storytelling the power to transform lives. STREAM VIA UBC LIBRARY CATALOGUE: SEARCH TITLE OF FILM.

June 30—Women Without Men (2009), directed by Shirin Neshat is the first feature film by the activist Iranian exile who has produced major video installations dealing with gender issues. The film is based on the Iranian novelist Shahnush Parsipur’s novel of the same title, which, like the film, is highly conceptual. The film focuses on four women, drawn from a spectrum of Iranian society (Zarin is a prostitute, Munis and Faezeh are middle class, and Fakhri the wife of a general). The action is set during the 1953 coup (key to understanding current Iranian politics), where the democratic government of Mohammad Mosaddegh is replaced by a US and Britain-backed royalist regime. The women’s stories are told separately but the women come together in a garden estate purchased by the recently separated Fakhri. STREAM VIA UBC LIBRARY CATALOGUE: SEARCH TITLE OF FILM.
POETIC ODYSSEYS—Tuesday, 11 May 2021, 5:00pm

All who are interested in writing, reading or listening to poetry are welcome. Zoom link by request. Contacts: Philip Resnick (Professor Emeritus, Political Science – philip.resnick@ubc.ca) and George McWhirter (Professor Emeritus, Creative Writing). Contact meeting organizer for Zoom link. This meeting will be a launch for Philip Resnick’s Pandemic Poems, Ronsdale Press.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP—Friday, 21 May 2021, 3:00pm

The theme for May 21 is “Perspective (looking up, down, etc.).”

We would like at least one of your photos to be on this theme (they all can be, of course!). The theme may encourage you to take new photos, or you might end up looking through your photo catalog for photos that fit the theme. Either is fine.

Please submit up to 3 different photos. If you processed any of your 3 photos using Photoshop, Lightroom, etc., we would like you to also include an additional “before” photo of one of them, so you can give us some insight into how you transformed the original into the final result.

Send the photos to Richard Spencer at rrichard@rhspencer.ca. You can send them as email attachments, zip files, or downloads from an online site. If you include them in the body of an email, you should avoid letting your software reduce the size of the photos to any resolution less than about 1000 x 800 pixels (within reason, bigger is generally better!). Please number your photos if you would like me to show them in a particular order.

You will receive a Zoom link a day or two before the meeting. Sign on at 2:30 for informal chat.

Mike’s Bench

From one of our Roaming Reporters, on the beach at Roberts Creek. “There was a lovely bench I sat on to look over at Vancouver Island and noticed the memorial tag on the bench was to Mike Whitfield!!!!” His many contributions to the Photography Group are well remembered.
THE GROVES OF ACADEME
A NEW Special Interest Group in the Emeritus College?

Reading the *New York Times*, I came across a review of *The Life of the Mind* by Christine Smallwood, praising its portrayal of the academic world during the “decadent twilight of the profession.” Dorothy, the young professor/protagonist, we are told “was like a janitor in the temple who continued to sweep because she had nowhere else to be but who had lost her belief in the essential sanctity of the enterprise.”

This got me thinking. Universities today are very different from those in which we began our careers. Or are they? In 1952, Mary McCarthy, whose title I borrow, portrayed Jocelyn College as a place of “petty despots, tiny wars, and internal politics.” Has the life of the mind indeed fallen on hard times? Or is it that in our disciplinary silos and personal fiefdoms, newly-embedded in batteries of statistics, rankings, bureaucratic policies, economisation, and students-as-customers, we attend too little to the finer things and humanistic qualities of universities?

Many of us have thoughts about these matters—and stories to tell about them. Might we share and shape these ideas, and sharpen our sense of the university (what it has been, is, and might be), by reflecting on what others, skilled story tellers, memoirists, and social commentators have had to say about it?

There is writing aplenty to engage with, from *Tom Brown at Oxford* to *Lucky Jim*, from *The Mind and Body Shop* to *Possession*, and on through the work of David Lodge and Amanda Cross, to John William’s *Stoner* and Wallace Stegner’s *Crossing to Safety*. Perhaps Nora Kelly’s *My Sister’s Keeper*, centred on Gillian Adams, head of the history department in the University of the Pacific Northwest (a thinly-disguised UBC) might even make the cut.

SO. Is there interest in *The Groves of Academe* as a Special Interest [Book] Group of the UBC Emeritus College? It might meet on Zoom or in person (on campus or elsewhere); it would determine its own schedule, perhaps identify specific themes, and develop its “reading list.” Assistance with scheduling and meeting announcements could be provided by Emeritus College staff. We would need a dozen or more people to constitute a viable group. One or two would need to assume leadership. If you are interested please email: office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.

C’mon. It should be interesting and a lot of fun. Graeme Wynn
Honours and Achievements

Ken Craig received a CURAC TRIBUTE AWARD at the recent CURAC 2021 Virtual Assembly hosted by the McGill University Retiree Association that was held to mark McGill's Bicentennial, on April 15, 2021.

The bulk of the event was devoted to a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation by keynote speaker Dr. Moshe Szyf, who is renowned in the field of epigenetics. His talk, entitled *Nature and Nurture: How Early Life Experience Changes our DNA Narrative*, explored the age-old question of the impact of nature and nurture on animals' responses to stress and, ultimately, outcomes in life. This was followed by a lively Q&A session. The Tribute awards were presented thereafter.

The entire proceedings can be viewed on YouTube. The award to Ken Craig is presented between 1:29:28 and 1:33:08. The short clip paying tribute to Ken’s long years of service can also be viewed on the UBC Emeritus College website.

Jack Taunton Inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame and Big Block Alumni Award on April 15, 2021

Jack Taunton’s own experience as a nationally-ranked marathon runner incited a drive to pioneer an integrative sport medicine practice. Immediately after completing his Doctor of Medicine at UBC in 1976, Jack, Dr Doug Clement and Don McKenzie co-founded the Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre. Over the past 40 years, innumerable UBC students and athletes have benefited from Jack’s expertise as a doctor, coach, graduate supervisor, clinical teacher, researcher, and mentor.

Due to his boundless resiliency and optimism, Jack has shown a knack for accomplishing the impossible, including supporting athlete health at EIGHT Olympic Games and earning a rare distinction from the International Olympic Committee for the best sport medicine program in Olympic Games-host history for his role as Chief Medical Officer for Vancouver 2010. His work ethic, innovation, and team approach have garnered Jack numerous awards and accolades, including the UBC Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Faculty Community Service and induction into numerous Halls of Fame.

Credit Martin Dee
Emeritus News

Arthur (Skip) Ray has received the 2020 Canadian Masters Championship crest for his 1st Place ranking in 2020 in the following events (age 75-79 category):

- 50 m. freestyle (SC)
- 50 m. freestyle (LC)
- 100 m. freestyle (SC)
- 50 m. butterfly (SC)
- 50 m. butterfly (LC)

SC = short course
LC = long course

Two Emeriti, physicians Peter Dodek and Louise Nasmith, have come out of retirement to work as immunizers at the COVID vaccine clinics. Thank you both!!

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Mark Thompson, Professor Emeritus, UBC Sauder School of Business, comments in Business in Vancouver on the future of remote work across borders.

[Image credit Donald Blake]
International Day of Older Persons

The UBC Emeritus College will host a panel discussion as part of the Congress held by the European Association of Professors Emeriti.

Friday, 1 October 2021—9:00am to 11:00am

Zoom link by request

The special issue of the EAPE Bulletin contains multiple declarations of the value of older persons, including from the Vatican, as well as statements from Emeriti in many countries about their transitions to retirement from universities.

"14 December 2020—The United Nations General Assembly today declared 2021-2030 the Decade of Healthy Ageing. . . “Governments, international and regional organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia and the media are encouraged to actively support the Decade’s goals."

In Memoriam

John Edward Michael (Mike) Kew  
Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and Sociology  
1932-2020  
University Service 1968-1997

James Peter (Hamish) Kimmins, CM  
Professor Emeritus of Forest Sciences  
1942-2021  
University Service 1969-2007

Janis Lielmezs  
Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering  
1926-2021  
University Service 1960-1991

Patricia Susan (Sue) Penfold  
Professor Emerita of Psychiatry  
1936-2021  
University Service 1967-2001

Louis I. Woolf  
Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry  
1919-2021  
University Service 1968-1984

M. Norman Young  
Assistant Professor Emeritus of Theatre  
1927-2021  
University Service 1961-1991

*If you have news of a colleague’s passing, please let us know, by email to office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.*
Publications by Emeriti

Brown, Gerald Richardson. *North to Crying Rock*. Conundrum Press, 2020. ISBN 978-1-77262-056-6; *Road to Ganneious* and *The Villager* are the previous titles in this trilogy of historical novels.


Publications by Emeriti


Hall, Judith G. The mystery of monozygotic twinning II: What can monozygotic twinning tell us about Amyoplasia from a review of the various mechanisms and types of monozygotic twinning? American Journal of Medical Genetics. Accepted: 16 February 2021, DOI: 10.1002/ajmg.a.62177


Publications by Emeriti


Savitt, Steven. ”What Bergson Should have said to Einstein.” *Bergsoniana*, Volume 1, number 1 (forthcoming).


Around Campus

The UBC Faculty Women’s Club
The Club was founded in 1917 to provide assistance to students through scholarships and bursaries, provide service to the University community and promote social, recreational and cultural activities for its members. Membership is open to the women of UBC who are female Faculty/Staff/Post Docs, or the spouses/partners of male Faculty/Staff/Post Docs - either active or retired.
For more details, please visit http://facultywomensclub.ubc.ca

Re-connect with nature and plants at UBC Botanical Garden and Nitobe Memorial Garden

Golden Rain
Credit Donald Blake
Around Campus

PHYSICAL THERAPY AND RESEARCH CLINIC
The UBC Physical Therapy and Research Clinic (PTRC) is an innovative student-led physical therapy clinic within the Department of Physical Therapy. The clinic offers exceptional, evidence-informed, affordable physical therapy services led by Master of Physical Therapy students with mentorship and supervision provided by licensed physical therapists and faculty members. The PTRC offers direct individual care and group-based services, while also integrating faculty research, and collaborating with other health programs on campus.

The PTRC serves clients with diverse health care needs: ranging from general musculoskeletal injuries, concussion management, balance and mobility challenges, dizziness, women’s health and maternal health needs, cancer rehabilitation, complex and persistent pain. In partnership with the Centre for Brain Health’s Brain Wellness Program, the PTRC offers many one-to-one and group programs for adults with neurological conditions and health needs.

Website: https://physioclinic.med.ubc.ca
Karen Sauve  BSc., MSc., Registered Physiotherapist

Experience history at the tip of your pencil crayons with UBC Library’s downloadable colouring books.

UBC Library’s digital colouring books aim to inspire creativity and spark curiosity through the art found in its digital and physical collections. The library joins the New York Academy of Medicine Library and others to offer this unique way to engage with library content.

This year’s digital colouring book celebrates conservation and sustainability and features images from the B.C. Historical Books collection in UBC Library’s Open Collections. It also doubles as a calendar! Take a creative break each month and Colour our Collections.

Download your colouring book.
RESEARCH STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Surveillance of Adverse Events Following Immunization Among Individuals Immunized With the COVID19 Vaccine

The Canadian National Vaccine Safety (CANVAS) Network is asking for your help. It is monitoring the safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in Canada. To do this, it needs to monitor health events in people who have not (yet) had a dose of COVID-19 vaccine (controls). You can participate as a control if you HAVE NOT been given a COVID19 vaccine. Even if you are planning to get the COVID-19 vaccine you can participate as a control until you are vaccinated.

To take part you need to complete an online survey. The survey will measure the amount of illness in your community (background illness) when COVID-19 vaccines are being used. The investigators need to measure the background illness because it helps better measure any increase in illness that may happen after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. If you are interested in participating you can self-register at https://canvas-covid.ca

This study has UBC Research Ethics Board approval. It is funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research Canadian Immunization Research Network. The purpose of the study is to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines as they are administered to the public. This will be done by comparing health effects of those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine and those who have not. The principal investigator is Dr. Julie Bettinger, PhD, MPH, who is based in the Vaccine Evaluation Center at the BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute. The investigation team welcomes the support of UBC Emeritus College members to contribute to better information about COVID-19 vaccines in older people.

From UBC-O Newsletter: Fall prevention key to keeping older adults healthy and saving health care dollars.
2021 Annual General Meeting

UBC Emeritus College Annual General Meeting 2021
Agenda
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1pm
Zoom invitation

1. Moment of Silence to honour those members who have died
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2020 AGM
4. Report from the Principal (Graeme Wynn) – 10 mins
5. Financial Report (Richard Unger) – 5 mins
6. Results of Election of new members of the Council (Donald Fisher) – 5 mins
7. Looking forward (Joost Blom) – 5 mins
8. Thank you’s (Graeme Wynn) – 5 mins
9. Awards Ceremony (Graeme Wynn) – 30 mins

Draft Minutes of 2020 AGM for Approval at the May 2021 AGM
UBC Emeritus College
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
via Zoom invitation

The Principal, Donald Fisher, opened the meeting with a welcome to the members. This being the first College event held on Zoom, and the first time many participants had used Zoom, there was some time spent on orientation. 55 people registered.

Participants were invited to sign onto slido to provide feedback and questions throughout the meeting.

1. Minute of Silence to honour members who have passed away in the past year– we remember them.

Frank Anderson     David Axen     David Balzarini
Joanna Bates        Joseph F. Belanger  Stanley Brown
Terry Brown         Richard Campanella  Diana Cawood
William Robert Cullen Luis de Sobrino   Gerald Albert Feltham
Alexander Goumeniouk F. Geoffrey Herring  Garth Jones
Robert W. Kennedy   Harold Christian Knutson  Iza Laponce
Robert H. Lee       William Logan       Edward Joseph Matte
Richard Mattessich  Robert McDonald     Jack Pomfret
Marilyn Pomfret     Alan Richardson     Martha Salcudean, OC, OBC
John W. Schrader    Charles Warriner     J. Donald Wilson
2. **Agenda Approval** The agenda was approved.

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**, Wednesday, April 19, 2019
   The circulated minutes were approved. Corrections were invited by email to the office.

4. **Report from the Principal (Donald Fisher)**
   As we come to the end of our second full year as a College it is important to note that the College is in a very healthy state. The membership stands at around 800. We have a secure budget, good relationships with UBC central administration, and a strong program of activities and events which we will continue within the constraints of the pandemic.

   First, I wish to highlight the work of the College since the last report to Senate in May 2019. At the Retreat in September 2019, Council discussed what might be the appropriate academic role of the College. We decided our work should follow two Guiding Principles: Interdisciplinarity and Community Outreach. Committees have been struck to implement those ideas. As a way of implementing our ideas we decided to appoint a Visiting Professor and to mount a Symposium around the work of the said professor on the topic of Cities of the Future. The Symposium has been postponed until May 2020. The Outreach Committee proceed to plan a series of moderated discussions on topics of wide public interest. Our work and activities are divided into three categories: programs; interest groups; and various committees. The aim is to fulfill the academic, social and advocacy functions of the College.

   The Endowment Fund, created two years ago, has now surpassed $150,000, and the Scholarly Subsidy Fund, entering its 4th year, reimburses $100,000. The College has moved into more spacious, temporary quarters in Ponderosa F, awaiting completion of a permanent space in the new Brock Commons, expected in 2022/23.

   President Ono hosted a reception for new members of the College at Norman Mackenzie House.

   The College website has been upgraded and now includes an enhanced calendar of events.

   College representatives attended the annual conference of CURAC (College and University Retirees Association of Canada) in Guelph, and the first congress of the newly-formed EAPE (European Association of Professors Emeriti) in Athens. Plans to host the 2020 CURAC conference with SFU and UVic, here at UBC, have been postponed due to COVID. It was agreed to defer hosting the conference to May 2022.

   We continue to collaborate with UBC IT to gain access to resources and support for our members. On the membership front, we are working with all the academic units to put in place a representative and we look forward to establishing a new Chapter of the College once it is approved by Okanagan Senate. A new Award has been established for Excellence in the Innovative and Creative Endeavours of Emeriti. Thanks to Margery Fee, who has taken over as editor of our newsletter; we especially depend on it during the current crisis.

   New virtual groups are being established, as well as innovative ways to continue our activities.

   Thanks to President Ono and the College Council.
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Note: The slides that accompanied all the reports in these minutes will be included in the website version of these minutes.

5. Financial Report (Michael MacEntee)
The College has transitioned financially, from the Association to the College. Accounts that were held externally have been transferred to UBC operations. Thanks to Richard Spencer, who was involved with APE finances. Ongoing quarterly reports are now being produced, as well as a 5-year plan for the Provost. Thanks to Sandra van Ark, who manages the accounts on an on-going basis. Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee were established. Summary reports of all accounts were presented.

6. Election of new members of Council (Dianne Newell, Past Principal)
The election was conducted online for the first time, by necessity, but it will likely continue, as 150 members participated, more than in any previous election.
Principal – Graeme Wynn, Geography
Vice Principal – Joost Blom, Law
Member at Large (two-year term)
Richard Unger, History
Member at Large (three-year term)
Gail Bellward, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Anne Junker, Pediatrics
Marv Westwood, Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education

7. Looking Forward (Graeme Wynn)
It is difficult to know with certainty what the coming year will bring. Most of UBC will be online through December. Residences (especially Green College) may not open in September, putting the spring symposium in jeopardy. The College has already begun to adapt. It will be a challenge to maintain engagement and collegiality. Programming can be modified to be more conversational among presenters. A series of moderated Conversations on issues of political salience could contribute to the intellectual atmosphere of the university and introduce the Emeritus College to a wider public.
Proposal for a new weekly drop-in chat, with no agenda, at a set time each week.

8. Breakout – Six council members hosted online breakout rooms for 15 minutes.

9. Q&A – responses to questions and comments from attendees.

10. Thank you’s
Don Fisher thanked the Members-at-Large whose terms were ending: John McNeill and George Bluman.
Graeme Wynn thanked Don Fisher for his work as Principal of the College.

11. Adjournment