ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 4, 2022,  1:00–3:30 pm

1:00 business meeting; 1:30 awards ceremony; 2:00 speaker

Clean Energy in the 21st Century
A Path to Climate and Geopolitical Stability

David Wilkinson, Canadian Research Chair in Clean Energy and Electrochemical Technologies, Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering

Zoom meeting: Click on link for information and registration

David Wilkinson, PEng, FEIC, FCAE, FCIC, FRSC, is an internationally recognized expert in electrochemical technologies and has been named a Member of the Order of Canada for “his contributions to electrochemical science and engineering, particularly the ongoing development of fuel cell technology.” Before coming to UBC, Dr. Wilkinson held key positions at Moli Energy, where he was part of the team that developed the world’s first commercial rechargeable lithium AA battery, and Ballard Power Systems, which he helped transform into a world leader in fuel cell and hydrogen technology. His research is focused on energy conversion and storage, and providing advanced sustainable solutions for energy and water use. With students at UBC, he has developed an electrochemical reactor that converts carbon dioxide and saline wastewater into value-added chemicals and reusable water. He will talk about clean energy and the role that fuel cells (hydrogen and batteries) will play and are playing in addressing climate change and sustainability. He will discuss the clean energy plan and transition, related research at UBC, and some of the potential issues we face in this massive undertaking.
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, Graeme Wynn and Paul Harrison 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

This is the last Principal’s letter that I contribute to the Newsletter, since my term ends in June. It’s been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the members as Principal for the past ten months. The Emeritus College is fun. It has all kinds of serious purposes — to assist members transitioning into retirement, to provide information on benefits, to put on programs, and to assist members with continuing scholarly activities, to name only some of what the College does. But the overriding purpose of the College, like the Association of Professors Emeriti that was its predecessor, is to help its members make the most of the opportunities of every kind that retirement makes possible. And helping our more than 1200 members to do that is fun.

The UBC Emeritus College is exceptionally active. By my count we put on, or co-sponsored, some twenty-one events this year. There were four General Meetings and one Annual General Meeting (coming up on 4 May), each with a featured speaker; three College Conversations panel discussions; six Senior Scholars series interviews with outstanding senior colleagues; five events in the Green College-UBC Emeritus College Thematic Lecture Series on Intergenerational Trauma. Then there were the meetings, usually monthly, of our growing number of Special Interest Groups: Community Volunteering; (recreational) Cycling, Film, Photo, Poetry, Reading and Travel. Normally we would have had the regular Philosophers’ Café, but its in-person meetings were suspended because of Covid restrictions.

On top of the events, there were the ongoing College committee activities relating to Awards, Benefits, Continuing Scholarly Activity and Engagement, Finance, Fundraising, Membership, Scholarly Expenses Subsidies, and Transitions to Retirement. Overseeing everything is the twelve-person College Council, which meets basically monthly. Our Unit Representatives link the College with all parts of the campus.

I list all this to emphasize that the College is driven entirely by the energy of our volunteers. I want to thank each and every member who helped out on a committee, or participated in or attended an event, for contributing to the life of the College. I refrain from mentioning names because there are simply too many that deserve to be named. The only names I will mention are our ever-helpful and capable office staff: Sandra van Ark, Administrative Manager; Christina Girardi, Administrative Assistant; and Mia Riley, Events and Communications Assistant. Their efforts have enabled those legions of volunteers to accomplish what they do.

I hope to see many members at the Annual General Meeting on 4 May, and at the CURAC (College and University Retiree Association of Canada) Virtual Conference on 19 May. Details are on the Emeritus College website.

With all good wishes,

Joost Blom, Professor Emeritus, Law
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 2021 - 2022. 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 Monday, July 11, 2022. Further details and the online application form can be found on the UBC Emeritus College website here.
Coming Events

For latest details and to register for any College-organized events, please go to the UBC Emeritus website.

Parking on Campus? You may not have been to campus for a while—perhaps not for years! If the license plate you are using has changed for any reason, please update it. We all know UBC Parking is very efficient at issuing tickets. Also note that the parking garage beside the Nest is off-limits for faculty, staff and emeriti parking.

Here’s a link to the easy-to-use website if you need to update your information:

https://ebus.parking.ubc.ca/ebusiness/cmn/auth_ext.aspx

And here is a map of parking on campus: https://parking.ubc.ca/map

Members of the Council (usual suspects) and staff (Mia Riley) enjoy lunch after the first in-person (hybrid with Zoom) Council meeting for more than two years

Photo by Sandra van Ark
Green College Series on Intergenerational Trauma

Titled “Releasing the Trauma Effects of War: Healing Though the Intergeneration of Music with Therapeutic Approaches to Trauma Recovery,” the session held on Tuesday, April 12 was a great success. Nancy Hermiston, Chair of the Voice and Opera Divisions of UBC’s School of Music and Director of the UBC Opera Ensemble, with Emeriti Richard Vedan and Marv Westwood organized this event, which was an integrated presentation on how music and performance can contextualize injury and recovery from war-related trauma among veterans and their families. This was demonstrated through a performance developed and directed by Nancy Hermiston including music students and veteran students performing the famous "Sleep" Chorus from Silent Night, an opera depicting the famous Christmas truce of World War I, a moment when arms were laid down, voices came together in song and for a short time humanity returned to the earth.

Richard Vedan and Marv Westwood

Members of the UBC Opera Ensemble

Photos by Sandra van Ark
The University of British Columbia Emeritus College, University of Victoria Retirees Association, and the Simon Fraser University Retirees Association are proud to host

The 2022 CURAC/ARUCC Virtual Assembly

Thursday, May 19, 2022
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

CURAC/ARUCC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada/Associations de retraités des universités et collèges du Canada) membership includes retiree associations and retirees from many post-secondary institutions across Canada.

Come join us online as retiree association members from across the country gather to share ideas and information and also to participate in a series of educational sessions geared to retirement life. This year’s sessions focus on wellness and well-being, a major area of research strength at the three universities.

Speakers include Dr. John Helliwell (UBC), Dr. Angela Brooks-Wilson (SFU), Dr. Gloria Guttman (SFU) and Dr. Anne Martin-Matthews (UBC).

For the schedule and updates, check here.

CONFERENCE Sponsorship: We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors listed below for their generous contributions. Please click on their links below to discover the vast array of services our sponsors offer to members of CURAC/ARUCC retiree associations.

ECONOMICAL (home/auto/pet insurance)

RETired TEACHERS OF ONTARIO-RTO (extended health benefits)

JOHNSON (travel insurance)

HEARING LIFE
Special Interest Groups

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

TRAVEL GROUP—Thursdays, 3:00pm

To join, please contact Paul Steinbok at psteinbok@cw.bc.ca. A Zoom link will be sent out two days before each meeting. After the two meetings below, the next meetings start in the fall.

Thursday, 21 April 2022, 3:00 pm
Living as a Local: Reflections on 16 years of Home Exchanging
Presented by Amanda Skoll and Gerry Marquette

Home exchanging is a wonderful way to travel! It provides the opportunity to immerse oneself in non-tourist areas, take advantage of local knowledge and save lots of money. They will talk about 16 years of over 40 home exchanges and provide guidance on how to go about becoming involved in this type of travel.

Thursday, 19 May 2022, 3:00 pm
Travels in Japan

Ethel Warbinek – Assistant Professor Emerita UBC School of Nursing

Ethel will talk about her trips to Japan in 2015 & 2020, with visits to Tokyo, Kyoto and Nikko, including a stay at a historic Japanese inn. Learn about her experience of a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and her enjoyment of the gardens, Buddhist temples, cherry trees and fabulous food that Japan has to offer.

Nancy Langton will host, as Paul Steinbok will be away. If you wish to join and are not already on the EC Travel list, contact Nancy Langton: nancy.langton@sauder.ubc.ca.
PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

If you would like to join, please contact Richard Spencer for the Zoom link at richard@rhspencer.ca. For future meetings, check the Events Calendar at https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/upcoming-events

Next meeting: **Friday 13 May 2022 at 3 pm.** More Information to come.

The photo group had a successful first hybrid meeting on Friday, April 8. There were 4 members in room FRIE 237 at UBC, and 11 joined on Zoom. The large screen proved to be excellent for displaying photos. Based on this experience, the next meeting will also be hybrid. Thanks to Roy Saunders, Sandra van Ark, and Mia Riley for helping prepare for and manage this first hybrid meeting, and Roy for handling the presentation of the our photos

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUP

Working with the Emeritus College Community Volunteer group, College member Niamh Kelly (Medicine) is planning an initiative called "Every Child Goes to University." The next meeting of the Community Volunteer group (**Wednesday May 18th 4 - 5 pm**) will be given over to building out this program. Anybody interested in working on this initiative is encouraged to attend. If interested and not already on the email list, please contact Nancy Gallini at Nancy.Gallini@ubc.ca
EASY RIDERS: Second Season

It is time to grease your chains and polish your wheels in anticipation of a summer of fun in the saddle with THE EASY RIDERS. After a very successful inaugural season in 2021, your Emeritus College cycling group will soon be rolling along the bike-paths and bike-lanes of Metro Vancouver. We are EC², aiming to mix exercise, conversation, exploration and conviviality in almost equal measure. For some sense of what we are about see The Emeritus College Newsletter, 4, 2, page 12 (November 2021).

If you would like to join us – without committing to every outing – please send an email (subject “Easy Rider”) to Graeme (wynn@geog.ubc.ca) before April 27th. We will happily add you to our mailing list and keep you informed.

We plan to have at least half a dozen rides between May and September (virus, smoke and heat permitting). Scheduling will attempt to accommodate diverse preferences, though we try to avoid weekends, so options are not endless.

All levels of expertise and fitness, and bikes new, old, and electric are welcome. We avoid foul weather, and don’t leave anyone behind (at least intentionally). We are open to spawning new groups (last year we floated the idea of NSERC – the Not So Easy Riders Club, for example) or entertaining proposals for outings longer than our “usual” 25-35 gentle kms. We are informal, and have neither crest nor motto, but were we so inclined we might borrow the latter from a rather larger organization: Tuum Est.

Graeme Wynn, Emeritus Professor of Geography
**FILM GROUP**

Hosted by John LeBlanc: To join the group, please email him at john.leblanc@ubc.ca. Meetings will resume in September.

**POETIC ODYSSEYS**

All who are interested in writing, reading or listening to poetry are welcome. Anyone interested in attending our next Zoom meeting should contact either Philip Resnick (Professor Emeritus, Political Science (philip.resnick@ubc.ca) or George McWhirter (Professor Emeritus, Creative Writing gmcwubc@telus.net). Meetings will resume in September.

Credit Alan Marchant: Watching You
BOOKS R US

Is reading a solitary or a social act? If you enjoy talking about what you read, and think that the answer to this question is “both,” consider joining or starting an Emeritus College book group. A dozen or so emeriti met regularly (via Zoom) this winter, and found great pleasure in the lively conversations stimulated by an eclectic selection of books bearing in some way upon university life. So we explored the “Groves of Academe” together, made new friends, and broadened our understanding of ourselves, our lives, and our world. C.P. Snow, David Lodge, Kazuo Ishiguro, Kwame Appiah, Jane Smiley, and Dorothy Sayers inspired our discussions. We plan to take a summer break and to reconvene in the fall. Our reading choices will be made collectively, and we may focus on a different theme. Emeriti who think they would enjoy the simple but lasting joys that flow from informed, focussed discussion with thoughtful colleagues are encouraged to join us. There is no reason why “Groves” should be the Emeritus College’s only book group, however. If you are interested in reading and talking about a particular theme (from gardening to war…) or particular genre (biography/ mystery/ science fiction…) do join the conversation. The possibilities are legion, and not only in foci; meetings might be more or less frequent, online or in-person (or both); discussions might be guided, seeded, or entirely open; etc.

If you are interested in participating in or leading a book group, or simply in being informed about what develops, please send a brief note indicating what appeals, to Graeme at: wynn@geog.ubc.ca before 1 May 2022, with subject line: Books R Us. Meetings will resume in September.

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Emeritus & UBC News

**Serge Guilbaut** (Professor Emeritus, Art History, Visual Art and Theory) has some news about his retirement career. He reports:

“Just before Putin launched his attack on Ukraine I received a note from my publisher that a Russian editor wanted to publish my book *How New York Stole the Idea of Modern Art* (U of Chicago P, 1985). As a joke I answered saying ‘what is going on? After 30 years the Russian are interested in my work? Is Putin using my book in order to start a new Cold War or what?’ So I made a collage I wanted to have it on the cover...Then the war started and I asked the press not to accept the contract. A very weird moment but a nice collage I thought. By the way, the Cold War puts me on the international stage again as I am going to Lisbon in April and Madrid in October to talk about...yes ...the Cold War.

Note: The collage used the infamous picture of bare-chested Putin on a horse—but in this version, he is brandishing Guilbaut’s book.”

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**Judith G. Hall** (Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics) is the Chair of both the Board of Neuroethics Canada and the Board of SKIP (Solutions for Kids in Pain) and encourages you to branch out when invited. She notes:

“I have totally enjoyed both responsibilities and learned an enormous amount while being able to support their organizational structures. They are both making amazing contributions to Canadian communities, both academic and public. For me it has to do with how we use our past experiences in new and creative ways as new enterprises develop and evolve.”

Credit Alan Marchant, Feather Flowers
In Memoriam

Stanley (Stan) George Hutton
Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering
1941 – 2022
University Service 1978 – 2002

Dennis Trevor Guest
Professor Emeritus of Social Work
1923 – 2021
University Service 1982 – 1988

Luis A.F. Oliveira
Associate Professor Emeritus of Botany
1941 – 2022
University Service 1978 – 2007

Bruce L. White
Professor Emeritus of Physics
1931 – 2022
University Service 1956 – 1996

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


Ken Carty co-edited a special issue of Irish Political Studies [37 (2) 2022] with Luciano Bardi (Pisa), which celebrates Peter Mair’s contribution to the study of Comparative Politics. His paper is entitled: “Into the Void: The Collapse of Irish Party Democracy.”


Elizabeth Dean (Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine; Department of Physical Therapy) and Clinical Professor Joseph Anthony are co-lead and e-editors, respectively, on the recently revised textbook: ‘Frownfelter D, Dean E, Stout M, Kroeger R, Anthony J. Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy: Evidence To Practice (6th Ed). Elsevier, St. Louis, MO, 2022. Rob Kruger also served as an e-editor; he is affiliated with the intensive care nursing program at BCIT. Dr. Claudia Krebs, UBC Department of Anatomy, revised two chapters. Former editions have been translated into three languages with anticipated translation of this edition into Spanish.


Around Campus and Beyond

AROHE Idea Exchange Webinar: Transforming Retirement in Higher Education - A Global Perspective

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 9:00 AM, PDT

Via Zoom

Credit Alan Marchant; Wild Flower Canvas
Scamming and Phishing: What to Know

One of our members suggested we include some information on common scams. Although people think scammers succeed most with older adults, in fact the US Federal Trade Commission reports that people under 30 are the most common victims.

To see these tactics in action, try Google’s Phishing Quiz. The Freedom of the Press Foundation also has a great explainer, and the Canadian Revenue Agency and the US Federal Trade Commission both have information on the most common scams.

Experience history and B.C. wildlife at the tip of your pencil crayons. UBC Library’s new digital colouring book features illustrated birds in nature that doubles as a calendar. Download your own copy: https://bit.ly/3rtVEp0

Credit Alan Marchant; Milk Teeth
UBC Emeritus College
Annual General Meeting 2022
Agenda
Wednesday, May 4, 2021 at 1pm
Zoom-meeting

1. Moment of Silence to honour those members who have died
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2021 AGM
4. Report from the Principal (Joost Blom) – 10 mins
6. Results of Election of new members of the Council (Graeme Wynn) – 5 mins
7. Looking forward and Thank-you’s (Anne Junker) – 5-10 mins
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment
Draft Minutes of 2021 AGM for Approval at the May 2022 AGM

UBC Emeritus College
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2021
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The Principal, Graeme Wynn, opened the meeting with a welcome to the members. 107 people registered.

1. Minute of Silence to honour members who passed away in the last year— we remember them.

Sonia Acorn
János M. Bak
Dominique Baudouin
Laurence Louis (Larry) Bongie
Charles John Brauner
Anna Celler
John Jeremy Lewis Crosby
Alexander George Fagans Davidson
Robert (Bob) Donaldson
Stephen Michael Drance OC
Donald John Egleston
Michael Ian Foster
Joseph Arthur Fredrick Gardner, CM
Elsbeth (Jane) Garland
Edmond Ernest Granirer
George Robert Gray
Clarissa Green
David F. Hardwick
Rob Hill
Robert (Bob) Hindmarch, CM
Edward J. Hundert
John Edward Michael (Mike) Kew

James Peter (Hamish) Kimmins, CM
Paul Henri Leblond
Maurice (Mo) Levi
Janis Lielmezs
James C. Mao
Richard (Dick) Mosher
Keizo Nagatani
Rimas Pakalnis
Patricia Susan (Sue) Penfold
Dwight Irving Gregg Peretz
Hans-Karl Piltz
Richard Earl Pincock
David M. J. Quastel
Phyllis Barbara Schrodt
Helen Shore
Eddison Gilbert Narad Sinanan
Ross Stewart
Raman S. Venkataraman
David C. Walker
Gary Wedeking
Michael Fort Whitfield
Louis I. Woolf
M. Norman Young
2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2020

The circulated minutes were approved. Corrections were invited but none were noted.

4. Report from the President (Graeme Wynn)

2001, A Space Odyssey, provided a framework for reflection; the College boldly went where poetry helped along the way, the pandemic having encouraged introspection. Attention was paid to the internal affairs of the College. The University migrated to a new administrative system, WorkDay, which continues to present challenges. The College is now officially a department, but continues to work at finding its place in the life of the campus. Conversations with the Provost’s Office established that all Senate-appointed emeriti (including those who were not active in the Association of Professors Emeriti (APE)), are Members of the Emeritus College. This new understanding effectively doubles membership of the College.

A new governance model developed and implemented in the course of the year which makes clear the structure of the College, highlights the broad range of services and activities the College delivers to its members, and provides a sound base on which to grow.

The College was able to move to an online format using Zoom and modifying the content of some programming to accommodate. We have a continuing commitment to expand our range of programs, particularly with the Special Interest Groups. The College and its committees are a volunteer organization, which depends on its committee members to continue its work.

Let us celebrate making it through the last year, with thanks to all who have helped and supported in bringing the Emeritus College from strength to strength.

5. Financial Report (Richard Unger)

Lynn Smith has joined the Finance Committee as an ex-officio member, adjunct to her role as Chair of the Fundraising and Liaison Development Committee. Michael MacEntee has stepped down.

The College accounts have now been moved to WorkDay. The shift of activities from in-person to online has moved the College from a small deficit last year, to a hefty surplus, of $48,622 in the Operating Account. We also faced a COVID-related budget decrease of 1 percent and a 2 percent cut in the coming year. The request for increased staff time was not approved; extra costs were absorbed through General Operating. The Endowment Fund continues to grow, from investment income and from scheduled transfers from the College Account. Expenses are expected to rise in the upcoming year as we return to previous activities and explore new ones. Members are encouraged to apply to the Research Subsidy fund, which has a healthy surplus due to reduced travel in the last year. Thanks to all the members of the Finance and Development Committees for their work over the past year.
6. Results of election of new members of Council (Donald Fisher, Past Principal)

The election was conducted online with 226 members participating.

Elected by Acclamation:

*Principal – Joost Blom, Law  
*Vice Principal – Anne Junker, Pediatrics  
*Member at Large (two-year term) – Sandra Bressler, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Election for Members at Large (three-year term):

*Paul Harrison, Botany  
*Alan Mackworth, Computer Science  
*Patricia Shaw, Anthropology

7. Thanks and Looking Forward (Joost Blom)

Thanks to Council Members whose terms end on June 30, 2021:

*Graeme Wynn, who becomes Past-Principal  
*Donald Fisher, Past Principal, remains on Council as an ex-officio member  
*Linda Leonard, Member-at-Large  
*Herbert Rosengarten, Member-at-Large

Special thanks to Graeme for his energetic principalship, especially for developing a new governance structure for the College, as well as convening programs, notably the Conversations series, the Green College thematic series, and the Senior Scholars series, and all during a pandemic year. Don’s work continued as chair of the nominating committee, and as co-initiator of the new Award for Innovative and Creative Endeavors. Linda Leonard continues in her innovative work on the Transitions to Retirement Committee. Herbert Rosengarten has been co-chair of Communications, and continues his legacy work on the history of the College.

Looking forward – a transition to in-person activities, with guidance from the feedback received through the survey of members, conducted by Anne Junker. The year ahead has a full schedule of activities. In addition to the scheduled series and special interest group activities, in October, the Emeritus College will host an event as part of the Healthy Aging Symposium, sponsored by the European Association of Professors Emeriti, and in May, hopefully in-person, the CURAC (College and University Retiree Association of Canada) national conference originally scheduled for 2020, with take place at UBC.

8. Other Business – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.