



UBC Emeritus College Newsletter

Will you be the new newsletter editor?

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We are looking forward to our next newsletter with the new editor and new design.



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UBC Emeritus College News- letter

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE UBC EMERITUS COLLEGE

From Anne Junker, Principal

In September 2022, the College Council and leaders of Clusters and Committees had a strategic planning retreat to guide the work of the College for the next three years. We agreed on four priorities, which are presented here with a précis of related activities:

1. Enrich retirement for College members

Enriching retirement starts with good planning for retirement. The College Transitioning to Retirement group continue to update resources posted on the College website. We are pleased that HR/Faculty Relations, with support from College members, have resumed half-day retirement workshops to be held twice yearly for about 75 faculty a session. Enriching retirement is the aim of our speaker programs and now-9 special interest groups (SIGs). These represent a sizeable proportion of the 75 events undertaken at the College each year. I am thankful that Paul Steinbok has volunteered to lead the Special Interest Group Cluster, and Sandra Bressler, the Programs Cluster.

2. Increase the community profile and involvement of the College and its members locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally

Many emeriti make significant contributions at the municipal, provincial, national, and international levels. We will highlight some of these in College newsletters. Since January, 2022, the Volunteering Special Interest Group led by Nancy Gallini has been hearing from emeriti about their community experiences, and from organizations seeking volunteers. A key aim of this group is to link College members to community organizations and provide advice on how to get involved. The CBC recently reported that a critical lack of volunteers is putting Canadian nonprofit services at risk; up to 65% of organizations have a shortage of volunteers, with a third of having to reduce services. Locally, these include Meals on Wheels in White Rock and South Surrey. According to Volunteer Canada, prior to COVID, seniors dedicated the most hours to volunteering of any demographic, but health and safety concerns are having an effect.

3. Enhance recognition of the relevance and contributions of emeriti and the College to UBC

Emeriti represent 20% of UBC academics, and many continue to contribute to the University. The College Executive, Joost Blom, Paul Harrison and I, recently had a terrific meeting with the new Provost, Gage Averill. He recognizes that emeriti are not regularly engaged in the “lifeblood” of the university and he is committed to working on this. Arrangements are being made for us to meet with the Deans, and then Department Heads and Directors, to talk to them about the College.

UBC Emeritus College Strategic Plan, cont.

4. Ensure the College is effective, efficient, and sustainable

The College runs through the work of its member volunteers. The College Nominations Committee (Chair, Joost Blom) is beginning its annual search for new volunteers to join the Council and College committees. If interested, you would be most welcome to discuss being involved with those listed on the People section of the website with Joost. Most importantly at present, we need someone to lead the editorial group for the College Newsletter. Carolyn Gilbert has most generously volunteered to resume this role she held previously, but only until a new Editor is in place. Our office staff now include Sandra van Ark, Administrative Manager, Queenie Law, Administrative Assistant, and Sarah Close Humayun, Events and Communications Coordinator.



—Anne Junker, Assoc. Prof. Emeritus, Pediatrics
Principal, UBC Emeritus College

**Sandra now has the help of two new staff members in the Emeritus College Office.
We'd like you to meet—**



Sarah Close Humayun is the Events and Communications Coordinator of the UBC Emeritus College. Prior to joining UBC she coordinated engagement activities at both Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. In addition to experience within academia, Sarah has experience coordinating large scale consumer events and festivals in the private and cultural sector. In her free time, Sarah loves yoga, tackling DIY household projects, or simply curling up in the sun with a good book. Find her Monday to Thursday at 604-822-1752 or events@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.

Queenie Law is the Administrative Assistant of the UBC Emeritus College. She joined the Emeritus College in December 2022. Prior to joining UBC she worked as a project assistant in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In her free time, Queenie enjoys drawing, reading, and volunteering with children. Find her office Tuesday to Friday, or at 604-827-6359 or office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.



We'd like to thank Christina Girardi for her time with the College and wish her a Happy Retirement!

Emeritus Honours and Achievements

Order of Canada



Paul Joseph Dubord, OC
Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology

Recognized for his contributions to ophthalmology and for his tireless humanitarian work on the international stage, notably in India.



Allen Charles Edward Eaves, OC, OBC
Professor Emeritus of Medicine

Recognized for his leading business acumen in the biotechnology industry and for his advancement of cutting-edge stem cell and leukemia research.

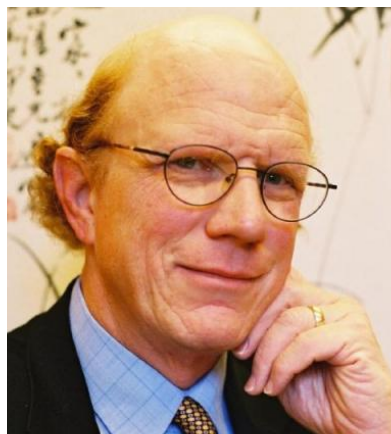


Eva-Marie Kröller, CM
Professor Emerita of English Language and Literatures

For her contributions to the appreciation of Canadian writing, and for her achievements as an educator.

David Frederick Ley, OC
Professor Emeritus of Geography

Recognized for his ongoing and substantial contributions to the field of human geography.



Pitman Benjamin Potter, CM
Professor Emeritus of Law

Recognized for his precedent-setting scholarship in the field of Chinese legal studies, and for his dedication and service to his community.

Emeritus Honours and Achievements

Two of our UBC Emeritus College professors, **Gail Bellward** and **Stuart MacLeod**, were honoured this past fall by the **Canadian Society of Pharmacology and Therapeutics** as “legends in the field”. The Society initiated Fellowships for the first time in 2022 to honour outstanding members and initially awarded four such fellowships, including those to Gail and Stuart.

Gail’s academic career was entirely at UBC, where she ultimately became Associate Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. She conducted research on drug metabolism and drug interactions, and was instrumental in providing the research necessary to result in major decreases in pulp mill effluent pollution in BC. During her career at UBC, she served on most major committees, including Senate. She has won numerous awards, including a Killam Senior Fellowship, YWCA Woman of Distinction, Society of Toxicology Award of Distinction, and Janssen-Ortho Award for Research. Of note, Gail was the first woman president of both Canadian learned societies in pharmacology and toxicology. She became the Chair of the UBC Clinical Research Ethics Board after retiring, followed by six years on the Law Society of BC Hearing Panels. Presently, she is an Emeritus Council member, and Chair of the Continuing Scholarly Activity and Engagement Committee.

Stuart’s career started at the University of Toronto where he was Professor of Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Pediatrics, and Medicine. This was followed by his serving as Dean of McMaster University’s innovative Faculty of Health Sciences. Subsequently, he came to UBC as Associate Dean Research in the Faculty of Medicine, and Vice-President of Research and Academic Development in the Provincial Health Services Authority. Stuart also led the BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute. He has been an international leader pursuing optimal drug therapy, in both adult and pediatric medicine. He has had a parallel focus on safe medication use and pharmacogenomics, including minimization of drug risk. At the request of Health Canada, Stuart chaired an expert panel on improving medicines usage by children in Canada for the Council of Canadian Academies. The final report, published in 2014, remains widely cited.



Gail Bellward,
Professor Emerita of
Pharmacology and Toxicology



Stuart MacLeod,
Professor Emeritus of
Pediatrics



Wendy Hall,
Professor Emerita of Nursing, was inducted as a Fellow in the **Canadian Academy of Nursing**. Fellowship represents the highest honour for Canada’s most accomplished nursing leaders in clinical practice, education, administration, research and policy.

And still more Honours!

Professors Emerita Elaine Carty, Founding Director of UBC’s Midwifery Program, and **Dr. Carol Herbert**, a former Head of Family Practice at UBC and Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University, are among six laureates to be inducted into the 2023 **Canadian Medical Hall of Fame**.



Elaine Carty, OC, OBC, was instrumental in establishing the evidentiary basis for expanded child-birth services, bringing midwifery into the mainstream. She helped erode structural and attitudinal barriers to legitimizing the profession, contributing to the legalization of midwifery in BC. She is known in BC as the “midwife of midwifery” and is widely recognized as a primary leader in creating the scientific foundation for the legislative and regulatory frameworks allowing professional practice of midwifery in Canada today. Elaine also received a **2022 Alumni Achievement Award**.



Carol Herbert, MD, OC, one of the first women to lead a Canadian medical school, was the founding Head of the UBC Division of Behavioural Medicine, and a co-founder of the UBC Institute of Health Promotion Research and Vancouver’s Sexual Assault Service. She is internationally known and honoured for her leadership in primary care research and innovations in health care education, in particular her work on the social determinants of health in the context of family violence and sexual assault; clinical health promotion and patient-physician decision-making; participatory research on ecosystem health issues in Indigenous communities.

Remembering Anne Piternick, 1926–2023



Anne Piternick,
Professor Emerita of Library,
Archival and Information Studies

Anne was President of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti in 2003–04. As part of her leadership, she archived the records of the Association in the Library. She came from Manchester in 1956 to be a librarian at UBC, then Assoc. Professor in the new UBC School of Librarianship, then Professor until her retirement. In the 1970s, she chaired the SSHRC Awards Comm. for Bibliography and Archives, the first time these areas were supported. Anne was active in the UBC Faculty Association and was the Senate Faculty Association Representative (1969–72), at that time the only other woman in Senate apart from the Dean of Women. She was Assoc. Dean of Arts (1985–90), the first woman to serve in the Dean of Arts office. She received many awards and distinctions for services to her profession and University. Anne is described by friends and relatives as “a real force of nature.” We will miss her.

Michael Klein, Professor Emeritus of Family Practice and Pediatrics writes:

A Chanukah Story

That primary health care is fraying at the edges is not news. Family physicians are exhausted, wait time to see a specialist is long, and many elders are feeling abandoned. New contracts for family doctors will help but cannot resolve a system that is not a system but only a way to pay doctors and hospitalization. Time to re-design the entire system while preserving its public nature. Nevertheless, we should feel reassured that response to catastrophic illness remains strong as evidenced by the exemplary community response to Covid by doctors and nurses and as exemplified by the following story.

On December 19th, while raking gravel in Roberts Creek on the Sunshine Coast, I felt a searing excruciating pain between my shoulder blades, way more intense than the pain of a heart attack. Moreover, the pattern was unlike heart attack pain. I was suffused with sweat and immediately prostrate. Fortunately, my son-in-law Avi Lewis was with me and called 911. The ambulance team arrived quickly, and I was taken to Sechelt Hospital, where I was met by Dr. Adetunji Oremakinde. We both agreed that I was probably having a high aortic aneurism tear, and if I was not quickly evacuated to the care of a skilled cardiothoracic surgeon, I would not survive. The CT scan showed the dissection. Thanks to the many other community members for developing funding for our community CT scanner. The CT scan was sent electronically for formal reading by the radiologist at Lions Gate Hospital. Not waiting for the formal report, Dr. Oremakinde began arranging transport.

Problem: it was snowing like hell so the helicopter could not fly, and the last ferry to Vancouver had left. In consequence arrangements for other means of transport began, settling on the Canadian Coast Guard Hovercraft. The hovercraft was based at the Vancouver airport and had to come all the way around UBC past Atkinson's point to Gibson's, where the Sechelt Ambulance, with me inside, waited. The team accompanying the hovercraft was the same team of EMT's and Nurses who would have normally been in their highly specialized ambulance, helicopter or medical transport aeroplane. In the middle of the epic snowstorm, the hovercraft began its return trip, this time reversing up the Fraser River to within a few blocks from Royal Columbian Hospital. At the dock waited the team's intensive care ambulance, taking me directly to the operating room, where the surgical team had anxiously been awaiting my arrival, knowing that the death rate increases about 2-4 % per hour. Fewer than 50% survive this type of aortic dissection. At surgery Dr. Daniel Wong removed a large dissecting aneurysm and replaced it with a Dacron tube. The Royal Columbian nursing and medical staff, led by Dr. Brian Muth, were amazing. I'm now in the care of my family.

What I had is a degenerative genetic disease, requiring full assessment of all family members, children through old age. This fact motivated me to write, because some of you may be part of a family where a member might have died suddenly and unexpectedly. Adults at risk can be screened by serial CT scans. Kids at risk can receive genetic testing well before the problem emerges, and the aortic defect permanently repaired.

With gratitude, my health has been improving daily, and Bonnie and I have returned to our home in Roberts Creek, with full-time help—and a van and two scooters!



The hovercraft on a calmer day

DID YOU KNOW that . . .

Five Emeritus Professors serve UBC by sitting on the Senate and participating on (sometimes chairing) Senate Committees? They are:

Francis Andrew
Library; Teaching & Learning

Lawrence Burr
Awards; Library, (Vice-Chair); Tributes, (Vice-Chair)

John Gilbert
Academic Policy; Agenda; Tributes, (Chair)

Paul Harrison
Academic Policy; Agenda (Chair); Nominating (Chair); Student Appeals

Richard Spencer
Academic Policy (Vice Chair)

Election of new Senators will take place this Spring. See p. 12

More than 100 Emeritus Professors serve UBC by belonging to the UBC Experts Guide, an information source that gives journalists quick and direct access to UBC's expertise. You may have seen some of them on TV! For information about how to sign up, go to <https://experts.news.ubc.ca/signup/>.



Pohutukawa Tree, *Helen Spencer*

Aotearoa

I almost took root again
in this land of my birth.
The tumbled joyful valleys,
the shouting stars, the hectic rain,
and the quick shadows across the land
as the fat, washed clouds
cantered above us.

How it rained!
Paddocks shone lush green,
spangled with dandelions.
Lambs lay almost hidden in long grass.
Horses in blue raincoats.
And a river of cows streaming
down the hillside to be milked.

I stared at the bull calves
shifting nervously,
staring back at me
with black-ringed eyes.

The wide river called to me
flooding and flowing,
flax flowers bowing in homage,
cabbage trees stiffly saluting.

Where the hot stream ran into the lake,
the swans swam languidly.
Only a thin layer between
me and the chemistry, vivid
below. Sulphates pushed through
the fractured rock: cruel colours,
acid yellow, bile green, in steaming pools
with crusty warning edges.

Tui and fantail, wax-eye and
bellbird --aerial acrobats--
embellished the bush
with a filigree of song.

I feasted my eyes on the festive
scarlet of blossoms that mantled
the Pohutukawa trees, then gazed
and gazed at the long white lines
of endlessly breaking waves on the western shore.

—Helen Spencer

Early Days in Vancouver



James Inglis Reid Ltd (1915-1986) 559 Granville St.

“We ha’e meat that ye can eat”*

Museum of Vancouver Collection

Joan Anderson, Professor Emerita of Nursing, writes:

Members of the UBC Emeritus College may find a book written by one of our colleagues, **Anne Wyness** (Assoc. Prof. Emeritus of Nursing), of interest. Anne’s book traces the history of her grandparent’s migration from Scotland to Vancouver and how her grandfather went about building a successful business, supported in part by the Scottish community here. The traditions of this iconic butcher store, **James Inglis Reid Ltd**, founded in 1908, were carried on by her father until it closed in 1986. Anne’s work is not only a riveting narrative about her family’s business, but also provides an outstanding contribution to our understanding of the construction of Canada, and to the history of Vancouver. The story resonates with the experiences of immigrants today, who come to Canada with their hopes and aspirations. The meticulously researched and well written book, along with an excellent video produced by the Museum of Vancouver with Anne as narrator, provide a vivid description of the immigrant’s journey and the challenges and successes along the way, and should have broad appeal to an inter-disciplinary community. The video adds a lovely dimension to the book, as readers will enjoy hearing from the author herself.

This history is preserved in the Museum of Vancouver, where a James Inglis Reid Ltd. display is part of the 1950s gallery. The Museum posted the video on social media along with a short written message to mark Robbie Burns Day, January 25. Anne is working with the Museum to make the video a part of their virtual exhibition.

Wyness, M. Anne (2020). *The Larder of the Wise: The Story of Vancouver’s James Inglis Reid Ltd*. Vancouver, Berkley: Figure 1 Publishing. The related video, released this year (2023), is now posted on YouTube. You can find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1n-Ss94IVSo>.

* The store’s motto, taken from the Selkirk Grace by Robert Burns

Editor’s note: In the 1970s and 1980s, the store produced 4 to 6 tons of haggis each year for Robbie Burns celebrations held in Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada!



Anne Wyness
Assoc. Prof. Emeritus
of Nursing

Do you have a story you’d like to share with members of the College in a future newsletter?

Please send it to Carolyn Gilbert:
carolyn.gilbert@ubc.ca

(An accompanying photo is appreciated.)



**A NEW HOME FOR THE COLLEGE
—in progress!**

The UBC Emeritus College is slated to move into the new **UBC Brock Commons South Building**, scheduled for completion in March, 2024. The College will have an office and small meeting room on the fourth floor, as well as use of the lobby area and the option of scheduling use of other rooms in the building. Targeted moving date: **Summer 2024**

**The BENEFITS OF OUR CONTINUING
COLLABORATION with GREEN COLLEGE**

The UBC Emeritus Association, and now the UBC Emeritus College, has had a long history of collaboration with Green College. The intent from the beginning was to bring Emeriti and the Green College graduate student community together through jointly planned programs. The jointly sponsored Senior Scholars program, which began under the leadership of Judy Hall in 2011, was the first collaboration. For the last two years, the programming shared by our colleges has been a thematic series. In 2021–22 the theme, organized by Marv Westwood, Judy Hall, and Richard Vedan, was **Traumatic Stress**. The Series this year—**Disciplines Over Time: Making, Keeping and Breaking the Boundaries of Knowledge**, organized by Don Fisher—brings together three generations of scholars for each session to converse about the development and the future of their field or discipline. Thus far our College has been represented by Graeme Wynn (Geography), Sherrill Grace (English), and Wendy Hall (Nursing). For the next three sessions, the lead will be taken by our colleagues Mukesh Eswaran (Economics), George Mackie (Molecular Biology), and Jo-ann Archibald (Indigenous Studies). Join us at Green College for lively discussion and debate and, as is the tradition, a wine and cheese reception.

Plan now to be part of the next sessions:

- March 30: Molecular Biology**
- April 29: Indigenous Studies**



Chasing the puck at the Polo Club, Palm Springs
Sandy Ferguson

The photographs in this edition of the newsletter are by **Alexander (Sandy) Ferguson**, Emeritus Professor, Paediatrics. On retirement, after many years of exploring the BC south, he shipped his boat to France, and for five years he and his wife travelled the canals and rivers of Europe, as well as the coastal South of France and Northern Italy. His interest in photography dates back to his teens, when he built a photographic enlarger from old camera parts and developed and printed photos at home. The pictures in this issue were chosen to show good contrast.

From the Editor *pro tem*—LOOKING FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

You may have noticed that the last College newsletter appeared in May, 2022. After a noble stint of three years as Editor, Margery Fee stepped down, having given the Council due warning. Since then, despite several requests—from then Principal Joost Blum, current Principal Anne Junker, and as an alert from the College office—we have not recruited a new Editor. Having been Editor once before (following the late Rich Rosenburg from Computer Science, and followed by Don Blake from Political Science, then Margery Fee from English), I stepped in as *pro tem* Editor, just to get the process moving. **The College needs YOU—or someone you know.** The list of the disciplines of emeritus editors demonstrates that you don’t have to hail from journalism, English, or creative arts.

In 2009, when I took over being the Editor from Rich Rosenburg, he handed off what was then a 3–4 page bulletin of need-to-know information. (He said “It’s not hard. You just need to put a few things in some text boxes”; I had never heard of a text box. I expanded the newsletter gradually to include a few photos and more items of interest to members. When I became President of the Association, Don Blake took over from me and expanded the newsletter to include many more interesting items, photos, and other visual treats. After his tenure of six years, having set a new benchmark, Margery Fee took over the job and introduced more innovations, including showcasing photographs and poems by our members of the photography and poetry interest groups. With this solid foundation, and our change from being an association to a UBC college, the time has come to reevaluate the newsletter in terms of its fit with the College’s newly adopted strategic and communications plans.

What next? To be consistent with the College plan, our newsletter should inform, entertain, and help create a sense of community for our members; inform the University community about what the College is doing and what its members are doing for UBC; and inform the wider community (local, national, international—including emeriti from other colleges and universities) about the activities and accomplishments of our members. The current notion is to produce four newsletters each year.

For me, this edition was still an exercise of putting information and contributions in text boxes. The new Editor will have professional help in designing and formatting the newsletter. The Editor will also have the help and support of an Editorial Board in addition to the guidelines suggested by the strategic plan. And me; I will help the new Editor through a few issues (only if this is desired), and we may be able to prevail upon some other earlier editors to give a hand, too.

Even with our excellent office staff, the College exists and develops only because members volunteer their time and good will. Please think about whether you might like to support the College in this way, or whether you can encourage someone you know to take it on. The newsletter is an important and valued part of the UBC Emeritus College. We have missed it this year.

—Carolyn Gilbert (Audiology and Speech Sciences)
 Editor *pro tem*



Emeriti are eligible for election to the UBC Senate

What is the Senate?

The Senate of each campus is the academic governance body, formulating policies and also providing input on campus-specific or UBC-wide initiatives championed by administrative units. Some matters that come to Senate also require approval of the Board of Governors; others are purely the job of Senate.

How can you get involved?

Emeriti along with alumni constitute the “convocation,” which has 12 seats on the Vancouver Senate and two on the Okanagan Senate. Every three years, elections are held for these seats. **Nominations close at 4pm on Monday February 27**; details of the nomination process are available at:

<https://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/convocation-representatives-okanagan-and-vancouver-senates-2022-20-23-triennial-elections>.

Why should you get involved?

The “output” of the Senates affects the daily lives of our students, faculty, staff, executive, alumni and yes, emeriti. Your experience of the complexities of UBC as it has evolved since you joined the faculty would be valuable to the Senates as they seek to ensure the future excellence of UBC. You “are the memory of UBC and can be its conscience,” as one of our colleagues put it. Senators have the opportunity to bring their own interests to the discussions and to identify issues that are not being addressed.

What does a senator do?

Being a senator requires a commitment of your time: there are meetings and pre-readings. To start, it is essential to have a high-level understanding of the powers of Senate as set out in the University Act (https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00_96468_01#section37).

Senate meetings occur monthly from September through May, in the early evening in Vancouver and during the day in Kelowna. Much of the work of Senate occurs in the committees; their mandates are described at <https://senate.ubc.ca/okanagan/committees/> and <https://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/committees/>.

Senators typically serve on one, two, or—rarely—three standing committees, with meeting schedules varying from bi-weekly to monthly to “when needed.” From the lists, you can see that your experience at UBC would serve you well on many of the committees. You may even be invited to chair a committee.

Senators who actively participate in committee work usually feel that their time is well spent.

Committees by and large are still meeting via Zoom, but the Senates have adopted a “hybrid format”: senators can attend in person in a class- room or via Zoom.

There is also a governance unit called the Council of Senates (<https://senate.ubc.ca/council/>), created when the Okanagan campus joined UBC, as the final body for the academic vetting of affiliations with other institutions, for establishing rules for elections to the Senates, and for providing input during the development of the University budget each year. The Council also adjudicates any issues that affect UBC as a whole but on which the two campus Senates don’t agree. There have been very few such issues. A few senators from each campus are elected to the Council of Senates.

If you are interested in this opportunity, it comes around only every third year. Current emeriti on Senate would be willing to answer your questions. Email me (paulharr@mail.ubc) and I will see that someone with experience answers.

—Paul Harrison (Botany)

Vice-Principal, UBC Emeritus College 2022-23

An Interdisciplinary Emeritus Team Is Working Together With the University, and Provincially, Nationally, and Internationally on the Climate and Nature Emergency—a Societal Problem of the Utmost Urgency

Under the combined aegis of the **PWIAS** and the **UBC Emeritus College**, nine UBC Emeritus Professors have been meeting since September 2022, with a focus on the Climate and Nature Emergency. This cohort of College members has so far participated in four meetings with invited distinguished scientists and scholars, and will continue to meet through May, 2023. These members are currently continuing their own scholarly, consulting, and advocacy work, as follows:

Jo-ann Archibald (Educational Studies) is focusing on mentorship of BC K-12 educators and post-secondary faculty to develop Indigenous pedagogies and methodologies informed by Indigenous ways of knowing and being, along with Elders' knowledges and stories. Included in this work are understandings and actions for decolonization, truth and reconciliation, Indigenous community self-determination, and family, community and environmental well-being. Jo-ann believes that the resilience of Indigenous Peoples and reclamation of Indigenous knowledge systems have pertinent implications for addressing issues and impacts of the Climate and Nature Emergency.

Hadi Dowlatabadi (Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability) is currently advising Premier David Eby with respect to energy and sustainability policy at the Provincial level. He points out that investment in risk prevention through comprehensive risk maps is an urgent priority and that, in working with Stephanie Chang to help BC Emergency Management, he has found that some of the regional bodies are very well prepared, while others (especially the Provincial body) are totally at sea.

Penny Gurstein (Community and Regional Planning; Centre for Human Settlements) is actively advising Municipal government officials with respect to planning, housing policy and home affordability in Greater Vancouver. She directs our attention to two recent CCPA-BC publications: (i) *A Climate Reckoning: Economic Costs of BC's Extreme Weather in 2021*, and (ii) *The End of This World: Climate Justice in So-called Canada*, which are wake-up calls for BC to up our game on both adaptation and mitigation spending.

Ralph Matthews (Sociology) has a number of community research projects in British Columbia looking at, in part, the implications of climate change for rural communities. Most of his research has been on resource issues related to fisheries and forestry, on the capacity of rural communities to deal with environmental change. He directs our attention to Canada's National Adaptation Strategy: Building Resilient Communities and a Strong Economy, which presents a blueprint for whole-of-society action on climate change adaptation.

Bill Rees (Community and Regional Planning) is internationally recognized as the initiator of *Ecological Footprint Analysis*, a quantitative tool used world-wide to document human demands on national and global biocapacities. He continues to write powerfully on the importance of 'Overshoot' as the main reason for our present global dilemma (e.g. Rees, 2022). He notes that we are trapped in a self-reproducing, self-referencing system from which most proposed 'solutions' can only exacerbate overshoot; "the dismal reality is that so-called green energy will not save the complex web of life on Earth but, at best, merely prolong the eco-destructive way of life of one domineering species."

Climate Emergency, cont.

Olav Slaymaker (Geography) continues to write and edit books on Canada’s rapidly changing landscapes (e.g. Slaymaker, 2017; Slaymaker and Catto, 2020) and is currently engaged as reviewer of the Canadian Mountain Assessment (CMA) program, based on the University of Calgary. CMA is pioneering new methodology that incorporates First Nations knowledge and Western science understandings of mountain landscapes (to be released in 2023). He is also acting as expert advisor to the United Nations on defining World Heritage Sites from a critical realist perspective.

Douw Steyn (Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science) is working with high school teachers in British Columbia to improve pedagogic resources on the Climate and Nature Emergency, in addition to acting as advisor to governments about atmospheric science. He notes that the ambition of limiting global warming to 1.5°C will not be met, and attendant climate changes will result in increasing coastal flooding, storminess, wildlife habitat destruction and desertification. These biophysical changes will bring more food insecurity and famine, and international migration and international conflict. He believes that we, as Emeriti, have a responsibility to urge UBC to become a leader in research and outreach directed at an understanding and preparation for the coming social disruption.

Frank Tester (Social Work and Family Studies) has been involved in research together with First Nations communities in the Canadian Arctic as well as in Africa for five decades. He has been working as technical advisor to Inuit communities in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut, dealing with the socio-economic, environmental, and cultural implications of a proposal to double production and shipment of ore by Baffinland Iron Ore Mines (a proposal subsequently denied by the Federal Government). Frank is also working through the Vancouver Association for Restorative Justice, with students, teachers, and principals in the Vancouver primary and secondary schools.

Graeme Wynn (Geography) is an authority on environmentalism in North America and New Zealand, focussing on forestry, agriculture and sustainability. He is a regular reviewer of Climate and Nature Emergency books and essays, such as Alessandra Naccarato’s recent *‘Imminent Domains: Reckoning with the Anthropocene’* considered in relation to earlier reckonings with the perils of industrial growth. He will be meeting with participants in a student-led seminar: Writing Climate Change: Storytelling and Action (ASTU 400H) this February.

—Olav Slaymaker (Geography), Project Lead



Late afternoon foggy sunshine Cox Beach, Vancouver Island, *S Ferguson*

EMERITI PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY

Canadian Citizenship—the Ceremony

John Gilbert (Prof. Emeritus, Audiology and Speech Sciences, and Principal Emeritus, College of Health Disciplines) writes:

The path to Canadian citizenship is long—from distant or not-so-distant countries, often from places where there is not peace, where life is disordered, and where there is not good government—indeed, where often there is no government. Sometimes the journey begins at a Canadian consulate in that other place: the first step towards a new and better life in Canada. Then follows document checking and the waiting—and waiting, for the test and call to interview, and, finally, an invitation to participate with family and friends in the swearing-in ceremony to become a Canadian citizen.

In normal times, that is, when COVID is not rampant, the ceremony is a joyful in-person event held at the Immigration and Citizenship Building in downtown Vancouver. In that location, the department hosts up to 75 about-to-be Canadians, who may have arrived in Canada from one of between 20–30 countries. It is clearly a day of great pride for those who will become Canadian citizens, but also for their families and friends. All ceremonies begin with a Land Acknowledgment.

In the non-normal times of COVID, the ceremony has moved online, with up to 130 about-to-be Canadians in Zoom rooms on a computer screen, managed by about 15 highly professional, organized, and friendly Immigration and Citizenship staff, who patiently organize all of the “rooms” assigned to the about-to-be citizens. It took some time to hone this method, which is now highly successful, and although we are not able to join together in person, it clearly does not make the ceremony any less special.



John as Presiding Official

As Presiding Official, over the past five years it has been an exceptional privilege, and an immense pleasure, to welcome more than 3000 immigrants as new Canadians both in person, and virtually. Ranging in age from childhood to 103 years the excitement at the ceremonies at which I have presided is not only amongst those being admitted to citizenship but also the families and friends who attend.

All recipients of the Order of Canada are invited to act as a Presiding Official at Citizenship ceremonies. Because I was an immigrant to Canada, my participation in these ceremonies is an immense honour, and one that I treasure—a constant reminder of when I too became a Canadian citizen.

In future newsletters, we would like to feature stories from Emeriti about their volunteer work for the University, the City of Vancouver, the Province, Canada, and internationally. Please send your story to communications@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.

Redrawing Electoral Boundaries

Ken Carty, Prof. Emeritus, Political Science writes:

It started with a simple email question from the Speaker of the House of Commons in the summer of 2021: “Would you be willing to serve on a three-person Commission to redistribute BC’s seats in the House of Commons?” It sounded like the perfect “busman’s holiday” for a retired political scientist and, having done it once before twenty years ago, my prompt answer was yes.

Canada’s House of Commons gets restructured every decade after the census, and the 2021 data indicated BC was to get 43 seats, up one from the previous census (and up 20 from the year I joined UBC). The Commission’s two other members were a judge of BC’s Court of Appeal and a prominent educator who had served on previous redistribution commissions. I couldn’t have been more fortunate in my colleagues, for both knew the province, with all its geographic and historical quirks, exceedingly well.

When Stats Canada delivered the official population numbers in February, 2022, it was obvious that more than adding another electoral district would be required; many of the existing constituencies would need to be refashioned to reflect the growth and shifting distribution of BC’s residents. That meant our first task, with the help of a geographer lent to us by Elections Canada, was to produce a map proposing a new set of electoral districts that would meet the legal mandate of having them as close “as reasonably possible” to equality while respecting geography, history and communities of interest. Once that was done, we published the map and planned a set of public hearings all across the province (26 in person, 1 virtual) to hear what the public thought of our efforts.

Hundreds came to these meetings, over 200 made formal presentations, and about 1,000 sent us written submissions commenting on the proposal. Most were opposed—sometimes objecting to using a particular street or river as a boundary, but sometimes arguing the whole scheme was misconceived. It seems few citizens choose to come to a public meeting to tell you what a good job you have done!

The hearings stretched over June and September, and then it was back to work to consider all we had heard, to decide what our final boundary proposals should look like, and what names we were to give the reconfigured constituencies. This was the work of several weeks as we struggled to respond to and balance the imperatives of population equality with the pleas of citizens to recognize their ‘special’ circumstances, community history, and local political life.

The work is now done, but not finished. Our report is off to Ottawa for translation and presentation to the House of Commons. There sitting MPs will have an opportunity to comment on the planned new electoral map that will structure their futures. Once they have had their say, the Commission will reconvene to consider their comments and then issue a final report. That report will then become law, leaving Elections Canada several months to do all the organizational ground work necessary to implement it for future general elections.

January 28, 2023



The red rocks of Sedona, Arizona, *S Ferguson*

News from our Interest Groups:

Nancy Galini, Prof. Emeritus Economics, reports on the Community Volunteer Group

The Emeritus College Community Volunteer Group (CVG), co-chaired by Nancy Gallini and Niamh Kelly, was launched one year ago in January, 2022. The objective of this SIG is to generate interest, learn and share information among members of the Emeritus College on local, national and international volunteer possibilities and give interested participants ideas and directions on where and how they might best use their talents to contribute to the greater good. The CVG is grounded in the fundamental principle that we all have the capacity to contribute in meaningful ways to improve the lives of others, especially given the tremendous needs in the wake of the pandemic, local and global crises, and a severe shortage of volunteers in B.C. and throughout Canada. (Please see: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/volunteer-shortage-caanada-1.6723348>)

It has been a busy year for the CVG, starting with a lively conversation with former UBC President Martha Piper, who shared with us her extensive experiences and insights on effective volunteerism. In subsequent meetings, we heard from CEOs and other representatives from the following local, national and international non-profit organizations: **Atira Women's Resource Society**, a non-profit organization in the DTES that supports women and children affected by violence by providing safe and supportive housing and by delivering education and advocacy aimed at ending all forms of gendered violence (<https://atira.bc.ca>); **MOSAIC**, a Canadian organization that supports resettlement of refugees and immigrants (<https://mosaicbc.org>); **Scholars at Risk at UBC** (<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>), which engages in advocacy, protection, and learning towards academic freedom and respect for scholars' human rights; **Academics without Borders**, the international organization that helps low and middle-income countries improve their institutions of higher education in teaching and research: <https://www.awb-usf.org/>; **Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**, the international humanitarian medical non-governmental organization (<https://www.msf.org/>); **Neglected Global Disease Initiative** (<https://ngdi.ubc.ca/>) at UBC, which supports research and course development in neglected diseases; **ENGIN**, a nonprofit organization that connects young Ukrainians with English-speaking volunteers for free online English language practice and cross-cultural exchange to Ukrainians (<https://www.enginprogram.org/>).

To mark the one-year anniversary of the Group, we heard from the Group's members who are engaged in so many amazing volunteer opportunities. It was an inspiring and engaging session in which members from a wide variety of backgrounds (medicine, science, engineering, education, social sciences and humanities) spoke about their volunteer activities, how they got involved, and potential opportunities for others in the group who might be interested. It was breathtaking to hear the extensive and varied range of activities, including promotion of English and Science literacy and education programs; Facilitating conversations between youth and elders; Working with seniors; Sponsoring and mentoring immigrants and refugees from the Ukraine, Afghanistan and African countries; Working with women and homeless in the DTES; Helping to establish a new university in Nepal; and participating on a wide range of advisory and governing boards.

Community Volunteer Group, cont.

On **February 23**, we will be joined by **Megaphone** and the CEO of the **YWCA**; on **April 6** a Board member from the human rights organization **PEN**; and on **May 17**, **UBC's interim President and Vice-Chancellor Deborah Buszard**. Almost all the groups we've heard from are looking for volunteers, given the severe shortage of volunteers in B.C. and throughout Canada. Several members of the Community Volunteer Group have already connected with the above organizations and are now volunteering in interesting and tremendously valuable outreach activities. Over this next year, we will continue to survey our members to get a better sense of their interests and talents to help facilitate matches, as well as connect with emeritus organizations at other Canadian universities to extend our network. It has been inspiring to learn about the tremendous talents and generosity among our emeriti, who are making valuable contributions to community service, as well as research and teaching.

If you are interested in joining the listserve in order to automatically receive notice of future meetings, we would love to hear from you at Nancy.Gallini@ubc.ca.

You can find the latest recording of the [Community Volunteer Group meeting on our website](#).



Colourful boutique shopping in Marseillan, Lanquedoc. France. *S. Ferauson*

Aletheia

The Greek word for truth, carrying the additional meaning, dicit Heidegger, of unconcealment.

For the medieval world that truth could only be God, and manifold were the cathedrals, monuments, art works to celebrate his glory

For the Enlightenment the truth was reason, which would tear the veil from all that had been hidden, rendering humanity free at last.

For the Romantics it would be feeling, tempering the excesses of reason by emphasizing intuition and emotional release.

For us moderns, it has been technology with the prowess science could unleash crowning us sole masters of our fate.

In the century now upon us, nature is the bearer of unpalatable truths, heaping disaster upon disaster as it unmask the dangers to a species that fancies itself the acme of creation.

Philip Resnick
written on New Year's Day

In Memoriam

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GENERAL MEETING—March 22

Ben Shneiderman, a Distinguished University Professor in the University of Maryland Department of Computer Science, will talk about **My uncle, the legendary photographer, David Seymour-Chim (1911-1956)**, a famous Polish photographer and photojournalist. Chim was known for his images from the Spanish Civil War, for co-founding Magnum Photos with Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Capa and George Rodger, and for his project *Children of War* with UNICEF, which captured the plight of children in the aftermath of World War II. For further information, see <https://davidseymour.com>.

Zoom Registration: <https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/general-meeting-march-22>

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Family Matters – a national community outreach program

Over the past couple of years, we have gotten to know [Vivid-Pix](#), an AROHE sponsor that helps individuals and organizations restore and relive memories.

Through primary research conducted and published by the National Institute for Dementia Education, Vivid-Pix developed “[Don’t Let Your Memories Fade](#)” – a program that connects people through photo reminiscence.

We are pleased to let you know that the National Genealogical Society has partnered with Vivid-Pix to create a United States and Canada wide community outreach program “Family Matters” utilizing the Vivid-Pix program.

The Vivid-Pix program focuses on 3 core elements:

1. Exercise your brain – it’s the best way to thrive as you age.
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3. Learn how to interact with “children of all ages” – including grandchildren – to share your stories with them – and hear their stories too!

AROHE and Vivid-Pix will be conducting a webinar to educate and assist AROHE members. Please join us on Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m. PT, 11 at MT, 12 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. ET.