

UBC Emeritus College

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Upcoming Meetings

After carefully considering the evolving situation with COVID-19 and keeping in mind the Public Health Agency of Canada's advice on mass gatherings during the outbreak, particularly with regards those 65 and over who are at risk, the College Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the General Meeting on March 25, 2020, and to postpone the annual Symposium, "Searching for the Perfect City," April 23 – 23, 2020.

We are disappointed at having to make these decisions, but it was clear in our discussion that the public health threat outweighs all other considerations.



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Contributions to the Newsletter

Please send the editor complete information about your recent publications in the citation format of your choice. Include your affiliation(s) (departmental and/or faculty). In future we will not list complete entries in the newsletter. However, we definitely want to acknowledge your work, add it to the College archive, and use it in the College's annual report. We will list your name and the journal or book title in the newsletter. News of keynotes and community work is also welcome. For awards, a description of the award, award citation, or link to the announcement is helpful. We may edit submissions for brevity or clarity.

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 errors and bizarre layout features are the editor's responsibility.

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The Emeritus College (formerly UBCAPE) could not function without the contribution of many past Presidents/ Principals and council members who continue to volunteer their services.

Principal's Report

Over the last year, the College has invested a good deal of time and money in making improvements to our **website**. The aim has been to make the site as friendly as



possible. As a way of testing the work we have been doing, I ask that you take a few minutes to go through the site to get used to its potential utility. What follows is a guide to some of the improvements we have made since the new website was launched last year. We have added an event calendar which you can find by scrolling down on the home page. Once you click on the month, you are able to search by category (General Meeting, Special Interest Groups, etc.), date, or keyword. The office is still working on getting all categories in, but now you will be able to see all General Meetings on one page. The same search option is available for past events (https://

<u>emerituscollege.ubc.ca/past-events</u>). We have also added Google photo albums for the last few events (https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/photos). If you would like to add photos to the album, please send them to admin@emerituscollege.ubc.ca.



If you click on today's date, you will be given a search option and below that, a listing of all future scheduled events. If you click on a highlighted date in the future, you will be shown the event scheduled for that date and below it, a listing of all future scheduled events from that date on. Try it out!

The website is an ongoing project and the office is working hard to make it user friendly for our members. If you find something that should be updated, please do let them know at: admin@emerituscollege.ubc.ca or 604-822-1752.

Donald Fisher, Professor Emeritus, Educational Studies



2019 President's Distinguished Service Award

The winner of the 2019 President's Distinguished Service Award was announced at our

February 12th General Meeting. President Ono presented the award to Peter Wing. Dr. Wing was selected not only for his contributions to the Department of Orthopaedics, but also to organizations such as the Rick Hansen Institute, the International Spinal Cord Society, and especially to the Spinal Injuries Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC) in Nepal. His leadership in international voluntary services to support the ongoing education and training of Nepalese physicians in the management of Spinal Cord injuries is exemplary. With Dr. Claire Weeks, his partner, he has demonstrated an ongoing and productive commitment to this project,



which was covered in more detail in the previous newsletter.

More photos of the award ceremony and general meeting are available on the website: https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/photos



Dr. Prakash Paudel (front, second from right) and Dr. Raju Dhakal (front, right), family and friends, with Drs. Peter Wing and Claire Weeks in Nepal.

Emeritus College General Meeting February 12, 2020



"A History of Habits: Personal Hygiene Habits Over the Last Two Centuries" Peter Ward (Emeritus, History)

How often did our ancestors bathe? How often did they wash their clothes and change them? What did they understand cleanliness to be? Why have our hygienic habits changed so dramatically over time? These were the questions addressed by Peter Ward (Emeritus, History) in his presentation to the Emeritus College General Meeting on February 12. Drawing upon research

for his latest book *The Clean Body* (McGill-Queen's), Professor Ward did a masterful job summarizing his answers to these questions. We all know about the glitz and glamour of the court of Louis XIV, but most of us did not know that he had only two baths in his lifetime, both for medicinal purposes and both considered disasters. In his era, personal hygiene meant frequent changes of underclothes—something only the elite could afford. By the mid-20th century, virtually all homes in the developed world had separate bathrooms and a daily bath or shower was not unusual. Using illustrations and cartoons from across the centuries, Professor Ward explained how we got from then to now, when sales of soap, shampoo, and other hygiene products account for a significant portion of GDP.

Don Blake (Emeritus, Political Science)

From the College

Subsidies

The College program for subsidizing the costs of scholarly activities will be available again for 2019 – 2020. The deadline has been moved to <u>June 15, 2020</u> as the office will be closed in July. Applications can be submitted online at: https://emerituscollege.ubc.ca/subsidy2020

Grants

Researchers interested in applying for grants should look at the Emeritus College website for notices about grants and awards from the office of the Vice-President Research.

Amplify your research impact with the UBC Knowledge Exchange Unit

The new Knowledge Exchange Unit within the VP Research & Innovation Office aims to mobilize research into policy, practice, public dialogue, and culture for the benefit of society. To learn more about our activities check: https://innovation.ubc.ca/how-engage/knowledge-exchange

Encourage your department's faculty, our young friends and colleagues, to attend the next **retirement seminar** on April 29 so that they realize there is a life after retirement.

Speakers' Programs

Green College Senior Scholars' Series: The Passions that Drive Academic Life

SINKING, SWIMMING, OR JUST TREADING WATER? MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF AN ACADEMIC CAREER IN THE HUMANITIES

Herbert Rosengarten, English

Coach House, Green College, UBC

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 5:00 - 6:30 with reception to follow

The son of refugees from Nazi Germany, Herbert Rosengarten grew up in a post-war Britain that saw radical changes to public health and education, and that offered new opportunities to the children of the working class through state funding.

A sound, if somewhat conventional education led him to Vancouver and the English Department at UBC, just at the time when universities in North America were experiencing the first stirrings of student challenges to traditional authority. Rosengarten experienced the impact of such unrest at UBC, both in the changing attitudes and expectations of students, and in the workings of his department, which became a battleground between liberal and conservative factions, each striving to impose its notions of academic governance. The latter part of his career has been spent largely in administrative posts, which have given him some interesting, if not always positive, insights into the intricacies of academic politics.



Katsushika Hokusai, The Great Wave Off the Coast of Kanagawa

Co-sponsors of the Senior Scholars' Series: Emeritus College and Green College; organizer Emeritus Professor Ken Carty. For more, see www.greencollege.ubc.ca. Come at 4:30 for tea and coffee in the Green College Piano Lounge and stay for refreshments after the talks. To attend dinner, please make a reservation no later than noon on the business day before the day on which you want to dine. Without prior reservation, we cannot guarantee that you will be served. Pay for your meal at the servery counter by cash, debit or credit (MasterCard, Visa). For reservations call 604-822-0912, or email kitchen@gcdining.ca.



Paul Marantz speaking to a full house at the previous Senior Scholar's talk at Green College.

Philosophers' Café

Friday 20 March 10:30-11:30 Due to the COVID-19 risk, Tapestry is unable to host us; we are cancelling this session.

How Can We Relate to Younger Generations? (Or: Do you understand Millennials?)

A "generation gap" occurs when individuals from various generations have values, beliefs, interests, and opinions that are different from each other. Generational conflict can arise whenever the interests or ideals of one generation collide openly with those of another. It is commonly understood that today many workplaces are composed of five generations: Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Millennials, and Generations X, Y, and Z. Do you understand how these various generations think? Do you think there is more each generation could do to relate well to the others?

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



One of the Emeriti at a festive event in the English department, proudly displaying an image of his favourite machine.

Interest Groups

Travel Thursday 19 March 3 pm

Room: Rm 201, 2nd floor, Ponderosa Annex F, 2008 Lower Mall The Travel Group will meet three more times this winter at 3pm on the third Thursday in February, March and April. Members of the group usually talk about a trip they have made, but sometimes travel professionals or others who have interesting travel stories to tell, are invited to present. In addition to presentations, Travel Group meetings provide opportunities to share travel information and discuss questions with fellow travellers.

All emeriti, their partners and friends are welcome. Please check the Emeritus College website for more information about the next meeting of the Travel Group. Email richard.spencer@ubc.ca to be added to the mailing list.

Poetic Odysseys Thursday March 26 2 pm

Room: Ponderosa F, Room 201

All who are interested in writing, reading or listening to poetry are welcome. Contacts: Philip Resnick (Emeritus, Political Science) and George McWhirter (Emeritus, Creative Writing)

Photography Friday 17 April 3-5 pm

Room: Henry Angus/Sauder HA 135

The theme for this meeting is Texture. Meetings are a mix of showing member images and informal discussions of particular photographic issues. We welcome both newcomers and seasoned photographers. Everyone welcome whether you wish to submit images or just look and socialize. Contacts: Derek Applegarth (derek.jenny@shaw.ca) and Mike Whitfield (brunnhil@telus.net).



Film

Presenter John LeBlanc will give a short introduction to each film and lead a short discussion after the screening.

Screening: 24 March 2:00 pm

Room: Pondarosa Commons, Oak House 1003

Series Ten: **Artists on Film** With their supposed idiosyncratic personalities, yet paradoxically broad-based fandom, artists (across all disciplines) have been frequent subjects of the popular cinema since its early days. For example, Vincent Van Gogh has had numerous films produced about his life, even in recent years. Because they seem above the ordinary, artists fascinate us: their specialness offers a glimpse of a more brilliant existence for ourselves. Such a glimpse, however, can be a trap not only for us, whose dreams of a more intense life are easily exploited by a consumerist society eager to fulfill them, but especially for the artists themselves, whose humanity as well as their artistic contribution can be cheapened.

Mar. 24 – *A Quiet Passion* (2017), directed by Terence Davies, focuses on the 19th-century American poet Emily Dickinson, who (unlike the exotic Frida Kahlo) lived a mundane existence in Amherst, Massachusetts. Yet, Dickinson's singular personality still fascinates us and Davies and lead actor Cynthia Nixon try to do justice to her unique sensibility that powered her accomplished verse, unrecognized in her lifetime. Davies presents a strong evocation of 19th century New England, made even more interesting in relation to current America. The film is controversial as it sometimes plays loose with the facts, conflates some characters and invents new ones, and depicts her later years as quite dark.



Fame is a fickle food

Fame is a fickle food
Upon a shifting plate
Whose table once a
Guest but not
The second time is set
Whose crumbs the crows inspect
And with ironic caw
Flap past it to the
Farmer's corn
Men eat of it and die

Emily Dickenson, 1702

Awards



Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita in the Department of Anthropology, recently received the 2019 Northern Science Award and Centenary Medal at the ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting. The award has been given annually since 1984 "to recognize a significant contribution to meritorious knowledge and understanding of the Canadian North and the transformation of knowledge into action." She has a long and distinguished record of documenting the oral histories and life stories of Athapaskan and Tlingit elders, and exploring Yukon First Nations' systems of narrative and knowledge. Dr. Cruikshank has built a lifetime of research on a foundation of respectful relationships with First Nation elders, developed and nurtured over many years.



Margaret Slade (R) receiving the award from Janet Yellen, former chairman of the US Federal Reserve and current president of the American Economic Association.

Margaret Slade, Professor Emeritus of Economics, received the American **Economic Association Distinguished** Fellow Award in San Diego in January. Slade was among a small set of scholars who paved the way for a renaissance of empirical Industrial Organization (IO) in the early 1980's. Slade pushed the boundaries of IO by applying its tools to the analyses of markets that had not been the main focus of the field. Most of Slade's research has focused specifically on natural resources or retail markets, and on the relationships among vertically related firms. Her contributions will continue to affect how we study interactions among firms and markets for many years to come. Slade was the inaugural Leverhulme Professor of Industrial Economics at the University of Warwick from 2002 to 2007. She is a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association, a past President of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, a recipient of the Killam Research Prize, and holder of an Honorary Doctorate from the Helsinki School of Economics.

What are They up to Now?

Carol Knicely (Art History) is the president of the Dunbar Lawn Bowling Club, located near the Dunbar Community Centre in Memorial Park West. Lawn Bowling is a great social activity; you are all welcome to try it out! (https://www.dunbarlawnbowling.com/)

Jamie Wallin (Education) I retired from UBC more than 20 years ago, but am staying fairly active. A long time ago a professor at UC Berkeley (my alma mater) was asked, "Sir, do you have any suggestions for how to live well and for a long time?" His three-word reply was, 'Don't stop working!'. Currently I am living (and working) in Thailand where I am visiting professor at Rangsit University (RSU). If any members were planning on visiting Thailand this year, I'd love to hear from them. I commute weekly between Chiang Mai (my home) and Bangkok (my work place)—and we could meet in either place.

Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe (Art History) is presently at Annapolis Royal with the observation of the 1817 Runciman House, on the National Register of Historic Buildings, now nearing completion.

Robert Krell (Psychiatry) has been keeping busy since retirement. His focus remains on Holocaust education and remembrance, having been a child survivor hidden by a Christian family in Holland during the Shoah. To further these goals, he has established the Elie Wiesel scholarships at King David High School; donated a first edition of The Diary of Anne Frank to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre; spoken at the annual symposia for BC high school students on Holocaust education which he cofounded in 1975; co-chaired the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust and Descendants (WFJCSH&D) 31st Annual Gathering held in Vancouver, November 1 – 4, 2019 and participated in a Shane Fox podcast which can be found online (June 11, 2018).

Marketa Goetz- Stankiewicz (Germanic Studies) introduced Leos Janacek's opera Jenufa, Pacific Opera, Victoria, in September 2017, as well as delivering two papers, "Three Bridges, West to East and East to West," The Munk School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (University of Toronto); 7-9 November 2018, and "Cultural and National Identity of the East," Czechoslovakia in the Mirror of Changes. Thirty Years of Transition: The Current State of Eastern European Countries, Liu Institute, UBC February 2019.

In Memoriam

Harold Christian Knutson 1928 – 2020 Professor Emeritus of French University Service 1960 – 1988

In Remembrance
Diana Cawood
1943 – 2020



We were ever so fortunate to work with a colleague who was not only an expert in her field but an absolute pleasure to know. Such was the case for the UBC Emeritus College, and more specifically the members of the Transitions to Retirement and the Programs Committees. Sadly, it was for all too short of a time.

Diana Cawood was a remarkable teacher, consultant and coach during her long tenure with the Sauder School of Business. She coached undergraduate and graduate students from around the globe as they acquired self- awareness and the skills to become effective managers and leaders. Her impact as an educator and mentor continues to this day; former students laud her contributions to their professional and personal growth: "...her teaching changed my destiny."

Her work also focused on creating positive work/life balance and life/career transitions. Innumerable UBC faculty approaching retirement reaped the rewards of her seminars which emphasized a whole life perspective, not just a focus on financial and health insurance matters. She was a strong proponent of the UBC Emeritus College and its benefits to retired faculty, retired librarians and the University. To our Committee members, she exuded intelligence, remarkable communication skills, a love of adventurous undertakings and passion about assisting faculty members and retirees with their retirement transitions. Added to the mix was her energy, thoughtfulness, generosity of time, camaraderie and quick humour. She faced repeated distressing news about her health in the past year with positivity, determination and optimism. She took advantage of learning everything she could about her illness and embraced the medical and complementary therapies so that her remaining time with family, many friends and colleagues would be enhanced. Even in her last days, she remained a key player in the seminars we had undertaken in partnership with UBC Faculty Relations. She taught us a great deal and on so many fronts. To paraphrase the poet Siegfried Sassoon, "We are rich in all that we have lost." Linda Leonard, Co-Chair --Transitions to Retirement Committee



Diana receiving a UBC Emeritus College Founding Member medal on Oct. 24, 2019 from Linda on behalf of the College.

Photo by Derek Applegarth

Recent Publications by Emeriti

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- Z. Luo, **H.J.J. van Vuuren**, A.G. DeBono and A.T. Ferguson. 2019. Xylitol producing *Metschnikowia* species. US Patent 10,435,721 B2. October 8, 2019.

Recent Publications by Emeriti, cont'd.

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John Guerard and William T. Ziemba, Handbook of Investment Strategies, World Scientific

Rita D'Eclessia, Stavros Zenios and **William T. Ziemba**, *Collected Works of Marida Bertocchi*, World Scientific

Around Campus and Off



Do you like to sing? Yes, even in the shower or the car! If you do, have you considered joining a choir? There are many non-auditioned "just for fun" options in Vancouver. On retiring from UBC in 2006 I joined the Solidarity Notes Labour Choir. This appealed to me because the songs are all related to social justice, including not only the labour movement but women's rights, civil rights, Indigenous rights, and the environment. We have an amazing choir director, Earle Peach (officially a "local hero"), who produces a wide array of arrangements of songs ranging from solemn to satirical, old and new. He also records the parts to all the songs and these are available on the website, so that those who don't read music can learn them at home. I have always attended rallies and demos, even getting arrested on one occasion. Singing with the choir at these events gives me another reason to be there, and a sense of solidarity. Singing together in harmony has a powerful bonding effect, and the choir gave me new community links and social contacts beyond the university. We meet on most Sunday mornings 10.30am-12.30pm at the Britannia Centre (Commercial north of Venables) in a room below the library. The choir includes several former or on-going faculty members from UBC. SFU, and VCC. All ages are welcome, though most of us are retired. To see some of us in action and check out our songs, go to solidaritynotes.ca and https://www.youtubesome of .com/watch?v=CTIEi-mgPvc. I would love to see more former colleagues join us!

Valerie Raoul (Emerita, French and Women's Studies)

Killam Connection presents

Healthy Aging from Cells to Societies

A Public Lecture Series

Cancelled until further notice—A Message from Healthy Aging from Cells to Society:

We regret to inform you that the March 24 talk has been cancelled until further notice in light of Covid-19. We expect to invite our speakers back in the Fall 2020. Information will be circulated at that time.

So in the meantime . . .

Hearing aids may delay cognitive decline

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/02/200226171106.htm

Exercise is the miracle cure

https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2020/01/30/scarlett-mcnally-exercise-is-the-miracle-cure/



Did you know that the **UBC Faculty Women's Club** has many different Interest Groups for members to enjoy? They are a great way to meet new friends and socialize with others who share your interests. FWC members contribute to the UBC community in various ways - such as fundraising for student scholarships, welcoming new faculty and contributing to the AMS food bank. 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.

These are the various FWC Interest Groups. More information about each one can be found on our website - http://facultywomensclub.ubc.ca/interest-groups:

Art Appreciation, Bible Discussion, Book Discussion, Bridge, French Conversation, Heritage Tours, Hiking, Knit and Stitch, Let's Eat Out, Snow-shoeing/Cycling, Topics at Ten, Travel, Walking

Choose the groups that you like best and become a FWC member today - we look forward to welcoming you! http://facultywomensclub.ubc.ca/how-to-join/

The Faculty of Science welcomes emeriti to the AMS Nest Performance Theatre for the eighth annual Science Emeriti Lunch, hosted by Dean Meigan Aronson. This year's format will include remarks from Dean Aronson and a complimentary buffet lunch followed by presentations from participants in UBC's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate 3 Minute Thesis Competition (3MT).

Retired Science faculty who would like to attend should contact Melinda Sam at 604 822-4114 or melinda.sam@ubc.ca

The Vancouver Institute

https://globalreportingcentre.org/vancouver-institute/

All lectures on Saturdays at 8:15 pm in Woodward Instructional Resources Centre Lecture Hall 2, 2194 Health Sciences Mall

March 14 Mr. Don Gillmor

Award-winning journalist and author

WHY ARE BABY BOOMERS KILLING THEMSELVES? A LOOK AT THE GROWING SUICIDE RATE

March 21 Dr. B. Brett Finlay

Peter Wall Distinguished Professor, UBC

Dr. Jessica Finlay

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan BABY BUGS TO AGING BUGS: EXPLORING THE MICROBES PIVOTAL TO A HEALTHY LONG LIFE

March 28 Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon

University Research Chair Faculty of Environment University of Waterloo

COMMANDING HOPE: THE POWER WE HAVE TO SAFEGUARD A WORLD IN PERIL