



# UBC Emeritus College Newsletter

## General Meeting

**Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 1:30 pm**

- 1:30pm Business Meeting
- 1:45pm Speaker - [Lara Boyd](#)
- 2:30pm Q&A
- 3:00pm End of meeting

\* You will receive a Zoom invitation by e-mail that contains a link and instructions for joining the meeting and using Zoom.

### Healthy Brain Aging

In this talk, Dr. Boyd will provide an overview of how the brain can change with learning and how these processes change as we age. She will discuss recent findings considering how behaviour can shape brain plasticity and impact age-related changes.

Lara Boyd is a Neuroscientist and Physical Therapist at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Boyd has held a Canada Research Chair and a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Career Scientist award, and has been a Peter Wall Early Career Scholar. Dr. Boyd directs the Brain Behaviour Lab at the University of British Columbia. Her work is centred on answering the question of what limits, and what facilitates, neuroplasticity. Dr. Boyd also serves as the Health Research Advisor to the Vice President for Research and is the university’s delegate to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. [Her TEDx talk](#) “After this your brain will not be the same” has over 27 million views.

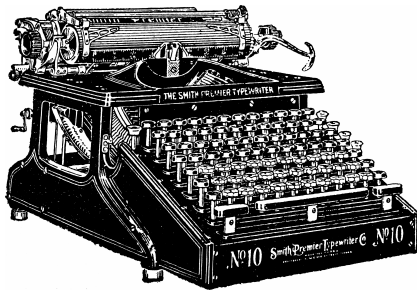
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## Contributions to the Newsletter

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 may 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. 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. Photographs suitable for publication are always welcome.

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

## College Council 2019-20

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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.

## Principal's Report



Our Emeritus College is extraordinary. Grown from the commitment of a handful of colleagues who formed the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti in the 1980s and recently afforded formal standing (and support) as a unique UBC unit, it has achieved a great deal. Indeed, it has spawned as much as (perhaps more than) it can sustain—at least without conscious effort to chart a viable path forward.

Recognizing this, your Emeritus College Council has moved, in recent months, to refine the organizational structure of the College to make it more logically intuitive and administratively effective. We want to engage as many emeriti as possible in a collegial endeavour that encourages participation and is open to evolution.

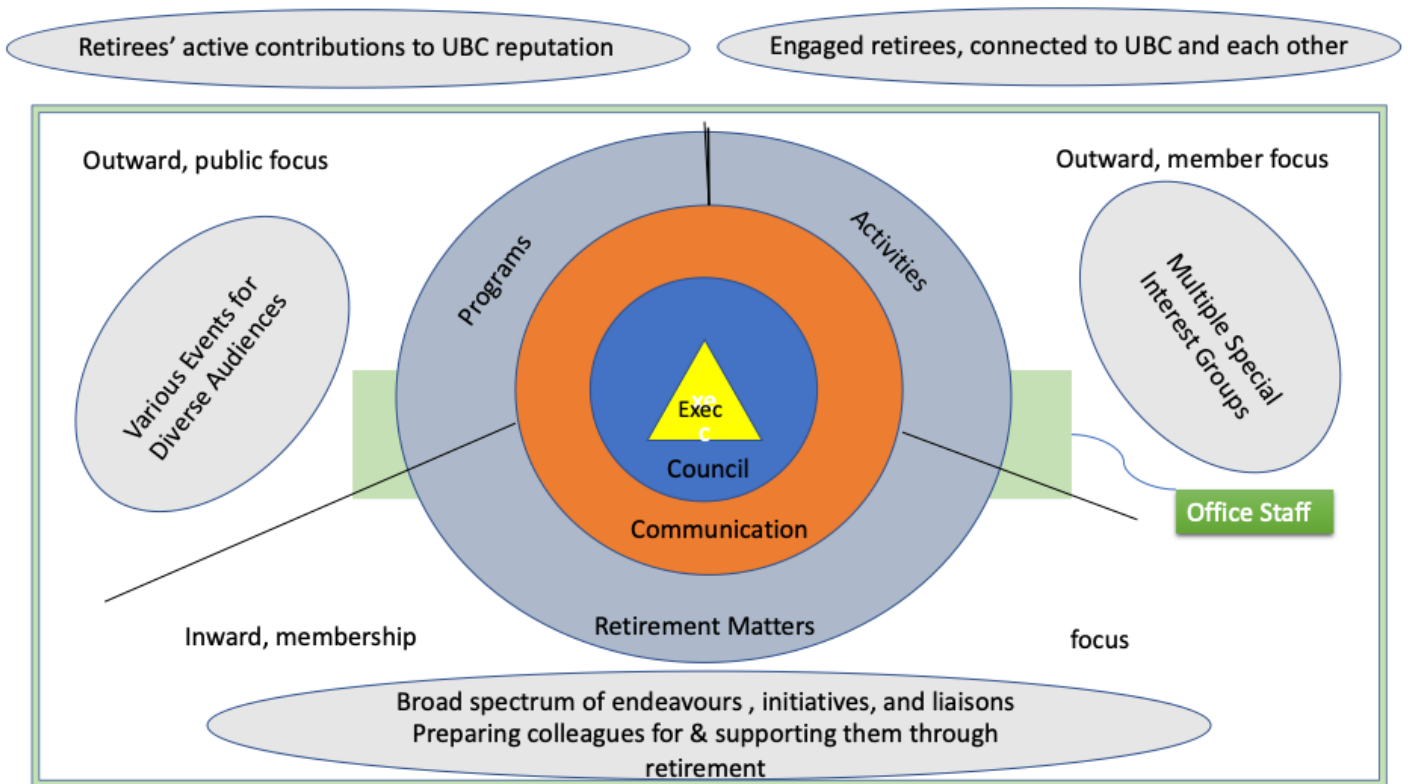
We are, apart from our hard-working staff, a volunteer organization. We are fortunate in having a substantial, highly-educated, and regularly-augmented membership. This relieves us of the recruitment challenges that confront most volunteer groups. We have been spared the difficulties of “getting board members to step up” and of “retaining volunteers long-term” by the exceptional, indeed marvellous, dedication of our core members who work assiduously organizing programs and delivering services that benefit us all. But much is done by relatively few. We have nine elected councillors at-large. Former presidents of the Association of Professors Emeriti who have shouldered significant administrative burdens for a decade or more should not be required to continue doing so. We need to pass torches and share leadership more widely if we are to build an enduring college capable of realizing its full potential.

The diagram on the following page offers a schematic representation of the new organizational template for the activities of the Emeritus College, approved at the October meeting of Council. It is evolutionary rather than revolutionary, but it clarifies the foci of our efforts, initiated incrementally over the years, and is the foundation for more detailed specification of leadership and reporting responsibilities, terms of service, committee composition, and so on, that will be developed by an ad hoc committee of council. Watch this space for further details.

Our intent is to encourage and broaden emeriti involvement in and leadership of the college. Might you be interested in initiating a special interest group (hiking, reading, architectural history, grandparenting....)? Would you care to convene a lecture series? Are you interested in helping colleagues prepare for retirement and/or to reap its benefits? Carpe diem! Please contact me ([wynn@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:wynn@geog.ubc.ca)) or our staff ([manager@emerituscollege.ubc.ca](mailto:manager@emerituscollege.ubc.ca)) if you have ideas to share, possibilities to suggest, or a commitment to make.

Graeme Wynn, Professor Emeritus, Geography

Conceptual representation of UBC Emeritus College structure and commitments



## From the College

### AWARDS

The Emeritus College adjudicates two awards with a **nomination deadline** of January 15, 2021. The award ceremony will likely be held mid-March, 2021.

[See the website for more](#)

UBC Emeritus College Award for Excellence in the Innovative and Creative Endeavours of UBC Emeriti

President's Award for Distinguished Service by UBC Emeriti

### EMERITUS COLLEGE MEETINGS

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

[Videos of talks and events](#)

## Announcing: 3 webinar sessions on Investing and Pensions!

### Your Retirement Investments and the Impact of COVID-19

In response to the huge number of replies we received to our investment /pension survey in July, 2020, the Transitions to Retirement Committee of the Emeritus College has scheduled three presentations. Each session will consist of a presentation followed by an opportunity to pose questions.

**This is an early heads-up. Registration details for each session will be forthcoming.**

**Session 1 Nov. 19, 2020. 11 am-12:15 pm**

#### The Canadian, American and Global Economies: Current Challenges and the Prospects for the Future

This session will focus on economic performance and set the scene for the subsequent two sessions:

- The prospects for recovery of the Canadian and global economies: What sectors may do well? not so well?
- The stock markets and the economy...is there a dangerous disconnect?
- What are the major uncertainties regarding economic recovery? Inflation? Recession?
- What potential measures might the Bank of Canada and the Federal and Provincial governments implement to address the mounting deficit and debt?
- What are the Implications for your pension and personal investments?

**Speaker: Dr. Michael Devereux, UBC Vancouver School of Economics.**

Dr. Devereux is a distinguished economist specializing in International Macroeconomics and International Finance. He is an invited speaker at numerous universities and has had connections with various banks and financial organizations.

**Moderator: Dr. Alfred Hermida**, Director, UBC School of Journalism, Writing and Media

Questions and comments can be sent to *Transitions to Retirement Committee* at [office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca](mailto:office@emerituscollege.ubc.ca).

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**Session 2 Dec. 8, 2020. 10-11am****Your Retirement Income Options with the UBC Faculty Pension Plan:  
A Special Presentation for Retired Faculty/Librarians**

This session is open to anyone who is / has been a member of the Faculty Pension Plan and will include

- FPP retirement income options:
  - FPP Variable Payment Life Annuity (VPLA)
  - FPP RRIF/LIF-Type payments
  - What is changeable after your initial decision? Not changeable?
  - The pros and the cons
  - What does everyone else do?
- FPP Investment Options:
  - Where to find fund information.
  - How can members manage their investments?
  - What about fees?
- Transferring funds in and out of the FPP
- Managing your account on the Sun Life website

**Speaker: Lorraine Heseltine, UBC Faculty Pension Plan.** A Member Services Specialist in the UBC FPP, Lorraine Heseltine has over 25 years of experience in the pension industry and provides key services to UBC plan members prior to and throughout their retirement.

**Moderator: Dr. Anne Junker,** UBC Emeritus College

*For background,* you may be interested in [Update from the UBC Faculty Pension Plan Board: Investment Priorities During the Continued Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

**Session 3 TBA (mid–January 2021)****Deciding Upon Your Pension and Investment Strategy:  
Factors to consider in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Performance  
of the Canadian and global economies**

This session will address such issues as

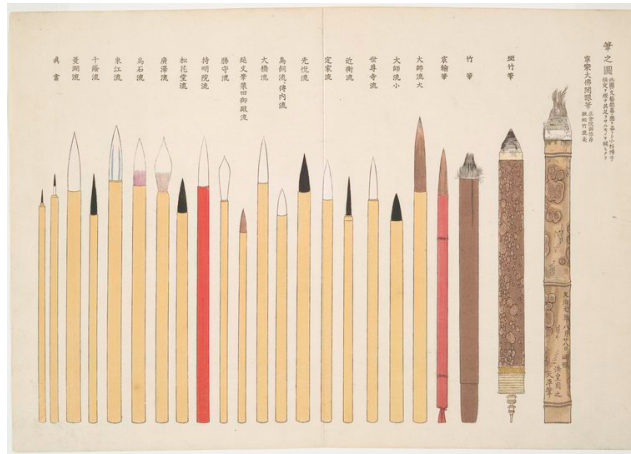
- Preserving and growing one's wealth to ensure that one has enough to live on
- Factors to consider in making pension and investment decisions
- Investments and economic uncertainty: e.g., inflation, recession, government measures to address the mounting deficit and debt
- Stock market performance: What are the expectations?
- Investment risk: How to reduce it? What are lower risk investments? Higher risk investments?
- Bond funds: A low-risk investment-portfolio stabilizer or not?
- Annuities: A recommended strategy?
- What is considered sufficient savings, including recommended reserves in cash, to cover future living expenses given ongoing uncertainties?
- Investment strategy for the later years of your retirement. How might it differ from the earlier years?

**Speakers TBA.** Two Vancouver-based Financial Advisors/Portfolio Managers associated with major wealth-management Institutions. **Moderator:** TBA



## THE UBC EMERITUS COLLEGE CONVERSATIONS

Seeking to encourage and sustain engagement among Emeritus College members and a wider audience, when even moderately-sized in-person gatherings are impossible, the UBC Emeritus College invites you to join one of our upcoming conversations on topics of broad and current importance. Convened every month on the Zoom platform, conversations will be interactive and moderated. They will begin with three short presentations from Emeritus colleagues offering different perspectives on the chosen topic. After a short discussion among panelists, audience members will be invited to join the conversation. More information on speakers and [required registration is available here](#) (search by date).



New York Public Library digital collections; Writing brushes.

### WRITING LIVES: A CONVERSATION

Tuesday, 1 December, 2:30-3:30

In *Waterland*, English novelist Graham Smith insisted that humans – and only humans – are story-telling animals and observed that “As long as there’s a story, it’s all right.” Stories of lives lived fascinate (or appall), inspire, guide, and help us to understand that we are not alone. Whether as biography, autobiography, memoir, or diary, telling the story of a life is a profoundly humanist endeavour. This conversation carries us into these realms as we hear from **Sherrill Grace** (English) about her recently published biography of Timothy Findley, from **Sneja Gunew** (English and the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice) about the ways in which refugees and immigrants have rewritten the aesthetic and conceptual scaffolding of the traumascapes that constitute their lives (Behrouz Boochani and Maria Tumarkin), and from political scientist and poet **Philip Resnick** about his venture into autobiography with *Itineraries*.

Our moderator is the noted biographer and literary critic, **Ira Nadel**.

## DROP IN TO THE VIRTUAL COMMON ROOM

Connection and camaraderie are foundation stones of the UBC Emeritus College. College members are connected to our university by a number of threads that can be as slender or robust as we make them individually. These connections bring a parcel of benefits to us all, from library and email access to support for continuing scholarly activities. But interpersonal connections and the camaraderie that stems from familiarity, shared experiences and interests, and trust are also vital to a happy retirement, and precisely because they are less institutional, they are more vulnerable to attenuation in this time of COVID-19, when it is difficult for us to meet in person in groups of any size.

To combat this, we are opening a Virtual Common Room for Emeritus College members. It will be open – on Zoom – in term one, from 3:30 to 5 pm each Friday afternoon from September 18<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. Participation will be capped at 20. There will be no agenda. The intent is that you drop in (as some might once have to the Faculty Club of yore) to see who is there and share thoughts and conversations. One week we might talk about books – or about how the Canucks (almost) won the Stanley Cup; another about global affairs or the challenges of exercising during a COVID winter. Just show up and join in. Make new acquaintances, meet old friends, and (if you will) raise a glass to post-retirement life (secure in the knowledge that you don't have to drive – or cycle – home).

Register in advance for these meeting (at any point in the term):

<https://ubc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ApceiqrDojH9bcfYnjv24sMS94OeflzlSe>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

There is no commitment to attend regularly or frequently. But only those who register as above will receive instructions for the Zoom meeting. We will send an email reminder with registration details every couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing you on my screen.

Graeme

## Special Interest Groups

### PHOTO GROUP Friday, NOVEMBER 6, 3:00–4:30 pm

Please send 3 photos to Richard Spencer at [richard@rhspencer.ca](mailto:richard@rhspencer.ca). We have a theme for photos: Weather/Environment/Atmospherics. We ask that at least one of the 3 photos should be on the topic but the other titles/subjects can be at the discretion of each maker. We hope that asking for only 3 photos will give individual makers enough time to talk about their image, allow enough time for everyone else to comment, start a discussion and hopefully allow us to finish in about 1 ½ hours. We suggest a pause of 5-10 minutes at about ¾ -1 hour. The time of the pause can be decided according to how time is going. If you would like to join, please contact Richard Spencer for the zoom-link at [richard@rhspencer.ca](mailto:richard@rhspencer.ca).





**POETIC ODYSSEYS Tuesday, NOVEMBER 24, 2:00 pm**

All who are interested in writing, reading or listening to poetry are welcome. Zoom Link by request. Contacts: Philip Resnick (Professor Emeritus, Political Science – [philip.resnick@ubc.ca](mailto:philip.resnick@ubc.ca)) and George McWhirter (Professor Emeritus, Creative Writing)

**TRAVEL GROUP Thursday, November 26, 3:00 pm**

Join us for an open discussion of a range of travel topics, including why I love to travel, how I got interested in travel, and possibilities for travelling during a pandemic. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Richard Spencer at [richard@rhspencer.ca](mailto:richard@rhspencer.ca) to receive the Zoom-link.

**Senior Scholars' Series: The Passions that Drive Academic Life****Workplace Exposures, Motherhood, and Bicycling:  
Paths to and through Academia**

**Thursday 26 November 2020 at 5:00 pm—Kay Teschke** (School of Population and Public Health-Faculty of Medicine) in conversation with Jerry Wasserman



This ongoing series, convened by Graeme Wynn, is offered with Green College. Responding to the necessities of the COVID-19 pandemic, we present senior UBC academics in conversation with interviewer, theatre critic, and actor Jerry Wasserman. We will hear from colleagues from several academic disciplines whose intellectual interests, personal trajectories and engagement with the university and society differ considerably. Conversations will range widely across personal experiences and academic careers. The conversations will be of interest to early-, mid-, and late-career scholars, as well as members of the general public, as they reveal the diversity and richness of academic lives and the passions that drive them. There will be a Q&A.

Zoom invitations for the Senior Scholarly Series are available from the Green College website. [Click here.](#)

## Notices

### Medical Assistance in Dying

Dr. **Derryck Smith** (MD, FRCP(C), Clinical Professor Emeritus Faculty of Medicine Psychiatry, writes that the biggest unresolved issue with Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is getting the government to agree to Advance Directives. People entering into dementia (and I am afraid many of us may go down this route) can ask for MAiD but must be competent at the time of the procedure . . . with dementia if you wait too long you will lose competence and be sentenced to years of diapers, tube feeding, and having no idea who you or your family are. The solution is simple. Allow individuals who are competent to appoint someone who can exercise their wishes for MAiD. Without this many people are choosing to die too early, not wishing to risk becoming incompetent. I have had a number of close friends choose this path, missing time they could have spent with family and friends. Bill C 7 is attempting to deny MAiD to psychiatric patients. This denial is clearly a violation of their Section 15 Charter rights, but that is another story.

Bill C 7 is before parliament. If you feel strongly about MAiD, now is the time to speak to your member of Parliament.

[Here is a Statement by the Prime Minister on National Seniors Day, 1 October](#)

**Successful Aging:** Researchers at UBC Okanagan's Faculty of Health and Social Development are exploring how to help Canada's growing older population age successfully. from head to toe.

To access **Seniors First BC** newsletters - <http://seniorsfirstbc.ca/>

**Old Dog**, the latest film by **Ann Marie Fleming of Vancouver**, a UBC alumna (BA English), is a beautiful 3-min animated film reflecting on how we take care of our elders and our elderly pets. Click [here](#) to view the film.

According to AMF, animation is the perfect medium to tell this story. It makes the experience of the human and the dog more universal and helps us understand the unbearable lightness of being.

[Click here](#) for a story from *University Affairs* that discusses the role of retired faculty and university staff. The Emeritus College, UBC, is mentioned!



*Hermit Crabs*

You must catch the October sun between 10–2,  
 before it begins to wane  
 as fog descends on the beach once again  
 and a breeze off the sea  
 sends shivers through the spine,  
 forcing you to scurry.  
 Though temperatures are mellow  
 for this time of the year,  
 you sense this is a side effect  
 of climate change,  
 even as the virus continues  
 to eat away at communal solidarity,  
 turning us into hermit crabs,  
 self-absorbed in the only world we still know  
 within our shells.

Philip Resnick



Hermit Crab emerges from its shell  
 US Fish and Wildlife Service

## Flatten the Curve Homemade Masks

**Shauna Butterwick, Professor Emeritus,  
Department of Educational Studies**

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic the usefulness of wearing masks surfaced as one way to prevent the spread of the virus. I joined with a small group of women (and some of their male partners) in early April to explore the idea of providing home-made masks free of charge for home care and hospice workers who were not being provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). *Flatten the Curve Homemade Masks* was born and within weeks, plans turned into action.

We conducted research on the efficacy of masks and the best design, recruited volunteer sewers, and received donations for materials from individual sewers and some manufacturers. We also created sewing kits for volunteer sewers, a website ([FTCmasks.org](http://FTCmasks.org)), and an instructional video. Using existing networks in the first phase, we found 60 volunteer sewers who made 3000 masks by mid-May. Six weeks from its start we'd reached and exceeded our original goal. We conducted an evaluation with the various players including those who received the masks, volunteer sewers, and members of the collective .

After that evaluation of Phase I, we made some changes to the design and conducted further outreach to immigrant services. We have just finished our Second Phase, reaching our goal of making 2000 masks, including masks for children and youth. These have been distributed to incoming refugees and immigrants. We created kits for families which included masks, hand sanitizer and other items. I was able to find volunteers, many of them UBC PhD students, to translate the instructions for wearing and washing the masks into Arabic, Farsi and Kurdish. We also received some funding to cover the material costs. It was amazing how quickly the group came together, each of us taking on different roles. I helped with research, funding, sewing and translation.



## President Ono’s Reception to Welcome New Members of the Emeritus College, 17 September 2020



### Welcome to our new members!

For the past few years, President Ono has welcomed new emeriti to his house on campus. This year the reception was moved to Zoom. Pictured are just some of the new members of the college who attended the reception (see the list of all new members for the 2020 academic year on the following pages). In the past this reception has included forays onto the President’s lawn for photo ops, live music, and some clinking glasses, but even without this, the reception remains an important moment. We are all grateful to President Ono for his hospitality and for making it possible for all College members to continue to contribute to UBC. In addition to President’s Ono’s always-inspiring welcoming words, eight of our new members (Göran Fernlund, Peter Grimmett, Alex MacKay, Enrique Manchon, Bruce McManus, Pitman Potter, Pat Shaw, and Bill Winder) spoke for one to three minutes, addressing the questions of their hopes and plans for retirement. These ranged widely, from swimming in the ocean, to building and flying an airplane, to writing memoirs and reflections, to advocating for a climate-friendly economy to continuing research or work with a start-up company (and much more). To watch the recorded event go to <https://youtu.be/>

## New Emeritus College Members, 2020

**Martin Adamson**

Professor Emeritus of Zoology

**Linda Allan**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology

**Jim Anderson**Professor Emeritus of Language and Literacy  
Education**John Barker**

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology

**Robert Belton**

Dean Emeritus of Creative and Critical Studies

**Kenneth Berean**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology

**Thomas Blake**

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**Bernard Bressler**Professor Emeritus of Cellular and Physiological  
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Environmental and Geographic Sciences**Peter Dodek**

Professor Emeritus of Critical Care

**Patrick Doyle**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology

**Paul Dubord**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology

**Joel Feldman**

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

**Göran Fernlund**Associate Professor Emeritus of Materials  
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**Margot Filipenko**

Professor Emeritus of Teaching

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**James Hull**

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**Karin Humphries**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Cardiology

**Thomas Hutton**

Professor Emeritus of Community and Regional Planning

**Franklyn Jagdis**

Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics

**Richard Johnston**

Professor Emeritus of Political Science

**Niamh Kelly**

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**Gary Kinney**

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**Eva-Marie Kröller**

Professor, Department of English

**Kenny Kwok**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Cellular and Physiological Sciences

**André Lamontagne**

Professor Emeritus of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies

**Barry Legh**

Senior Instructor Emeritus

**Janet MacArthur**

Associate Professor Emeritus of English and Cultural Studies

**Carolyn MacHardy**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Art History

**Alexander MacKay**

Professor Emeritus of Radiology

**Kathleen MacLeod**

Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Stephen Malloy**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Film

**Enrique Manchon**

Senior Instructor Emeritus of French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies

**Keith Marriage**

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**Bruce Mathieson**

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**Deborah McFadden**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology

**Bruce McManus**

Professor Emeritus of Pathology

**Penelope Miller**

Professor of Teaching Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Donald Moerman**

Professor Emeritus of Zoology

**Ira Nadel**

Professor Emeritus of English

**Murray Neuman**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics

**Ellen Blythe Nilson**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology

**Katherine O'Flynn-Magee**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Teaching of Nursing



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**Harvey Richer**

Professor Emeritus of Physics

**Patricia Rodney**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing

**Diane Roscoe**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology

**Timothy Rowe**

Associate Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**Lori Roxborough**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

**Barbara Rutherford**

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**Maureen Ryan**

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**Barry Sanders**

Clinical Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics

**Michael Seear**

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Professor Emeritus of Law

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**Henry Sung**

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Therapeutics

## Introduction to the 2020-2023 Senate

Five members of the Emeritus College were elected to the Vancouver Senate as “representatives of the Convocation.” Much of the work of Senate takes place in the 13 standing committees which have now been populated, taking into account as much as possible senators’ preferences for assignments. Given the limited number of positions for emeriti on some committees and a desire to include senators with a range of backgrounds and to mix returning and new senators, not all preferences can be accommodated. Senators serve on from one to three committees. Convocation senators have now taken up their assigned responsibilities on eight of the committees. Francis R. Andrews (Library; Teaching and Learning); Lawrence Burr (Awards; Tributes; Library); John H.V. Gilbert (Academic Policy; Agenda; Tributes); Paul G. Harrison (Academic Policy; Appeals on Academic Discipline; Nominating); Richard Spencer (Academic Policy). Gilbert is Chair and Burr Vice-chair of Tributes. Harrison is Chair of the Nominating Committee and *ex officio* member of the Agenda Committee. Spencer is Vice-Chair of the Academic Policy Committee.

Some committees have yet to elect their chairs and vice-chairs. With nearly 90 members of Senate serving on one, two, or three of the 13 committees, each with at least 10 and sometimes up to 30 members (including appropriate non-senators), you can imagine the challenge that the staff in the Senate Office has in trying to find suitable times for all members of any given committee to meet, given that they are all busy with their other duties (even the emeriti!).

Once the committee chairs are all elected, then membership in the Council of Senates will be determined. A future report will explore the role of the Council. Members of the College may be interested in the academic issues that come before the various committees. Once the Convocation senators get familiar with their committee work, there may be an opportunity for them to share their experiences and seek your opinions.

Paul G. Harrison (Science)

[Here is a full list of committees with their official Terms of Reference.](#)



## Honours and Achievements

**W. Craig Riddell** and **Nancy Gallini** were appointed as Fellows of the Canadian Economics Association, 2020. The title of *Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association* is conferred to recognize the achievements and contribution to the discipline of the most prominent economists who have spent a significant portion of their career in Canada.



**Nancy Gallini**, who came to UBC in 2002 as Dean of Arts, is an industrial organization scholar, renowned for her contributions at the intersection of the economics of innovation, intellectual property (IP) and competition policy. Her research informs two broad issues: (1) What is the socially optimal design of IP systems for providing innovation incentives? (2) Which contractual restrictions and collaborations by IP owners are anticompetitive? Her research, published in top-ranked journals such as the *American Economic Review*, the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* and the *RAND Journal of Economics*, advances our understanding of how public policies and private strategies interface to impact innovation and consumer welfare. She has been a member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council’s governing council, the Mitacs Research Council and the Executive Council of the Canadian Economics Association, serving as president of the CEA in 2016–2017.

For many years, **W. Craig Riddell** was Royal Bank Research Professor in Economics at UBC. He led the labour research team for the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, which culminated in widely read and influential publications: four edited volumes on the state of labour markets and labour relations in Canada and his monograph *Dealing with Inflation and Unemployment in Canada*. Among many important studies, notable is his research on workers who were marginally attached to the labour force, which influenced statistical agencies in Canada, the US and the UK to identify such workers in their surveys and include them in “alternative measures of unemployment.” The volume *Income Inequality: The Canadian Story*, co-edited with Green and St-Hilaire, won the 2016 Purvis Prize for its comprehensive analysis. He is also co-author (with Benjamin, Gunderson and Lemieux) of *Labour Market Economics*, Canada’s leading labour text, now in its eighth edition.



**Peter Suedfeld** (Professor Emeritus, Psychology) is a globally celebrated psychologist and scholar of human adaptation to extreme environments. One of the pioneering researchers in the field of restricted environmental stimulation therapy (REST), Dr. Suedfeld undertook groundbreaking research on the psychological consequences of being exposed to extreme environments, specifically how people adapt to situations in polar environments and space capsules. He established and oversaw the High Arctic Psychology Research Station that operated from Isachsen, an abandoned weather station on Ellef Ringnes Island, Nunavut. He also worked closely with the Canadian Space Agency and NASA on enhancing astronauts’ psychological well-being.

In March 2018, he received the first honorary doctorate ever granted by the University of Nîmes. He has close ties with the researchers connected to Station Concordia, the Franco-Italian base in the Antarctic.

Also in 2018, he received the Lawrence J. Burpee Gold Medal, Royal Canadian Geographical Society, for “research on how people adapt to polar situations and space capsule environments.”

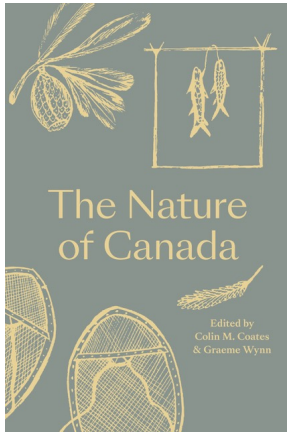


**John O’Brian** (Art History) is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Universities Art Association of Canada for his publications, teaching and exhibitions on art.

Dr. **Anthony W. Chow** MD, FACP, FRCPC has been inducted into the 2020 Vancouver Coastal Health Hall of Honour (includes Vancouver General Hospital, UBC Hospital and G.F. Strong Rehab Hospital). This is the highest honour that the institution (and its medical staff association) can bestow upon a physician or surgeon. The induction ceremony is planned for sometime in January or February of 2021. The VCH Medical Staff Hall of Honour was established in 2018 to recognize those whose exceptional leadership, clinical and academic service have profoundly benefited the residents of British Columbia and who, in so doing, have brought great distinction to VGH and its institutions.



## Emeritus News



*The Nature of Canada* edited by Colin Coates and **Graeme Wynn**, published by OnPoint Press (UBC Press) has been recognized as the best edited collection in Canadian Studies by the Canadian Studies Network – Réseau d’études canadiennes. The citation reads: “The jury commends this collection of essays for taking up iconic Canadian Studies materials, authors, and issues and approaching them in novel and compelling ways. The inter/multidisciplinary, wide-ranging, and topical compilation span from the environment to Indigenous Canada, from Innis to Frye, from the humanities fields of literature and history to the social science fields of economics and politics. The chapters are richly diverse, yet woven together with a common set of critical inquiries and creatively integrate photography and narrative references. This collection ably represents both the roots and the growth of Canadian Studies scholarship.”



**Sherrill Grace** has just published *Tiff: A Life of Timothy Findley* (Wilfrid Laurier UP, 2020).

Described by *Publishers’ Weekly* as “superb”; by Margaret Atwood as “meticulously researched [and] vastly rewarding”; and by Jerry Wasserman as “a powerful eye-opening portrait of the artist,” this is the first full biography of one of Canada’s most important, iconic writers. Findley published *The Wars* in 1977 and from then on he became an award-winning author, a cultural critic, and a formative influence on intellectual life in Canada. He was friends with artists like Alec Guinness, Thornton Wilder, and Margaret Laurence, but lived a quiet country life at Stone Orchard, writing constantly, until his death in 2002.

Here is the [live link](#) to the YouTube video of the Oct 13th virtual launch “Remembering Timothy Findley” with Sherrill Grace interviewed by Kel Pero. A 4-part podcast will be available soon from the American review *Choice*.

## Emeritus News, cont'd

In August, **Arlene Sindelar** (History), who had served as Vice President of the Medieval Association of the Pacific (MAP) for two years, assumed the office of President of MAP for 2020-2022, as designated in the constitution.

**W. Craig Riddell** (Economics) has been appointed to the Board of Directors, [Centre for the Study of Living Standards](#), Ottawa, Ontario.

**Kit Grauer** (Art and Museum Education) is interviewed in [Roundup Magazine](#), of the BC Museums Association,

Retirees making birdhouses may seem passé but former colleagues may be interested in my exhibition, [For the Birds: Upcycled Bird Palaces](#), at the Schneider Haus National Historic Site in Kitchener, ON, September 26 to December 20, 2020.

The curator writes “Dr. Graeme Chalmers has always enjoyed making things with wood. His birdhouse creations first began with visits to thrift stores. Using found, wooden objects such as lamp parts, wooden salt and pepper shakers, candle holders, bowls, chess sets, and children’s building blocks, Graeme transforms everyday objects into architectural masterpieces. His birdhouses are an intersection of vibrant colour and architectural decoration. The results are funky and playful palaces for the birds, and everyone, to enjoy.”

**Graeme Chalmers**, Professor Emeritus, Curriculum and Pedagogy (Art Education)



## Emeritus News, cont'd

### **Nova Scotia fisheries dispute**

Dianne Newell, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, discussed the situation on the East Coast between Mi'kmaq and commercial fishers over Indigenous fishing rights.

[CBC On The Coast](#) (37:27 mark) - October 19, 2020.

**Philip Resnick**, Political Science, contributed an opinion piece on BC Politics to the [Toronto Star](#).

### **Ottawa right to call out China on 'wolf warrior' diplomacy**

**Diana Lary**, History, was quoted about how people who have resisted the Chinese government's effort to strip Hong Kong of its democratic freedoms are in a vulnerable situation.

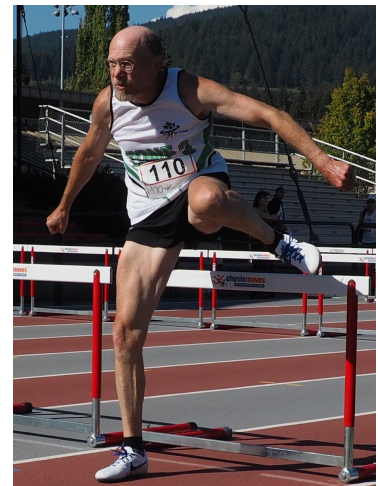
[Globe and Mail](#) (subscription)

### **The Fraser Valley has been warming at a quicker rate than Vancouver. Why?**

**Douw Steyn**, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, commented on the dramatic warming in the Fraser Valley and spoke about the impact of global warming on various climate regions. [BC Local News](#), [Maple Ridge News](#)

**Jess H. Brewer** (Physics and Astronomy) writes:

"You probably won't be interested in this Old News, but here's a good shot of me setting a new BC M70 80m hurdles record at the 55+ Games in Coquitlam (2016). I enter a new Masters age group (M75) in January, but the chances of getting to compete in 2021 look poor. :-("



**Nelly Auersperg** writes to note, that at 91, she has been retired for a while. While at UBC she conducted basic research pertaining to the origins and properties of gynecologic cancers. She retired and closed her lab in 2008, when she had reached the age of 80. Since her retirement, she has published 28 refereed papers and three book chapters, and presented or co-authored 10 conference presentations. (Her last two reviews are listed under publications.) She also received the following honours.

Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, 2008

Nelly Auersperg Symposium on the Origin of Ovarian Cancer, UBC, 2008

Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (UK), 2008

UBC Alumni Life-time Achievement Award, 2011

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## UBC Faculty Women’s Club

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. These are the various FWC Interest Groups and more information about each one can be found on our website:

- Art Appreciation
- Bible Discussion
- Book Circulation
- French
- Conversation
- Heritage Tours
- Hiking
- Knit & Stitch
- Snowshoeing /
- 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!

### [Vancouver Institute](#)

Check for upcoming lectures on Saturday evenings at 8:15—no membership fee required — (although always appreciated).

View their page on [Facebook](#)







## United Way Lower Mainland

The 2020 UBC United Way Campaign is underway! Throughout all the faculties, the professors emeriti are a key group of contributors to the UBC United Way Campaign.

While the annual UBC campaign will certainly look different this year, United Way is making a difference for our community during this pressing time by responding to the needs of vulnerable families, kids, youth and seniors.

[Support United Way](#)





<https://ceremonies.ubc.ca/remembrance-day-ceremony/>

### UBC’s Virtual Ceremony for Remembrance Day, November 11, 2020

Since the opening of the War Memorial Gym in 1951, the University of British Columbia has held a ceremony commemorating November 11. This year, 2020, will mark sixty-nine years that the University has hosted a Remembrance Day ceremony. This special ceremony is an opportunity for faculty, staff, students and members of the on- and off-campus community to honour and remember all those who served in times of war, military conflict and peace.

For photos from the First World War – UBC Library Archives: [Photos from the First World War – UBC Library Archives](#)

The Remembrance Day Ceremony will include short readings, remarks from special guests and musical performances by the UBC’s School of Music. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Emeritus College.



### Virtual Ceremony Details

The online ceremony will commence at 10:45am (PST) and can be viewed [here](#).

## In Memoriam

**Joseph Arthur Fredrick Gardner, CM**  
Dean Emeritus of Forestry  
1919–2020  
University Service 1965–1985

**Clarissa Green**  
Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing  
1945–2020  
University Service 1976–2006

**Keizo Nagatani**  
Professor Emeritus of Economics  
1937–2020  
University Service 1968–1997

**David C. Walker**  
Professor Emeritus of Chemistry  
1934–2020  
University Service 1964–1999



Robert Wu  
Canadian bookbinder, 2017  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York