**GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 11
Michael Smith Laboratories Lecture Hall
2185 East Mall (behind Bookstore)

**Agenda**

- 2:00 pm Coffee, tea, cookies and conversation
- 2:30 pm Business meeting
- 3:15 pm Dr. Arvind Gupta, *“Conversation with the President”*

President Gupta will speak for a short time, then respond to questions from Association members. Think about what you would like to know and be prepared to ask questions.

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**Dr. Arvind Gupta** was named UBC’s 13th President on March 12, 2014. Professor Gupta obtained a PhD from the University of Toronto and joined the Department of Computer Science at UBC in 2009. He is a well-regarded expert in research and innovation policy with a record of accomplishment building meaningful research collaborations.

His research expertise is in the field of combinational algorithms with applications to fields such as bioinformatics, which utilizes computer science to understand genetics. He has co-authored over 80 peer-reviewed publications and supervised 30 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

From 2000 to 2014, he was the CEO and Scientific Director of Mitacs, a national Canadian not-for-profit research organization dedicated to developing the next generation of innovators with vital scientific and business skills in partnership with academia, companies and government.

Since 2012, Professor Gupta has been a member of the Government of Canada’s Science, Technology and Innovation Council (STIC), an advisory body that provides external policy advice on science and technology issues and produces regular national reports measuring Canada’s science and technology performance against international standards of excellence.

In 2010, he was appointed to the six-member Jenkin’s expert panel to review federal government support to industrial research and development. The recommendations from this report have had a significant impact on federal innovation policy.

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Editor’s Note

This newsletter contains several articles with links to web sites and/or email addresses, some of which are many characters long. If you view the newsletter on-line, you can “click” on the URL or email address to go directly to the relevant site or open an email dialogue box.
A Letter from our President

"On the approach of the new year we, too, can believe in something better than experience has justified in hoping for.” —R Lynd

Welcome!

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. I also hope you will be able to take advantage of (and attend) the many events sponsored by the Association this term. We have a series of Green College Senior Scholar talks, China Series speakers, and Philosopher’s Cafés. The times/places/titles/speakers are all documented in the newsletter and Association web page: http://www.emeriti.ubc.ca.

We are pleased that UBC’s new President, Arvind Gupta, will be speaking and answering questions at our general meeting on Feb 11th. Please note the change in venue for this meeting. It will be at the Michael Smith Lecture Theatre, just behind the bookstore. Why the change in venue? Well the floors in Cecil Green Park are being resurfaced throughout the month of February and our usual venue isn’t available. Sigh...

Congratulations to Olav Slaymaker on his well-deserved election to the Order of Canada! Outstanding!

This newsletter also contains update information about parking. Paul Marantz has been and continues working on this issue. Hopefully we have even more reassuring information (or at least clarity) about the matter before the end of term and before our parking privileges get renewed in the spring.

Sometime soon you will also receive notice that there is an online questionnaire on soliciting information about research-related activities emeriti professors are engaged in and on scholarly accomplishments that continue to have an impact. I hope you will fill it in. There will also be a paper version of the questionnaire, which will be distributed to those who prefer filling things in the “old school” way.

I hope to see you on Feb 11th (if not before) at the general meeting. We do want to have good attendance when the President visits.

Cheers,

Richard

Editor’s note: President Richard is far too modest. He (with the help of other members of the Executive) prepared an extensive document to brief President Gupta in advance of his meeting with our Association on February 11. Among other things it includes information about the contribution emeritus faculty have made and are making to UBC as well as details of the memoranda of understanding negotiated between our Association and the Provost and Vice-President Academic as well as the Alumni Association.
Association News

Our Standing Committee For Continuing Scholarly Activities is two years old!

The Standing Committee for Continuing Scholarly Activities, launched in January 2013, is chaired by Joan Anderson, Professor Emerita of Nursing. The Committee’s objectives are to foster, promote, facilitate and disseminate the continuing scholarly activities of Emeritus faculty who wish to remain engaged in academic pursuits. It has had an active and productive two years. Research Days—co-sponsored with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies; and, the Senior Scholars Series, hosted by Green College, have been huge successes! They have provided a forum for sharing scholarly journeys and current work, and are a reminder that a significant number of emeriti remain engaged in scholarly work, and in the mentorship of students—undergraduate, graduate, post doctoral and other trainees.

A short survey of the activities of emeritus faculty is planned, to increase the visibility of our contributions to the mission of the university and to strengthen the proposal to the Office of the President for small grants to fund our continuing scholarship. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete the form when you get it. Many emeriti/ae, who do not have tri-council or other funding, are using personal funds to sustain their scholarship.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Research Day (date to be announced), and the Green College Senior Scholars series (see page 5).

Important Update on Emeritus Parking

Representatives of our Association have had several cordial and highly productive meetings with UBC Parking and Finance. Following our most recent meeting, we have been informed that the University is delaying for a year the implementation of the new policy announced in May 2014 which regards free emeriti parking as a taxable benefit for those retired faculty who still receive remuneration from UBC. This means that no tax slips will be issued for 2014 in regard to emeritus parking at UBC.

In the months ahead, we will continue our efforts aimed at reducing the number of faculty affected by the new policy on parking and at setting a Fair Market Value for the 24/7 parking pass that is a fraction of the $1,200 charged for working faculty, thereby reflecting the limited usage of parking privileges by the vast majority of emeriti.

If you have comments, ideas, or suggestions regarding the Association’s initiatives related to parking, please email Paul Marantz, the Chair of the Association’s Benefits Committee, at paul.marantz@ubc.ca.
Association Speakers’ Series

Green College
Senior Scholars’ Series

TERM 1
SCOTLAND, QUEBEC, CATALONIA: MUST NATIONS BECOME STATES?
Philip Resnick, Political Science
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2014
(this talk will be in the College Piano Room)

TAX MATTERS: AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE
Claire Young, Law
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 21, 2014

THE BOY WHO TOOK A TRAIN AND OTHER ADVENTURES IN CANADIAN WRITING
William New, English
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, December 9, 2014

TERM 2
WHO SPEAKS FOR THE CHILD? AN EXPLORATION OF 31 YEARS OF CLINICAL ACADEMICS
Stephen Tredwell, Orthopedics
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 20, 2015

FROM THE BENCH TO THE BEDSIDE TO THE BANK BECAUSE OF WEREWOLVES AND VAMPIRES
David Dolphin, Chemistry
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 10, 2015

BUILDING HAPPIER LIVES
John Helliwell, Economics
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Except where noted, all talks are in the Green College Coachhouse. For more information: www.greencollege.ubc.ca or GC.events@ubc.ca.

Come at 4:30 for tea and coffee in the Green College Piano Room and stay for refreshments after the talks. To stay for dinner, tickets can be purchased through the Green College Office—604-822-8660.

China Study Group

February 24th Chinese Jade, led by Jing Zhichun
Jing Zhichun is a professor in the Department of Anthropology. He is one of the leading experts in the Shang Culture, three millennia ago, which produced the most beautiful jades. Jing is an expert on jade materials, including the jade found in British Columbia.

March 24th Canada’s China Policy, led by Paul Evans
Paul Evans is a professor in the Institute of Asian Research, and an expert on Canada’s relations with Asia. His recent book, Engaging China, deals with Canadian relations with China from the missionary period to the present day.

The meetings will start at 11 a.m. in St. John’s College. We ask participants to register (by February 17th for the first session) and to read a short article on the topic that will be distributed before the meeting. Sandwiches and salad will follow at a cost of $15. Please indicate when you register whether you would like lunch.

If you wish to attend, please confirm with the Association Administrator, Sandra van Ark, at admin@emeriti.ubc.ca or by telephone at 604-822-1752.
Philosophers’ Café

**Friday, February 20, Should we have a Federal Carbon Tax**

10:30 Tapestry Classroom, 3338 Wesbrook Mall

Discussion leader: Dr. Kathryn Harrison, Professor of Political Science, UBC

*(You may reserve to have lunch at Tapestry after the Café by calling (604) 225–5000 or by checking in with the front desk before the Café.)*

Individuals are making changes to have a lower impact on the environment—using more efficient light bulbs and turning lights off, recycling, driving less and in smaller cars, etc. To have a real impact on climate change, governments need to be involved. British Columbia implemented a Carbon Tax in 2008. Is this effective? Is it time for the Government of Canada to impose a Federal Carbon Tax? **What do you think?**

Note: **Professor Harrison has made a paper available for participants who would like to read something before the Café: OECD Environmental Working Paper No. 63—The Political Economy of British Columbia’s Carbon Tax. This paper reviews the political economy of the BC tax in three distinct periods—its origins, its survival in the face of political backlash, and its longer term prospects. Please go to the Association website (http://www.emeriti.ubc.ca) for a link to this paper.**

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**Donating to the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti**

Please consider donating to UBCAPE’s fund where you can designate your specific area of interest to enhance emeriti activities.

All you need to do is go to the UBC APE website: emeriti.ubc.ca and click on “Giving”.

AND you will get a charitable donation tax receipt.

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**In Memoriam**

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**Ross Mackay Memorial**

There will be an event to honour the memory of Professor Ross Mackay, the one-time world’s leading authority on permafrost, who passed away at the age of 98 in October, 2014. The event will be held in the Fairmount Lounge, St. John’s College, 2111 Lower Mall, UBC. The time is 4-6 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. There will be an appreciation given by Professor Chris Burn from Carleton University and brief reflections from other colleagues. Chris Burn has, for the last 20 years, been Ross Mackay’s constant companion in the Arctic and in joint publishing endeavours.
News from CURAC

Our national association, the College and University Retirees Association of Canada, has canvassed universities across Canada regarding parking arrangements for retired faculty members.

From CURAC Bulletin No. 5, January 2015

Free parking turns out to be an unusual benefit. Of the 14 campuses replying, 5 acknowledged unrestricted free parking, 3 noted reduced rates and 6 indicated retirees were not treated any differently than other visitors to campus. Viewed somewhat differently, 8 of the universities or colleges recognized the value of retiree contributions either in the past or on a continuing basis.

The benefit has been threatened by proposals at some universities to recognize the practice as a taxable benefit. Apparently, on at least two campuses, movement in this direction was inspired by advice from a major accounting firm that provides advice to the universities. Evidently, the Canada Revenue Agency has been considering whether this and other perks enjoyed by faculty, staff and administrators should be construed as taxable benefits. At present, consideration of free parking as a taxable benefit seems to be restricted to those receiving income from the university. A decision to designate it as such might relate to whether the report of the income is through a T4 or T4A. There clearly is ambiguity in this.

News from AROHE

(Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education)

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently ran three columns exploring the issue of faculty retirements. “The forever professors” suggested that senior faculty have an obligation to retire. “Ageism in academe” countered that many professors are as productive, if not more, as they get older. The third column, “Dignity in retirement is not too much to ask,” cowritten by AROHE Executive Director Janette Brown, AROHE President Sue Barnes and Chronicle columnist David Perlmuter, suggests that providing opportunities for faculty to continue their engagement in retirement is mutually beneficial to academic institutions as well as emeriti.

The last paragraph of the “dignity” column states, “Despite many problems, our system of higher education continues to be a global model. Yet whenever we boast about a “great” university or college, we should always remember that that greatness—in teaching, research, service, and public engagement—was achieved in large part through the creativity, diligence, and hard work of faculty members. They are owed more than a handshake and medical benefits. They should be able to retire and yet still serve the cause of knowledge discovery, creation, and dissemination in ways that are productive and valued.”

The articles are available on line at the following URLs:

“The forever professors”  http://chronicle.com/article/Retire-Already-/149965/

“Age is only a number, a cipher for the records. A man can’t retire his experience. He must use it. Experience achieves more with less energy and time.”

-Bernard Mannen Baruch
Emeriti Awards

Order of Canada

Professor Emeritus of Geography, Olav Slaymaker, has been appointed to the Order of Canada for “for advancing the field of geology, notably through his research on landform evolution.”

Dr. Slaymaker joined the UBC Geography Department in 1968. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities he has served as Associate Vice-President Research, Director of the Liu Institute for the Study of Global Issues, Acting Director of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies and Acting Principal of St. John’s College. He is Past President of the Canadian Association of Geographers and the International Association of Geomorphologists.

Since becoming an Emeritus Professor in 2004 he has continued to pursue his research interests, while becoming a mainstay of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti, serving as President 2012-13 and Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. He continues to serve as an ex-officio member of the Association Executive.

Emeriti in the News

Here a psycho, there a psycho....

UBC forensic psychologist, Professor Emeritus Robert Hare was featured in a CBC documentary on psychopathy that aired November 27, 2014 on CBC’s Doc Zone. “Psychopaths represent only the extreme end of the personality disorder, but it’s very likely that you know someone who could be described as a psychopath,” Hare says. “You’re going to run into one of these individuals sometime in your life, more than once.”


Modern Academia Fails Us

I am an Associate Professor Emeritus [Human Kinetics] at the University of B.C., where I taught for more than 30 years as a tenured faculty member. Following this career I taught on contract at the University of Regina and the University of South Australia, where I saw and experienced first-hand the plight of sessional staff. They are the academic counterparts to “temps” in the broader marketplace; they have no job security, no benefits, are paid poorly, and have little say in the workings of the university. They are used by the system to allow the administration to stay on budget. I was told by a conservative colleague at UBC that fully 90 per cent of undergrad courses in his faculty are now taught by sessional staff. They become lackeys in a flawed system wherein professors keep as far away from undergrads as they can to concentrate on the real rewards of the system that involves publication and gaining financial grants for research. In much earlier times, a university faculty member was judged by the quality of teaching, research, and community service. Now the criteria are grantsmanship and publication in obscure journals. Community service is most often equated with highly paid consultancies. An added shameful development is the burgeoning bureaucracy in academia that is a significant factor in the exorbitant tuition increases faced by students today.

—Gary Pennington, Letter to the Vancouver Sun, January 7, 2015
A rich vocabulary can protect against cognitive impairment

Some people suffer incipient dementia as they get older. To make up for this loss, the brain’s cognitive reserve is put to the test. Researchers from the University of Santiago de Compostela have studied what factors can help to improve this ability and they conclude that having a higher level of vocabulary is one such factor.

‘Cognitive reserve’ is the name given to the brain’s capacity to compensate for the loss of its functions. This reserve cannot be measured directly; rather, it is calculated through indicators believed to increase this capacity.

A research project at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) has studied how having a wide vocabulary influences cognitive reserve in the elderly.

As Cristina Lojo Seoane, from the USC, co-author of the study published in the journal Anales de Psicología (Annals of Psychology), explains: “We focused on level of vocabulary as it is considered an indicator of crystallised intelligence (the use of previously acquired intellectual skills). We aimed to deepen our understanding of its relation to cognitive reserve.”

The research team chose a sample of 326 subjects over the age of 50—222 healthy individuals and 104 with mild cognitive impairment. They then measured their levels of vocabulary, along with other measures such as their years of schooling, the complexity of their jobs and their reading habits.

They also analysed the scores they obtained in various tests, such as the vocabulary subtest of the ‘Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale’ (WAIS) and the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test.

“With a regression analysis we calculated the probability of impairment to the vocabulary levels of the participants,” Lojo Seoane continues.

The results revealed a greater prevalence of mild cognitive impairment in participants who achieved a lower vocabulary level score.

“This led us to the conclusion that a higher level of vocabulary, as a measure of cognitive reserve, can protect against cognitive impairment,” the researcher concludes.

Journal Reference:

—Science Daily, November 21, 2014 (http://www.sciencedaily.com)
Innovations in Patient Care-UBC opens Pharmacists Clinic

GUEST ARTICLE BY BARBARA GOBIS, DIRECTOR, PHARMACISTS CLINIC

When was the last time you had an hour with a health care professional?

If you take medications and have questions or concerns, keep reading.

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC has opened the Pharmacists Clinic—Canada’s first university-based, licensed, pharmacist-led, patient care clinic. The Pharmacists Clinic is not a typical pharmacy. It does not sell products or offer prescription-filling services. It is dedicated to making the clinical expertise of pharmacists available to meet the information and consultation needs of people taking medication. Located at the UBC Vancouver campus, the Pharmacists Clinic is tapped into the latest evidence, research and care models and focused on helping people get optimal drug therapy results.

The Clinic’s pharmacists work in respectful collaboration with you, your physicians and your community-based pharmacist. Services are provided in-person or by telephone at no cost to you. The BC Ministry of Health (PharmaCare) pays the Clinic directly for some services and the Faculty funds the rest.

As a model of how pharmacists will practice in the future, the Pharmacists Clinic is also a teaching site for students and for pharmacists wanting to refresh their skills.

People who may benefit from an appointment at the Pharmacists Clinic are:

- Wanting answers to questions about medications, natural health products and supplements
- Taking multiple medications
- Living with more than one health condition
- Not getting the intended results from their medications
- Concerned about adverse reactions, allergies or drug sensitivities
- Having difficulty sorting out and taking their medications at home
- Concerned about advancing age, reduced liver or kidney function, or
- Recently discharged from hospital

If you would like to book an appointment (either in-person or by telephone) for yourself or a family member at the Pharmacists Clinic, please call 604-827-2584. More information on the Pharmacists Clinic and booking an appointment is available at http://www.clinic.pharmacy.ubc.ca.
About Town

Jan 21 - Robbie Burns Happy Hour - serving up all the Scottish classics with our Robbie Burns feature cocktail and delicious appetizers. Talented Scottish dancers for entertainment as well! Starts at 4:00pm in our Pub.

Feb 13 - come enjoy a delicious chocolate inspired set menu - see and taste how chocolate is not only for dessert! Dinner entertainment featuring Billy Bennet. Please call 604.225.5000 to make your reservation.

Every Thursday – Interested in expanding your creative skill set? We welcome all levels in our Tapestry Art Class taught by a local Vancouver artist. This is a fun, inclusive and inspiring class! 1:00pm in our Creative Arts Centre, please call 604.225.5000 if you are interested in joining.

Dr. Richard B. Spline Lecture in Social Policy

Graham Riches
Emeritus Professor
former Director of
UBC School of
Social Work

Confronting First World Hunger:
Charity or the Right to Food?
Respondent: Margot Young
Professor of Law, UBC
Monday, Jan. 26 at 5:30 pm
followed by a reception
Liu Centre Multipurpose Room
RSVP: http://bit.ly/1s4cnvG

SFU Retirees’ Association Speakers’ Program Spring 2015

The presentations are free and open to all members of SFU and the public. No reservations are required.
They are held in 114 Halpern Centre at 11:30 am on Tuesdays with a talk of approximately 50 minutes, plus a short question period.

Members of the audience are invited to join the speaker and executive board for lunch at the Diamond Alumni Centre following the talk.

February 17: Sanford Osler, Chair, North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission: “The varying roles of canoes in British Columbia”

March 24: Leigh Palmer, Professor Emeritus of Physics, SFU, “The science of predicting the future climate of Earth”

April 14: Dr. Elizabeth Bryce, Regional Medical Director for Infection Control at Vancouver Coastal Health Acute, “Healthcare Acquired Infections”

Jan 23, 2015 12:00 PM

Join us for an engaging talk by Alberto Mora, Fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School. Dr. Mora was a leading critic within the Bush-era Pentagon about the use of torture in Guantanamo. This talk is part of a UBC Series on Accountability, Ethics and Civil Society.

Alberto Mora is a fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School and the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy and a leading critic within the Bush-era Pentagon about the use of torture in Guantanamo. He recently launched the “Costs and Consequences of Torture” project at Harvard.

Location: Liu Institute for Global Issues - Multipurpose Room
Upcoming Vancouver Institute Lectures


January 31: Professor Daniel Bromley, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin, *The Arab World in Disarray: Reasons, Reactions, Resolutions.*

February 7: Professor Janice Eng, Department of Physical Therapy, UBC, *Stroke: New Evidence on Prevention and Recovery*

February 21: Mr. Joseph Boyden, Novelist, short story writer and academic, Adjunct Professor, UBC Creative Writing Program, *The Orenda, Writing, and Approaching First Nations Issues in Canada.*

February 28: UBC Opera Sincers with Richard Epp, Music Director, Opera Workshop, UBC School of Music, *Opera Comes to the Institute: From Mozart to Verdi*

All lectures take place in IRC 2 at 8:15 pm.

This long-running series is ideally suited to those who prefer day time concerts (and a seniors’ discount).

All performances take place at the Vancouver Academy of Music, 1270 Chestnut Street (Kits’ Point). Concerts begin at 10:30 am but are preceded by coffee, tea and refreshments beginning at 10:00 am.

The same organization also offers a program called “Tuning In”, where well-known CBC host Eric Friesen interviews musical celebrities as well as musicians on their way up. Your editor was privileged to watch an interview with renowned Canadian tenor, Ben Heppner, in early November. What a treat!

For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.musicinthemorning.org](http://www.musicinthemorning.org) or telephone 604-873-4612.

Main Concert Series

**January 21-23:** Gryphon Trio

**February 18-20:** Dawn Upshaw, soprano and Gilbert Kalish, piano

**March 18-20:** Isabel Bayrakdarian, soprano and Serouj Kradjian, piano

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**May 10:** Mother’s Day Season Finale, Quartetto Gelato

Tuning In

**January 28:** Simone Osborne (Simone is a graduate of Nancy Hermiston’s Opera Program at UBC and one of the youngest winners of the Metropolitan Opera’s National Council auditions.)

**April 1:** Jan Lisieki. Mr. Lisieki began playing piano at age 5 and had his orchestral debut at age 9. He was named Gramophone’s Young Artist of 2014.

UBC School of Music

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**Wednesday Noon Hour Concerts**

12:00 pm, Barnett Hall

Admission $5


**February 4:** Cascadia Reed Quintet plays music by Pärt, Fitkin, MacDonald, Rameau, and Debussy.

**February 11:** Onyx Trio plays Takemitsu: And Then I Knew ‘Twas Wind; Gubaidulina: Garten von Freunden und Traurigkeiten; and Debussy: Sonate pour flute, alto et harpe.

**February 25:** I Tromboni: Song and Dance.

**March 4:** Terence Dawson, piano plays Morse, Listen and Rzewski, De Profundis.

**March 11:** Suzanne Rigden, soprano, Robert Hollandiston, piano—Ravel: Cinq Mélodies populaires grecques; Strauss: Brentano Lieder, Op. 68; Poulenc: La courte paille.

**March 18:** Kenneth Tse, saxophones, Corey Hamm, piano—Boutry: Divertimento; Swerts: Le Tombeau de Ravel; Kalinkovich: Concerto Capriccio on themes of Paganini.