GENERAL MEETING:
Wednesday, October 11
Cecil Green Park House
6251 Cecil Green Park Road
(partners and guests are welcome)

Agenda

2:00 pm  Coffee, cookies and conversation
3:00 pm  Business meeting
3:15 pm  Dr. Wade Davis, CM, *Into the Silence: The Great War, Mallory and the Conquest of Everest*

If the quest for Mount Everest began as a grand imperial gesture, as redemption for an empire of explorers that had lost the race to the poles, it ended as a mission of regeneration for a country and a people bled white by war. Of the twenty-six British climbers who, on three expeditions (1921-24), walked 400 miles off the map to find and assault the highest mountain on Earth, twenty had seen the worst of the fighting. Six had been severely wounded, two others nearly killed by disease at the Front, one hospitalized twice with shell shock. Four as army surgeons dealt for the duration with the agonies of the dying. Two lost brothers, killed in action. All had endured the slaughter, the coughing of the guns, the bones and barbed wire, the white faces of the dead.

In a monumental work of history and adventure, ten years in the writing, Wade Davis asks not whether George Mallory was the first to reach the summit of Everest, but rather why he kept on climbing on that fateful day. His answer lies in a single phrase uttered by one of the survivors as they retreated from the mountain: ‘The price of life is death.’ Mallory walked on because for him, as for all of his generation, death was but ‘a frail barrier that men crossed, smiling and gallant, every day.’ As climbers they accepted a degree of risk unimaginable before the war. They were not cavalier, but death was no stranger. They had seen so much of it that it had no hold on them. What mattered was how one lived, the moments of being alive. For all of them Everest had become an exalted radiance, a sentinel in the sky, a symbol of hope in a world gone mad.

Wade Davis is Professor of Anthropology and the BC Leadership Chair in Cultures and Ecosystems at Risk at the University of British Columbia. Between 1999 and 2013 he served as Explorer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society. Author of 20 books, including *One River*, *The Wayfinders* and *Into the Silence*, winner of the 2012 Samuel Johnson prize, he holds degrees in anthropology and biology and received his Ph.D. in ethnobotany, all from Harvard University. His many film credits include *Light at the Edge of the World*, an eight-hour documentary series written and produced for the National Geographic Society. Davis is the recipient of 11 honorary degrees, as well as the 2009 Gold Medal from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, the 2011 Explorers Medal, the 2012 David Fairchild Medal for Botanical Exploration, and the 2015 Centennial Medal of Harvard University. In 2016 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.
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**Guest speaker:** Dr. Wade Davis  

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President’s Report

It is September again. Welcome to the 2016/17 academic year. It may seem a bit odd that, as emeriti, we continue to mirror the patterns of campus life, but upon reflection, that is where we come from. The campus experience has molded our identity and, to varying degree,s it remains a part of us.

A goal of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti is to place "emeritus status" on a continuum of involvement with the University, in contrast to the classic retirement model, which is usually some form of severance or withdrawal. We plan to do this in the context of the “whole person,” that is by facilitating personal development, intellectual stimulation, social engagement, community service and scholarly opportunity.

As an organization, UBCAPE is linked to the University through the Provost’s office. We are greatly indebted to it both for financial support and for the delicate balance the Provost provides between inclusion in the organizational structure of the university on the one hand and independence on the other.

The 2016/17 academic year was marked by an increased connection to the President’s office. We hope to strengthen this connection in 2017/18. We have two events planned with President Ono:
The first, planned for the fall, is a reception to include new emeriti and the second is an expansion of our annual wine and cheese reception in the Spring to include the President. We will continue to provide him with the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding emeriti. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters as well as by e-mail.

Looking ahead, the main focus of the upcoming year will be on the proposal passed at the 2017 annual meeting in May to transition from an Association to an Emeritus College.* We have the President’s encouragement in this project. We also believe that such a move will provide a more solid platform from which to advocate for emeriti, to support our already inclusive programs, and to recognize and support continued scholarly activity and community engagement. We hope to facilitate both continued academic engagement and timely, predictable retirement.

A big challenge: Success would mean creation of the first Emeritus College in Canada and one of fewer than a dozen in North America. A subset of the Executive is preparing a working document that I will share as it evolves. Opinions and suggestions will be very gratefully received.

An Emeritus College offers a logical continuum to retirement while maintaining a close connection with the University and academia, thus enriching the academic community. The mission statements of two Emeritus colleges in the United States (Emory and Arizona) are presented below and reflect our desires at UBC:

"established to advance the intellectual and creative interests of its members, to maintain their social connections with University colleagues, to provide them opportunities for service to the University and the wider community, and to offer them a forum for commentary on issues of broad public interest."

(Emory University)

"The purpose of the Emeritus College is to give a home and a focus to continued intellectual, creative and social engagement of emeritus faculty with the University."

(Arizona State)

The University of British Columbia Association of Professors Emeriti has undergone significant growth, both in numbers of members and in the breadth of the programs it offers. It is well positioned to re-structure as an Emeritus College.

Our normal activities will continue unchanged. The maturity of our programs has provided the incentive for expansion. This year’s programs will be listed in our newsletters as well as on the website. Professor Emerita Carolyn Gilbert and her team have produced a varied and stimulating plan for the year. The work involved in the organization of programs and activities is significant indeed, and we, as an Association, are deeply indebted to the team and their leader.

— Stephen Tredwell

*For details of the proposal see the Newsletter, #132, April 2017, pp.4-5.
President Stephen Tredwell is Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics. I was born in Victoria and graduated in Medicine UBC 1966. Post-graduate training in Medicine is a tortuous and confusing pathway for those in the field as well as outside it. My path went through: Chicago (Cook County Hospital), UBC Orthopaedics, and further sub-specialty training in Hong Kong and at Harvard. My clinical and academic career included a sub-specialty in paediatric orthopaedics with a clinical focus in paediatric spinal deformity and a research focus on intermediate and long term clinical outcomes (paediatric trauma, scoliosis, paediatric hip disease). My academic education focus is on evaluation of proficiency at the post-graduate level. Currently I am an Emeritus Member of the Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Orthopaedic Association, Canadian Spine Society, Paediatric Orthopaedics Society of North America, and the Scoliosis Research Society. The years since retirement have been full: completing a degree in Conflict Analysis, giving free rein to my passions for food and wine as Bailli of the Chaine des Rotisseurs Vancouver, and joining the most collegial and stimulating table of UBCAPE Executive.

Vice-President Dianne Newell is Professor Emerita, Department of History, and holds a post-retirement faculty appointment in UBC’s new Institute for the Oceans & Fisheries (IOF). My research and publishing interests span a range of subjects within these broad areas: Canadian social and economic history; science and technology in late industrial society; women in Cold War science fiction and 1970s radio documentaries; Aboriginal women in the industrial economy; and Pacific/ Northwest Coast fisheries and anthropology. These days, in addition to my activities at the IOF, I am an ongoing Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Technical University of Munich, where I’m collaborating on a fascinating interdisciplinary project on historic climate change in the Western Greenland – Labrador coastal areas using a data base we’ve created with two centuries of daily instrumental recordings of weather by Moravian missionaries. I also serve on a number of UBC committees, including most enjoyably as co-chair with Judy Hall of the UBCAPE Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee.

Past President & Treasurer Richard Spencer is Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering. I joined UBC Civil Engineering in 1968 to pursue my interest in the design of earthquake resistant concrete buildings. I served as president of the UBC Faculty Association and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, and was elected to the UBC Senate. In 1988 I was appointed University Registrar, with a mandate to improve services and support for students. I enjoyed doing this, and in 1993 I took on the additional role of Director, Student Services. In 2001 I joined UBC Information Technology as Senior IT Strategist, and after being mandatorily retired in 2005 and then rehired in 2007, I served as acting CIO, and Executive Director of UBC IT. I retired from UBC in 2011. As APE Treasurer and Past President, I want to make sure the Association stays on a sound financial footing and continues to offer programs and services that meet the needs of our members.

Secretary Donald Blake is Professor Emeritus of Political Science. He joined the Political Science Department in 1970, serving as Head from 1990-1995. His research focused on political behaviour in Canada, the United States and European democracies using mainly quantitative analysis of public opinion survey data and aggregate data. His main teaching areas were Canadian politics, research methods and statistics. Since becoming an Emeritus Professor in 2004 he has indulged his interests in travel, photography, desktop publishing, web design, and singing, most recently in the EnChor Choir, an auditioned choir for “mature voices” founded by the late Diane Loomer, C.M. He was Secretary of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti from 2006-
2008 and played a major role on the Activities Committee, which conducted the first comprehensive survey of the interests of emeritus faculty. He joined the Executive again in 2013 as a Member-at-Large with responsibility for the Newsletter and was re-elected in 2014, 2015 and 2016. In 2017 he was elected to the Secretary position.

**Members at Large**

**George Bluman** is Professor Emeritus of Mathematics since 2014. He was born in Vancouver and graduated in Math and Physics, UBC 1964. After graduate and PDF training in Applied Math (Caltech), he joined the UBC department in 1968. He has co-authored over 75 research papers and four Springer books in symmetries and differential equations. He was a founder of the Institute of Applied Mathematics, Head of Math (1997-2002) and VP of the Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS). He initiated the UBC Math Workshop program, was involved with the national Euclid Contest and founder of the UBC HS Math Circle. In 2001 he received the CMS Adrien Pouliot Award for Math Education. He served two terms on the UBC Senate (Chair, Awards Committee), was on the UBC Medical School Admissions Committee and the Faculty Association Executive. He is past chair of the Vancouver Kristallnacht Commemoration Committee and is on the Board of Eagles of Tomorrow, a society for improving aboriginal math education. His parents were saved by the heroic Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara. He has given many public talks on Sugihara in Vancouver and Japan. George is a passionate gardener!

**Elaine Carty** is Professor Emerita in the School of Nursing, Faculty of Applied Science and Midwifery, Dept. of Family Practice, Faculty of Medicine. I was born and raised in the Maritimes and made my way west from the University of New Brunswick to UBC in 1974 by way of Queen’s University in Kingston. My work in the School of Nursing focused on innovative health care delivery in women’s health, including political activity towards the 1998 regulation of midwifery in British Columbia. I was the first Director of the Midwifery Program at UBC that began in 2002. Since my retirement in 2012 I have been working on the use of humanities in the health sciences, in particular how poetry, fiction and artists’ representations of pregnancy and birth can inform practice. In addition to doing yoga, swimming and playing piano, I currently chair the Trust Fund for Education at the University Women’s Club of Vancouver.

**Donald Fisher** is Professor Emeritus of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education. He joined the Department of the Foundations of Education (later Educational Studies) in 1976 by way of the University of Birmingham and the University of California, Berkeley. He has served as President of four national organizations, most recently with the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. He was elected to the Senate in 1999 and served as Head and Chair of the Department of Educational Studies, 2010-2013. He retired in 2014 but immediately took on the role of Vice-Principal of Green College and served as Acting-Principal, 2015-2016. He continues in his role as Vice-Principal, with the particular responsibility of liaising with Emeriti colleagues. Using an historical sociology approach, Dr. Fisher’s research focuses on the impact of large scale philanthropy on university education, boundary work within the social sciences and between that group of disciplines and other knowledge areas, academy-industry relations and the marketization of university systems, and the formulation and implementation of higher education policy. He enjoys hiking, swimming and skiing.

**Nichola Malim Hall** retired in 2006 from directing adult education programs at the University of British Columbia. She is an alumna of UBC, having completed both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree (specialising in public policy) in Political Science as a mature student, while raising two sons. She has had a variety of careers, including publishing, broadcasting and social planning, and has lived and worked in England, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East, as well as Canada. In 2008 she won a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for her volunteer activities. A past-president of Family Place, the Social Planning and Research Council of B.C. and From Grief to Ac-
tion, she now sits on several boards, does some public speaking, and is particularly interested in adult education, citizen participation and community development.

**John McNeill** is a Professor and Dean Emeritus in Pharmaceutical Sciences. He received his BSc and MSc at the University of Alberta and his PhD from the University of Michigan. He taught pharmacology for four years at Michigan State University before coming to the University of British Columbia as an Associate Professor in 1971. He became a Full Professor in 1975 and served as the Dean of the Faculty from 1985-1996. He retired in 2004 but has continued to teach and run his lab to the present time. His research work has dealt with the study of the prevention and treatment of the cardiovascular and metabolic changes produced by diabetes. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. His work has been recognized around the world and he is one of the leading scientists in this area. He served on the Senate for more than 12 years. As Dean he increased enrolment, modified the curriculum and introduced the first post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy program in Canada. His greatest accomplishment, in his opinion, has been the training and development of his graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He enjoyed teaching undergraduate students very much and he received a Killam Teaching Award. He served on several national committees and granting agencies and was the president of several societies. He continues to work with the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation. He enjoys travel and reading history. He is pleased to be involved with UBCAPE during this period of time when it has grown and expanded its activities so greatly.

**William McCutcheon** is Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy. After studying astrophysics at the Jodrell Bank Observatory, I joined the UBC Department in 1969. My colleagues and I developed a millimeter wavelength radio telescope on the south campus next to the old B.C. Research Council building. But the days of University-run observatories came to an end because of the expense of operations. Canada joined Britain and the Netherlands in running the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope on Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii. This telescope operated at millimeter and sub-millimeter wavelengths, and I had many sessions on this telescope studying molecular clouds and star forming regions. Over the years, I had sabbatical leaves at the CSIRO Division of Radiophysics in Sydney, the Joint Astronomy Centre in Hawaii, and the University of Kent in Canterbury. I was Acting Director of the Engineering Physics programme for my last two years before retirement at the end of 2005. My outside interests include long distance running, road cycling, and swimming. My wife Jean and I are members of Ryerson United Church and are involved in church-related activities. I joined the UBCAPE executive in 2014.

**Kjell Rubenson** is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Educational Studies. He joined UBC in 1982 from Sweden where he held the first chair in adult education. He has served as Head of the Department of Educational Studies and Director of The Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education and Training.

His research has focused on structures, polices and outcomes of adult learning and education. Most recently he was part of the editorial board for the 2016 UNESCO Global Report on Adult Learning and Education that looked at the impact of adult learning and education on health, employment and social, civic and community life. He is presently part of the team responsible for the next Global Report to be issued in the fall of 2019.

Since retiring he has been involved with The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in Hamburg where he has been mentoring in the Scholarship and Fellowship programs. He continues to love hiking and skiing and has returned to the bridge table.
April General Meeting

Nancy Hermiston, Professor of Music and Chair of the School’s Voice and Opera Divisions presented an engaging overview of the Opera Program, and recent achievements by her students. A capacity audience was also entertained by two young singers from the program, Ivy Calvert (Soprano) and Liam Robertson (Bass).

You will have another opportunity to hear the amazing singers of the UBC Opera Ensemble at the Opera Tea Series at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 15 in the Old Auditorium. Opera Teas bring you closer to the performers onstage. Enjoy a concert of opera arias and song favourites in a casual setting. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are served.

Reservations are required for the Opera Tea Series. Call 604-822-6725 to reserve or visit www.ubcoperatickets.com.

Tickets: $28 Adult | $23 Senior | $15 Student

Sneak Preview: November 15 General Meeting

The November meeting will feature a panel discussion/assessment of the Trudeau Government at Mid-Term (after all we, ought to be good at mid-term grading), organized by Ken Carty, Professor Emeritus of Political Science. Four distinguished colleagues will review the Government’s record on: the economy, political reform, aboriginal affairs and the environment. Attendees will have an opportunity for “grading” as well.

Asked a librarian for that book on Schrödinger’s cat and Pavlov’s dogs today. Said it rang a bell but she didn’t know if it was there or not.
Supporting Emeritus Research at UBC: A Progress Report

To prepare senior Faculty for the move from full time to emeritus status, several disincentives need to be addressed. Among these is the decreased support for continuing scholarly activity. A 2013 study published in *Inside Higher Education* reported that 74% of professors aged 49-64 planned to delay retirement past age 65. A full 89% of the group stated that they wished to stay busy, active and productive. 64% responded that they loved the work too much to give it up.

However, emeritus status disqualifies emeriti from several funding sources that they may have traditionally used. At UBC the result has been that a surprising amount of personal funds are used by emeriti to support their ongoing scholarly work. A 2016 survey of UBC emeriti reported that, since retirement, the survey group of emeriti had contributed $886,500 of their personal funds to support their ongoing scholarly work. We are indebted to several of our past presidents for identification of this issue and particularly to Professor Emerita Judith Hall for sharpening the focus and giving the problem dimensions.

We are most grateful to President Santa Ono for the crisp and positive response to a request for supporting research by emeriti. In early 2017, following a meeting with senior UBCAPE Executive members, the President’s office put in place a pilot project that reimburses emeriti for expenses personally incurred in scholarly work. The funding for the first two years of the program is $100,000 per year.

Following the President’s announcement, UBCAPE’s *Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee*, in collaboration with the Provost’s Office, developed guidelines, an application process, and an evaluation procedure. UBCAPE informed emeriti about the availability of this support by e-mail, the newsletter and the website. The deadline for applications was July 1, 2017. Despite this short timeline we received 41 applications for reimbursement.

Requests totalled $156,436.05. $100,000.00 or 64% of the total request was awarded. Thirty-one departments within eight separate faculties were represented. Applicants from both the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses were supported by awards.

On average, those applying for reimbursement had held emeritus status for 9.1 years (range 1-22, median 11 years). Of the total who applied, 23 were members of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti and 18 were not.

Recognizing the risks of generalizing from a one-year experience, we believe that the need for support for scholarly activities in the emeritus group is real, that productive scholarly activity continues well past retirement, and that a broad and varied community of emeriti merit this kind of support.

Again, recognition and thanks are due to President Ono, the President’s Office, the Provost’s office and the *Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee*, as well as the administrative staff and Executive of UBCAPE.

— Stephen Tredwell

Nominations Wanted

The *UBCAPE Major Awards Nominating Committee* is pleased to report success in nominating directly or assisting in nominating (providing advice) UBC Emeriti for major awards. We are preparing a number of new submissions and awaiting word on several of our previous submissions. Using the services of a professional writer, we prepared nominations for four emeriti in the Fall through Spring of 2016-17. We also track our submissions and update those that were not successful in the first round. We have four nominations already for 2017-18 but would welcome new candidates for submission in 2018.

Please send the individual’s name and contact details, a description of the award you have in mind, and a “brag” letter and CV that are tailored to that award to the UBCAPE office.
Forum on Philanthropic Work by Emeritus Professors  
Wednesday, April 19

The UBCAPE Forum, organized by the Programs Committee, was a huge success. This Forum showcased some of the charitable work that Professors Emeriti are doing, both in the community and further afield. Six members of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti described their work, which ranges from local to global and contributions to areas of health and well-being, education, and human and civil rights. The speakers were:

**Andy Eisen**, founder of *The ALS Society of BC*, offering support for patients and families; [www.alsbc.ca](http://www.alsbc.ca)

**Nichola Hall** — *From Grief to Action* (support for families and friends affected by drug use; [www.fromgrieftoaction.org](http://www.fromgrieftoaction.org))

**Mo Iqbal** — *The Maria-Helena Foundation* (schools and education for children, especially girls; skills training for women; and health care of children in Pakistan; [www.mariahelenafoundation.org](http://www.mariahelenafoundation.org))

**Sid Katz** — *Dogwood-25 Society* (mentorship and skills training programs for elementary and high school aboriginal students; [www.dogwood25.squarespace.com](http://www.dogwood25.squarespace.com))

**Jennifer Wade** — *Amnesty International* and justice issues; foster care and motivating scholarships ([www.amnesty.ca](http://www.amnesty.ca))

**Claire Weeks and Peter Wing** — *Spinal Cord Injury Collaboration/Nepal* (training of Nepalese doctors in the care of spinal cord injuries; [www.spinepal.orthopaedics.med.ubc.ca](http://www.spinepal.orthopaedics.med.ubc.ca))
**Extending Outreach**

Following this Spring’s well attended “Philanthropy Forum” it became clear that many UBC Emeriti are engaged in outreach and philanthropic activities. As a result UBCAPE has established an **Outreach Committee** to learn from their experiences and inform our members about opportunities to contribute.

For example, George Bluman, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and a member of the UBCAPE Executive, has had a lot of experience with establishing school visitation programs, lecture series, and summer camps for aboriginal students. Other programs, such as the *Math and Physics Circles* at UBC, bring high school students to UBC to work with faculty and undergrads.

There are many possibilities for outreach with all age groups: children (schools, camps), adults (UBC Learning Exchange) and seniors (Tapestry, etc.). Possible funding sources include the UBC administration, as an Emeritus College activity; the provincial government; and the federally funded *Science World’s Scientists and Innovators in the Schools* programme.

The **Outreach Committee** decided it should determine how many emeriti might be interested in engaging with the community in this way. Perhaps some emeriti are already involved in outreach/philanthropic activities and would like other emeriti to join them, or might have an idea for new outreach they would like to start. If people are hesitant or unsure of their ability to do something, they might consider being an observer of an existing program. If you are interested in being involved in organized outreach to the community through UBCAPE please contact George Bluman at bluman@math.ubc.ca, Elaine Carty at Elaine.carty@me.com, or Nichola Hall at ranhall@telus.net.

**UBCAPE ACTIVITY GROUPS**

**Travel Group**

The preliminary schedule of meetings of the Travel Group in 2017-18 is as follows:

Term 1: October 19, November 16

Term 2: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

These preliminary dates are on the third Thursday of the month. We hope we won’t have to change any of them, but if we do, we will provide as much notice as possible.

The meetings will be in the afternoon, and the time, location, and topic will be confirmed before each meeting.

All emeriti and partners are welcome. If you have a topic or travel experience you would like to discuss or present, please contact Richard Spencer, richard@rhspencer.ca. Also, please contact Richard to be added to the email list for this group.

**Photography Group**

The Photography Group is looking forward to another interesting year sharing photographs, picture-taking techniques and post-production tips. The first event scheduled for 2017-18 was a “field trip” to Granville Island on September 15.

The group welcomes new members. To get on the mailing list for meeting announcements, please contact Derek Applegarth: derekjenny@shaw.ca.
UBCAPE Film Series for Fall 2017  
Series Four – Film Noir: Beyond Genre

Given its status as a popular medium, film frequently relies on genre conventions in its storytelling, as the easily identifiable codes supporting plot and character facilitate the engagement of the audience. Yet genre can also enable a strong social critique as its conventions, either played straight or parodied, invite the viewer to interrogate accepted values. Such is the case with film noir, a genre whose appearance after World War II found it reflecting the disquiet engendered by the conflict, even in victorious America.

**Sept. 26 – The Breaking Point** (1950) by Michael Curtiz may be the best film of this mainstream Hollywood director, noted for helming all-time top ten favourite Casablanca (1943). This later film (an adaptation of Hemingway’s *To Have and Have Not*) has only recently resurfaced, buried by Warner Bros. before its release when its star, John Garfield, appeared on the initial Hollywood communist black list. Featuring strong performances and stunning cinematography by Ted McCord (*Treasure of the Sierra Madre, East of Eden*), the film provides lucid commentary on nation, gender and race that is still relevant today. Hemingway called the film the best screen adaptation of any of his works.

**Oct. 24 – The Long Goodbye** (1973) by Robert Altman can be classified as a revisionist, neo-noir, taking great liberties with the classic Raymond Chandler detective novel it is based on, not only in recasting Chandler’s hard-boiled detective as a bumbling laconic played by Elliot Gould but also radically altering the ending, revealing a post-hippy, pre-me generation world far beyond noir’s post-war angst. The film boasts a radical visual style, featuring subtle shadows and pastel colors enabled by Vilmos Zsigmond’s “flashing” technique, frequent camera movement that implicates the viewer as a voyeur and a score consisting of variations of a single song. The film has often been touted as one of the best of the 1970s.

**Nov. 28 – Bastards** (2013) by auteur director Claire Denis recasts the noir plot staple of the revenge story (obliquely echoing Shakespeare’s Hamlet) as a sea captain returns home when his sister and her husband are bankrupted by a ruthless business tycoon. Yet, Denis forsakes clear moral imperatives, as this revenger’s motivations and actions are obscure, with all the characters driven by base impulses they can’t fully understand, revealing a modern everyday world where individuals, unsure of how to behave, cling to ingrained, misogynistic gender roles. Denis subordinates the narrative to moments rendered in striking imagery, employing a visual logic also found in filmmakers such as David Lynch and Terence Malick and rooted in the cinema of Andrei Tarkovsky.

*Screenings begin at 2:00 pm [Note Earlier Start Time]*  
*Presented by John LeBlanc*

*Screening Locations will be announced in e-blasts and on the UBCAPE web site*  
*A brief introduction to the film will precede each screening*  
*A brief discussion of the film will follow each screening*
2017 SURVEY – MEETING THE NEEDS OF APE MEMBERS

On a regular basis, we do a survey of Emeriti and retirees. We had the biggest response ever this year (2006 – 278, 2012 – 152, and this year 322 responses!). It was about a 30% response from the addresses and e-mails we have. 35% of those responding were not members, but we are glad to hear from them. About 30% of respondents are also alumni of UBC.

In general, there is satisfaction with our activities. The newsletter, e-mail alerts and website are most appreciated (thanks to Don Blake and Sandra van Ark), particularly announcements, member news and notice of UBC activities. There was great appreciation for the variety of programs provided, the Association’s efforts to protect Emeriti perks, and our finding alternative travel and healthcare (thanks to Carolyn Gilbert and Paul Marantz). Desire for Emeritus space within and continuing contact with the respondents’ departments was expressed by many.

The responses about facilitating retirement will be discussed with Human Resources later this fall.

Help Wanted

UBCAPE on Twitter

Lots of news about UBC Emeriti appears on Twitter, Facebook and blogs. Our administrator is no longer able to keep up with the news of UBC emeriti on social media. Who would be interested in helping her to keep our social media up to date? It would include following President Ono on Twitter and tweet and retweet news about UBC Emeriti. It probably will take 10 minutes a day to check the tweets going around. If you are interested but not familiar with Twitter, please let us know as well. We can get you up and running in no time.

You can email us at admin@emeriti.ubc.ca or phone 604-822-1752.

Share Your Play Experiences

Dear Fellow Emeriti:

I have been collecting stories from adults round the world about their childhood play for over 25 years. I now have a large collection of such stories from many countries and they are very informative about play in earlier times. I want to add to this valuable archive with the intention of sharing it with people on a website and in book form. I have recently been able to place the questionnaire that we have been using to collect stories on a website. This allows for a much wider collection process and eliminates the onerous task of transcription that faced us when we obtained responses in written form.

Here is the site that we are using to gather stories:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/childhoodmemories

If you or other family and friends have not already participated in our project, please consider adding to our collection. If you have already contributed, we hope you will spread the word to others by forwarding this request to them. We are particularly interested to get stories from elders, so if you have parents or grandparents about please do consider asking them to participate for our benefit and for your family archives.

Thank you for considering this request for help in what we consider to be a very worthwhile endeavor to enhance the play world of young people by preserving and sharing the wonderful play heritage of earlier generations.

Playfully yours,
Dr. Garfield Pennington, Associate Professor Emeritus of Human Kinetics, UBC
**Association Speakers’ Series**

**Green College**

**Senior Scholars’ Series**

**DRIVEN BY CURIOSITY: A LIFE OF DISCOVERY IN CLINICAL GENETICS**

Judith G. Hall, Medical Genetics and Pediatrics

*Tuesday, October 3, 2017*

Set on her way towards a traditionally male profession by a mother who loved biology, Judith Hall entered medical school just as the science of genetics was coming of age. She became interested in the genetics of short stature during her training, and that led her into career-long clinical research on all types of congenital anomalies, particularly multiple congenital contractures (arthrogryposis), discordant twins, and non-traditional inheritance. In her talk she will relate some of the clinical discoveries that she has witnessed and how long it took for them to “come of age”—i.e., for their underlying mechanisms to be understood. She will also reflect upon her scientific life-journey in Clinical Genetics and Pediatrics, her good fortune and sometimes dumb luck, and on how much she now likes being an academic Elder.

**A CAREER OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN CHEMICAL PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND SPACE SCIENCE**

Bernard Shizgal, Chemistry

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Bernie Shizgal’s multidisciplinary research work has been based on the kinetic theory of gases, applied to chemical reactions and later to the escape of planetary atmospheres and space science. This has led to collaborations with space scientists at NASA (Pioneer Venus), at ISAS (Japan) and at the University of Calgary (ePOP terrestrial satellite). Particular mathematical and numerical methods were developed for the solution of a multitude of applied problems in chemical kinetics, quantum mechanics, nucleation and image resolution for tomography. The talk will focus on his earliest research work and on the numerous scientists worldwide whose work had a profound and lasting effect on his scientific career.

**MULTIMEDIA, BRAIN-COMPUTER INTERFACES AND MEDICAL INSTRUMENTATION: DISPATCHES OF A PIONEER WOMAN IN ENGINEERING ACROSS CONTINENTS**

Rabab Ward, Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Rabab Ward grew up in a Moslem family in Lebanon, and has worked there as well as in Zimbabwe and North America. A specialist in the field of signal processing, she has had to overcome many hurdles in the course of a career in engineering that began in the early 1960s. For much of her working life she was the only woman in otherwise all-male academic departments. In this talk she recalls some of her formative professional experiences and discusses some of the exciting developments and applications in electrical engineering that have kept her curiosity sharp over decades.

*This series is co-sponsored by UBCAPE and Green College and organized by Emeritus Professor John Gilbert.*

All talks begin at 5:00 pm 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.
The Shifting Sands of BC Politics

Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Philip Resnick, offers this perceptive analysis of the recent change in government.

For many decades, a simple rule seemed to explain the dynamics of B.C. politics. With the NDP and its CCF predecessor representing a left-of-centre challenge to the status quo, the forces of the centre-right would coalesce to block the left from coming to power.

Between 1941 and '52, this led to a formal coalition between the Liberals and Conservatives, which finally broke up over conflicting policy priorities. 1952 saw experimentation with a new electoral system — the single transferable vote — but the surprise winner under this short-lived arrangement was a newcomer to the political arena, Social Credit.

Under the leadership of W.A.C. Bennett, it became the flagship party for the anti-left forces in the province, dominating the political scene for the next 20 years. When Social Credit was ultimately defeated in 1972 by the NDP, it was in good part because of a split in the ranks of the centre-right, with the Liberals and Conservatives draining votes from a premier and a party which had become long in the tooth.

The NDP government under Dave Barrett only lasted one term and was defeated in 1975 by a revitalized Social Credit Party under Bill Bennett, which had won over key Liberals and Conservatives. Through successive elections between 1975 and 1991, Social Credit was a de facto coalition of the centre-right, and was able to defeat the NDP time and time again. Then came 1991.

Bill Vander Zalm had proven a polarizing figure in the Social Credit, leading to the emergence of the B.C. Liberals as a serious contender for office. In a three-way split, the NDP, led by Mike Harcourt, won its way back to power, with the Liberals as their main opposition. 1996 might have seen an NDP defeat — the Liberals won a plurality of the popular vote — save for the short-lived appearance of the B.C. Reform Party, which siphoned off enough of the vote in northern and Interior ridings to enable the NDP to win a slim legislative majority.

By 2001, the B.C. Liberals under Gordon Campbell had clearly established itself as the coalition party of the centre-right, winning an overwhelming majority. They were re-elected with little difficulty in 2005 and 2009.

The backlash over the introduction of the harmonized sales tax led to the first citizen-initiated referendum in the province and Campbell’s resignation. This led many observers to assume that the NDP would have an easy time of it in defeating the Liberals in 2013. But, through astute political campaigning, Christy Clark was able to keep the centre-right coalition intact and retain power.

So what happened in May, 2017? Complacency had set in among the Liberals. Party financing by rich donors was one source of public concern. Others included cost overruns on the Site C dam, pipeline expansion, transportation bottlenecks, and the spiralling cost of housing in the Lower Mainland. The centre-right coalition which had kept the B.C. Liberals in power for 16 years be-

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gan to fray, but not quite in the same way as in 1991, 1972, or 1952.

This time, the third party on the scene was the B.C. Greens. While not a party of the left like the NDP, they were also not a party of the right. Their strong environmental stance made them just as critical of an unregulated market economy as the NDP. This, more than anything else, opened the door to an alliance of the centre-left. To that extent, the traditional mould of B.C. politics, based on a coalition of the centre-right, may have been broken and a new era in provincial politics may have begun.

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Emeritus Awards

Judith Hall, OC, Professor Emerita of Medical Genetics and Pediatrics, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree by UBC during the May 2017 Convocation. Judith is a renowned clinical geneticist and pediatrician whose research has received national and international recognition. A key figure in the establishment of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, Dr. Hall is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in 2015. She is a past President of UBCAPE and currently co-chairs the UBCAPE Committee on Continuing Scholarly Activity.

Indira Samarasekera, OC, Professor Emerita of Metals and Materials Engineering, has been recognized with the UBC Alumni Award of Distinction. Indira is a scholar of international stature whose achievements span research, government relations, industry innovation, and university administration—including her past tenures as VP of Research at UBC and President of the University of Alberta. Bridging academia and industry, her leadership has been described as transformative, and she is a highly effective champion for post-secondary education, research funding, and technology transfer. The award will be presented at a gala dinner in November.

Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Michael Chandler, is the recipient of the 2017 Mentor Award from Division 7 (Developmental Psychology) of the American Psychological Association. The award is a fitting recognition of the outstanding mentorship that Michael has provided to so many students over the course of his long and distinguished career.

UBC’s Craig Riddell (Professor Emeritus of Economics) and David Green, alongside France St. Hilaire at the Institute for Research on Public Policy, are this year’s winners of the Purvis Prize for their book, *Income Inequality: The Canadian Story*. The Purvis Prize is awarded annually to the authors of a highly significant, written contribution to Canadian economic policy.

For those who are interested in the volume, several chapters are available online at:

http://irpp.org/research-studies/aots5-intro/

Recent Publications by Emeriti


René Goldman’s (Asian Studies) *A Childhood Adrift*, published by the Azrieli Foundation, will be launched in Kelowna on September 19. A Vancouver launch takes place in November following the Jewish community annual commemoration of Kristallnacht (or Reichspogromnacht) at which René will be the keynote speaker.
“What are they up to now?” Department

A Magnetic Stent Retrieval Device was launched in Canada in June, developed by William Taylor, Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Urology, and Ian McDougall, a biomedical engineer. The device comprises a tiny rare-earth magnet attached to the end of a ureteric stent within the bladder. The stent with attached magnet is removed by inserting a small catheter with a similar magnet at its tip into the bladder. The powerful attractive force of the magnets allows for quick connection and removal by extracting the catheter. This is quicker, less painful and much less expensive than standard cystoscopy. Instead of removal with a cystoscopy in the hospital setting, the stent can be removed in the office setting by a nurse or primary care physician with significant savings to the health care system.

Charlotte Townsend-Gault, Professor Emerita of Art History has been appointed Honorary Professor at University College London, Department of Anthropology.

In April 2017, Serge Guilbaut, Professor Emeritus of Art History, organized and gave a talk at a conference on Marcel Duchamp called: “Marcel on Wheels” funded by the Peter Wall Institute and the Consulat Général de France in Vancouver.

Dan Overmyer, Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies, will be delivering a paper on Chinese local culture and religion at a research conference at the Chinese University of Hong Kong at the end of September.

UBC Harvest Festival

Harvest Feastival will be held on Thursday, September 28th from 5pm to 7:30pm at University Commons.

Grab your friends and colleagues for a night of food, art and culture. Start things off with a little cocktail & conversation at the Alumni Centre, and then head just a few steps away for a 6-course feast featuring fall favourites from the UBC Farm. Before your last mouthful of dessert or sip of wine, be sure to plan your after-dinner entertainment at one of the many special shows and exhibits planned just for you at UBC’s world-class Arts and Culture District. Will it be letting the feast settle as you soak in UBC’s Symphony Orchestra or laughing off the calories at improv from Vancouver Theatre Sports? Whatever you choose, Harvest Feastival is the perfect way to kick off the fall season.

If you are wish to sit with other emeriti, please contact the UBCAPE office

Tickets are $30.00 per person and can be bought through the office or online: https://planning.ubc.ca/vancouver/news-events/harvest-feastival
Neil Charness, professor of psychology and a leading authority on aging and cognition, teamed up with Wally Boot, associate professor of psychology, and graduate student Dustin Souders to test the theory that brain games help preserve cognitive function.

"Our findings and previous studies confirm there's very little evidence these types of games can improve your life in a meaningful way," said Boot, an expert on age-related cognitive decline.

Charness, who's also the director of FSU's Institute for Successful Longevity, said an increasing number of people believe brain training helps protect them against memory loss or cognitive disorders.

"Brain challenges like crossword games are a popular approach, especially among baby boomers, as a way to try to protect cognition," Charness said.

That popularity has turned the brain-training industry into a billion-dollar business. Brain games are available online and through mobile apps that typically sell for about $15 a month or $300 for lifetime memberships. But advertising for this rapidly growing business sector has sometimes used inflated claims. The Federal Trade Commission fined one brain-training company $50 million for false advertising, which was later lowered to $2 million.

"More companies are beginning to be fined for these types of inflated claims and that's a good thing," Boot said. "These exaggerated claims are not consistent with the conclusions of our latest study."

The FSU team's study focused on whether brain games could boost the "working memory" needed for a variety of tasks. In their study, they set up one group of people to play a specially designed brain-training video game called "Mind Frontiers," while another group of players performed crossword games or number puzzles.

All players were given lots of information they needed to juggle to solve problems. Researchers tested whether the games enhanced players' working memory and consequently improved other mental abilities, such as reasoning, memory and processing speed.

That's the theory behind many brain games: If you improve overall working memory, which is fundamental to so much of what we do every day, then you can enhance performance in many areas of your life.

The team examined whether improving working memory would translate to better performance on other tasks or as the researchers called it: "far transfer."

In short, no.

"It's possible to train people to become very good at tasks that you would normally consider general working memory tasks: memorizing 70, 80, even 100 digits," Charness said. "But these skills tend to be very specific and not show a lot of transfer. The thing that seniors in particular should be concerned about is, if I can get very good at crossword puzzles, is that going to help me remember where my keys are? And the answer is probably no."

Charness has spent much of his career trying to wrap his brain around the way the mind functions and how it ages. With the senior population continuing to grow — 45 million Americans are 65 or older — Charness understands their concerns about preserving brain function and remaining independent.

"People have real concerns about loss of cognition and loss of memory as they age, so they do all kinds of things to try to stave off cognitive decline," Charness said.

Charness noted that other research finds aerobic exercise, rather than mental exercise, is great for your brain. Physical exercise can actually cause beneficial structural changes in the brain and boost its function. He predicts "exer-gaming," which combines exercise with brain games, will increase in popularity in the 21st century.

"I wouldn't come away from our article totally discouraged," Charness said. "It's another piece of the puzzle that we're all trying to assemble. It's discouraging in the sense that we can't find far transfer and that seems to be a fairly consistent finding in research. But if your real goal is to improve cognitive function and brain games are not helping, then maybe you are better off getting aerobic exercise rather than sitting in front of the computer playing these games."

Abstracted from Science Daily https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/04/170417095528.htm
A changing society: 100 is the new 80: Centenarians healthier than previously thought during last years of life

Forty years ago, life expectancy was such that, in the industrialized world, only (approximately) one in 10,000 people were expected to reach the age of 100 or more. Today’s estimates suggest that half of all children born in the developed world during this century will live to at least 100. Therefore, the question that poses itself is whether extreme old age is necessarily associated with increased morbidity. There is evidence to suggest that centenarians develop fewer diseases than younger cohorts of extreme old people. In discussions surrounding the issues associated with aging populations, this is referred to as the ‘compression of morbidity’ hypothesis—a term which describes the phenomenon of the onset of disability and age-related diseases being increasingly well into old age, resulting in a shortening (or compression) of this phase. "Our aim was to gain a better understanding of multimorbidity, i.e. the number and severity of chronic diseases affecting centenarians towards the end of their lives," explains Dr. Paul Gellert of Charité’s Institute of Medical Sociology and Rehabilitation Science.

Using diagnoses and health care utilization data routinely collected by the German statutory health insurance company Knappschaft, the researchers studied relevant events during the final six years of life of approximately 1,400 of the oldest old. For the purposes of analysis, this cohort was then divided into three groups. Data on persons who had died aged 100 or older were compared with random samples of persons who had died in their eighties or nineties. The analysis, which included data on very old persons living in their own homes as well as data on those living in residential care, focused on comorbid conditions classified by the Elixhauser Comorbidity Index as being usually associated with in-hospital mortality. "According to the data, centenarians suffered from an average of 3.3 such conditions during the three months prior to their deaths, compared with an average of 4.6 conditions for those who had died in their eighties," says Dr. Gellert, summarizing the findings. "Our results also show that the increase in conditions seen during the last few years of life was lower in centenarians than in those who had died between the ages of 90 and 99, or 80 and 89."

If one includes disorders commonly associated with extreme old age, such as different types of dementia and musculoskeletal disorders, approximately half of all centenarians recorded a total of five or more comorbid conditions. The same number of comorbid conditions was found in 60 percent of persons who had died in their nineties and 66 percent of persons who had died in their eighties. While different types of dementia and heart failure were found to be more common among centenarians than among the younger cohorts, high blood pressure, cardiac arrhythmia, renal failure, and chronic diseases were less common in those who had died after reaching 100 years of age. The incidence of musculoskeletal disorders was found to be similar in all three age groups. While there appears to be a clear link between extreme old age and the number of diseases recorded, the extent to which this is the case requires careful analysis.

This long-running series is ideally suited to those who prefer daytime concerts (and a seniors’ discount). Wednesday & Thursday concerts are at Dunbar-Ryerson United Church, 45th and Yew in Vancouver. Friday concerts are at West Vancouver United Church, 2062 Esquimalt Avenue. Starting in January, 2018, Wednesday & Thursday performances take place at the Vancouver Academy of Music, 1270 Chestnut Street. Coffee & cookies served at 10:00 am. Concert follows at 10:30 am.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.musicinthemorning.org or telephone 604-873-4612.

Vancouver Institute Lectures

**September 30:** Professor Nancy Hermiston, UBC School of Music and the UBC Opera Chorus, *An Evening of Opera*

**October 14:** Professor Margaret MacMillan, Warden, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, *The Meaning of the Great War*

**October 21:** Dr. John Nightingale, President and CEO Ocean Wise, *Oceans in Peril: Plastics and the Destruction of Our Marine Environment*

**October 28:** Dr. Huw Lewis-Jones, historian, editor, broadcaster and art director, Cambridge, UK, *The Art of Discovery: How Explorers’ Sketchbooks Transformed Our View of the World*

**November 4:** Mr. Andrew Feinstein, author and former politician, South Africa, *The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade*

**November 18:** Dr. Chris Gosden, Professor of European Archaeology and Director of the Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford, *30,000 Years of Magic: Why Magic is Still Relevant Today*

**November 25:** Dr. Philippe Tortell, Professor of Earth & Ocean Sciences and Director, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, *Ships, Satellites, and Social Media: How We Understand Arctic Climate Change*

**December 2:** Dr. Michael Doyle, Professor of International Affairs, Law and Political Science, Columbia University, *Crossing Borders in a Globalized World: A New Treaty for Migrants and Refugees*

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

**Fall Concert Series**

**September 20-22:** Timothy Chooi (violin) in recital with Jeanie Chung (piano)

**October 25-27:** Rolston String Quartet

**November 15-17:** Simone Osborne, soprano with Anne Larlee, piano (Note: Simone Osborne is a UBC graduate and one of the youngest winners of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions)

**December 13-15:** Made in Canada Ensemble (piano, violin, viola, cello), an all-female quartet that is taking Canada by storm.

**UBC School of Music Wednesday Noon Hour Concerts 12:00 pm, Barnett Hall Admission $5**

**September 20:** Celebrating 50 Years of Wednesday Noon Hour concerts in the Music Building. Terence Dawson, piano; Eric Wilson, Laine Longton, Oskar Falta, cello; Jonathan Girard, conductor: Poulenc, Aubade, Popper, Requiem for Three Cellos and Piano, Op. 66

**September 27:** Standing Wave, 20th C Remix. Debussy arr. Nobles, Des pieds sur la neige; Messiaen, arr. Butler, Le Merle Noir; Jared Miller, based on John Adams’ Guilty Pleasures. New work by Cameron Wilson and more

**October 4:** Anna Magdalena Kokits piano-Coast to Coast Tour: Celebrating Austrian and Canadian Music. Works by Beethoven, Zemlinksy, Fung, Kerner, and more

**October 11:** “Sanglots” Chansons of love and loss. J. Patrick Raftery (tenor) Terence Dawson (piano). Featuring works of Bizet, Fauré, Duparc, Prévost and Poulenc

**October 18:** Celebration of music by (mostly) women composers. Julia Nolan, saxophones; Joan Blackman, violin; Jane Hayes, piano. Works by Chang, Padgett, Gotkovsky, Murphy, Ravel and more

**October 25:** Paul Keeling Quintet. Paul Keeling, piano; Brad Turner, trumpet; Jon Bentley, tenor saxophone; Bernie Arai, drums; André Lachance bass

**November 1:** Tom Keenlyside Quartet. Tom Keenlyside, saxophones / flute; Miles Black, piano; Miles Hill, bass; Bernie Arai, drums. Swing, Latin, Brazilian, free jazz and more