British Columbians are to vote in a November referendum to decide how their electoral politics and government should be conducted and organized.

The referendum will ask two questions:
1) Should BC maintain its current voting system or change to one based on the concept of proportional representation?
2) If we are to move to PR how would you rank the three proposed options?

If the response to the first question is for change, the second will be used to decide what kind of system is to be adopted.

Electoral systems are both complex and consequential. To explore the issues raised by the referendum we have two speakers.

Ken Carty (Professor Emeritus of Political Science) will discuss the basic features of the current system and explore and explain the options that the government has presented. During 2003-04 he served as the Director of Research for the BC Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform, an innovative exercise in citizen engagement, that culminated in a provincial referendum in 2005. His most recent book is entitled Big Tent Politics: The Liberal Party’s Long Mastery of Canada’s Public Life (UBC Press, 2015).

Richard Johnston (Professor of Political Science and Canada Research Chair in Elections and Representation) will consider the impact of changing the system for electoral and legislative politics. He has spent a considerable part of his career studying electoral systems, party systems and political parties. His latest book is entitled The Canadian Party System: An Analytical History (UBC Press, 2017).
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### Association News

**Meet your new Executive team**

**President Dianne Newell**
is Professor Emerita, Department of History. She joined UBC in 1980 and retired in 2013; since 2015, she has held a post-retirement faculty appointment with UBC’s new Institute for the Oceans & Fisheries (IOF), where she is involved with the Aboriginal Fisheries Research Unit. **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; Pacific/Northwest Coast fisheries and anthropology; women in Cold War science fiction and 1970s radio journalism; and First Nations women working in the industrial era. **These days, in addition to my activities at UBCAPE and the IOF, I am an ongoing Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Technical University of Munich, where I have collaborated on several fascinating interdisciplinary projects, including on historic climate change in the Western Greenland - Labrador coastal areas since the late 1700s using a data base we’ve created with several centuries of daily instrumental recordings of weather by the Moravian missionaries who were stationed there.**

**Vice-President 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 UBC 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 for liaising with Green College Society Members. 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.

Past President Stephen Tredwell is Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics. I was born in Victoria and graduated in Medicine UBC 1966. Postgraduate 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 Honoraire of the Chaine des Rotisseurs Vancouver, and joining the most collegial and stimulating table of UBCAPE Executive. I am looking forward to the exciting challenges of the transformation Of UBCAPE to the UBC Emeritus College.

Secretary Donald Blake, Professor Emeritus of Political Science (Ph.D. Yale) was born and raised in Alberta. 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 elected Secretary in 2017 and 2018.

Treasurer Michael Davies was born in Wales and grew up in Kenya. He studied engineering at Cambridge University and then at the University of Illinois. In 1966 he joined the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UBC. He enjoyed teaching a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses and was the first recipient of the Walter Gage Teaching Award. He was appointed to several administrative positions within Applied Science and was Head of Electrical and Computer Engineering between 1997 and 2002. He carried out research into the application of computer control techniques to industrial processes with emphasis on pulp and paper manufacturing processes. He is a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada. Michael Davies retired in 2004 and maintains some links to the university; however his greater preoccupation today is that of maintaining a tolerable golf handicap.

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 post-doctoral training in Ap-
Linda Leonard is Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing. Prior to taking early retirement from the School of Nursing in 2003, my academic work centered on parent-infant and community/public health nursing. After retiring, I continued to practice nursing within the UBC Multiple-Births Support Program, a one-of-a-kind program which I developed in the 1980’s. The program addressed the unique and unmet needs of expectant and new families with twins, triplets and more. This work involved intensive contacts with families in hospital and community settings, online consultations and engagement in scholarly and policy initiatives with Canadian and international organizations. I continue to publish an online resource guide www.nursing.ubc.ca/pdfs/twinstripletsandmore.pdf.

I have been an advocate for all retired UBC faculty, no matter what paths they follow after their retirement. My current associations with UBCAPE are: Departmental Representative, the Membership Committee, and now, Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. As I write this, I am working closely with a small group of UBC faculty retirees and HR on enhancing the transition to retirement of UBC faculty and the general well-being of faculty retirees.

Although I can’t sing a note or play a musical instrument, I am an avid choral, classical and early music concertgoer. I am also known for baking various delights, then taking them to brighten the day of frail isolated elders. Added to the list, is my enjoyment of traveling in parts of Europe and conversing with family and friends over a delicious meal.
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 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.

Herbert Rosengarten is Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Arts and former Head of the English Department at UBC. Educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, he joined the UBC English Department in 1965, and taught there until 1997, when he joined Dr. Martha Piper as executive director of the President’s Office. He held this position again 2015-17, first under Dr. Piper and then under Dr. Santa Ono. Since 2010 he has coordinated external Faculty reviews for the Provost. Rosengarten’s record of service includes five years on the executive of the Faculty Association, including periods as Secretary and President (1987). He was a member of the UBC Vancouver Senate and chaired several Senate committees, including the Library Committee. From 1977 to 1984 he occupied the position of Associate Editor of the journal Canadian Literature. He sits on the President’s Advisory Committee on Campus Enhancement, and is the current President of the Vancouver Institute. He also chairs the Legacy Project, which is striving to create an informal history of UBC through videotaped interviews and other memorabilia. In 2016 he received the Honorary Alumnus Award from the UBC Alumni Association.

His research interests lie in the literature of the Victorian period in Britain, and focus on the writings of the Brontë family.

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, which 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.

Graeme Wynn is Professor Emeritus of Geography. Born and raised into his early teens in South Africa, Graeme entered graduate school in Toronto by a circuitous and serendipitous route that included time in a naval training college, a year
at a newly-established comprehensive school in England, and an undergraduate education in the University of Sheffield. Trained as an historical geographer, he has had a career-long fascination with and involvement in environmental history. Rooted in these two disciplines and engaged with the environmental sciences, his research is interdisciplinary, and its foci have broadened over time from eastern Canada to New Zealand, and (to a lesser degree) Australia. He has contributed broadly to Canadian Studies. He taught at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, in the mid-1970s before relocating to the University of British Columbia in January 1976. At UBC he was variously Associate Dean of Arts, Head of Geography, holder of the Brenda and David McLean Chair Professorship in Canadian Studies and a long-term member of the UBC Press Publications Board, which he chaired between 2009 and 2016. He also served as editor of BC Studies for eight years before his retirement in 2016. Elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 2008, he is the current President of the American Society for Environmental History, but his most recent local claim to fame is as a pin-up for UBC Recreation: http://www.recreation.ubc.ca/2018/06/08/graeme-faces-of-recreation/

**April 2018 General Meeting**

The April 18 Annual General Meeting was jam-packed with events and people. President Santa Ono presented the first ever President's Award for Distinguished Service by Emeriti; Judith Hall delivered one of the most interesting and informative talks of 2017-18; attendees browsed a display of dozens of recent books written by UBC emeriti. The afternoon was capped with a wine and cheese reception hosted by Vice-President and Provost, Andrew Szeri.

**Epigenetics: The Intersection of Genetics and Environment**

The Guest Speaker at the meeting, Judith Hall, OC, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics, presented an information-packed talk about epigenetics, which goes beyond gene sequencing to reveal how genes are expressed (or not) in ways that are time, developmental stage, age, organ, and/or gender specific. She demonstrated that this control of gene expression is as important as the sequence of genes, only 2% of which code proteins. The field of epigenetics is very young, and the many observed control processes are complex and, as yet, poorly understood. Much of the information about gene expression comes from evolutionary, epidemiologic, animal, and historical research because of multigenerational effects, which have evolved over eons to help species survive. Dr. Hall illustrated her points with many examples of abnormalities and generational effects and, for example, cautioned us to choose our grandmothers wisely; if your grandmother lived on a starvation diet, you are likely to have been a low birth-weight baby, because your grandmother made not only your mother, but also your mother’s ova.
President's Award for Distinguished Service

Also at the April meeting, President Santa Ono presented the President's Award for Distinguished Service by UBC Emeriti to Sauder Professor Emeritus Stanley Hamilton. The honour is given to UBC Emeriti who have, since attaining UBC Emeritus status, “displayed exceptional leadership or initiative in volunteer community service that benefits others in Canada or abroad”. It is anticipated that the recipient(s) will direct the Award to an organization, charity, or fund of their choosing.

Dr. Hamilton’s contributions go far beyond the academic world, and have reached the arts, urban planning, industry governance and property tax reform. Since his retirement, he has devoted his business and project management expertise to a range of projects—among them arranging a sponsorship to pay off the mortgage on Vancouver’s historic Stanley Theatre, securing and project managing the BMO Theatre Centre, and serving as chair of the BC Arts Council, where he ensured stable funding for artists. He has also been a significant donor to a range of arts organizations and currently serves on the board of Ballet B.C.

At UBC, Dr. Hamilton—along with UBC Sauder’s Assistant Dean and Director of Finance, Sandy Tanaka—created the Dean of UBC Sauder Co-op Grant Program, which places skilled UBC Sauder students in non-profit organizations—especially those in the fields of health, arts and culture—where they can gain experience and use their business savvy to help organizations transform the lives of those they serve.

Value of Research Grants Held by Emeriti

![Graph showing the value of research grants held by Emeriti from 2013-14 to 2016-17.](Image)

Source: UBC Office of Research Services
This report integrates the statistical data with the results of an analysis of the write-in comments of a survey conducted by the University of British Columbia Association of Professors Emeriti (UBCAPE) in 2017. Initially, a report of an analysis of the write-in comments was produced by dividing the responses into two groups (pre- and post-January 2007, representing the respondents who retired before and after the change of the mandatory retirement rule in January 2007. However, there were no significant differences between the two groups, so this report focuses on the whole sample of respondents. The analysis also involved cross-tabulations of results by faculty/school.

The target population for the 2017 survey was 1547 retired UBC faculty and librarians. However, due to missing contact information and known health issues of some respondents, only 1048 Faculty and Librarians were invited to participate in the survey through email and a notice placed in the UBCAPE newsletter. The number of responses received was 315 (30% response rate). Only 211 (20%) respondents completed all questions.

**Results**

More than half of the respondents are between 70-79 years of age. More than half of the respondents are from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine. Two-thirds of them retired between 2001 and 2015 and approximately the same number are members of the UBCAPE. The one-third who did not join UBCAPE had other commitments that took precedence. Most of the respondents began to think about their retirement between 60 and 65 years of age.

Two major themes emerge with regard to retirement. First is an attachment to their “University lives” within their academic units and the university at large. Respondents anticipated missing various aspects of their work life, from the daily routines of teaching, research and interactions with students and colleagues to the broader involvement in the university community. A comfortable retirement and, indeed, a possible inducement for retiring early involved the provision of a supportive environment at both the department and university levels.

At the department level this meant being provided with the means (e.g., departmental space) for continuing their research and teaching. Respondents also reported on the various ways departments continue to engage Emeriti, including the invitation to social events, the listing of Emeriti on department websites and, to some extent, the provision of designated space.

Departmental support goes a long way for Emeriti because many suggest the University has not done enough to recognize and value their contributions to the University and the broader communities. Respondents also suggest that Human Resources recommend all Emeriti request an unsalaried appointment to their departments. At the University level, respondents favoured additional perks such as free access to campus activities, reduced prices for Emeritus travel opportunities, free access to continuing education courses and the request that Human Resources arrange for reimbursement of expenses related to continuing scholarly activities. Finally, setting aside a central space for Emeriti, alongside the provision for students and alumni and similar to the old Faculty Club, would have particular value.

The second major theme is the concern about income decrease on retirement and, hence, financial security. A comfortable retirement meant having a reasonable income and being prepared financially. Included here is the worry about paying for health insurance. The most important inducement to retire early would be the commitment by the University to pay for extended healthcare insurance.

What respondents valued most from the list of services provided by the UBCAPE is the newsletter, monthly email alerts, and the website. As for the newsletter itself, respondents valued two main aspects: announcements of Association meetings and programs as well as other UBC events and talks, and getting the newsletter online. The respondents provided overwhelming support (80%) for UBCAPE to nominate Emeriti for awards mainly because of their important contributions to the University and society at large. The APE is highly regarded as the body best positioned to assume this role. Although the number of those who did not support the idea of the UBCAPE nominating Emeriti for awards is small, their comments are worthy of consideration, particularly the comments suggesting retired faculty should leave award nominations to the younger generation who are still in the “rat race”. The only exception would be for awards that do not compete with the current ones, for example, awards for lifetime achieve-
Emeriti and retirees would like UBCAPE to concentrate their advocacy on the protection of official Emeriti perks, UBC retirement and survival benefits, alternative medical and travel insurance, advice for transition to retirement, and support for continuing scholarly activities.

While the minority of the respondents thought joining the UBCAPE early (at age 60) would help them adjust well to their retirement by learning from the experiences of those already retired, the large majority did not think so because they adjusted easily. The overwhelming majority (approximately 90%) are happy with their post-retirement experience because they were still able to continue to engage in activities on campus (academic or otherwise) for a while after their retirement. For them, to retire comfortably is to still be able to engage after retirement through options like “pre-retirement part-time” and to plan a kind of staged retirement strategy. The HR, as well as the UBCAPE, is playing an important role by offering better and personalized preretirement planning programs. Being in the company of their old networks and new ones, and the opportunity to pursue other hobbies and interests, also make Emeriti happy in their post-retirement.

—Submitted by Donald Fisher, Vice-President UBCAPE on behalf of the UBCAPE Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee

Update on Travel and Extended Health Insurance

There are a number of recent and forthcoming developments regarding insurance, that we would like to bring to your attention.

1. Johnson, Inc. has announced that as of September 1, 2018, there have been significant enhancements to MEDOC Travel Insurance and to their combined Extended Health Care/Prestige Travel insurance. Policy holders have been, or soon will be, notified of these enhancements.

2. An updated version of the UBCAPE guide to understanding and choosing insurance is being prepared, and we expect to post it on our website in November. In the meantime, information on your insurance options may be obtained by going to our website, www.emeriti.ubc.ca, and clicking on “Benefits”. There you will find links to the current version of our report, “Choosing Extended Health and Travel Insurance to Meet Your Specific Needs,” as well as a short article on the RTO insurance, “New Extended Health/Travel Insurance Option Now Available”.

3. We will be holding an informational meeting on insurance in early 2019. Representatives from UBC, Sun Life, Johnson, and RTO will be available to discuss the travel and extended health insurance they offer and to answer any questions you might have.

We will let your know through our Newsletter and email Alerts when the informational meeting on insurance has been scheduled and the new version of our insurance report has been posted on our website.

—Paul Marantz, Chair UBCAPE Benefits Committee

Your Executive at Work: Two All-Day Retreats

UBCAPE’s transition to the UBC Emeritus College required your Executive to spend a considerable amount of time preparing the case for a college—drafting documents, etc. for approval by the Senate and Board of Governors. In addition to regular meetings with University officials, that effort required two all-day Executive Retreats this summer, on June 6 and August 30, which included several former Executive members, who serve as ex-officio advisors. We didn’t spend lavishly on hotels in exotic places (instead think Tapestry and the Peter Wall Centre), but we did enjoy the sunshine during our lunch break at Peter Wall.
UBCAPE ACTIVITY GROUPS

UBCAPE Film Series for Fall 2017

Series Seven – Eastern Europe Before the Fall

Series Seven: After WWII, the Soviet bloc countries of Eastern Europe developed significant cinematic outputs in spite of severe constraints on artistic freedom. There was always a strong cinema tradition there, as film was considered a key element in furthering the Communist revolution. Although criticism of the government had to remain muted, political comment managed a strong presence and outside influences, such as the realist impulse from France and the art film movement from Western Europe in general, had a strong impact on Eastern Europe filmmaking, which stands shoulder to shoulder with the accomplishments of the West. This fecundity in film continues today as Eastern European films occupy prominent places in the top film festivals around the world.

Sept. 25 – Loves of a Blonde (1965) by Milos Forman is a key text of the Czech New Wave, which became a major new development in post-World War II world cinema. Reacting against state-sanctioned social realist propaganda and borrowing from the 60s youth-inspired free-form realism of the French New Wave, the film also features a whimsy particular to Eastern European films. Admired by political filmmakers such as Ken Loach, the film focuses on the bittersweet (more than comic) misadventures of a young Czech factory worker, revealing how the Communist system betrayed promises made to women by the revolution.

Oct. 23 – Mirror (1974) by Andrei Tarkovsky is a stream of consciousness rendering of the inner life of an off-screen protagonist, who might be considered to be either the director himself, a typical 20th century Soviet individual, or mankind in general. The film eschews narrative logic in favor of film’s ability to depict emotional states (in this case that of anxiety rooted in a fear of potentially immediate death) with each of the film’s fragments producing a feeling more than a meaning. The first three parts of the film explore this condition of anxiety while the fourth, final part shows how we can live in the face of such a fate.

Nov. 27 – Europa Europa (1991) by Agnieszka Holland dramatizes the real life story of Solomon Perel, who survived the Holocaust by hiding his Jewishness beneath an Aryan mask, even joining the Hitler Youth. Highly controversial, the film was called anti-Semitic by Claude Lanzmann and denied submission as a foreign film Oscar nominee. Made in Germany (the Polish-born writer-director was forced into exile as a result of the 1981 Poland military coup), the film was one of the highest grossing German films of all time as well as a hit in the US. Holland went on to develop a successful international career, making films in a number of western countries.

Screenings begin at 2:00 pm
Presented by John LeBlanc

Our new location for this term is the West Mall Swing Space building
2175 West Mall, Room 109 (Ground Floor)
A brief introduction to the film will precede each screening
A brief discussion of the film will follow each screening
Travel Group

The first meeting of the Travel Group for 2018-19 took place on September 20, where attendees were treated to an amazing presentation by **David McClung** (Geography Emeritus). David, a glaciologist, showed photos from extensive travels in Asia—focusing on 14 peaks (sporting glaciers, of course) over 7,000 meters, several of which he has climbed himself.

The next meeting for this term is on October 18, in Buchanan D312. Nancy Langton will describe her travels in Morocco. On November 15 Paul Steinbok will present on a Mekong River cruise in Vietnam and Cambodia. 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 met for the first time this term on September 21. Several members presented a wide variety of photos ranging from aircraft to wildlife to nature to vacation images. Hearing where, why and how photos were taken, plus providing feedback to the photographer, made it an enjoyable afternoon. Watch for an e-blast announcing the time and place of the next meeting.

The group welcomes new members. To get on the mailing list for meeting announcements, please contact Derek Applegarth: derekjenny@shaw.ca.

Emeritus News from Departments

**Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

The Membership Committee regularly solicits updates from UBCAPE department reps. Here is news from Electrical & Computer Engineering

We are a smallish group of 14 emeriti, although one or two newcomers will join us during this year. Every month, for the last eight years, between five to eight emeriti members met to have lunch together every first Tuesday of the month at the University Golf Club; recently, ten of us participated. We enjoy this gathering; there is never a lack of subjects to discuss. Talk about a second “family” in one’s life.

Also, several of us are still involved in activities relating to academic life at UBC. **Ian Cumming’s** daughter produced a 10 minute documentary about her father’s radar (synthetic aperture radar) work. It is an interesting/fascinating film with personal as well as technical aspects, available on YouTube. **David Pulfrey** toured Africa recently on the invitation of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, offering technical lectures in five different countries, as reported in the January UBCAPE Newsletter. **Michael Davies** is one of the founding and leading members of the “Friends of Walter Gage” committee which just published an excellent book and tribute on the life of the former “Dean of Everything” and past president of UBC. There is also a supporting website. Michael has also just been elected as treasurer of UBCAPE for this year. **Herman Dommel** has been teaching a graduate course in the department once again, as in the many preceding years since his official retirement. **Rabab Ward** is still very much involved academically in many different activities; a biography appeared in UBCAPE’s January Newsletter. I am still pursuing research, much like a serious hobby, on space-filling curves and integer sequences.

—**Günther Schrack**, UBCAPE representative of Electrical and Computer Engineering
In Memoriam

Terence Anderson 1927-2018 Professor Emeritus of Health Care & Epidemiology
University Service 1980 - 1992

Alan Cairns 1930-2018 Professor Emeritus of Political Science
University Service 1960-1995

Bill Dalby 1928-2018 Professor Emeritus of Physics
University Service 1961 - 1993

David Donaldson 1942-2018 Professor Emeritus of Oral Biological & Medical Sciences
University Service 1971-2008

Donna Ford 1937-2018 Instructor Emerita of Rehabilitation Sciences
University Service 1995-2002

Alan Forward 1932-2018 Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery
University Service 1972-1997

Judith Johnston 1943-2018 Professor Emerita of Audiology & Speech Sciences
University Service 1989-2008

Hanna Kassis 1930-2018 Professor Emeritus of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies
University Service 1964 – 1997

Leslie Miller 1929-1980 Associate Professor Emeritus of Germanic Studies
University Service 1961-1992

Andrew Murray 1927-2018 Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics
University Service 1962-1992

Nicholas Omelusik 1940-2018 Administrative Librarian Emeritus
University Service 1996-2005

Marion Porath 1944-2018 Professor Emeritus of Educational & Counselling Psychology
University Service 1983-2013

Melvyn Rainey 1930 -2018 Assistant Professor Emeritus of Language Education
University Service 1973 – 1989

Joel Shack 1942-2018 Assistant Professor Emeritus of Architecture & Landscape Architecture
University Service 1983-2007

Martin Silverman 1939-2018 Professor Emeritus of Anthropology & Sociology
University Service 1977-2000

Maurice Sion 1927-2018 Professor Emeritus of Mathematics
University Service 1960-1989

Robert (Bob) Steele 1925-2018 Associate Professor Emeritus of Visual & Performing Arts in Education
University Service 1962-1990 Grace Stolar

Grace Stolar 1934-2018 Associate Professor Emerita of Social Work
University Service 1966-1999

John Waterfield 1949-2018 Associate Professor Emeritus of Oral Biological & Medical Sciences
University Service 1983-2012

William (Bill) Watson 1928-2018 Assistant University Librarian Emeritus
University Service 1973 – 1991

Douglas Yeo 1924-2018 Professor Emeritus of Clinical Dental Sciences
University Service 1964-1987
Lunch for Applied Science Emeriti

On May 10, 2018, Dean James Olson of Applied Science hosted what has become an annual affair: Bringing together Applied Science Emeriti over lunch at the Sage Bistro. It gave them a chance to talk with one another and also to hear about the achievements and new initia-

tives for Engineering, School of Nursing and School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. In addition to the Dean a number of associate deans and directors attended. Attendee Linda Leonard (Nursing) reports "I think we all came away most impressed with the accomplishments within the various Schools and Departments."

UBCAPE Speakers’ Programs

Senior Scholars’ Series

First Green College Senior Scholars Lecture of the Year

On Thursday, September 20, Dr. Indira Samarasekera, OC, former UBC Professor of Metals and Materials Engineering, VP Research at UBC, and 12th President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Alberta, explained how her career had been defined by Excellence (a value instilled in her by her father, along with people skills by her mother) and Serendipity. She began her life story with the Persian legend of the Three Princes of Serendip (the old Persian name for Sri Lanka, where she was born, and the source of the word ‘serendipity’); the princes, excellent students, were sent abroad to continue their education, subsequently solving many problems using a combination of sagacity and serendipity. One of few women engineering students at that time in Sri Lanka, Dr. Samarasekera continued her studies as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California. Her next stop was UBC, where she became the first woman faculty member in metallurgical engineering and had a significant impact worldwide on the steel industry for modeling a cold-rolling process for producing defect-free steel. Along the way she became fast friends with Rabab Ward and Martha Salcudean, UBC’s other pioneering women in engineering. Her next career move was to become UBC’s VP Research, in which role she was able to bring a very large portion of the new CFI resources to UBC, perhaps aided by the magic wand President Martha Piper gave her when she started this job. A natural follow-up was her move to the University of Alberta as its 12th President and Vice-Chancellor. Her leadership brought new recognition (as well as many of the then-plentiful Alberta natural gas dollars) to the U of A. Dr. Samarasekera defined each stage of her career in terms of excellence and serendipity, and for each stage summarized with lessons learned, completely engaging both emeritus and graduate student members of her audience.

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

The next Senior Scholar speakers for Fall 2018

A JOURNEY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: THEORY, POLICY, ACTIVISM

Ashok Kotwal, Economics
Thursday, October 11, 2018

Ashok Kotwal grew up in India and worked first as an electrical engineer in that country and then in the computer industry in Massachusetts. The gap in standards of living made it natural to ask why countries like India stayed so poor while others prospered. Economics provided an answer: stylized facts could be explained by a hypothesis based on basic assumptions about behaviour. That was the appeal of 'theory.' Over the years, however, the field of Economics would become more empirical, techniques of analysis more sophisticated, and Ashok’s own interests more policy-oriented. He also discovered that there was much to learn from social activists about grass-roots realities. For the last six years, he has been editing an online newsletter called Ideas for India. Its mission is to enhance the quality of public debate in India by making the findings of academic research accessible to the lay public.

MAKING SENSE OF BEING AN INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR

Jo-ann Archibald Q’um Q’um Xiixm, Educational Studies
Thursday, November 8, 2018

The speaker will share her reflections about her career in Indigenous Education, focusing on what it meant for her to be one of the very few Indigenous scholars in the academy. She will tell stories about her mentors, milestone moments, and key challenges related to her faculty and leadership positions at UBC. Core themes will include making systemic changes in the academy, creating space for Indigenous knowledge systems, working with Indigenous communities and organizations, and facilitating opportunities for reconciliation. Lessons learned from Raven, Eagle, Coyote, and Thunderbird will be included in these reflective stories.

All talks begin at 5:00 pm in the Green College Coachhouse. For more information: www.green-college.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.

Philosophers’ Café

Friday, October 19: Referendum on Electoral Reform

Voting begins on October 22nd on a BC referendum on electoral reform. Voters will first be asked whether they want to change the existing "first past the post" system or switch to a form of proportional representation. The second question on the ballot will offer a choice of three types of PR. Proportional representation is touted as doing a better job of allocating seats based on the number of votes cast for the respective parties; "first past the post" adherents argue that it is a system that has produced stable governments for decades. What do you think? Do you need more information? Are you a passionate advocate for one answer or another, or are you still sitting on the fence? This Café provides an opportunity to respond to the information presented at the Oct. 17 General Meeting.

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

On April 12, Peter Suedfeld (Emeritus Psychology) demonstrated his amazing ability to "twist arms" by convincing three distinguished Emeriti to present aspects of their research.

Paul Burns (Religious Studies) led the way with an analysis of St. Augustine's *City of God*. Conventionally interpreted, the 22 books in the work emphasize its critique of the pagan charge that Christians were responsible for the fall of Rome. Burns' research demonstrates that St. Augustine's writing is much more nuanced, often quoting favourably from Roman authors, and provides extensive coverage of Roman religion.

Iain Taylor (Agroecology and Botany), using the intriguing title "Why a Scientist Should Never Write History," set aside his scientist persona to take us through his role in writing a history of science at UBC using personal interviews, department files and University archives.

Ann Cameron (Psychology) presented a snapshot of a collaborative project involving researchers from Canada and China about if and when children believe it is OK to lie. Data were gathered in Vancouver, BC, and Fredericton, NB, and in Hangzhou, China. The youngest Canadian children in elementary school reason quite similarly about veracity, but as they queried older children and youth, they saw evidence of the effects of culture and context on their children's decisions. Modesty, loyalty, and other considerations modify pronouncements, and complexities arise for young people in the multicultural Canadian community of Vancouver.

The next installment in the series "Celebrating Emeritus Research" will take place in Spring 2019

Emeritus Awards

Veronica Strong-Boag, CM, Educational Studies, for her activism, for her prolific career as a historian, and for her research that has made the history of women an integral part of the study of history in Canada.

Mark Thompson, CM, Sauder School, for his influential contributions to the fields of industrial relations and public policy as an academic, arbitrator, and author. Mark is a former president of UBCAPE and remains active in the Association.

Honorary Degrees

In March, Peter Suedfeld (Emeritus Psychology) was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Nîmes, the first one awarded by that university.

Veronica-Strong Boag, CM, (Educational Studies) will be awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Guelph in October, 2018.
**Other Awards**

**Mandakranta Bose** (Institute of Asian Research) will receive a **Lifetime Achievement Award** from *Drishti* magazine, a South Asian Community publication, on 26 October, 2018.

**Joanne Weinberg** (Cellular & Physiological Sciences) has been honored with the **Bill & Marilyn Webber Lifetime Achievement Award** by the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

The Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists has awarded the **COMP Gold Medal** to **Anna Celler** (Radiology) for an outstanding career and contributions to medical physics in Canada.

**Arthur (Skip) Ray** (History) is the recipient of the **2018 Massey Medal** awarded by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society for outstanding career achievement in the exploration, development or description of the geography of Canada.

**Peter Moogk** (History) was awarded the **Geldert Medal** by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for the best contribution to postal history.

**Uri Ascher** (Computer Science) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

In September, **Jack Taunton** (Medicine) was inducted to the **Richmond Wall of Fame** at the Olympic Oval, in recognition of 40 years of Sports Medicine and years of volunteering, including as Chief Medical Officer for 4-1/2 years for the Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

**Recent Publications by Emeriti**


Michael C. Klein (Medicine), Dissident Doctor: Catching Babies and Challenging the Medical Status Quo, Douglas and McIntyre, 2018.

Diana Lary (History), "Shengli dongliu" (Going east in victory), in Huang Tzu-chin & Pan Kuang-che eds., ZhongRi zhanzheng yu Dongya bianju (Taibei: Jindai lishi yanjiu suo, 2018).

Diana Lary (History) and Alex Woodside (History), "Regarding China", in Reflections of Canada: Illuminating our opportunities and challenges at 150+ years. Vancouver: Peter Wall Institute, 2017.

George McWhirter (Creative Writing), “A flap of skin or a butterfly’s wings shan’t blow away”, poem in Wormwood 0_51. (Derry, Co. Londonderry, N. Ireland, 2018).


A.J. (Skip) Ray (History), "Economic Intelligence and Fur Trade Management by the Hudson’s Bay Company: An Examination of District Reports in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries." In Cheryl S. McWatters, Mercantilism, Account Keeping, and the Periphery-Core Relationship, Routledge University Press, 2018.


“What are they up to now?” Department

Ashok Aklujkar (Asian Studies) was part of a five-member local organizing committee that managed the 17th World Sanskrit Conference at UBC from 9-13 July, 2018. The conference was divided into 21 sections, of which 10+ sections met concurrently. It was attended by more than 500 paper presenters from 31 countries and included five cultural programs in addition to śāstra (literature of knowledge) discussions and presentation of kāvya (literature of power) by modern Sanskrit poets.


An exhibition by Serge Guilbaud (Art History, Visual Art and Theory), entitled Paris without Regret, opens November 20th in the Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid. He is still playing Soccer (forward) in the
At this year’s BC Seniors’ Games in Cranbrook, Kal Holsti (Political Science) successfully defended his 50-meter breaststroke provincial championship and also took the gold in the 100-meter individual medley. He finished the games with two provincial titles plus two silver medals, a bronze and another gold medal in the 4x50 meter freestyle relay.

Sharon Kahn (Educational & Counselling Psychology) has stepped down from the Board of Directors of Vancouver Early Music. When Sharon left the Board in November 2017, the other directors chose to honour her with $2500 in donations to EMV.

On October 1, at University College Dublin, Steven Savitt (Philosophy) presented a workshop on time entitled Time and Time Again.


Hector Williams (Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies) continues annual study seasons with other colleagues at his two archaeological excavations in Greece at Stymphalos and Mytilene as well as working on publications with other colleagues from the UBC's 1970s excavations in Turkey at Anemurium (directed by James Russell, Emeritus UBC). He is also working on a side interest in the history of the Canadian Arctic (he was raised in Churchill, Manitoba) and has lectured on three cruise ships in northern waters in the past three years. He also continues, as he has since 1980, as programme organizer for the Canadian Hellenic Cultural Society of Vancouver and on the Executive Committee of the Vancouver Society of the Archaeological Society of America.

Around Campus

The UBC United Way Campaign kicks off on October 9th with a Week of Caring. The week will include several campus-wide events bringing us all together to raise funds and learn how our donation to United Way supports vulnerable children, families and seniors in our community.

Did you know that there are almost 600 United Way donors here at UBC? This year our UBC United Way campaign goal is to increase that to 1000 donors. Collectively at UBC we make a big difference raising over ½ Million dollars for the United Way of the Lower Mainland every year. Please visit your personalized webpage dedicated solely to the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti: [http://www.unitedway.ubc.ca/emeriti/](http://www.unitedway.ubc.ca/emeriti/) on or after October 9th. This page will include upcoming event information and a place for you to access pledge forms.

The UBC Faculty Women’s Club invites UBCAPE members and their spouses/partners to attend our speaker series. Men are more than welcome to attend the lectures with or without a spouse/partner. All lectures are held at 12:00 pm sharp at Cecil Green Park House.

The next speaker:

**Tuesday, November 6**

Herbert Rosengarten, Professor Emeritus

Topic: 100 Years of UBC and FWC

The UBC Faculty Women’s Club was started in 1917, and the club’s goals are:

- to provide assistance to students through scholarships, bursaries and other means
- to provide service to the university community
- to promote social, recreational and cultural activities among club members

Membership is open to the women of UBC, who are Faculty/Staff /Post Docs or spouses/partners of Faculty/Staff/Post Docs, either currently active or retired.
October 2: Ruth Ben-Ghiat, History and Italian Studies, New York University; Cecil H. and Ida Green Visiting Professor, UBC, STRONG MEN FROM MUSSOLINI TO TRUMP

October 9: Andy Carvin, Journalist in Residence at Green College, SOCIAL MEDIA, THE ARAB SPRING AND A JOURNALISM REVOLUTION

October 16: Anna Porter, author and publisher, PHILANTHROPIST, PARIAH, GLOBAL MEDDLER: HOW GEORGE SOROS BECAME THE BOGEYMAN OF THE RIGHT

October 20: Professor Steven Levitsky, Department of Government and David Rockefeller Chair of Latin American Studies, Harvard University, HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE

October 27: Professor Kay Dickersin, Director, Center for Clinical Trials and Evidence Synthesis, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, EVIDENCE IN MEDICINE: WHAT IS IT? HOW TO WE DETERMINE IT? AND HOW DO WE USE IT TO HELP SHAPE BETTER OUTCOMES?

November 3: Professor Fabrizio Zilibotti, Tuntex Professor of International and Development Economics, Yale University, LOVE, MONEY, AND PARENTING: HOW ECONOMICS EXPLAINS THE WAY WE RAISE OUR KIDS

November 10: Professor Wade Davis, CM, Department of Anthropology, and BC Leadership Chair in Cultures and Ecosystems at Risk, UBC, OF WAR AND REMEMBRANCE: CANADA AND THE GREAT WAR

November 17: The Honourable Steven L. Point, OBC, Former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, RECONCILIATION BEGINS WITH YOU

November 24: Professor Leonard Foster, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Faculty of Medicine, UBC, ARE BEES REALLY DYING? ARE WE THE CAUSE OR THE SOLUTION?

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

October 30: Craig Jones QC, Barrister; Law, Thompson Rivers University, IRRATIONALITY IN LAW AND LIFE: HEURISTICS AND BIAS IN LEGAL DECISION MAKING

November 6: Michael Byers, Political Science, UBC, ELON MUSK, PRESIDENT OF MARS?

November 13: Erik Kwakkel, iSchool, UBC, COMMERCIAL BOOKS BEFORE GUTENBERG

All talks in Green College Coach House 5-6:30 pm with reception to follow