



# The Association of Professors Emeriti

# UBC

## GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, October 1

Cecil Green Park

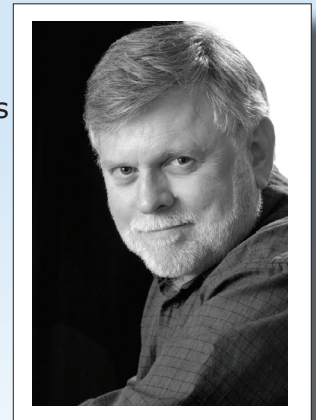
### Agenda

- 2:00 pm Coffee, tea and cookies
- 2:50 pm Brief Business meeting
- 3:00 pm Professor Emeritus. John Wright  
 "Starting a classical theatre company:  
 an easy guide to a pauper's grave for retired academics"  
 (John will be looking for volunteers to act a short scene)
- 4:30-6 pm Wine and cheese reception hosted by the Provost and  
 Vice-President Academic, Dr. David Farrar.

Association members are encouraged to bring guests

**John Wright** began his career as an actor in Vancouver in the 1960s, appearing on stage at the Freddy Wood Theatre, the "Old Aud," and The Vancouver Playhouse and Queen Elizabeth theatres. He holds a BA in Theatre and English from UBC (1964) and an MFA in directing from Stanford. John's directing credits range from Aeschylus to Ayckbourn, as well as film and television dramas and documentaries. In 1988 he joined the Department of Theatre and Film at UBC, where he taught film directing and acting and chaired the MFA in Film Production. He found himself again drawn by the powerful intimacy and imaginative scope of live theatre and directed several notable stage productions at UBC, including his own adaptation of John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* and three adaptations by colleagues. John was Head of Theatre and Film from 1994 to 1999 and retired from UBC in 2002.

Motivated by the resonance of classical works in the modern world John co-founded *Blackbird Theatre*, a professional company dedicated to performing the classics. (Founding members also included Errol Durbach as dramaturge.) John has directed all but one of Blackbird's productions, including Errol Durbach's adaptations of *Peer Gynt* (which won the Jessie award for Outstanding Production of 2006/07) and a translation of *Hecuba* by George McWhirter. In 2010 he was inducted into the *B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame* as a Pioneer.



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### Stay Tuned!



Our next **Emeritus Research Day** is on October 7th at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. Please see page 9 for details.

### Highlights in this Issue

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### Editor's Note

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

## A Letter from our President



Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to a new year of emeriti activities and endeavours. Over the past few years the number and range of these have expanded significantly to include more programs, lectures, excursions and workshops.

As you may know we elected three emeriti professors (**John Gilbert, Larry Burr** and I) as UBC convocation senators this summer for three year terms. We shall be attending the first meeting on September 17th. Thanks to you, John and I were the leading vote

getters of all those elected this year. Having effective senate representation will help make sure our interests are taken into account and are visible to the body that can and should play a key role in the academic governance of UBC.

Thanks in large part to your Vice President **Paul Marantz's** hard work there is now an alternative and potentially attractive Extended Care/Travel insurance option for you to consider. Paul has two documents on our website, [emeriti.ubc.ca](http://emeriti.ubc.ca), to provide background about your options regarding the Sun Life and Johnson plans (and there is also a story in this newsletter).

As detailed in this newsletter and on our web site I did contact the newly appointed University President **Arvind Gupta** and following a very productive meeting with him regarding the benefits of involvement of emeriti professors in UBC activities, I followed up and invited him to give a talk on Feb 4th at our General meeting this year. I suggested "he might get some useful feedback from a group of experienced academics with a great deal of institutional memory that understood the job he had agreed to take on." Hopefully he will be able to fit us in his very hectic schedule this February. If not, I am sure he will be able to next fall after he has experienced a year on the job. It is clear he is a true academic who we would want to succeed and is very supportive of what we see as our roles.

This year we hope to be able to bring you information about the start of another special interest group on **Film** (to join the successful photography group) that would be co-hosted with Tapestry. As this newsletter and your web site detail we launched the fourth annual **Green College Senior Scholars' Series** that began on September 12th and there will be another **Research Day** at the Peter Wall Institute on October 7th that will highlight the ongoing research contributions of several more distinguished emeriti. The first **Philosophers Café** this fall is on *Worker Rights vs. Public Rights: Who Decides?*, led by **Mark Thompson**. The Philosophers Café will now happen on the third Friday of the month at Tapestry. Our new **China Study Group** will hold its first session on October 8th at St. John's College.

You will also read on the front page of this newsletter that **David Farrar**, Provost and Vice President Academic, is hosting a Wine and Cheese Reception following our October 1st General Meeting. This event honours Emeriti for the past and ongoing contributions to our UBC and will follow the talk by **John Wright** of the *Theatre and Film Department/ Blackbird Theatre*. I am looking forward to seeing you there at the beginning of what promises to be an exciting year for your association.

Cheers

Richard Tees

### Some Association Achievements in 2013-14

1. *Negotiated a Memorandum of with Understanding with Provost and Academic Vice-President that, among other things, acknowledges the role played by Emeriti at UBC.*
2. *Negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alumni Association that updates and codifies arrangements regarding meeting space and accounting services.*
3. *Negotiated a new option for health benefits and travel insurance from Johnson Insurance.*
4. *Organized a highly successful Senior Scholar Speakers' Series.*
5. *Held two well-attended Research Days in conjunction with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Study.*
6. *Created a Philosophers' Café in collaboraton with Tapestry in Wesbrook Village.*
7. *Convinced UBC parking authority to change parking options to provide more flexibility for Emeriti .*
8. *Helped elect three emeriti to the UBC Senate.*
9. *Achieved the highest membership figures in UB-CAPE's history*
10. *Increased the number and effectiveness of our departmental representative system.*

## Letter to UBC's 13th President, Dr. Arvin Gupta

Dear Dr. Gupta,

2014-05-14

On behalf of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti and on my own behalf, I wish to extend to you our sincere congratulations on your selection as the 13th President and Vice Chancellor of our University. While it is an opportunity that I am sure you relish, these are challenging and potentially difficult times in which to marshal the resources to create the kind of globally important institution you and your UBC academic colleagues envisage for UBC's future. Your message of opportunity resonates with our members, as I am sure it does with all sectors of the UBC community.

The intellectual capital of our emeritus professors is one of the resources that UBC has available. A key objective of the Association is to work with the University to utilize these intellectual and professional resources of the Emeriti. In our meetings with President Toope, the Provost and Vice President David Farrar and Vice President Research John Hepburn and with many of the current Deans and Department Heads we have documented the roles played at UBC by emeritus faculty and the scope of their potential participation in the future. It has been gratifying to receive very positive recognition from all of them on what the Association's members are currently doing for UBC and more importantly, of what more could be achieved.

Universities devote significant resources to the development of the research capabilities and careers of their faculty and typically reap growing benefits from that investment as individual researchers become more experienced. Virtually all major universities and for that matter, private sector firms (The Economist 2014) want to continue to benefit from their investment as long as they can and do everything possible to retain the "human capital" of their retired faculty and the products of their far reaching research careers. The intellectual capital gained from professional activities, including participation in global initiatives is crucial knowledge. Additionally, emeritus faculty have national and international reputations and their continued activity and visibility influence how the institution is viewed externally. International surveys make clear that retired faculty are participating in their universities' intellectual life and are eager to continue to be involved with their institutions. Indeed our Association's own recent survey makes clear that UBC members are doing the same, are also well-connected nationally and internationally, and do have time available (which most of our non-retired colleagues do not) to increase their own involvement.

I know you will be especially busy in the first few months of your Presidency but when possible, we would be pleased to give you more information about The UBC Association of Professors Emeriti and its current initiatives and discuss how we might further help your administration achieve its ambitious goals.

Very respectfully,

Richard C. Tees

Professor Emeritus

Department of Psychology

President, UBC Association of Professors Emeriti

## Association News

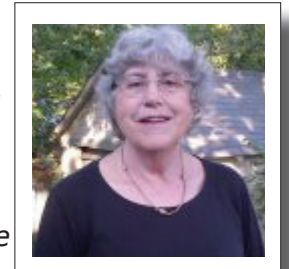
### Meet your new Executive team

**President Richard C. Tees** is Professor Emeritus of Psychology. Before his retirement in 2007 he acted in numerous UBC management and advisory roles, serving as Head of the Psychology Department and on the UBC Senate, both for 15 years. He established the campus wide *Cognitive Systems* program (and served as its first Director). He was a member of the UBC Okanagan Transition Management Team that oversaw the establishment of a second campus in Kelowna, acting as its Deputy Vice Chancellor in 2006. His research on the brain and cognitive development led to two books and more than 100 articles over his career and to his election as a Fellow in three scholarly societies. He is a past President of several academic organizations including the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*. More recently he served as the as Vice Chair of BC's Degree Quality Assurance Board for 8 years. This spring he was re-elected as a UBC (Convocation) senator for another three year term.

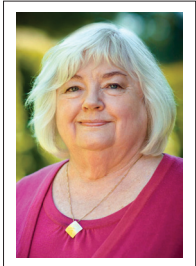


Since the Soviet Union had conveniently ceased to exist well before 2006, he has been free during his retirement to explore new and less dreary terrain, especially astronomy and opera. Despite Putin's excellent imitation of the Tsars and Commissars, Paul is resisting the temptation to resume sifting Russian tea leaves. Paul has chaired the Association's Benefits Committee since 2007. In the process, he has learned more than he ever wanted to know about emergency medical travel insurance. More recently, his education has turned to the exciting realm of the Canadian tax code and emeriti parking privileges.

**Secretary Diana Lary** is Professor Emerita of History: *I work on modern Chinese history, the Republican period. My main work is the social impact of warfare (China's Civil War, Cambridge University Press, early 2015). Beyond that I have a great interest in Chinese migrations, going back in to pre-history and stretching to our own city, one of the most important current destinations of emigrants from China. In my work my aim is always to connect the past to the present. I am a devoted grandmother, and am thinking of doing a (last) project on grandmothers in Chinese society.*

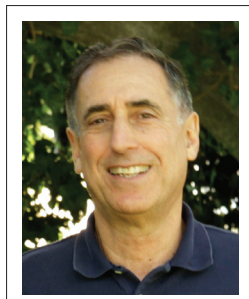


**Past President Carolyn Gilbert** is Asst. Professor Emerita in the School of Audiology and Speech Sciences (Director, 1999–2003). Her areas of study are children's language learning—particularly discourse/pragmatics and phonology, and how different language levels interact during acquisition—and discourse analysis. She keeps

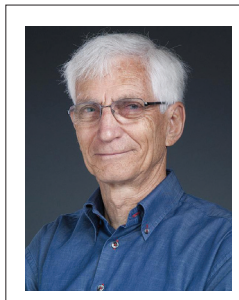


her hand in mentoring young faculty and participating on graduate student committees. She now has more time to be with family and friends, travel, read, cook, knit, sew, and garden—and do Sudoku and crossword puzzles with her morning coffee.

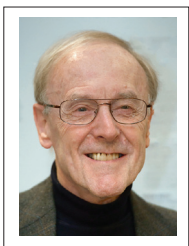
**Vice-President Paul Marantz** is Professor Emeritus of Political Science. Having experienced numerous air raid drills as a youngster growing up in the strategic hamlet of Brooklyn, Paul decided to specialize in the study of the Cold War and Soviet politics. He retired from the Department of Political Science in 2006. As an indecisive decision-maker, he is appreciative that the then-existing policy of compulsory retirement saved him from several years of agonizing over the pros and cons of giving up a regular pay check.



**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, 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.*



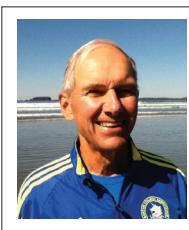
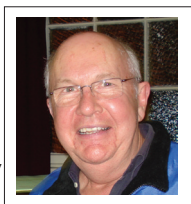
## Members at Large



**Derek Applegarth** is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics. He is a career biochemist who ran a lab at Children's hospital which diagnosed and was involved in the treatment of, children with inherited metabolic diseases. He was a professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Pathology and Medi-

cal Genetics from 1966 to 2003. He was chair of the board of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists in 1989 and 1990 and participated in the founding and ongoing administration of the Fellowship awards-program in Biochemical Genetics. He was awarded the Founders award of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists in 2000. In UBC affairs he served on the Appointments, Promotion and Tenure committee of the Faculty of Medicine for some years and was later a member of the Faculty executive closer to his retirement in 2003. Now he is a practicing photographer and in APE affairs was, until recently, chair of the Programs committee and is a member of the Membership committee. He also organises an active photography group for APE.

**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 Emeriti Association from 2006-2008 and played a major role on the *Activities Committee*, which conducted the first major 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 April 2014.



**William McCutcheon** is Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy. *After studying astrophysics at the Jodrell Bank Observatory 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 as partners 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 and are involved in church related activities. I joined the APE executive in 2014.*

**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 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 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 the Emeriti Executive.*



*Note: Members of the APE Executive are the public face of the Association. Many other emeriti work behind the scenes on one or more Association Committees and/or serve on the Executive in an ex-officio capacity. I hope to profile these individuals in future issues of the Newsletter. - ed.*

## Travel Insurance: Frequently Asked Questions

Over the summer, the Association received a number of questions from members regarding medical and travel insurance. Since other members may have the same questions, we thought it would be useful to make this information more widely available.

**Deadline for applying for the new Johnson insurance:** All emeriti who have had group extended health insurance without interruption since retirement can apply for the new Johnson extended health and travel insurance at any time without providing medical evidence of insurability. (The deadline of August 31, 2014 pertains only to emeriti who did not have continuous post-retirement coverage in a group extended health plan.)

**Claiming the premium for medical travel insurance on your income tax:** The Canadian Revenue Agency states that “premiums paid to **private** health plans” are eligible medical expenses that can be claimed on your income tax return. Our understanding is that this means that premiums paid to Sun Life for extended health insurance and dental insurance, as well as the premiums paid for emergency medical travel insurance, may be claimed. For travel insurance which includes trip cancellation insurance (such as that provided by MEDOC or under the new Johnson plan), the small portion of the total premium that is for cancellation insurance cannot be claimed. Note: The MEDOC Confirmation Letter that is sent to you each summer setting out the terms of your insurance for the new policy year states the amount that is allocated to Trip Cancellation insurance and hence not claimable. If you cannot locate the Confirmation Letter, you can obtain this information by calling Johnson, Inc. at 1.866.606.3362. Individuals enrolled in the new Johnson plan will automatically receive a letter at the end of year indicating the portion of their premium allocated to Cancellation insurance. (MSP premiums, even if deducted on your behalf by UBC, cannot be claimed, since these are payable to the B.C. Government and not to a private health plan.)

**MEDOC Stability Clause:** MEDOC travel insurance, like most travel insurance, has a stability clause covering pre-existing medical conditions. In particular, MEDOC insurance states:

1. For Emergency Medical insurance benefits and Trip interruption and Delay insurance benefits, a pre-existing medical condition must be stable for the **90 days preceding your day of departure**;
2. For Trip Cancellation insurance benefits, a pre-existing medical condition **must be stable for the 90 days preceding your day of booking**.

**Cautionary Note from our Legal Department:** Although the Emeriti Association endeavors to provide fully accurate information, your Executive is composed of fallible academics who are not experts on medical insurance or income tax. Members should independently verify information before acting upon it.

### Announcements from Johnson, Inc.

Johnson informs us that as of September, 2014 a total of 159 UBC emeriti and their spouses have enrolled in the new Extended Health/Travel insurance and 411 emeriti and their spouses have MEDOC Travel insurance.

**Scholarships for University Students:** Johnson is offering 50 scholarships worth \$1,000 each for 2014-2015. All members of the UBC Emeriti Association are eligible to apply for scholarships for **their children or grandchildren**. The application deadline is October 15, 2014. More information can be obtained at [www.johnson.ca](http://www.johnson.ca) or by calling 1.866.544.2673.

**Pet Insurance:** Johnson offers comprehensive pet insurance. Information can be obtained at [petsplusus.com/johnson](http://petsplusus.com/johnson) or by calling 1.855.835.7387.

**Contest:** Members of the Emeriti Association who call for a travel or home insurance quote will automatically be entered in a contest with a chance to win major prizes. All existing clients are also automatically eligible for the prizes. Information can be obtained at [www.johnson.ca/getmore](http://www.johnson.ca/getmore).

### Emeritus Research Day

The next UBC Association of Professors Emeriti/Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies **Research Day** has been set for **October 7, 10-12:30, PWIAS Downstairs Conference Room** (Sage East Dining Area).

Geoff Scudder, Professor Emeritus, Department of Zoology  
*"Land-based biodiversity conservation in British Columbia"*

Marion Porath, Professor Emerita, Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education, *"Contemporary roles, contemporary language: Redefining retirement"*

Peter Suedfeld, Professor Emeritus, Dean Emeritus, Department of Psychology, *"Resilience and growth in stressful environments: From the inferno to the starry skies"*

### Philosophers' Café

UBCAPE's "Philosophers' Café" initiative has been very successful, bringing together UBC emeriti, current faculty and Tapestry residents (some of whom are retired academics from other institutions) for a discussion of topical issues in a relaxed setting.

The next Café, *Worker Rights versus Public Rights: Who Decides?*, led by **Mark Thompson**, Professor Emeritus of Commerce and Business Administration, is on **Friday, October 17 at 10:30 am** in Tapestry, Wesbrook Village.

### In Memoriam

Stanley Blank	1927-2014	Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology and Special Education University Service 1967-1993
Karl Erdman	1926-2014	Professor Emeritus of Physics University Service 1955-1991
Keith McErlane	1924-2014	Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences University Service 1977-2007
R. Stephen Milne	1919-2014	Professor Emeritus of Political Science University Service 1965-1984
Tung King Ng	1921-2014	Administrative Librarian Emerita University Service 1960-1987
David J. Niederauer	1924-2014	Professor Emeritus of French University Service, 1955-1987
John Nixon	1923-2014	Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology and Therapeutics University Service 1955-1988
Harold S. Robinson	1918-2014	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine University Service, 1961-1984
Samuel Rothstein	1921-2014	Professor Emeritus of Library, Archival and Information Studies University Service, 1961-1986
Tadeusz Ulrych	1935-2014	Professor Emeritus of Earth and Ocean Sciences University Service, 1965-2000



## Association Speakers' Series

### Green College Senior Scholars' Series

#### TERM 1

SCOTLAND, QUEBEC, CATALONIA:  
MUST NATIONS BECOME STATES?

Philip Resnick, Political Science

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2014

(this talk will be in the College Piano Room)

TAX MATTERS: AND WHY  
YOU SHOULD CARE

Claire Young, Law

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 21, 2014

THE BOY WHO TOOK A TRAIN AND OTHER  
ADVENTURES IN CANADIAN WRITING

William New, English

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, December 9, 2014

#### TERM 2

FROM THE BENCH TO THE BEDSIDE TO THE  
BANK BECAUSE OF WEREWOLVES  
AND VAMPIRES

David Dolphin, Chemistry

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 20, 2015

WHO SPEAKS FOR THE CHILD? AN EXPLORA-  
TION OF 31 YEARS OF CLINICAL ACADEMICS

Stephen Tredwell, Orthopedics

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 10, 2015

BUILDING HAPPIER LIVES

John Helliwell, Economics

5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Except where noted, all talks are in the Green College Coachhouse. For more information: [www.greencollege.ubc.ca](http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca) or [GC.events@ubc.ca](mailto: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.

### New: China Study Group



The **China Study Group** is a new initiative by UBCAPE to sponsor discussions on important topics to do with China, and to connections between China and Canada. Each topic will be introduced by a UBC professor expert in the field. Participants will be asked to read on the topic before the meeting. We will circulate suggested readings well before the meeting.

The meetings will be held at St. John's College, at 11 a.m., in the Social Lounge. They will be followed by soup and sandwiches (at a modest cost). Participants will be asked to register before the meeting if they would like to stay for lunch.

**Session 1:** October 8th, *Generations of Chinese Immigrants*  
Henry Yu, Professor, Department of History and Principal, St. John's College

**Session 2:** November 18th, *Human Rights in China*  
Pitman Potter, Professor of Law and HSBC chair, Institute of Asian Research

If you wish to attend, please confirm with the Association Administrator, Sandra van Ark at [admin@emeriti.ubc.ca](mailto:admin@emeriti.ubc.ca) or by telephone at 604-822-1752.

## Emeriti Awards

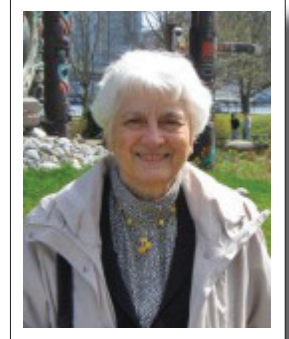


One of B.C.'s most active historians, **Jean Barman**, Professor Emerita of Educational Studies, has been named as this year's recipient of the *George Woodcock Lifetime Achievement Award*, recognizing her long career bringing the province's history to life through her works. Co-

sponsored by the Writers' Trust of Canada and Dr. Yosef Wosk, the George Woodcock Award is the province's most prestigious literary honour and is presented annually at Vancouver Public Library in a public ceremony. The award was presented on June 19 at a special presentation where Professor Barman read from her latest book, *French Canadians, Furs and Indigenous Women in the Making of the Pacific Northwest*.

**Martha Foschi**, Professor Emerita of Sociology, is the first recipient of the *Martha Foschi Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research*. Martha has played a leading scholarly role at UBC since she moved here in 1967. To this day she continues to work with students and conduct social experiments designed to add to our knowledge of significant social processes. Her research has been published widely and cited by colleagues around the globe. Martha touched the lives of many of us in very positive and beneficial ways. She was, and continues to be, very much the quintessential mentor, having influenced the careers of countless numbers of students.

The award will be presented on October 2, at an event celebrating the launch of the award.



**Beverley Green**, Professor Emerita of Botany, received the *Canadian Society for Plant Biology Gold Medal* for outstanding research on the molecular biology of the chloroplast (the organelle that houses the photosynthetic mechanism). She received the Medal this summer

at the joint meeting of the Canadian and American Societies. Beverley is one of the world leaders on the molecular biology of the chloroplast, especially in unicellular photosynthetic organisms.



**Jennifer Wade** was chosen as the 2014 winner of the BC Civil Liberties Association's *Reg Robson Award* for exceptional contributions to the field of human rights and civil liberties in BC and Canada. The award is named after the late Reg Robson, who was

a key figure in the early history of the BC Civil Liberties Association. The selection of the winner was made by the Association's Board of Directors and the Award was presented at a Liberty Award Gala on June 19th.

## Emeriti in the News

### Husband honours wife's legacy with arts fund for Vancouver schools

*Ken Haycock: "Sheila was committed to young people and a well-rounded education, a deep belief that I share"*

In 2012, **Ken Haycock**, Professor Emeritus of Library, Archival and Information Science, established the *Sheila Tripp Endowment for the Performing Arts*. The fund was named in honour of his late wife who spent more than 30 years as an educator in Vancouver developing programs for students to expose them to music and theatre. So far the fund has raised \$100,000 and helped pay for performances at more than 20 schools annually. An article about the fund was published in the *Globe*

and *Mail*, 6 June 2014.

For the complete *Globe and Mail* story go to [www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/careers/careers-leadership/husband-honours-wifes-legacy-with-arts-fund-for-vancouver-schools/article19057207/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/careers/careers-leadership/husband-honours-wifes-legacy-with-arts-fund-for-vancouver-schools/article19057207/)

### Do airplanes evolve like birds?

(from *Inside Science News Service*, July 22, 2014)

The answer is "no" according to Professor Emeritus of Zoology, **Robert Blake**: "Biological evolution is not directed, there is no goal, no conscious decision as there is in technology, where things are done for a reason."

Professor Blake was asked to respond to the argument advanced by Adrian Bejan in the *Journal of Applied Physics*, who claims "that evolution is a physical phenomenon, with changes in animals driven by physical laws. In the case of birds, the factors include aerodynamics."

Go to <http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2014/0722/Do-airplanes-evolve-like-birds> for the complete article.

### Psychological reasons why westerners might join ISIS

An article published in the on line publication *Mother Jones*, reports on the work of Duke University psychologist Arie Kruglanski. Kruglanski explains how closed-mindedness and existential angst create the modern American jihadist. He studied scores of militant extremists and concludes that they have a mindset that "sees the world in sharp definition, no shades of gray... That kind of belief system, is highly attractive to young people who lack a clear sense of self-identity, and are craving a sense of larger significance."

The article draws extensively on the work of **Peter Suedfeld**, UBC Professor Emeritus of Psychology, on "cognitive complexity". "Suedfeld's work has shown that in global conflicts, a decrease in integrative complexity on the part of the contending parties—exhibited, for instance, in an escalation of black-and-white rhetoric—is a good predictor that violent conflict will occur. He has also shown, through analyzing the speeches of Osama bin Laden, that the terrorist leader's integrative complexity plummeted markedly in the run up to two major attacks: the twin embassy bombings in 1998 in Tanzania and Kenya, and the 2000 attack on the USS Cole."

For the complete article to go <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/08/inquiring-minds-arie-kruglanski-psychology-extremism-isis>.

## "Where are they now?" Department

### UBC Emeriti Provide Spinal Injury Training in Nepal

Ninety percent of Nepal's 27 million people live in a rural environment several days' walk from the nearest town. Most are subsistence farmers earning a meagre existence; carrying cargo on their backs in baskets or on frames suspended from wide fabric forehead straps. Enormous burdens of firewood, rocks and stones, building supplies, and fodder for animals are constantly on the move. The effort required to plant and harvest crops on thin strips of terraced fields on steep hillsides is staggering. Life and work is hard for those that walk, and may be impossible if in a wheelchair, yet the rate of spinal cord injury (SCI) in this region appears to be high, often resulting from falls from trees or cliffs when foraging for food for goats and cattle.

In Nepal, all the consequences of disability experienced by people with SCI in the developed world are magnified. Pressure sores are the rule on admission to rehab and a large percentage die from the complications of paralysis than in Canada. For survivors the quality of life may be severely compromised. In towns, it is difficult to contribute to family welfare as sidewalks, when present, are largely impassable and public buildings, including shops and temples are inaccessible. Mobility impairment means that work is especially challenging for someone with a disability, and, in a country

where the average annual per capita income is less than US\$650, a "non-productive" family member can tip a family from poverty into destitution.

Emeriti **Peter Wing** (Orthopaedics/Spine) and **Claire Weeks** (Medicine/Rehabilitation) have visited Nepal five times in as many years providing training to the staff in Kathmandu's Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Centre. They are sponsoring two young physicians through relevant specialty training within the region, with the support of active UBC colleagues and other Vancouver contributors. For more information or to contribute visit <http://spinepal.orthopaedics.med.ubc.ca/>



*Nepalese neurosurgery resident with Drs Weeks and Wing at the Bethune Round Table Conference hosted in Vancouver by the Branch for International Surgery May 2013.*

### Emeriti News from the History Department

**Roderick J. Barman** published an interesting article in *History Today*, 64, March 2014 on "Brasil in the First World War".

**Dick Unger** has collaborated with John Thistle, (PhD Geography, UBC) in writing *Energy Consumption in Canada in the 19th and 20th Century: A statistical outline*. Dick also gave a conference paper on "Aluminum, Electricity and the Reshaping of Waterways in Canada and Brazil" at the Second World Congress of Environmental History in Portugal in July.

**John Conway** is still riding his bicycle to campus every day, and is about to deliver 8 lectures on "Hitler's Legacy" in the Continuing Studies program in October and November.

### English Department

New publications by P.G. Stanwood:

*Paul's Cross and the Culture of Persuasion in England, 1520-1640*, edited by Torrance Kirby and P.G. Stanwood.

"Revisiting Izaak Walton's Lives", in *Richard Hooker: His Life, Work and Legacy*, ed. Daniel F. Graves and Scott Kindred-Barnes.

## **George Sandor, Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics, Describes his Current Research**

Echocardiography uses high frequency sound waves in a similar manner to sonar. It can image the cardiac structures and also document the velocity and direction of blood flow within the heart. It is also possible to document the flow of blood in the aorta, the major artery that delivers blood from the heart to the subsidiary arteries. Our laboratory at Children's Hospital has developed a method for measuring the velocity of pulsatile blood flow in the aorta, i.e. pulse wave velocity (PWV). The more healthy or elastic the aorta, the slower is the velocity of pulsatile flow and conversely, the stiffer the aorta, the faster the velocity. PWV is the most sensitive measure of the health of large arteries and a predictor of cardiovascular risk in adults.

There are a number of genetic connective tissue disorders which affect arterial health. Connective tissue can be thought of as the scaffold supporting all tissues. The most prominent connective tissue disorder is Marfan syndrome, which affects a number of organs of the body; the most important of these is the aorta which dilates and can dissect or rupture. With echocardiography, we are able to measure the size of the aorta and have used our technique to demonstrate that PWV is abnormal in all of these patients, indicating that their aortas are abnormally stiff. It has been shown that the weakness in the connective tissue is due to abnormal structure of a protein called fibrillin. For some time, it was thought that the abnormal connective tissue gradually weakened causing aortic dilation, dissection and rupture. All tissue is continually regenerating, and recent work has shown that increased signaling in the complex cellular signaling mechanisms that control this process is responsible for the weakness in the aorta.

We are fortunate to have at the Child and Family Research Institute at the Children's and Women's campus a group of world class basic scientists (Dr. C. van Breemen, Dr. G. Tibbitts) who are interested in vascular function. Our research project funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research combines clinical and echocardiographic assessment of the heart and aorta, coupled to measurement of biomarkers (substances in the blood) in patients. Furthermore, the basic scientists have a mouse model of Marfan syndrome in which biomarkers and the function of the aorta are studied in a similar way as the human, and microscopically to look at the tissues. In the mouse model, the lab is also using different medications to disrupt the increased signaling malfunction and repeating these studies at different ages.

Thus we hope to correlate the information about health of the aorta in the mouse model with the changes in the human so that we can assess the patients and effects of treatment better, and anticipate when the benefits of intervention outweigh the risks.

### **Land & Food Systems**

We have formed the groundwork with our incoming Dean, Dr. Rickey Yada, for a closer linkage between our Professors Emeriti and the Faculty of Land and Food Systems. Dr. Yada met with us this summer and indicated a desire to meet regularly with us to share insights and ways that mutually beneficial activities can be facilitated by his office.

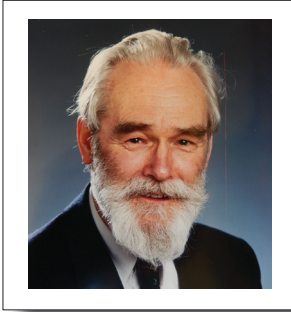
**Professors Emeriti, Tim Ballard, Bob Copeman, Bob Blair, Judy Meyers and Art Bomke** participated in a very enjoyable series of farm walkabouts that provided opportunities to share our experience and knowledge with UBC Farm Practicum students and staff.

### **Asian Studies**

**Ashok Aklujkar** My latest publication is a contribution to *Sindhu-Sarasvatī Civilization: New Perspectives*, New Delhi: D.K. Printworld. 2014. I am at present a convener selecting papers for the Philosophy section of the 16th World Sanskrit Conference to be held at Bangkok from 28 June to 03 July 2015. I am also an adviser to the local organizers of the Conference as a member of the Consultative Committee of the *International Association of Sanskrit Studies*.

**René Goldman's** autobiographical book, *A Childhood on the Move: Memoirs of a Child-Survivor of the Holocaust*, is currently in press.

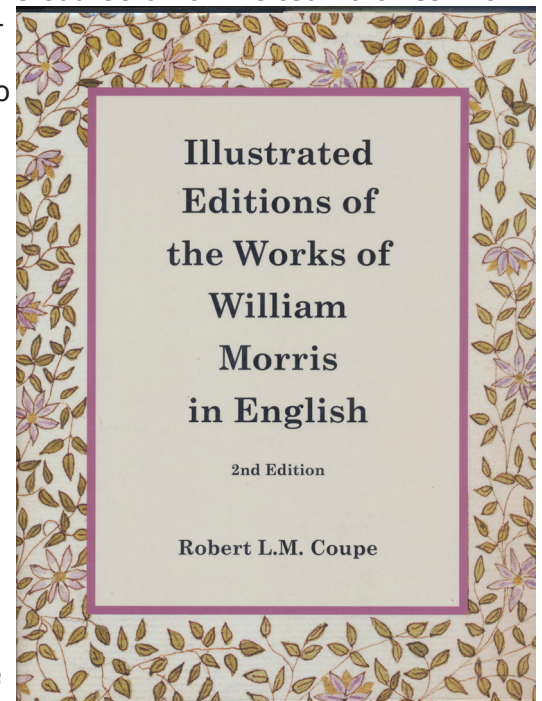
***Now for something completely different***  
**Robert Coupe, Professor Emeritus of Dermatology**



In the early 1970s I became interested in William Morris after reading Henderson's biography which described Morris's multiple talents and achievements. The biography stimulated me to read Morris's novels and poetry and much of his writing on political and artistic subjects. In the course of this reading I became aware of the range of artists who had supplied illustrations for editions of his works. I have both professional artists and talented amateurs among close family members and have had a life-long interest in art. These two interests coalesced in studying the illustrations of Morris's writings.

On retirement in 2000 I had the time to work on an idea I had long contemplated, a book describing and discussing the body of art work created in response to Morris's writing. It proved an enjoyable if arduous undertaking. In the course of it I visited libraries with material relevant to the task, the British Library, The Bodleian in Oxford, the Pierpont Morgan in New York, the Huntington in California, the Fisher Rare Book Library in Toronto and the Special collections here at UBC among others. The most pleasurable part of the work came from the contact I made with two illustrators of Morris still living, with whom I have made lasting friendships.

Oak Knoll, a specialist publisher in Delaware, brought out the book in 2001 under the title *Illustrated Editions of the Works of William Morris in English*. This book had distinct shortcomings, particularly the publisher's failure to reproduce illustration in their original colour, but also stemming from the later discovery of much additional material which should have been included. (My feelings about this edition are strong enough that I have actually destroyed copies I have got my hands on in the last couple of years.) I sought to rectify the situation by self-publishing a second edition in 2011. It contains the illustrations in colour, includes the missing material, corrects a few minor factual errors and extends the discussion of the art work. There is much to be said for doing everything oneself.



*Our readers are keen to hear about what their retired colleagues are up to, whether continuing their research activities, teaching English abroad, taking up artistic pursuits, trekking in Nepal, or virtually anything else.*

*If you have an interesting post-retirement story about yourself or a colleague, please send it to the editor at: [dblake@politics.ubc.ca](mailto:dblake@politics.ubc.ca) If possible include digital photo(s) to accompany your submission.*

## Notices

### UBC Elder Scholar Program

Last year, UBC Continuing Studies launched a new program called UBC Elder Scholar to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population of retired and semi-retired, university-educated adults looking for intellectually engaging and challenging learning opportunities. Initial feedback has been very positive.

#### **Seminars:**

- UBC Elder Scholar seminars meet for two hours once a week for eight weeks at the UBC Point Grey campus. Seminars are led by UBC professors emeriti, combine short lectures and group discussion, and often include guest lectures by other professors, and doctoral and post-doctoral students.
- There are no papers, exams or grades, but students are encouraged to read assigned material and participate actively in class discussions.
- Classes are capped at 24 students.
- The honorarium for teaching a UBC Elder Scholar Seminar is \$1600.

#### **Lecture Courses:**

- Lecture Courses:
- Lecture courses are taught by UBC professors, including Professors Emeriti, and affiliated instructors.
- Classes meet for two hours once a week for 6 weeks at Tapestry at Wesbrook Village, an independent retirement residence located in UBC's Wesbrook Place.
- There are no papers, exams or grades.
- Classes are capped at 60 students.
- The honorarium for teaching a Lecture Course is \$960.

If you interested in teaching a UBC Elder Scholar Seminar or Lecture Course, or if you would like more information, please send me an email to: Don Black, Community Programs Director at [don.black@ubc.ca](mailto:don.black@ubc.ca).

### UBC United Way



UBC United Way campaign kicks off on October 6th 2014. Every year UBC staff, faculty and Emeriti come together to support vulnerable children and seniors in the Lower Mainland.

Through-out all the faculties, the professors emeriti are a key group of contributors to the UBC United Way Campaign, participating either through payroll deduction, direct donation or getting involved in various campus awareness events. Last year, UBC Emeriti raised \$51,578 helping 360 children attend after-school programs.

#### **Our featured Professor Emeritus: Julian Davies**

In addition to being a long-time leadership donor, Julian takes time out from his busy lab every year to support his colleagues and cook pancakes during the Life Sciences Centre Pancake Breakfast.

The team of chefs, which includes emeriti, faculty and staff, make pancakes for more than 300 people. This year the LSC Pancake Breakfast will happen on October 23rd, 2014 8:00 am -11 am.

The campaign will start with 5 Days of Caring featuring various events on campus. To learn more about the campaign, attend events or acquire a pledge form please visit our website at [www.unitedway.ubc.ca](http://www.unitedway.ubc.ca) or email [united.way@ubc.ca](mailto:united.way@ubc.ca)



## Upcoming Vancouver Institute Lectures

**October 4:** Dr. Siddharta Mukherjee, Dept. of Pathology and Cell Biology, Columbia University, *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*.

**October 18:** Dr. Marc-André Bernier, Chief, Underwater Archaeology Service, Parks Canada, *Diving into Canada's History: 50 Years of Underwater Archaeology at Parks Canada*.

**October 25:** Dr. Arvind Gupta, President, UBC, *An Evening with UBC's 13th President*.

**October 26, 7:00 pm, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts:** Ms. Naomi Klein, Canadian Author and Social Activist, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*.

**November 1:** Professor Charlotte Townsend-Gault, Department of History, UBC, Professor Jennifer Kramer, Department of Anthropology, UBC & Ki-ke-in, Historian and Poet, *Native Art of the Northwest Coast: A History of Changing Ideas*.

**November 8:** Ms. Stephanie Nolan, South America Bureau Chief, The Globe and Mail, *The Change We Seek—Why Some Countries Make Real Progress on Inequality*.

**November 15:** Professor Robert Keohane, Department of Political Science, Princeton University, *Anti-Americanism or Fear of Impingement? Evidence from the Arabic Twitter Universe*.

**November 22:** Professor Clifford Ando, Department of Classics, History and Law, University of Chicago, *The Long Defeat and Fall of the Roman Empire in the East and the West*.

**November 29:** Mr. Chris Turner, Author and journalist, Calgary, *How to Breathe Underwater: Innovation in an Age of Radical Change*.

*Except where noted, all lectures take place in IRC 2 at 8:15 pm.*



## SFU Retirees' Association Speakers' Program Fall 2014

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

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

**Tuesday September 16: Rosie Redfield**, Professor, Department of Zoology, UBC, *A faculty perspective on MOOCs or 'What should we teach and who should we teach it to?'*

**Tuesday October 21: Len Berggren**, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, *A Brief History of Time(keeping)*

**Tuesday November 18: Harvey D. Roo**, Retired from SFU English Department and as Instructor in Continuing Studies, *Who's Afraid of Richard Wagner?*

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

**September 17:** School of Music Faculty and guests perform works by Britten, Glière and Strauss

**September 24:** Yoko Hirota, piano; Voces Boreales (Northern Voices)

**October 1:** Paolo Bortolussi, flute/alto flute; Corey Hamm, piano perform music by Ziporan, Rakowsk, Meltzer and Hosokowa

**October 8:** Milica Jelača Jovanović, piano plays works by Sommer, Radić, Briggs, Radovanović, Karača and Prokofiev

**October 15:** Brenda Fedoruk, flute, Julia Nolan, saxophone, Jane Hayes, piano with works by Peterson, Hazlerig, Dubois, Higdon, Koechlin, Deason and Jespersion

**October 22:** Dale Barltrop, violin, Ariel Barnes, cello, Chiharu Iinuma, piano perform Tchaikovsky: Trio in A minor, Op. 50