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Cable pioneer named 2011 distinguished entrepreneur

A successful entrepreneur is someone who can see just a bit further down the road than the rest of us. This statement rings true for JR Shaw, visionary and founder of Shaw Communications, who has been named 2011 Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award (DEYA). <http://bit.ly/emzf9c>

LEADERSHIP

Student Affairs and Business School form partnership in learning

Managers from Student Affairs are enrolled in a custom-made leadership training program created for them by the School of Business. For the 35 participants, it's like taking a mini-MBA. <http://bit.ly/gW4UAg>

ENERGY SAVINGS

\$62k saved over holiday break

Turning thermostats down and unplugging between Christmas and New Year's saved UVic \$62 thousand in energy costs and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 218 tonnes. <http://bit.ly/ejv07a>

RESEARCH FAIR

Undergrads show their stuff

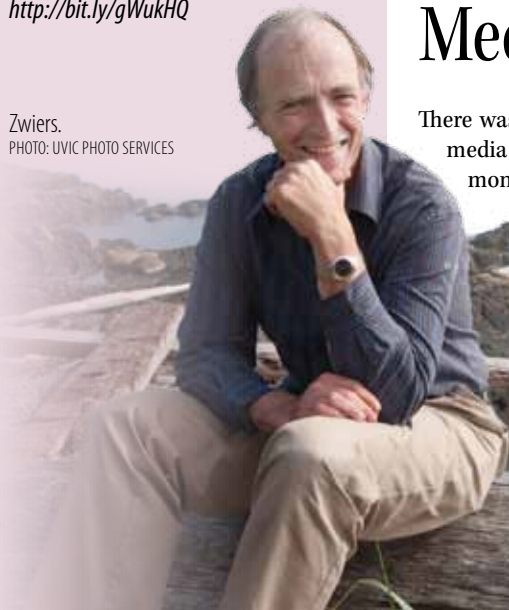
Celebrate undergraduate scholarship at the Undergraduate Scholars Research Fair, Tuesday, Apr. 5 from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Talk one-on-one with student researchers. Visit the Upper Lounge to talk with artists about their installations, and Cinecenta to hear writers perform their work. Everyone welcome. <http://bit.ly/eCn0xG>

SCIENTISTS OF TOMORROW

Inspiring the next generation

Throughout the year, members of the UVic campus community devote their time to various outreach programs to reach out to the youth in Greater Victoria and help inspire the next generation of Marie Curies, Albert Einsteins and Stephen Hawkings. <http://bit.ly/gWukHQ>

Zwiers.
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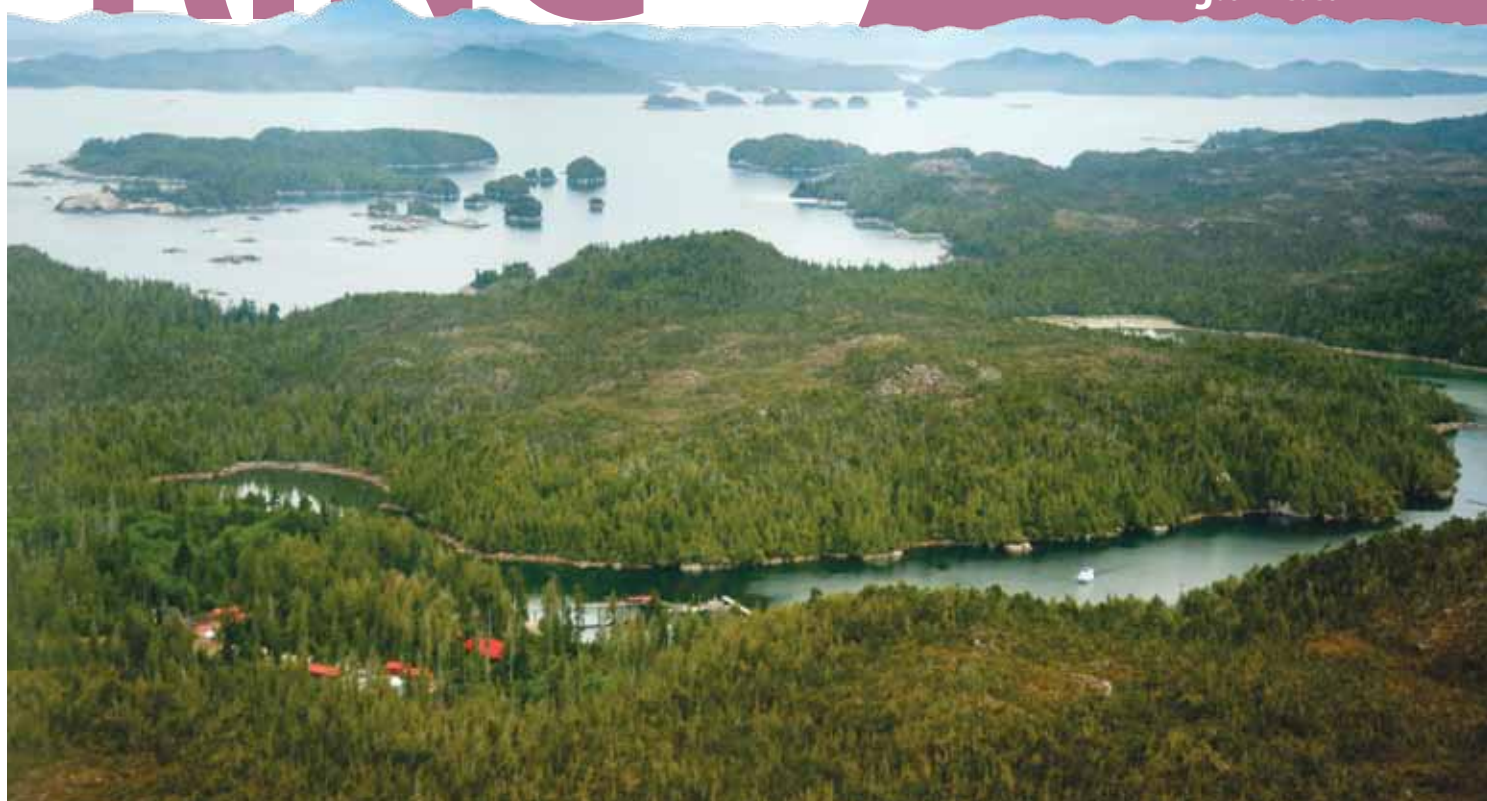
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UVic Law students will take courses at the Tula Foundation's Hakai Beach Institute, an 87-hectare facility in the heart of BC's Great Bear Rainforest.

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UVIC'S NEW
ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW AND
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAM

UVic Law launches new Environmental Law and Sustainability Program

BY THOMAS WINTERHOFF

Law students at the University of Victoria will soon be able to participate in a new Environmental Law and Sustainability Program, thanks to a \$2.75-million grant from the Quadra Island-based Tula Foundation. The non-profit organization is dedicated to environmental sustainability, public service, research and teaching. UVic has also signed an innovative affiliation agreement with the foundation's Hakai Beach Institute to develop future research and learning opportunities for UVic students.

Upper-year law students who are accepted into the new Environmental Law and Sustainability Program will participate in a clinical program and take courses focused on this important and

growing field of legal study—such as water law, municipal law and sustainability, forest law, energy law and sustainability, and interdisciplinary courses in law and environmental science.

As the program develops, students will have the opportunity to enrol in summer session courses based at the Hakai Beach Institute, a teaching, research and conference centre located on Calvert Island. The institute's 87-hectare facility is in the heart of BC's spectacular and ecologically sensitive Great Bear Rainforest.

Students who successfully complete the Environmental Law and Sustainability Program requirements will have that designation noted on their Juris Doctor degrees.

The Tula Foundation has provided financial support to the Faculty of Law

and the Environmental Law Centre (ELC) for the past five years. The enhanced funding agreement announced on Feb. 17 will extend this commitment for another five years and significantly expand UVic Law's teaching and research capacity.

"This new agreement is a remarkable opportunity for our students," says Dean Donna Greschner. "The Tula Foundation's support since 2006 gives our students the best clinical education in environmental law. With this new agreement, the students will now also have the best program in environmental law and sustainability in the country—bar none. The dedicated professors, lawyers and staff involved with the Environmental Law Centre have

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Media attention rains on UVic climatologist

There was something ironic about the deluge of media attention that followed the release last month of a new study linking an increase

in the intensity of extreme precipitation events to human-induced global warming.

At the centre of the media flurry was UVic climatologist Dr. Francis Zwiers, one of the paper's co-authors, who suddenly became one of the most sought-after climate experts on the planet.

"We were completely overwhelmed by the storm of media interest that was generated by this paper," says Zwiers. "It was fun, but exhausting."

Over a 24-hour period Zwiers responded to more than 25 media inquiries, including the *New York Times*, *Scientific American*, *National Geographic*, *USA Today*, the *Washington Post*, *The Globe & Mail*, CBC Quirks and Quarks and news agencies from Europe, Japan and Brazil.

Zwiers has since been asked to make a presen-

tation on the study to a US Congress committee hearing in Washington.

The study, which was featured on the cover of the Feb. 17 edition of *Nature*, offers the strongest evidence to date that human-induced global warming may be responsible for the observed increase in the intensity of heavy rain and snow events in the northern hemisphere over the past several decades.

Zwiers, a former scientist with Environment Canada, participated in the research while with the government agency. The lead author of the study is Seung-Ki Min, an Environment Canada research scientist.

The study used a rigorous and scientifically

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Dr. Rachael Scarth, acting associate vice-president research (operations and planning) and director of the Office of Research Services, is the 2011 winner of the Manitoba Canola Choice Award. The award is presented by Manitoba Canola Growers to individuals who contribute to the sustained growth and prosperity of the province's canola industry. Scarth's area of research expertise is plant breeding and genetics. Before joining UVic in 2006, she worked in the canola breeding program at the University of Manitoba where, along with colleagues, she developed more than 30 varieties of canola and rapeseed with special oil quality traits.

Award honours UVic psychology pioneer Catherine Mateer

BY ANNE MacLAURIN

Acclaimed clinical neuropsychology professor and University of Victoria administrator Dr. Catherine Mateer is the inaugural recipient of a new award from the BC Psychological Association, created in her name—the Catherine Mateer Scientist-Practitioner Award.

Mateer is widely known for her groundbreaking work in the area of cognitive rehabilitation for survivors of head trauma. She has helped people who have suffered problems with memory, attention and self-regulation following car accidents, falls and blows to the head. Her work in neuroscience has demonstrated the tremendous neuroplasticity of the brain that can help people compensate for problems, leading to better recoveries and more independence.

"In my work with people who are experiencing cognitive impairments as a result of brain injury, I have always tried to use scientific theory and methods to develop new interventions and to evaluate their effectiveness," says Mateer. "The work has been rewarding in and of itself, but to be recognized by a science-practitioner award named for me is an incredible honour."

The BC Psychological Association created the award to recognize individuals who have made significant and distinguished advancements in the field of psychology using a scientist-practitioner model to bridge science



Mateer. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

with the application to real people in real situations.

Mateer is a professor in UVic's Department of Psychology, a previous director of clinical training and former departmental chair, and is currently UVic's associate vice-president for academic planning.

She has authored three books and over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Most of them address the management of acquired impairments in memory, attention, executive functions, emotional adjustment and behavioural self-regulation. Mateer is also known for her kind heart, generous nature and willingness to "go the extra mile" for students, clients, colleagues and staff.

Strategic plan review process continues

Individuals and groups are invited to share their thoughts with the Planning and Priorities Committee by March 31, 2011, as part of the renewal of *A Vision for the Future: Building on Strength*, the university's current strategic plan.

Feedback may be submitted via email to strategicplanreview@uvic.ca, via the website at web.uvic.ca/strategicreview, or by mail to the Planning and Priorities Committee, c/o University Secretary's Office, Administrative Services Building A138, PO Box 1700 STN CSC, Victoria BC, V8W 2Y2. Provide your thoughts online about the future directions of UVic through the interactive version of the *Renewing the Vision* discussion document, at web.uvic.ca/strategicreview/discussion.php.

Faculty, staff, students, community members, UVic alumni and retirees have also been providing input through a series of internal and external consultations. To date,

the Planning and Priorities Committee has met with six campus groups, including the faculties of fine arts and engineering, the Graduate Students' Society and the Learning and Teaching Centre and Educational Technology Advisory Councils. Seventeen additional internal consultations are scheduled in the weeks to come.

External consultation sessions with community, business, government and educational leaders have also been held, with 16 completed and 24 to come.

Consultation schedule details and updates on the renewal process are available on the UVic website at web.uvic.ca/strategicreview.

The Planning and Priorities Committee will collect and review all the feedback during the summer and present a revised draft plan during the fall. The renewed strategic plan will be presented to Senate and the Board of Governors prior to UVic's 50th anniversary in 2012/13.

UVic colleagues establish scholarship in honour of Bill Gordon

A group of former colleagues and friends have banded together in an effort to establish a new scholarship in honour of Bill Gordon who died in December 2010.

The impetus for the W.R. (Bill) Gordon Scholarship—honouring one of the university's most highly respected, dedicated and long-serving faculty members—comes from a group including former UVic President Howard Petch, former VP Academic Fred Fischer, former VP Administration Trevor Matthews, former VP Finance Bob McQueen, former Dean of Science and Chair of Mathematics Roger Davidson, former Director of the School of Physical Education Dave Docherty, and long-time friend Peter Meekison, a former VP Academic at the University of Alberta.

Gordon was a major contributor to UVic's development. He joined the Mathematics Department in 1965 and served UVic for more than 36 years until his retirement in 2001. He held the positions of assistant and associate dean of arts and science, head of mathematics, assistant to the VP academic, vice-chair

of the UVic Pension Board, treasurer of the Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society, and for over 20 years, he was a member of senate—one of its longest-serving members. Gordon was a seminal force and architect of UVic athletics and recreational programs, an active rugby player, jazz aficionado and a devoted family man.

"Bill was one of the pillars of the university," says Petch. "His range of contributions was amazing: teaching, scholarship, curriculum development, administration, governance at the highest level and service on committees too numerous to list. Bill always put service above personal ambition."

The goal is to raise an amount (\$25,000) sufficient to fund an endowed scholarship. Anyone interested in contributing to this lasting tribute to Bill Gordon should contact Mary-Lynne Britt in the Development Office: 250-721-8965 or mbritt@uvic.ca or make a cheque payable to the University of Victoria and send to: Mary-Lynne Britt, UVic Development Office, University of Victoria, PO Box 3060 STN CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2.



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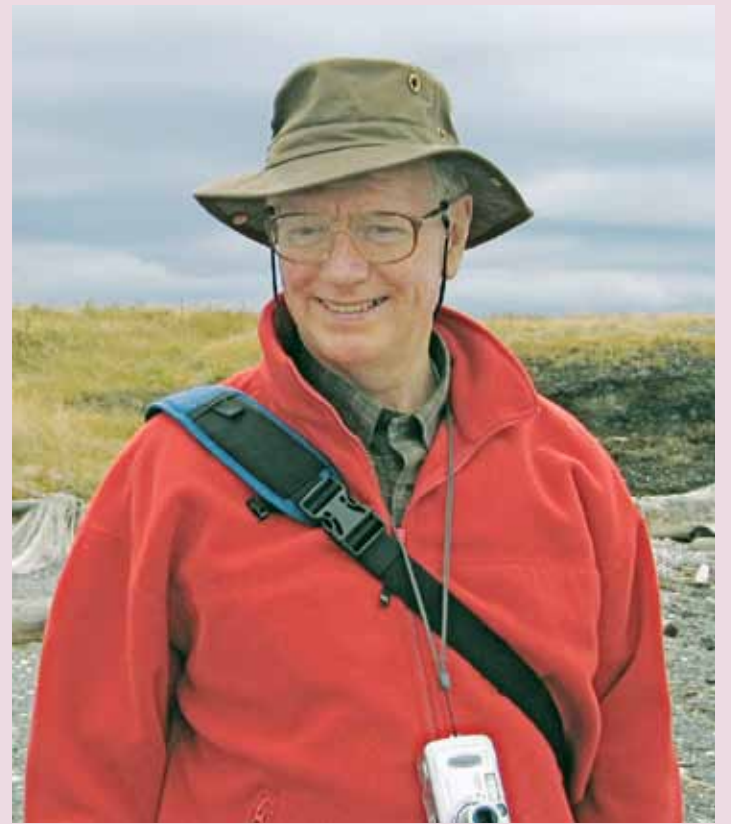


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As someone who has contributed so much, consider leaving a gift that will allow future generations to experience the UVic community that you've helped create. Contact Natasha to start the conversation about creating a lasting legacy in your will or estate plan.

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Navigate the ever-changing market

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Annual awards program lauds local heroes

BY TARA SHARPE

On Feb. 16, nominees of the 2011 Victoria's Leadership Awards (VLA) were celebrated as exceptional community champions, including this year's recipients of the University of Victoria Community Leadership Awards—Bernie Pauly and Michael Prince.

Pauly, a registered nurse and tireless community-based researcher, helps drive action on homelessness in Greater Victoria and promotes health equity in policy and practice for people affected by homelessness and substance use. An associate professor in the School of Nursing and scientist in UVic's Centre for Addictions Research of BC (CARBC), Pauly is also a member of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness and an advisory board member of the Society of Living Intravenous Drug Users and Oasis Society for the Spiritual Health of Victoria.

Prince, the inaugural Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development,



Prince, left, and Pauly. PHOTO: MARC CHRISTENSEN

is a frequent media commentator and indefatigable volunteer who has served on various boards including the BC Association for Community Living and as advisor to governments and parliamentary committees. His research interests include federal-provincial and Indigenous-Canadian state relations, national social insurance programs, and income security. His recent book, *Absent Citizens: Disability Politics and Policy in Canada*, explores how disability exists on the periphery of public awareness and national policy making.

UVic alumna Heidi Exner of AIDS Vancouver Island, UVic linguist Dr. Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins and Dan Reist of CARBC were other highly regarded nominees for the UVic awards.

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taught students how to protect the environment and make a difference in the world. The new commitment by the Tula Foundation will support and expand this important work at the Faculty of Law."

The Environmental Law Centre was established in 1996 and is Canada's leading clinical program in environmental law. It has remained in the forefront of environmental law reform and public interest advocacy in this country and has delivered an unparalleled standard of education to hundreds of UVic Law students. Many lawyers who currently practise environmental law in BC and across the country honed their skills in the ELC's clinical program.

Professor Chris Tollefson, the centre's founding executive director,

has been appointed the inaugural Hakai Chair in Environmental Law and Sustainability.

Professor Deborah Curran, who has been project director at the centre, is the inaugural Hakai Professor in Environmental Law and Sustainability. The Tula Foundation agreement will also fund a third teaching position at UVic Law in the area of environmental law and sustainability.

"This new concentration will feature some of the most innovative environmental law and policy-related courses ever offered at a Canadian law school," says Tollefson. "Its launch will ensure that UVic Law remains at the forefront of Canadian environmental legal education and a destination of choice for law students from across Canada."



Tollefson. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES



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Doucette. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

Jill Doucette, this year's recipient of the Vancity Youth Award, left her own indelible mark on campus and around Victoria while a UVic biology student by launching her green business consulting practice Synergy, helping to reduce the ecological footprint of Habit Coffee, *The Martlet*, Oughtred Coffee and Black Stilt (now owned by Moka House). A Common Energy co-founder, Doucette won the national Nicol Entrepreneurship competition in 2009 for her work on Synergy and is now back at UVic pursuing a PhD in social enterprise.

Two other nominees in the youth award category are directly affiliated with UVic and mirror the newest generation of local heroes: Shawn Slavin, the mastermind behind the UVic Lipdub

project, somehow found time to finish his double major in chemistry and psychology with a minor in business; and budding entrepreneur and sustainability dynamo Derek Juno is a student in the Bachelor of Commerce program.

The 18 VLA nominees also include: Sharlene Smith, a founding member of the PR program in UVic's Division of Continuing Studies; UVic alumna and micro-lending advocate Lisa Helps; and Victoria Foundation CEO Sandra Richardson, who holds a PR certificate from UVic.

VLA is a partnership between Leadership Victoria, the University of Victoria, the Victoria Foundation, and the Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria.

List of awards, nominees and biographies: www.leadershipvictoria.ca

VIEWPOINT

In praise of the humanities

BY DR. SHELLY CHAN
(PACIFIC AND ASIAN STUDIES)

Lately, few other academic disciplines have been such a stranger to praise as the humanities. Branded as impractical and even disposable, the humanities have been criticized for seemingly failing to provide financial benefits compared to certain programs in business and the sciences.

Driven by short-term economic interests, such devaluation of the humanities questions the university's role as a public institution to educate individuals in a well-rounded and socially conscious manner. At its worst, it even mocks the commitment to training critical minds, the foundation of any participatory democracy.

Perhaps the following story of triumph would be instructive of the value of a humanities education. On Feb. 7, the University of Victoria bestowed one of its highest honours on Victoria City Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe, a third-generation Chinese Canadian. First elected to city council in 2002, Thornton-Joe has been chair of the steering committee for the Mayor's Task Force on Mental Illness, Addictions and Homelessness, and is currently a member of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. In 2004, with Constable Rick Anthony, she started the first Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (now known as the Extreme Weather Protocol).

Councillor Thornton-Joe's long-term commitment to civic issues has garnered her much praise, now adorned by a firm acknowledgement from her alma mater. In her acceptance speech, she recounted moving how her experience as a Pacific and Asian Studies major empowered her in a difficult struggle to come to terms with her Chinese heritage as a Canadian. Under the department's Chinese language exchange program, she became the first member of her family to visit China, where

she studied Mandarin in Shanghai. Gradually, her education helped her to develop confidence in herself and passion in serving the community. She is an inspiration to all Canadians.

Having honored one of its most remarkable alumni, the university should ensure that the space that nurtured her will be there for future generations. As the world becomes ever more globalized, multicultural and electronic, the humanities provide an increasingly rare academic environment where necessary conversations about shared ideals and disparate experiences can be built, challenged, improved and preserved.

A liberal arts education teaches reading, writing and thinking—the fundamental skills of a functioning mind valued at any workplace. It prepares students not just for jobs, but also for the many possibilities and challenges that life most certainly brings.

It does so by expanding our horizons, taking us far beyond our imagination that is often limited by the immediate cultural, social and economic environments in which we live. It helps us engage other societies and our own, past and present, with insight, creativity and empathy.

Now more than ever, in times of great mobility and uncertainty, we risk living as advocates of our own narrow gains and perspectives but without understanding of complex realities and collective vision.

Our society deserves to have cohorts of interesting humanists who are praiseworthy not only for their contributions to the economy, but also for their imagination to engage others in unfamiliar ways. This is a fundamental obligation that our university should always strive to fulfill.

Editor's note: Views expressed in this Viewpoint are the author's and do not necessarily reflect those of The Ring or the University of Victoria.

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UVic's Fine Arts faculty are again well represented as nominees on the ballot for *Monday Magazine's* annual M Awards, now open for voting till March 18. Included are Phoenix Theatre's production of *Yerma* and Blue Bridge Theatre's UVic-heavy *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Favourite Overall Production); the Belfry's new play *The Life Inside*, which featured associate professor **Jan Wood** (Favourite New Play); artist-in-residence **Joanna Hood** of the Lafayette String Quartet and sessional instructor **Yariv Aloni** (Favourite Classical/New Music Performer); head of voice **Benjamin Butterfield** (Favourite Performer); Visual Arts chair **Daniel Laskarin** and sessional instructor **Megan Dickie** (Favourite Visual Artist); Legacy Gallery's *Graphic Radicals* (Favourite Art Show); Department of Writing graduate advisor **Maureen Bradley** (Favourite Filmmaker) plus sessional instructors **John Gould's** *7 Good Reasons Not to be Good* (Favourite Fiction Book) and **Melanie Siebert's** *Deepwater Vee* (Favourite Book of Poetry). There are also write-in options for a number of categories, many of which could include UVic talent, and plenty of FA alumni can be found amongst the nominees (e.g.: **Jim Leard** for his new play *Thank You, My Love, Goodbye*; **Matthew Hooton** for his book *Deloume Road*). There's even a student project on the ballot: theatre student **Jay Mitchell's** Fringe Festival favourite *Z-Day: Anthem for the Post-Zombie Apocalypse* (Favourite Musical). The M Awards are a people's-choice awards, with the winners based solely on the public's voting. You can vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MAwards2011> or by picking up a paper copy and doing it the old-fashioned way. Deadline for voting is 5 p.m. March 18.

Vikes swimmer **Ryan Cochrane** was named the BlackBerry Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) male athlete of the week in late February. He was also named male swimmer of the year and rookie of the year following the CIS championships in Calgary. In four individual events, the 2008 Olympian—who captured bronze in the 1500m freestyle in Beijing—won gold in the 200, 400 and 1500 free races in Calgary, and added a bronze medal in the 400 IM.

UVic Law students Dylan Kozlick, Mathais Sarrazin, Mila Shah and Katharina Spatzl represented UVic in the 2011 British Columbia Law Schools Competitive Moot, held last month in the Victoria Courthouse. They took first place, recapturing the title and the Begbie Trophy from UBC. Joel Oliphant and Glen Thompson—both from the BC Ministry of Attorney General—coached the team. The moot experience gives students intensive training in advocacy, client counselling and dispute resolution skills before judges, practitioners and academics and the opportunity to meet law students from other universities.

President's Distinguished Service Awards celebrate exceptional staff

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THE COMBINED YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THIS YEAR'S INDIVIDUAL PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

BY MELANIE GROVES

The celebration of this year's award recipients, hosted by UVic President David Turpin, took place on March 3 in the First Peoples House Ceremonial Hall. Reeta Tremblay, UVic's vice-president academic and provost, and Kane Kilbey, associate vice-president human resources, made presentations before Turpin handed out the awards.

"Every year it gives me great pleasure to celebrate the nominees of the PDSA program and announce the award recipients," says Turpin. "I applaud the talent, dedication and innovation of this year's recipients. They are representative of all of our exceptional employees, who contribute so much to the success of our university."

This year, the Team Award for Innovation was presented to the staff of the School of Public Administration. The individual award winners were: Chris Coey (linguistics), First Five Years—Outstanding Contribution; Ralph Scheurle (Office of Research Services), Award for Excellence in Service; and Martin Segger (University of Victoria Art Collections), Award for Excellence in Leadership.

More information on the PDSA program and previous award recipients: <http://web.uvic.ca/hr/pdsa/>



The award-winning Public Administration team. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

50%

THE INCREASE IN MPA PROGRAM ENROLMENT ACHIEVED BY THIS YEAR'S TEAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

TEAM AWARD FOR INNOVATION

School of Public Administration

Congratulations to the School of Public Administration team members: administrative/professional staff for academic programs Jill Taylor, Heather Kirkham, Silvia Dulc and Wendy Swan; clerical staff for academic programs Belle Young, Tara Da Silva, Judy Selina and Bonnie Keleher; Centre for Public Sector Studies staff Thea Vakil, Jennifer Guest and Arielle Guetta; and Co-Operative Education staff Barbara Svec and Christine Corr.

Due to the hard work and "outside the box" creativity and collaboration of this staff team, the School of Public Administration has achieved its vision of significantly expanding graduate enrolment and diversifying on-campus and online programming.

"The accomplishments of the school have been the product of a team effort among professional and secretarial staff, which allowed for the pursuit of change and innovation across boundaries, while allowing each person to move forward

with their responsibilities," says Evert Lindquist, director. "During a broad restructuring process, staff were instrumental in identifying efficiencies and new approaches, and demonstrated a willingness to adapt to change and program growth."

Since 2006, enrolment has increased by 50 per cent in the Masters of Public Administration (MPA) on-campus program, and a parallel MPA online program with an equivalent enrolment has been introduced. The school took on responsibility for the MA in Dispute Resolution program in 2008, and introduced another new program, the MA in Community Development, in 2010. The school has also established a PhD program, introduced three graduate certificate programs and a graduate diploma, and an expanded co-op education program.

The staff rose to the challenge of administering new programs for an increased student intake with the addition of only one staff position and while simultaneously handling day-to-day

responsibilities and initiatives. How did they do it? According to the school's acting director, Herman Bakvis, "Our staff were able to step back to re-examine and re-align work responsibilities, explore and take up the possibilities of new technology for both online teaching and administrative processing, and proactively collaborate with staff colleagues in other units."

"As a team, this group works with dedication and focus not only to fulfill the school's strategic plan, but to do so with the values and goals of the university in mind and always with the benefit of students at the forefront of their efforts," says Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development. "Throughout all phases of a student's experience with the school and with the university, staff are consistently professional and positive, exemplifying both the values and goals of the school in relation to public service as well as the values of the university for student-centredness."

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THE NUMBER OF ART OBJECTS IN THE COLLECTION THAT SEGGER BUILT UP OVER HIS YEARS AT UVIC

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Martin Segger,
University of Victoria Art Collections

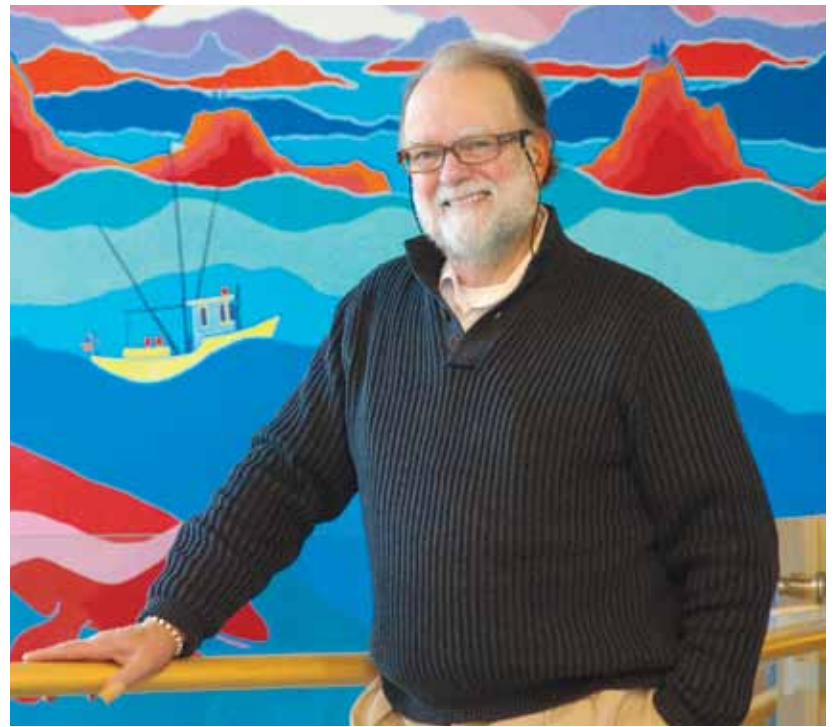
Walk into any building or through any public space on the UVic campus, and chances are you will pass a piece of the legacy of Martin Segger's three-decade-long career. Over 7,000 works of art from the university collection now enhance the UVic campus, part of the 27,000-object collection that Segger built up and nurtured over his many years as director and curator of the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery (now University of Victoria Art Collections).

Segger oversaw the 2007 opening of the Legacy Gallery—UVic's gallery, teaching and meeting space in downtown Victoria—established and developed the groundbreaking Cultural Resource Management Program in Continuing Studies, and served as UVic's first director of Government and Community Relations. Up until his retirement in December 2010, he mentored students through his roles at the Maltwood and the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium and as an adjunct professor in the Department of History in Art.

"Over Martin's 37 years at UVic, his

steady leadership has grown to include national and international communities, organizations and cultural approaches that have rendered him and UVic as recognized leaders on community-university collaborations, cultural resource management and heritage initiatives," says Valerie Kuehne, vice-president external relations. "He has, sometimes single-handedly, ensured that UVic's art collection and related cultural commitments remain a priority for generations of administrators."

An authority in the museum and heritage fields, Segger is past president of the International Council of Museums, and a fellow of the Canadian Museums Association and Royal Society of Arts. He served on Victoria City Council from 1988 to 1993 and has participated on countless local, national and international committees and boards, including the Provincial Capital Commission, Victoria Harbour Authority, BC Heritage Trust, Heritage Canada Foundation, City of Victoria Heritage Advisory Committee and Com-



Segger. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

monwealth Association of Museums.

In his "spare time," Segger has penned numerous books, articles, reviews and other publications.

According to Alastair Kerr, senior manager in the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and

the Arts, "Throughout his brilliant career, Martin strove for Victoria to be a better place to live, to have the university a more integral part of community life, for arts, culture and heritage to be an important part of that community at home and abroad."

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NUMBER OF YEARS SHEURLE HAS WORKED IN ANIMAL CARE AT UVIC

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Ralph Scheurle,
Office of Research Services

When people think of the Animal Services Unit at UVic, they think of Ralph Scheurle. For over 36 years, Scheurle has devoted his career to the growth and improvement of the unit, and has gone the extra mile in his work and his interactions with other members of the university community.

"Ralph has been a key part of the growth of the research mission at UVic, responding to the requirements of faculty in providing high quality infrastructure support," notes Rachael Scarth, acting associate vice-president research (planning and operations). "Ralph consistently focuses on the goal of providing high-quality services to UVic faculty, while ensuring the highest standards of animal care and the best possible working conditions for staff."

During his career, Scheurle has provided support and mentoring for students, faculty and staff while supervising a large staff with diverse responsibilities in animal care. He has also been instrumental in coordinating the design

and construction of several campus facilities: the Outdoor Aquatics Unit, the Medical Sciences Building animal care unit, and most recently the animal care unit in the Bob Wright Centre.

Staff members, researchers and department colleagues speak of Scheurle's unfailingly positive attitude, dedication and "make it work" approach. Beyond Ring Road, he has volunteered his time with the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) as an animal facility inspection panel member and, in 2008, received a commendation from the CCAC for "his remarkable dedication to the animal care and use program."

Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology Manager of Technical Support Albert Labossiere, who has worked with Scheurle for 25 years, sums up Scheurle's contribution to the university community: "In essence Ralph has been the animal care equivalent of the one-man band but with the distinction that he has performed like a symphony orchestra."

Scheurle characteristically deflects



Scheurle. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

the applause onto his team. "I feel my success is the result of a team effort, and I'd like to acknowledge my dedicated staff, the university's senior administration for their strong support of the Animal Care Unit and also the support of other units,

particularly Facilities Management and Occupational Health, Safety and Environment," he says. "This has not just been a job—it's been a career, and working with the people here has been my true pleasure and incentive."

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THE NUMBER OF WORDS IN THE DOGRIB INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE ONLINE DICTIONARY, DEVELOPED BY COEY

AWARD FOR FIRST FIVE YEARS: OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

Chris Coey,
Department of Linguistics

"What would we do without Chris?" This refrain runs through the nomination package and reference letters for Chris Coey, recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award for First Five Years: Outstanding Contribution. Coey has clearly become an integral and indispensable member of the Department of Linguistics since signing on as a programmer and IT consultant in 2006.

On paper, Coey's job calls for him to provide technical support for linguistics classes and in the Phonetics Lab, maintain equipment and instruments, offer technical training and create software applications for faculty and graduate researchers.

In practice, Coey goes far beyond the call of duty in assisting faculty and students and tending to the department's hardware and software needs. A consummate problem solver, Coey is described by Dr. Leslie Saxon as "kind, optimistic—always positive—with an idea or two for solving every task that comes his way."

A UVic alumnus with bachelor's degrees in sociology and psychology, Coey's creativity and initiative have resulted in

the development of innovative computer applications that have expanded the potential of faculty research projects. For example, Coey pioneered a video-capture program since no off-the-shelf software was available to record and save high-quality ultrasound videos of vocal tract articulations. Other speech-research labs around the world are now using this novel application, which is trademarked by the Department of Linguistics.

Coey's programming applications have also been adopted in Indigenous communities across the country for use in language revitalization projects. By integrating recorded audio files with text material, Coey created both an online dictionary (the Dogrib Multimedia Dictionary at <http://tlicholinguistics.uvic.ca/>) that speaks the words and phrases of the Dene language, and a recently developed app for mobile devices such as the iPhone and iPad. Slated for release this summer, the app allows a scaled-down version of the dictionary to be available remotely, on demand.

According to Lorna Williams, Canada



Coey. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning, Coey's "artistry, creativity, technical wizardry, love of technology, knowledge, work ethic, good humour, patience and positive nature brings out the best in the work of the department. He helps us be better at the work we do with his kind and knowledgeable support."

On his own time, Coey plays the guitar in a band with other UVic alumni. "My job is a perfect fit—I can use my skills in audio recording and multimedia computing, and am continually learning," he says. "I am fortunate to have the freedom to simply do what I do best and follow my passions while helping others tame technology."

around the ring

Don't be alarmed

Six campus buildings have a new fire alarm tone, following alarm system upgrades as part of the Knowledge Infrastructure Program: Clearihue, Cornett, Cunningham, Elliott, MacLaurin and University Centre. The new alarm tone, which has a repeating instead of a steady sound, meets the current standard for the sounding of fire alarms. Research has found that patterned tones or sounds with pauses are more effective at alerting occupants than a steady alarm pattern. The new alarm tone will be introduced to all campus buildings as systems are updated. Though the sound may be new, the rule of thumb is the same: If it sounds like it could be a fire alarm, leave the building immediately and go to your building assembly site. More info: http://ohs.uvic.ca/emergency_management/fire_flood.php

Social media and privacy

Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia Elizabeth Denham will share her broad knowledge about social networking learned through her investigation of Facebook's activities in Canada in a free public lecture entitled "Inside the Black Box of Social Networking" on Monday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m. in Bob Wright Centre, B150.

"INSIDE" DANIEL MacIVOR

BY ADRIENNE HOLIERHOEK

Calling actor, director and playwright Daniel MacIvor a busy guy is a bit of an understatement. Within the span of the past few months, he opened his latest movie, *Trigger*, now playing in film festivals across Canada, and took over as a last-minute replacement director for David Mamet's *The Cryptogram* at the Belfry Theatre.

A stalwart of the Canadian theatre scene, MacIvor will be back on the West Coast later this month to direct his play *A Beautiful View* at Vancouver's Shadbolt Centre for the Arts before it travels to Montréal. Following that, he'll perform his one-man show, *This Is What Happens Next*, at Great Canadian Theatre Company in Ottawa. Add in a production of his play *Communion* in Edmonton, mentoring a master class on playwriting at the prestigious Banff Centre and the off-Broadway opening of his show *The Soldier Dreams*, as well as an appearance in the popular CBC TV series *The Republic of Doyle*, and "busy" doesn't even begin to cut it.

And yet, somewhere in between all this, MacIvor has been hard at work developing and workshopping the world premiere of his new play, *Inside*, for UVic's own Phoenix Theatre. Running March 17-26 at the Phoenix, *Inside* is a modern tragicomedy looking at a cross-section of Canadian experiences over the course of one evening at a nightclub.

Inside is adapted specifically for 11 students in the Department of Theatre from an earlier work and is helmed by acclaimed guest director David Ferry (MFA '04).

MacIvor is clearly keen to be,



MacIvor and the cast of *Inside*. PHOTO: TRAVIS BOWER

uh... inside UVic. "I'm thrilled UVic is giving me the opportunity to work with David and these talented young actors while I develop this new play," says MacIvor. "The students are well-suited to the 20-something characters in the play."

Creating *Inside* for UVic has clearly been a different process for MacIvor. "I don't often have anyone else direct first productions of my multi-character shows," he explains. "But I love David's style and his ease with the actors. I'm trying to take a back seat and keep my mouth shut for the most part—not my natural inclination—but he's being generous with me, letting me throw my

two cents in. He values having the writer in the room."

Fourth-year theatre acting student Alex Plouffe concurs. Playing Brian, one of *Inside*'s 20-somethings, he appreciated MacIvor's contribution to rehearsal. "Obviously, as the writer, he knows all the answers to your character... he knows the script, well, inside and out," he says chuckling at the inadvertent pun, "But he let us find our characters on our own. It was a very organic process. I could experiment and both Daniel and David were very supportive. No pressure."

This play presents a once-in-a-lifetime challenge for its student actors—one that Ferry says they've

definitely embraced. "Their energy and passion and willingness to try new things is undeniably exciting... and a joy to work with. If only I had had such good fortune as a theatre school student to premiere the work of a fabulous living playwright."

"We've been looking forward to this for a year," says Plouffe. "You never think you're going to have the chance to work with someone of this calibre in your entire career, let alone by the time you're 21. I feel incredibly lucky."

And perhaps this is true for the playwright as well. "This is a great group of actors," says MacIvor of his Phoenix experience and time in Victoria. "Life is good."

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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

LE, NONET gets \$250,000 in government funding

BY PATTY PITTS

Last fall, UVic announced how the LE, NONET project, a four-year national research project by the university and the Government of Canada, had helped Aboriginal students succeed in their post secondary studies at UVic. On March 4 Ida Chong, the BC Minister of Science and Universities, announced one-time funding of \$250,000 to ensure that LE, NONET's successful programs continue to assist UVic Aboriginal students.

"Greater participation by Aboriginal students in advanced education enriches the lives of students, their home communities, the campuses where they study and British Columbia generally," said Chong during a special ceremony in UVic's First Peoples House. "By providing this funding, our government is helping valuable

programs and research continue so we can learn more about how to support Aboriginal students in achieving success in their post-secondary studies."

"UVic's LE, NONET project showed us how universities can better support Indigenous student success," said UVic President David Turpin at the announcement. "This contribution from the BC government will enable us to continue implementing the lessons learned during the pilot and build an ongoing program."

The one-time funding will: expand the elder-in-residence program, making it possible for elders to offer guidance and cultural support to all Aboriginal students at UVic; increase the amount of funding for bursaries; double the number of research apprenticeships and community internships so that LE, NONET students can experience both programs; and

expand the peer mentorship program beyond current UVic Aboriginal students to include Aboriginal Grade 11 and 12 students in local high schools to ease their direct transition to university.

The funding will also allow UVic to continue the research component of the LE, NONET project by tracking the participation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and the success of the current LE, NONET students in comparison to Aboriginal students who don't participate in the program.

In the program operating at UVic between 2005 and 2009, LE, NONET students experienced a 100-per-cent increase in term-to-term continuation, a 20-per-cent increase in graduation rates and a 67-per-cent reduction in withdrawal rates. The students also remained in their academic programs for an additional year.

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Theatre 8 p.m. March 17–26. *Inside*. By Daniel MacIvor. Directed by David Ferry. The world premiere of this modern tragicomedy plays host to a cross-section of Canadian experiences. Over the course of one evening, immigrants and orphans, Christians and addicts, entrepreneurs and activists alike will converge in the pulsing world of the nightclub. Between the beats of the music, boundaries will fall, tensions will rise, and lives will change forever. *Advisory: Mature subject matter, nudity and strong language.* Phoenix Theatre. \$12–\$22. 250-721-8000

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Lecture/Seminar 12:30 p.m. *Deans' lunchtime lecture series: The Forgotten Holocaust*. Michael Gans (UVic). Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton Street.

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music voice students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-8634

Lecture/Seminar 1:00 p.m. *Harm Reduction through a Social Justice Lens*. Dr. Bernie Pauly (UVic). David Strong Building C114.

Lecture/Seminar 2:30 p.m. *Nietzsche, Intention, Action*. Dr. Alexander Nehamas (Princeton Univ.). Clearihue A316. 250-853-3120

Lecture/Seminar 2:45 p.m. *Salmon Dynamics with Dr. Richard Beamish, Fisheries*

and Oceans Canada. Social Sciences & Mathematics Building B215. 250-721-7327

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Music 2:30 p.m. *African Sanctus*. Victoria Choral Society, Giuseppe Pietrarora, director. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$32, \$20 for students. 250-721-8480

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Lecture/Seminar 12:30 p.m. *Biodiversity: A New Source of Information*. Alain Touwaide (Smithsonian Institute). Wright Centre B150.

Lecture/Seminar 4:30 p.m. *Holocaust Speakers Series: Generations of Voices*. Peter Gary. Clearihue A212. By donation.

Music 8:00 p.m. *MUS 562A/B New Music Festival Part I*. School of Music composition students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-8634

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Lecture/Seminar 1:00 p.m. *Creating Spaces Workshop*. Sedgewick C168. 250-472-4114

Lecture/Seminar 4:00 p.m. *Imaginary Friends*. CSRS Artist in Residence Doug Jarvis. Engineering/Computer Science Building 116. 250-721-6325

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *Holocaust Speakers Series: Generations of Voices*. George Pal. Clearihue A212. By donation.

Music 8:00 p.m. *MUS 562A/B New Music Festival Part II*. School of Music composition students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-8634

Other 8:00 p.m. *Astronomy Open House*. And March 23 & 30. Wright Centre Observatory. <http://astrowww.phys.uvic.ca/events/>

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Lecture/Seminar 12:30 p.m. *Holocaust Speakers Series: Generations of Voices*. UVic students and faculty. Strong C116. By donation.

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music percussion students. MacLaurin B125

Lecture/Seminar 3:30 p.m. *From the Walls to the Grave: Linking Geometric Signs in the Rock Art and Personal Adornment of Ice Age France*. Genevieve von Petzinger (UVic). Clearihue C112.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Music 8:00 p.m. *UVic Jazz Orchestra*. Patrick Boyle, director. MacLaurin B125. Tickets \$10-\$15. 250-721-8634

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Music 8:00 p.m. *Vocal Jazz Spring Showcase*. Wendell Clanton, director. MacLaurin B125. By donation. 250-721-8634

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Lecture/Seminar 5:30 p.m. *Amazon Web Service Seminar*. Jeff Bar (Amazon). Engineering/Computer Science Building 125. RSVP to taracoul@uvic.ca.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Lecture/Seminar 12:00 p.m. *Paleopharmacotherapy: From Ancient Practice to Modern Research*. Alain Touwaide (Smithsonian Institute). Medical Sciences Building 150.

Lecture/Seminar 4:00 p.m. *"Three Who Were Made and Their Mothers Never Slept with a Man:" Medieval Jewish Stories*. Shamma Boyarin. Social Sciences & Mathematics Building A104. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Lecture/Seminar 4:30 p.m. *Inside the Black Box of Social Networking*. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham. Wright Centre B150.

Lecture/Seminar 7:00 p.m. *How Political Are Streets?* Judith Garber (Univ. of Alberta). Legacy Art Gallery and Café. 640 Yates St.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music composition students. MacLaurin B125. By donation. 250-721-8634

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *Marine Night: UVic's Marine Protected Area Research Group: From Whale Sharks to Clam Gardens, What Are They Doing?* Dr. Philip Dearden (UVic). Fraser Building 159.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Music 8:00 p.m. *String Chamber Music*. Ensembles from the studios of the Lafayette String Quartet and Yariv Aloni. MacLaurin B125. By donation. 250-721-8634

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Music 8:00 p.m. *University of Victoria Chorus & Orchestra*. Ajtony Casaba, conductor. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. <https://tickets.uvic.ca/>. 250-721-8480

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Music 2:30 p.m. *University of Victoria Philomela Women's Choir*. Mary Kennedy, conductor. MacLaurin B125. \$10-\$12. 250-721-8634

around the ring

Cricket, anyone?

The University of Victoria Cricket Club, established just last year, is interested in adding to its roster of players and in possibly starting a women's team. The team reflects the international nature of the game, and includes players from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Canada. Last summer, the UVic CC made it to the quarter-finals in the Victoria Midweek Cricket League playoffs and soundly defeated the University of the Fraser Valley Cricket Club in the first inter-university cricket match in UVic history. The new season commences in April. All interested should contact UVic CC Secretary, Dr. James Young (philosophy), joy@uvic.ca.

Have your say on expanding the smoke-free campus

As part of the university's commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for work and study, consultation sessions are being held on a proposal to expand smoke-free areas on campus. Members of the university community are encouraged to attend one of two open house opportunities to provide input on this proposal on Monday, March 14 in the Michele Pujol Room of the Student Union Building, from noon to 1 p.m. or from 3 to 4 p.m. Members of the task group representing students, employee groups and other staff will be in attendance.

No Foolin'

The UVic Family Centre is getting ready for its eighth annual *No Foolin'* event on Friday, April 1 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. outside the Family Centre in the student family housing complex on Lam Circle. *No Foolin'* is an opportunity for UVic student families, community supporters and local businesses to come out and celebrate the energy and diversity that families and their children bring to campus life. It highlights UVic's vibrant family community and helps raise awareness about the challenges and barriers that some student families face. Parachute games, relay races, ethnic food, pizza and ice-cream are all part of the free program. Everyone is welcome. More information: familyc@uvic.ca



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accepted method of looking for the "fingerprints" of human-caused climate change.

Min, Zwiers and colleagues used observations from 6,000 weather stations across much of the northern hemisphere to study how intense precipitation changed between 1951 and 1999. They found a widespread trend toward more intense precipitation extremes.

They then used sophisticated computer climate models to determine whether those observed changes can be explained by natural climate variability. They could not. The rise in extreme precipitation events only made sense when the effects of increasing greenhouse gases were factored into the models.

"The most plausible explanation for this trend is the steady increase in global temperatures caused by

greenhouse gas emissions," says Zwiers, noting that warmer air can carry more water vapour, which enables more intense precipitation extremes.

In fact, the study team admits that the climate models they used may have underestimated the observed trend. "This implies that extreme precipitation events may strengthen more quickly in the future than projected and that they may have more severe impacts than estimated."

Zwiers is president and CEO of the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC). An initiative of UVic, PCIC is a not-for-profit corporation that provides practical, science-based information for policy action in the areas of community planning, ecology, forestry, hydrology, transportation, agriculture, public health and energy.

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McPherson Library staff members **Shailoo Bedi** and **Carlie Graham** have received a National Inclusive Education Award from the Canadian Association for Community Living and the British Columbia Association for Community Living. They were recognized for their leadership in making the library an inclusive learning environment and workplace for students with developmental disabilities. Bedi, director of Systems and Client Services, has been instrumental in creating a way for students with developmental disabilities to access part-time "student assistant" employment at the library. Graham, manager of Music, Audio and Media Services, has employed a student with a developmental disability for the last three years and taken leadership within the university to promote what needs to happen to make student positions successful.

Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth, Lansdowne Professor (Applied Cognitive Science) in the Faculty of Education, continues to receive recognition from around the world for his contributions to international science education. Most recently the senate of the University of Ioannina in Greece has selected Roth to receive the distinction of Honourary Doctor at the university's spring Convocation in 2011.

UVic computer science student Dan Sanders came out on top at the BC Winter Programming Competition hosted by SFU last month. There were 52 teams competing in the three-hour program including high school students from the Lower Mainland, university students from Alberta, and students from UVic, UBC and SFU. The seven UVic students placed 1, 11, 18, 20, 30, 45 and 52. Sanders came in first place in the entire competition solving all six questions. **Jennifer Debroni** (computer science) came in 11th place after solving five of the six questions. **Scott Porter** (computer science) came in 18th place, and **Brodie Roberts** (computer science) came in at 20th place, both with four problems solved. More info: www.cs.sfu.ca/news/events/ACM/scoreboard/

Dániel Péter Biró (music) recently won the Vienna Jeunesse Choir vocal music competition and has been commissioned to write a piece for its 2012 concert season. This year will also see the associate professor of composition and music theory working with the Meitar Ensemble at the Hateiva Studio in Yafo, Israel, and in April his new composition for countertenor, piano and electronics will be performed in the Fromm Concerts at Harvard University.

day in the life

A day in the life of Traci Vander Byl typically involves manual therapy treatments, a little taping, some blood, and, sometimes, broken bones.

Vander Byl is in her fourth year as the head athletic therapist with Vikes Athletics and spends most of her time at work tending to sports injuries in one of two sports injury clinics on campus.

"I'm responsible for the care of our varsity athletes," explains Vander Byl. "I work with student trainers and therapists to provide the care that varsity athletes need to get through demanding CIS [Canadian Interuniversity Sport] seasons.

"We provide such services as pre-event massage, stretching and taping as well as on-site care and management of injuries ranging from minor to the catastrophic.

"Primarily, I see the high-impact and collision sports in the McKinnon clinic, but all varsity athletes are welcome to book an appointment."

As a Certified Athletic Therapist, Vander Byl has both a clinical and field component to her job; injuries in a game are treated on the spot and are usually followed-up with care in the clinic.

"It's pleasantly insane at the beginning of the season. From training camps in August until CIS Nationals finish in November, the clinic is in full swing," says Vander Byl. "I come in and check my email and phone messages as soon as possible because I usually have coaches to follow-up



Vander Byl working on Vikes rugby player Adam Kleeberger. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

with, physicians to seek advice from, and athletes trailing around after me as soon as I'm in the building."

The beginning of the season means that Vander Byl is fielding double- and triple-booked appointments throughout the work week before staffing the sidelines for week-end game days until she's content with the comfort level and expertise of her student therapy team.

"I've got 15 UVic student trainers working with seven Camosun athletic therapy students this semester," explains Vander Byl. "They are a big part of the success of the varsity medical services."

The UVic student trainers gener-

ally assist the third-year Camosun athletic therapy students who are trained first responders and experienced in assessing and taping on-field injuries.

"I love my job, I love the athletes and I especially love seeing them develop over their four or five-year athletic career," says Vander Byl. "It's bittersweet when the athletes graduate because I've watched them grow so much in such a short period of time."

Vander Byl, an avid hiker, runner, dog-walker and boot camp-goer outside of work hours, moved to Victoria from Ontario in 2005 to work with the UVic women's soccer team as the

head athletic therapist and to assist in the varsity sports injury clinic.

She's now serving as co-chair of the advisory medical committee for the CIS Canada West conference, a role that has her meeting annually, and communicating frequently, with other head therapists to share, brainstorm and discuss current topics as they relate to student athletes.

"Every year brings surprises; every year brings new things. I learn from each previous year in order to continue to grow and become more efficient in providing the best possible care and service to our varsity athletes," says Vander Byl. "They are why I am here."

New centre focuses on early childhood research

What does it take to raise a healthy and happy child?

That's just one of the questions the 60 faculty members and 50 grad students who make up UVic's new Centre for Early Childhood Research and Policy (CECRP) strive to answer.

The new centre is built upon the foundation laid by UVic's Research in Early Education and Child Health (REACH) program. Since 2003, REACH—an informal and interdisciplinary group—has been advancing collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to supporting young children's health, development and learning.

"When we applied to become a centre, we had letters of support from all sorts of departments and faculties at UVic, ranging from linguistics and French to nursing and public policy," says Dr. Jessica Ball, the centre's director. "Having a centre like this on campus is a great opportunity for researchers to share their knowledge with the community and to learn from families, communities and practitioners in the field. It also enhances the visibility of UVic's expertise in this area. Many of our letters of support for the centre came from community organizations in BC and research centres in other provinces that recognize UVic as a leader in the field of child health, development and learning."

The newly established centre will provide a single, coordinated contact point for the government and community to access UVic research capabilities in the field of early childhood research. For example, if someone has a concern about his or her child moving into full-day kindergarten, they might not know who at UVic has done, or could do, this research. Similarly, if a government department

would like to engage with UVic on a research topic, or for training in child and youth care, now there is a central contact.

"This is a very important initiative, at a time when there is building momentum to make a difference in the lives of young children," says Dr. Beverly Smith, the centre's associate director. "UVic researchers have contributed to that momentum by using research to impact public policy."

The new centre will also increase education and research opportunities for students and faculty, as well as for professionals in the field. It will host an annual speaker series, a graduate student research day, evening seminars, lunch-hour conversations, daylong symposia, and weekend and full-week professional development institutes and credit courses.

"We all know that children need to be supported as whole beings and not in fragmented ways that separately support their language development, cognition, health, or cultural identity. Children's wellness depends on the broad ecology in which they are growing," says Ball.

"Therefore, we need to look at them holistically. That requires that we draw on perspectives, theoretical and research findings of all faculties. UVic's Centre for Early Childhood Research and Policy is a great way for us to share that knowledge across the campus, the local community and beyond."

For more information visit www.reach.uvic.ca or sign up to the centre's listserv at <http://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/reach-news>

The Centre for Early Childhood Research and Policy isn't the only new addition to UVic's roster of research centres and organizations. There are two more:

■ **The Victoria Subatomic Physics and Accelerator Centre (VISPA)** brings together a number of faculty, emeritus faculty and adjunct faculty from the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the fields of theoretical, experimental and accelerator physics. The centre will coordinate UVic research activity in particle physics and accelerator science, promote collaborative and interdisciplinary research, support UVic's prominent role in several international particle physics projects, and promote high-quality graduate and post-doctoral training. The interim director is Dr. Dean Karlen.

■ **The Business Centre for Social and Sustainable Innovation (CSSI)** includes researchers in the Faculty of Business who study social and environmental issues as they pertain to business. The centre will help to build the faculty's reputation in this area; enhance collaborative opportunities with researchers from other disciplines on campus; help build partnerships with business, community and public sector organizations; and provide enhanced learning and career opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students. The acting director is Dr. Monika Winn.



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