



What are you
reading +
watching +
listening to
this summer?

Our summer-2023 list



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Why are we doing this?

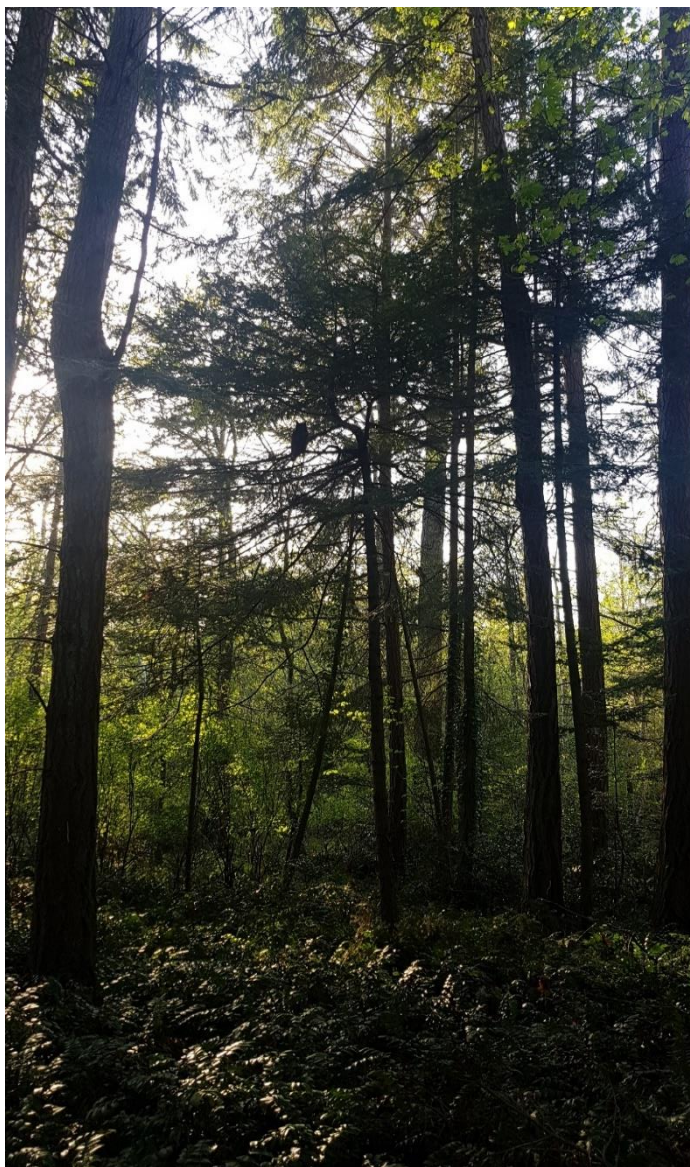
We're not trying to be popular this summer... But this list will be!

Rumor has it that reading lists are popular. They date back to the [19th Century](#) and quickly started to be used for [teaching](#). [Schools, libraries, and students](#) have contributed to their growing popularity for decades. Nowadays, many booklovers expect a reading list each summer.

The story of our reading list is a bit unusual. When Eva Linde dropped by Victoria last April, she asked me: "Hey, what will the next mass email be about? Another of our attempts to [boldly go where no one has gone before](#)?" The answer was "Yes! But we'll try to take everyone with us this time." Then, we realized that such a project was going to be challenging. Summer was coming; construction works were happening around the law library; everyone wanted to leave the Fraser Building as soon as possible; and we hadn't organized a summer speaker series.

AS FOUR OWLS VISITED OUR LAW LIBRARY, THE IDEA OF A SUMMER READING LIST HIT OUR HEADS... Summer reading lists are thrilling experiences. They are great means to share information and satisfy people's curiosity. They are fun and connect people. It is true that there are many summer reading lists already. However, this is ours. Like most of our Group's projects, this summer list is an attempt to connect all of us and enrich our academic experiences.

Our list is very special for five reasons. First, it is not limited to books. Second, [UVic's Chancellor](#) and the [Acting Dean of our Law School](#) accepted to join us. Third, many of our instructors and guest speakers shared their summer picks too. Fourth, we have an anonymous inquisitive reader whose identity is more mysterious than [Elena Ferrante's](#) 😊. If these reasons don't convince you, here's a fifth one: a lot of UVic librarians accepted to participate! Everybody knows that a list with resources that librarians recommend must be taken seriously. Librarians aren't just friendly and



Picture of one of our library owls

organized people. They're professionals who can do impressive things! If you don't believe it, click [here](#). 😊

Our list is very special thanks to our librarians and all the people who joined us. Thank you! Our 2024 list will come for sure. Wait for our next mass email! Meanwhile, we look forward to hearing from you as well as from more faculty members, more librarians, more guest speakers, and more LLM and PhD students.

Esteban Vallejo Toledo ☿ Eva Linde
UVic Graduate Student Law & Society Research Group

***P.S.:** If you think that you know who our anonymous contributor and Elena Ferrante are, [let us know!!!](#) We're not offering prizes but would love to read your comments.*

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- Knowledge Justice: Disrupting Library and Information Studies through Critical Race Theory by *Sofia Y. Leung and Jorge R. López-McKnight, eds.*

[MIT Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Aman Gebru – Assistant Professor - The University of Houston Law Center Faculty

- Critical Race Theory: an Introduction by *Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic*
- Copyright and Collective Authorship: Locating the Authors of Collaborative Work by *Daniela Simone*
- Choreographing Copyright: Race, Gender, and Intellectual Property Rights in American Dance by *Anthea Kraut*

[NYU Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Cambridge University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Oxford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

André Paulo Pereira – Visiting Professor & PhD Student - University Federal of Roraima

- The Wetiko Legal Principles: Cree and Anishinabek Responses to Violence and Victimization by *Hadley Friedland*
- The Falling Skyes: Words of a Yanomami Shaman by *David Kopenawa*

[UToronto Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Belknap Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Andrew Newcombe – Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations – UVic Law

- To Boldly Go Where No Court Has Gone Before: Canada Paves the Way for Transnational Litigation Against Corporations for Human Rights Abuses? by *Vincent-Joël Proulx*

[Connecticut Journal of International Law, Vol. 38, No. 1, 2023](#)

Bill Blair – Music and Media Librarian (click the superscript for comments)

- On Music Theory and Making Music More Welcoming for Everyone by *Philip Ewell*¹

[University of Michigan Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Christian Schmidt – Special Projects Librarian (click the superscript for comments)

- Calculating God by *Robert J. Sawyer*²
- The Heebie-Jeebies at CBGB's: a Secret History of Jewish Punk by *Steven Lee Beeber*³
- The Five Laws of Library Science by *Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan*⁴
- The Rise of AI: Implications and Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Libraries by *Sandy Hervieux & Amanda Wheatley, eds.*⁵

[Tor Books](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Chicago Review Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Ess Ess Publications](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Association of College and Research Libraries](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Music picks:

- A. (2022). Dub No Frontiers. Label: On-U Sound⁶

[Stream from here \(free\)](#)

[Colin Macleod – Professor in law and philosophy - Chair of the Department of Philosophy \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- Living With the Invisible Hand: Markets, Corporations, and Human Freedom by *Waheed Hussain, Arthur Ripstein & Nicholas Vrousalis*
 - [Oxford University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Parfit: A Philosopher and His Mission to Save Morality by *Dave Edmond*⁷
 - [Princeton University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)

[Contributions from an anonymous reader 😊 – UVic Law](#)

- Files: Law and Media Technology by *Cornelia Vismann*
 - [Stanford University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- The Code of Capital: How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality by *Katharina Pistor*
 - [Princeton University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Marx: Towards the Centre of Possibility by *Kojin Karatani*
 - [Verso](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Class, Race, and Marxism by *David Roediger*
 - [Verso](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Race, Place, Trace: Essays in Honour of Patrick Wolfe by *Lorenzo Veracini & Susan Slyomovics, eds.*
 - [Verso](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Liquidated: an Ethnography of Wall Street by *Karen Zouwen Ho*
 - [Duke University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)

Deborah Curran – Professor & Executive Director, Environmental Law Centre – UVic Law

- Making and Breaking Settler Space: Five Centuries of Colonization in North America by *Adam J. Barker*
- Do Glaciers Listen?: Local Knowledge, Colonial Encounters, and Social Imagination by *Julie Cruikshank*

[UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey – Professor & Associate Vice-President Academic Programs – UVic

- Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

[Milkweed Editions](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Esteban Vallejo Toledo – PhD Student (ABD) – UVic Law 'stɛbən və'dʒɛhɔ tɔ'lɛdɔ (click the superscript for comments)

A book + film for my research:

- Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw⁸

[Project Gutenberg](#)
[UVic catalogue book](#)
[Goodreads](#)

A book to keep celebrating Stefan Zweig:

- The Right to Heresy: Castellio Against Calvin by *Stefan Zweig*⁹

[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

A book that is great (I won't finish it this summer):

- Chimalpahin's Conquest: A Nahua Historian's Rewriting of Francisco Lopez de Gomara's La Conquista de Mexico by *Francisco López de Gómara. Susan Schroeder, Anne J. Cruz, Cristián Roa-de-la-Carrera & David E. Tavárez, eds. & trans.*¹⁰

[Stanford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
[Spanish \(Free\): UNAM](#)

A book to read with my niece:

- The Tiger Who Came to Tea *by Judith Kerr*¹¹

[Harper Collins](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

A book to read with my nephews (we won't finish it this summer):

- Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation *by Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)*¹²

[Harper Collins](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

A 1963 movie (that I'll definitely watch):

- The Leopard (*Il gattopardo*) *by Luchino Visconti*¹³

Eva Linde – PhD Candidate – UVic Law**A book for my research:**

- Picking Up the Slack: Law, Institutions, and Canadian Climate Policy *by Andrew Green*

[University of Toronto Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

A book that I'll read with my kid:

- Once Upon a Potty: Boy *by Alona Frankel*

[Firefly Books](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Gillian Calder – Associate Professor – UVic Law

- Reconciling Truths: Reimagining Public Inquiries in Canada *by Kim Stanton*
- Complaint! *by Sara Ahmed*
- Research Handbook on Law and Emotion *by Susan Bandes, Jody Madeira, Kathryn Temple and Emily Kidd White, eds..*

[UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Duke University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Edward Elgar Publishing](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Emotions in the Law School Transforming Legal Education Through the Passions by *Emma Jones*
- Feeling Queer Jurisprudence Injury, Intimacy, Identity by *Senhorun Sunil Raj*
- Affect and Legal Education Emotion in Learning and Teaching the Law by *Caroline Maughan, Paul Maharg, eds.*
- The Passions of Law by *Susan Bandes, ed.*

[Routledge](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Routledge](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Routledge](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[NYU Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Hannah Cornwell – Associate Professor in Ancient History – University of Birmingham](#)

- Pax: War and Peace in Rome's Golden Age by *Tom Holland*
- Elite Capture: How the Powerful Took Over Identity Politics (and Everything Else) by *Olúfémi O. Táíwò*
- Restraint, conflict, and the fall of the Roman Republic by *Paul Belonick*
- To Be Taught, If Fortunate by *Becky Chambers*

[Basic Books](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Haymarket Books](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Oxford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)

[Harper Collins](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[J. Matthew Huculak – Head, Advanced Research Services & Digital Scholarship Librarian \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- How Data Happened: a History from the Age of Reason to the Age of Algorithms by *Chris Wiggins & Matthew L Jones¹⁴*

[W. W. Norton & Company](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Jeremy Webber – Professor – UVic Law (click the superscript for comments)

- Justice by Means of Democracy by *Danielle Allen*¹⁵
 - [University of Chicago Press](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Law's Rule: the Nature, Value, and Viability of the Rule of Law by *Gerald J Postema*¹⁶
 - [Oxford University Press](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)

Jessica K Mussell – Distance Learning and Research Librarian

- A World of Curiosities by *Louise Penny*
 - [Minotaur Books](#)
 - [Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)

Jessie Lampreau – Indigenous Initiatives, Law Librarian

- Truth Telling: Seven Conversations About Indigenous Life in Canada by *Michelle Good*
 - [Harper Collins](#)
 - [Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
- Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation by *Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)*
 - [Harper Collins](#)
 - [UVic catalogue](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)

Podcasts:

- Land Back
 - [CBC Listen](#)
- Taapwaywin: Talking About What We Know and What We Believe
 - [UVic Libraries Podcast](#)

[Jonathan Bengtson – University Librarian \(Chair\) \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- In the Suicide's Library: A Book Lover's Journey by *Tim Bowling*¹⁷ [Gaspereau Press](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Kathleen Matthews – Science and Social Sciences Librarian](#)

- Rehearsals for Living by *Robyn Maynard & Leanne Betasamosake Simpson* [Knopf Canada](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Woman, Watching: Louise de Kiriline Lawrence and the Songbirds of Pimisi Bay by *Merilyn Simonds* [ECW Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- On the Origin of Time: Stephen Hawking's Final Theory by *Thomas Hertog* [Bantam Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Claiming Anishinaabe: Decolonizing the Human Spirit by *Lynn Gehl* [University of Regina Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Otter's Journey Through Indigenous Language and Law by *Lindsay Keegitah Borrows* [UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- To Share, Not Surrender: Indigenous and Settler Visions of Treaty-Making in the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia by *Peter Cook et al., eds.* [UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- The Sea is not Made of Water: Life Between the Tides by *Adam Nicolson* [William Collins](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Paddling to Where I Stand: Agnes Alfred, Qwiqwasutinixw Noblewoman by Agnes Alfred. Edited and translated by Martine J. Reid, ed., & Daisy Sewid-Smith, trans.
[UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Wilson Duff: Coming Back, a Life by Robin Fisher
[Harbour Publishing](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions by Temple Grandin
[Riverhead Books](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Becoming Kin: an Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining our Future by Patty Krawec
[Broadleaf Books](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Resilience, Reciprocity and Ecological Economics: Northwest Coast Sustainability by Ronald Troser
[Routledge](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Karen Munro – Director, Engagement and Learning & Acting Director of UVic’s Law Library \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- Frequently Asked White Questions by Ajay Parasram and Alex Khasnabish¹⁸
[Fernwood Publishing](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- The Taste of Country Cooking: The 30th Anniversary Edition of a Great Southern Classic Cookbook by Edna Lewis¹⁹
[Knopf](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library \(not the same edition\)](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Unsettling the University: Confronting the Colonial Foundations of US Higher Education by Sharon Stein²⁰
[Johns Hopkins University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

L. Jane McMillan – Professor, Chair of the Department of Anthropology – St. Francis Xavier University

- Mass Casualty Commission's Final Report [Commission's website](#)
- Decarceration Through Self-Determination: Ending the Mass Incarceration of Indigenous People in Canada by *The West Coast Prison Justice Society* [West Coast Prison Justice Society's website](#)
- Lost from Sight: Developing Recognition of Māori Law in Aotearoa New Zealand by *Carwyn Jones* [Legalities](#)
- Some Hellish by *Nicholas Herring* [Goose Lane Editions](#) [Greater Victoria Public Library](#) [Goodreads](#)
- Tales of Burning Love by *Louise Erdrich* [Harper Perennial](#) [UVic catalogue](#) [Greater Victoria Public Library](#) [Goodreads](#)

Music picks (artists):

- Kamasi Washington
- Jean-Michel Blais
- Lakecia Benjamin
- Brad Mehldau
- Morgan Toney
- Jeremy Dutcher
- Northern Cree
- Prince

Lara Wilson – Director, Special Collections and University Archivist (click the superscript for comments)

- The Indigenous Paleolithic of the Western Hemisphere by *Paulette F. C. Steeves*²¹ [University of Nebraska Press](#) [UVic catalogue](#) [Goodreads](#)
- Underland: a Deep Time Journey by *Robert Macfarlane*²² [W.W. Norton](#) [UVic catalogue](#) [Goodreads](#)

Marie-Claire Cordonier-Segger – Professor of Law - UVic & Visiting Chair of Sustainable Development Law and Policy - University of Cambridge

- Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by *Robin Wall Kimmerer*
[Milkweed Editions](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- The Ministry for the Future by *Kim Stanley Robinson*
[Orbit](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Marion Buller – Chancellor, University of Victoria

- Dying from Improvement: Inquests and Inquiries into Indigenous Deaths in Custody by *Sherene Razack*
[UToronto Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Red Nation Rising: from Bordertown Violence to Native Liberation by *Nick Estes et al.*
[PM Press](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Incarcerated Stories Indigenous Women Migrants and Violence in the Settler-Capitalist State by *Shannon Speed*
[UNC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Storying Violence: Unravelling Colonial Narratives in the Stanley Trial by *Gina Starblanket and Dallas Hunt*
[ARP Books](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Michael Lines – Learning and Research Librarian \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson²³

[Penguin Random House](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Best Short Stories of William Somerset Maugham by W. Somerset Maugham²⁴

[Pan McMillan](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- A Brief History of Equality by Thomas Piketty²⁵

[Harvard University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Monique Grenier – Science and Research Data Literacy Librarian \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- Sand talk: How Indigenous thinking can save the world by Tyson Yunkaporta²⁶

[HarperOne](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- How data happened: A history from the age of reason to the age of algorithms by Matthew Jones and Chris Wiggins²⁷

[W. W. Norton & Company](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin²⁸

[Knopf](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)



Nicole Herron – Senior Supervisor & Access Services - UVic Libraries

- Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

[Scribner](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Butter, Honey, Pig, Bread by Francesca Ekwuyasi

[Arsenal Pulp Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker

[Doubleday Books](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Movie picks:

- Barbie by Greta Gerwig
- Oppenheimer by Christopher Nolan

Podcasts:

- Island Crime
- Maintenance Phase
- Suspicion – The Billionaire Murders
- The King Road Killings
- You're Wrong About
- Hot off the Mess

Paige Thombs – PhD Candidate – UVic Law

- Religious Diversity in Canadian Public Schools: Rethinking the Role of Law by Dia Dabby

[University of Chicago Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Policing Black lives: state violence in Canada from slavery to the present by Robyn Maynard

[Fernwood Publishing](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Mass Capture: Chinese Head Tax and the Making of Non-Citizens by Lily Cho

[McGill-Queen's University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Patricia Cochran – Associate Professor – UVic Law

- Judgment: New Trajectories in Law by *Thomas Giddens*
- Judging from Experience: Law, Praxis, Humanities by *Jeanne Gaakeer*

[Routledge](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Edinburgh University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Qian Liu – Assistant Professor – University of Calgary

- Marriage Unbound: State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China by *Ke Li*
- Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance by *James C. Scott*

[Stanford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Yale University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Rebecca Johnson – Associate Director, Indigenous Law Research Unit & Director, Graduate Program – UVic Law (click the superscript for comments)

- At the Bridge : James Teit and an Anthropology of Belonging by *Wendy Wickwire*²⁹
- Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation by *Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)*³⁰

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[UVic catalogue](#)
[Our contributor's review](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Harper Collins](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Robert Lapper – David & Dorothy Lam Chair in Law and Public Policy Professor - UVic Law (click the superscript for comments)

- Life Against States of Emergency: Revitalizing Treaty Relations from Attawapiskat by *Sarah Marie Wiebe*³¹
[UBC Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, & Healing in a Toxic Culture by *Gabor Maté & Daniel Maté*³²
[Avery](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Slouching Towards Bethlehem by *Joan Didion*³³
[Farrar Straus Giroux](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- The Lincoln Highway by *Amor Towles*³⁴
[Viking Press](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Shahira Khair – Data Curation Librarian (click the superscript for comments)

- Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock by *Jenny Odell*³⁵
[Penguin Random House](#)
[Greater Victoria Public Library](#)
[Goodreads](#)
- Data Cartels: the Companies that Control and Monopolize our Information by *Sarah Lamdan*³⁶
[Stanford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

Val Napoleon – Interim Dean – UVic Law, Professor & Law Foundation Chair of Indigenous Justice and Governance

- Against Decolonization: Taking African Agency Seriously by *Olúfémi Táíwò*
[Hurst Publishers](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Part-time Care for all: a care manifesto by *Jennifer Nedelsky*

[Oxford University Press](#)
[UVic catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

[Ying Liu – Librarian \(click the superscript for comments\)](#)

- Homo Deus: a Brief History of Yomorrow by *Yuval Noah Harari*³⁷
- 加拿大华侨移民史：社科卷 / 1858-2001. 黎全恩, 丁果, 贾葆蘅著.; Jianada Hua qiao yi min shi : 1858-2001. She ke juan (The History of Chinese Immigration to Canada: 1858-2001) by *Lai, Chuenyan David; Ding, Guo; Jia, Baoheng*.³⁸
- Victoria Chinatown : the Oldest Surviving Chinatown in Canada, 1858-2011 by *Lai, Chuenyan David*³⁹

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Why did you choose them? Comments from some of our contributors:

¹ [On music theory and making music more welcoming for everyone](#): The music department is reimagining their curriculum and they asked me to buy this book. This book offers a different perspective and an alternative to the way Western (classical) music has been traditionally been taught. I am reading this book not only as a way to try and get more understanding of the direction of the music department but to look ‘outside the box’ at music in general.

² [Calculating God](#): Always having been a fan of science fiction, but strolling away from it in recent years, I would like to return to these roots because I feel that in this time of many crises I need some utopia to escape to, but in a constructive manner, if that makes sense. Oh, and I have been given this as a gift by a cherished friend years ago who didn’t get tired to praise it and I – shame on me – never read it. And sometimes go to my bookshelf and pick stuff that has been sitting there forever and give it a shot, if I feel the time is right.

³ [The heebie-jeebies at CBGB's a secret history of Jewish punk](#): I have been socialized on Punk Rock, and it informs my value system and the way I look at the world to this day. When I started to understand that Punk – just as the world of comics and graphic novels - has been infused by Jewish culture, theology and philosophy, from its early days (e.g. Richard Hell) until today (e.g. Atom and His Package), because many of the actors in those subcultures are having a Jewish background, I found that mind-blowing and it turns out, there is a book about that (of course there is), so I want to educate myself more about that.

⁴ [The Five Laws of Library Science](#): This book by Indian librarian Ranganathan is a canon title in Library and Information Studies. Library and Information Professionals around the world learn about it, when they are in library school, but talking to my Library colleagues after coming to Canada, we realized that nobody seems to have actually read it. So two colleagues and I decided to give it a shot, read the whole thing and see if it has some timeless insight to offer for how we look at our profession and the work we do. We started a reading group, but now I am the last one who hasn't read it, so I have to finally do that over the summer.

⁵ [The rise of AI: Implications and applications of artificial intelligence in academic libraries](#): Just like everyone else, librarians can currently be overwhelmed with the (seemingly) sudden emergence of generative AI, with its fast-paced development, and with figuring out what all that means for higher education and society in general. But part of our job is also to get on top of something so relevant as quickly as possible and help others understand it better – we call that AI literacy, and establishing that is something we made part of our mission. Turns out, some libraries have been active in that realm for a while, and there is already quite a bit of research, as well as some library services and there are even classes offered by libraries, that touch on facets of AI, like machine learning (even here at UVic Libraries). Gaining a better understanding of what is already being offered by libraries around this topic and what groundwork still has to be done is what put this book, edited by the Association of College and Research Libraries, on my summer reading list.

⁶ [On Christian's music picks](#): I am always listening to music, even if it is only in my head... I often wake up in the morning, and a tune is already spinning in my head. I am naturally curious and hungry for new sounds and tunes that I find interesting or enchanting, always have been. And since I am hosting a little radio show on a German local radio together with some friends where we mostly just share our latest finds of weird and niche music from a wide variety of genres and backgrounds, I am constantly digging for new musical experiences, finding some real gems where others don't (some of my friends call me a truffle pig when it comes to music, haha). So, it's hard for me to point out some specific music that I will listen to. But I will say this: I am always trying to find my "summer record of the year" (doesn't have to be contemporary or anything), and I have a feeling that this year it will be this one: "V.A. (2022). Dub No Frontiers. Label: On-U Sound." The

blurb by producer Adam Sherwood, we put this compilation of dub songs by female artists from around the world together, states this: “This album is dedicated to the memory of both Ariane 'Ari Up' Forster and Lincoln Valentine 'Style' Scott with whom the project started. 'Dub No Frontiers' is inspired by and features women vocalists we knew from the UK or had met while travelling around the world. Many of the singers said they felt the Dub/Reggae arena was a bit of a male preserve and a little intimidating even, so we decided to invite artistes to perform a song of their choice, all in non-English on our rhythm tracks.”


Why I like it: For the longest time Dub was one of the few genres, that didn't speak to me, somehow. I tried many times, but most recordings didn't interest me too much, I found the sound to be kind of static and pre-defined (if that makes sense). But when I saw this record pop up somewhere recently, it's simplistic, beautiful title and artwork, my truffle pig nose started tingling right away... and the music on this record is some of the most intriguing and beautiful I have heard in a long time. The idea to take this often very specific genre with all its typical instruments, rhythms and sounds, and turn it upside down a bit, with lyrics in Arabic, Hindi, Mandarin... it works so well and makes it so refreshing, at least for my ears. Summer can come in hot, this record will keep me cool and relaxed and happy. And in fact, it made me realize my ignorance and sharpened my senses for the subtleties in dub music that are clearly there (of course they are) - I just hadn't recognized them. In the meantime, I've discovered a number of dub records that I find to be just mind-blowing! All thanks to this amazing project.

⁷ Parfit: A Philosopher and His Mission to Save Morality: this is a fascinating biography of Derek Parfit that not explores both his personal biography and his interesting, influential but sometimes controversial views in moral philosophy.

⁸ Major Barbara: I got some information about this piece by George Bernard Shaw through Anthony Sampson's *The arms bazaar*. I'll read Major Barbara this summer because it contains a relevant and still timely critique of utopic views proposing that radical market economies are means to foster social equality, political participation, and urban development.

⁹ The Right to Heresy: I love Stefan Zweig's books. His life and pieces of writing are very important to me, and I never miss the chance to read his works. Since I was never able to buy this book before (it was always too expensive), finding it in our library made me super happy. I'm including it on my list for three reasons: 1) Stefan Zweig wrote it; 2) his books are coming into public domain, which I want to celebrate; 3) this book is about challenging authority and troublemaking. Thus, I'm looking forward to reading it!

¹⁰ Chimalpahin's Conquest: this book is exceptional. It's a rewriting of a chronicle of the conquest of Mexico that was banned in this continent. Despite many obstacles, the Nahua historian Domingo Francisco de San Antón Muñón Chimalpahin Quauhtlehuanitzin found the original



chronicle and rewrote it incorporating Indigenous views. I want to read this book because it demonstrates that the “conquest” was an alliance-based process. I also want to read it because it contributes to my project on travel literature and the production of law. Travel literature? Yes! Although books like this one have not been traditionally seen as a pieces of travel literature, emerging voices claim that they are, which contributes to revalorizing this genre.

¹¹ The tiger who came to tea: this book is a classic. I hope that by reading it with my little niece, I’ll support her in developing her love for reading. Hopefully, she’ll love it and become interested in the story behind the production of this book, which I think everyone should be aware of.

¹² Valley of the Birdtail: one of the authors of this book, Prof. Douglas Sanderson, was my LLM supervisor. I was fascinated when I knew that he wrote one of the national best-sellers. This book is excellent. It presents a number of stories to engage with a chapter of Canadian history in a vivid way. With a deep sense of empathy, both authors propose ways to have better relationships and achieve reconciliation in Canada. I want to read it with my nephews, the big little boys of the family. Although we won’t read the entire book this summer, I hope that the chapters that we’ll read will help them not only become aware of the social inequalities, but also develop empathy for other people’s situations.

¹³ The leopard (Il gattopardo): I want to watch this movie for a few reasons (just 7): 1) it’s a 1963 movie; 2) it is based on “Il Gattopardo,” the enthralling book that Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa wrote; 3) Lampedusa’s book has not only been widely acclaimed, but also heavily criticized by communist people; 4) the movie was directed by a great director who was a communist: Luchino Visconti; 5) even though Visconti was a communist, this is one of his best films; 6) the soundtrack was composed by Nino Rota; 7) actors like Burt Lancaster, Claudia Cardinale, and Alain Delon participated in the film.

¹⁴ How data happened: a history from the age of reason to the age of algorithms: it is written by a historian AND computer scientist, and it is a readable, fun, interdisciplinary study of what “data” is and how it came to be. If you’re looking to understand the fundamentals of much more complex things like AI, this book is a gentle introduction to the idea of “data” and how it is shaping our world. More importantly, it shows us that data, algorithms, etc., are all based on human thought and action: so if you want to have a say in the future, this is a wonderful book on understanding our “data” past.

¹⁵ Justice by Means of Democracy: I do intend to track down Danielle Allen’s new book. I don’t yet know how good it is, but her 2006 book, Talking to strangers: anxieties of citizenship since Brown v. Board of Education is amazing: challenging and thought-provoking.

¹⁶ Law's rule: the nature, value, and viability of the rule of law: I also intend to read Gerald Postema's new book. To tell the truth, I have seen enough of his argument to expect that he and I will disagree on the rule of law, but I love what he has to say about legal reasoning generally in his many articles. One that was very influential for me at crucial time was "On the Moral Presence of the Past", which can be downloaded here: <https://lawjournal.mcgill.ca/issue/volume-36-issue-4-1990-91/>.

¹⁷ In the Suicide's Library: A Book Lover's Journey: Bowling is a Canadian author from Alberta. I have never read anything of his before, but this volume seems intriguing for its wide-ranging literary references. It is also beautiful designed by Gaspereau Press, which is what initially prompted me to take it down from a shelf in Munro's Books a few years ago.

¹⁸ Frequently Asked White Questions: I just learned about this book, which aims to answer questions that well-intentioned white people often ask as they're learning about race and racism. Its goal is to educate and also to take the burden off of racialized people who often have to answer the same questions over and over, or endure unintended microaggressions while white people educate themselves. It's a short book and it's Canadian, which is a plus given that a lot of great books on this topic are primarily about the US context. The authors also run a Youtube series called Safe Space for White Questions, which some folks might find useful.

¹⁹ The Taste of Country Cooking: This is a classic cookbook of the American South, written by Edna Lewis, who was a major cook, restaurateur, and food writer of our times. If you're a foodie, this is an essential book to know or have in your collection. If you're interested in the history of food, farming, and race in America, it's fantastic. And if you just like to eat or think about eating good food, Lewis is unbeatable. She organizes her chapters in a totally original way, by shaping it around her memories of growing up farming in Freetown Virginia and calling her sections things like "An Early Spring Dinner After Sheep-Shearing," and "An Early Summer Dinner of Veal, Scallions, and the First Berries."

²⁰ Unsettling the University: Confronting the Colonial Foundations of US Higher Education: Navigating Complexity: These two come together because they're both on my reading list but only one is Canadian. Both are super-interesting high-level looks at the systems that make up universities and post-secondary education, which are very helpful to think about even while we're constantly working through the day-to-day.

²¹ The indigenous Paleolithic of the Western Hemisphere- from Dr. Paulette Steeves website: "Written from an Indigenous perspective and informed through Indigenous and Western Knowledge. This story winds through colonization within the Americas and the erasure and denial of a deep Indigenous past in the Americas during the Pleistocene. This book discusses hundreds of Pleistocene archaeology sites in both North and South America that date to earlier than 11,200

years before present, and re-claims over 100,000 years of Indigenous people's history in the Western Hemisphere."

²² [Underland : a deep time journey](#) - from the publisher's website: "In Underland, Robert Macfarlane delivers an epic exploration of the Earth's underworlds as they exist in myth, literature, memory, and the land itself. Traveling through the dizzying expanse of geologic time—from prehistoric art in Norwegian sea caves, to the blue depths of the Greenland ice cap, to a deep-sunk "hiding place" where nuclear waste will be stored for 100,000 years to come—Underland takes us on an extraordinary journey into our relationship with darkness, burial, and what lies beneath the surface of both place and mind."

²³ [The Haunting of Hill House](#): I have heard it is a masterpiece, and my Daughter read it and recommends it to me. But I am a chicken and expect that I will have a tough few days.

²⁴ [Best Short Stories of William Somerset Maugham](#): I heard a story of Maugham's read by a fine actor a long time ago and I hope to rediscover it. I look forward the mis-en-abyme that fine storytellers can deliver.

²⁵ [A Brief History of Equality](#): it is a popular condensation of his more technical and lengthy works. I look forward to it.

²⁶ [Sand talk: How Indigenous thinking can save the world](#): from my understanding, this is a paradigm-shifting book rich with ideas and inspiration on how to change the way we see the world.

²⁷ [How data happened: A history from the age of reason to the age of algorithms](#): this book sheds light on the history of statistics and data, offering valuable insights into who owns it and who controls it.

²⁸ [Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow](#): I take book recommendations from good friends to heart, and although I know absolutely nothing about this title, I am so excited to read it!

²⁹ [At the Bridge](#): this is a book I would recommend to every person living in BC. Seriously. This should be on the 'must read' list for all Canadians. A group of us (faculty and grad students) wrote a book review of it together, so I also like that the book can generate conversation from so many directions.

³⁰ [Valley of the Birdtail: an Indian reserve, a white town, and the road to reconciliation](#): I initially read this one as a favour to a friend when the authors were coming to UVic on a book tour. It turned out that I was the one who was GIVEN a favour. This book is another masterful piece of history, and of storytelling, that follows two communities (one Indigenous, one Ukrainian

immigrant) on opposite sides of a valley. It feels almost like a page turner: though it is meticulously documented, the people on each side of the valley come alive in ways that draw the reader in to a complicated and nuanced tapestry, and then gradually move you towards thinking in very concrete terms about actual policy change that could move us in the direction of better relations. I have never read such a compelling policy document. This one is totally worth your time.

³¹ Life against states of emergency: revitalizing treaty relations from Attawapiskat: it is a recently published work by my colleague at the UVic School of Public Administration, Dr. Sarah Marie Wiebe. I am on a panel that will be discussing treaty issues at the launch of this book in Victoria on June 16.

³² The myth of normal – trauma, illness and healing in a toxic culture: this is only partly “recreational” as I have read most of Dr. Mate’s earlier work and am intrigued by this one. As well, as a component of my Access to Justice courses in both the Faculty of Law and the School of Public Administration, we examine, and critically examine trauma and trauma informed practice, and I thought that this book would help.


³³ Slouching Towards Bethlehem: Joan Didion died last year, and in reading her memorials I realized that she speaks to and about a generation that I was a part of in my early life – I have started this book and am intrigued.

³⁴ The Lincoln Highway: because I enjoyed Amor Towles’ earlier work – A Gentleman in Moscow – and think I might enjoy this.

³⁵ Saving Time: I’m looking forward to reading Jenny Odell’s new book about time and how it structures our society, and the chance to think about alternative ways to experience time based not on the 9-5 but, for example, on ecological scales. I read her last book “How to Do Nothing” about disconnecting from the attention economy, which was super enjoyable so I expect this to be a great follow up!

³⁶ Data Cartels: I recently read an interview the author gave about her book. When talking about the monetization of personal data we usually focus on the big tech firms. This book shines a spotlight on giant academic publishers like Elsevier and Thomson Reuters doing the same with their data holdings of academic publications, legal and business information, and our own personal information for big profit.

³⁷ Homo Deus: a history of tomorrow: I recently reread the book Homo Deus. I found that the chapter on “Data Religions” very insightful especially for the recent AI discussions. A lot of things seem worth thinking when we seem step in a new cross-road and it is helpful to think and examine the similar moments in the past.



³⁸ [The History of Chinese Immigration to Canada: 1858-2001](#): If you have members with Chinese background, the book will be a great casual reading. The book was written by two community researchers and an emeritus UVic faculty, including stories, evidences, and interviews related to legal and political struggles of Chinese Canadians in Canada.

³⁹ [Victoria Chinatown : the Oldest Surviving Chinatown in Canada, 1858-2011](#): if any English-speaker is interested in the history of Chines immigration to Canada, this book will be a good start.