

# EXCELLENCE AWARDS & HOLIDAY GATHERING 2020-2022



SOCIAL SCIENCES

We acknowledge and respect the  
lək<sup>w</sup>əŋən peoples on whose traditional  
territory the university stands, and the  
Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ  
peoples whose historical relationships  
with the land continue to this day.

*Background artwork is from the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act  
Action Plan. This design was by Andy Everson from the K'omoks First Nation on Vancouver  
Island. He draws upon his roots amongst the Kwakwaka'wakw, Salish and Tlingit peoples  
to create artwork that reflects the convergence of ancient traditions with modern society.*

# WELCOME



Lois Harder

*Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences*

As dean, her greatest hope is that, “the faculty, students and staff will work together to foster a supportive community; a community where we generate and share mind-blowing ideas and feel empowered to imagine, to risk, to reflect and try again.”



# AWARD PRESENTERS



Cynthia Korpan, *Director Teaching Excellence, Learning Teaching Support Innovation* will present the awards for Excellence in Early Career Teaching



Shailoo Bedi, *Executive Director, Learning Teaching Support Innovation* will present the awards for Excellence in Teaching



Jennifer Vornbrock, *Director, Community and Government Relations* will present the awards for Excellence in the Community



Mauricio Garcia-Barrera, *Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies* in the Faculty of Social Sciences will present the awards for Excellence in Early Career Research



Cynthia Milton, *Associate Vice-President Research* will present the awards for Excellence in Research



# EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CAREER TEACHING

Demonstrated pedagogical leadership through research and/or participation in departmental and university initiatives to improve student learning.

# WILL GREAVES



“Uses unique learning tools, such as examining songs in relation to our discussions of war and peace in International Relations, to make the topics more approachable.” – Student

# JESSICA ROURKE



“I looked forward to her class every week; not only did she discuss concepts critical to the subject, Dr. Rourke also provided fun and exciting activities that sparked critical thinking.” – Student

# DARCY MATHEWS



“His mentorship, understanding, and support has given me the confidence to continue pursuing academic research; he is a compassionate, inspiring, and kind professor.”

– Student



# EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Committed to innovations that enhance student learning, including mentoring or supervising students beyond the classroom.



# BRUCE RAVELLI



“Dr. Ravelli’s demonstrated achievements in teaching excellence, infectious passion for teaching and his commitment to his students is beyond question.”

– Student

# ERIN MCGUIRE



“Dr. McGuire is an incredible professor whose passion for anthropology and compassion for her students is interwoven throughout every lecture, module and interaction.” – Student

# SIMON GLEZOS



“Dr. Glezos has an ability to spark a student’s curiosity and enthusiasm while consistently fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity, engagement and care, both in the classroom and in his one-on-one mentorship of students.” – Student



# EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Demonstrated a strong record of community engagement and knowledge mobilization with respect to research, teaching and service.



# JUTTA GUTBERLET



“Jutta is one of those rare people who combine the passionate practicality of the activist’s heart with the careful thoughtfulness of the academic’s mind, binding them together with a ribbon of hard work and compassionate humanity.”

– Student

# BRIAN THOM



“I am honoured to be recognized by my peers and the Faculty for my work on mobilizing my research outcomes and expertise, with Indigenous communities, governments, and the public so our work does not lay only in academic journals and books, but makes an impact in our communities.”

# EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CAREER RESEARCH

Regarded as a promising researcher by peers and has made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge in their field.



# ALISON MURRAY



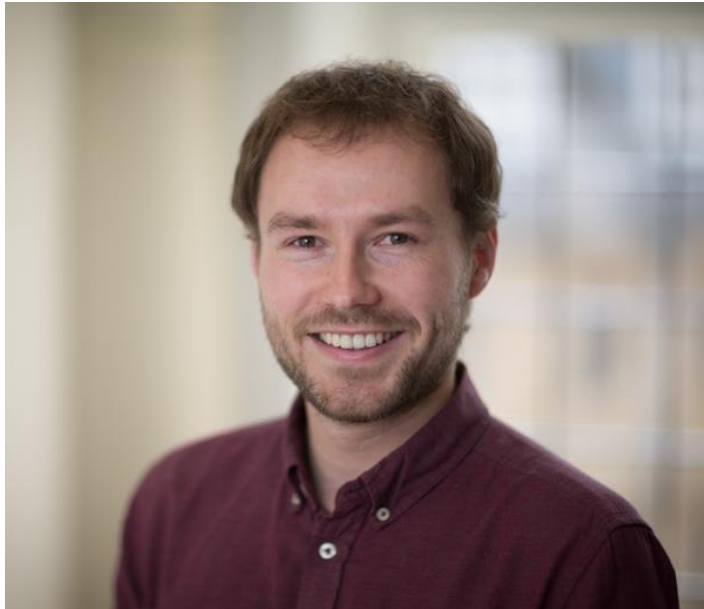
Is an engaged, energetic, and industrious scholar and is building a national and international research reputation regarding evolutionary and behavioural mechanisms shaping variations in human bone and body composition.

# BRIANNA TURNER



Is advancing our understanding of self-injury through her innovative program of research; she has published 19 papers in peer-reviewed journals plus a highly prestigious Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar award.

# FELIX PRETIS



Focuses on econometric models of climate change and was awarded a highly competitive grant from the British Academy; 17 publications in highly respected refereed journals, a guest editor at one of the top econometrics journals, Journal of Econometrics.

# EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge in their field and is a strong mentor to undergraduate and graduate students, post-docs and early-career researchers.



# APRIL NOWELL



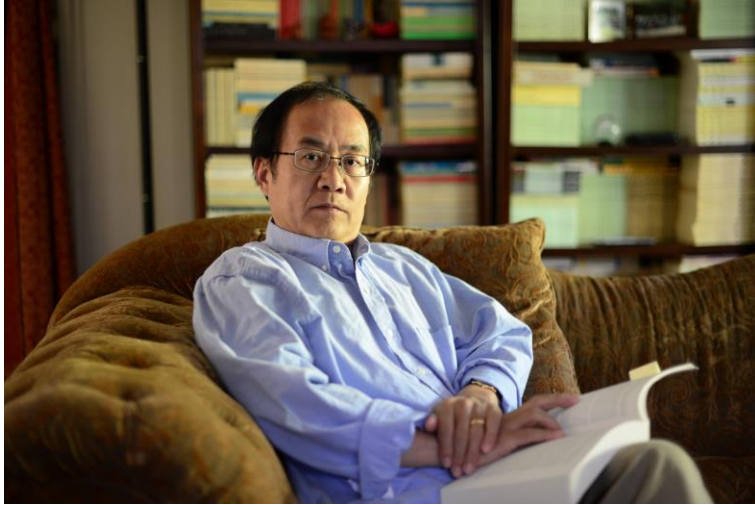
She is known for her research in cognitive archeology, Paleolithic art, the archeology of children and the relationship between science, pop culture, and the media. Her team's study of blood residue on stone tools was named one of Time Magazine's top 100 discoveries.

# MAYCIRA COSTA



An expert in monitoring ocean health, she has published 73 peer-reviewed journal articles, 8 book chapters and received research funding totalling about \$3M as Principal Investigator and about \$17M as Co-Principal Investigator.

# GUOGUANG WU



Has demonstrated his prolific scholarship and status as a globally recognized public intellectual on all things related to politics in China. His impact has extended beyond academic debates on China, influencing public discourse through his media and policy contributions.

# In addition to recognizing our excellence awards recipients, we also recognize the following retirees:

Douglas Baer

Bonnie Leadbeater

Margaret Penning

Duncan Taylor

Leslie Butt

Michael Masson

Lara Robinson

Reeta Tremblay

Philip Dearden

Catherine Mateer

Eric Roth

Robert Walker

Marion Ehrenberg

Margo Mawychuk

Valentin Schaefer

Michael Webb

Merwan Engineer

Martha McMahon

Daniel Smith

Guoguang Wu

Michael Hayes

Lisa Mitchell

Martin Smith

Zheng Wu

Arthur Kroker

Olaf Niemann

Timothy Stockwell



## IN MEMORIAM



Karen Kobayashi was a valued member and strong contributor to the Department of Sociology for close to 20 years.

Karen was a passionate advocate and champion for understanding and reducing social inequalities.

Her own research reflected her deep values of collaboration, active engagement, respect, and giving back to the research communities, participants, other investigators, and to the students with whom she worked.

(Excerpts from The Ring)

Department of Sociology and Associate  
Dean (Research and Graduate Studies)

“Beyond mentoring in the academic setting, Johan felt strongly about using his position to advocate and to make a difference. Throughout his career, starting even in graduate school, he was involved in various levels of public engagement on the topic of climate change.

Johannes Feddema was dynamic, creative, highly engaged, and deeply optimistic.

I received his last email at 2 am on the Monday morning of his passing. True to form, it was a last tweak of a paper he was working on.” – David E Atkinson

(Excerpts from American Association of Geographers)



Chair, Department of Geography