# Vancouver Institute Fall 1998 Program

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi1998Fall.html).

## Lecture Times

Saturday evenings, 8:15 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m.

The Fall 1998 season comprises ten lectures, from 26 September to 5 December, omitting 10 October (Thanksgiving weekend).

## Fall 1998 Lecture Schedule

| September 26 | Cecil and Ida Green Lecture  
| **Professor Thomas King**, Department of English, Guelph University  
| *An Evening With Thomas King* (Tentative title) |
| October 3 | Grauer Lecture  
| **Paul Fussell**, Donald T. Regan Professor of English Literature, University of Pennsylvania  
| *The Poetry of Three Wars (WWI, WWII, and Vietnam)* |
| October 10 | No lecture - Thanksgiving Weekend |
| October 17 | **Professor James Hudson**, Department of Pathology, UBC  
| *Evaluation of Mother Nature's Antivirals: Traditional Medicine Meets Modern Science* |
| October 24 | Grauer Lecture  
| *A History of God* |
| October 31 | Cecil and Ida Green Lecture  
| **Professor William Chafe**, Dean of Arts, Duke University  
| *Feminism and Civil Rights: A Comparative Study of Social Movements* |
| November 7 | Cecil and Ida Green Lecture  
| **Professor Bruno Latour**, Centre de Sociologie, Ecole Nationale Superieure des Mines, Paris  
| *On Seeing Paris as a Whole: The Notion of Panopticon* |
| November 14 | Cecil and Ida Green Lecture  
| **Dr. Timothy O'Riordan**, Professor of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich  
| *Environmentalism is Dead: Long Live Sustainability* |
| November 21 | Leon and Thea Koerner Lecture  
| **Dr. William Cronon**, Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin (Madison)  
| *Environmental History* |
| November | Grauer Lecture  
| **Mr. John Ralston Saul**, Novelist and essayist, Toronto |

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Lecture Schedules

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How to join: If you have a Vancouver Institute brochure, you can fill out the contained form and mail it with a cheque to the indicated address; otherwise you can simply come to a lecture, well ahead of the lecture time (there may be a lineup) with the membership fee.

How to get there.

About The Vancouver Institute. Complete list of lecture titles, from 1916 to the present.


The lectures are in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia. When necessary, neighbouring overflow halls in the Centre, with closed-circuit TV, are used, and the speaker visits each hall during the question period.

Seats in the front half of the main hall are reserved for members until fifteen minutes before the starting time, and a few seats are reserved for specific people. Seating is otherwise first-come, first-served.
Professor Thomas King Lecture

Professor Thomas King
Department of English
Guelph University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 26 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

A Wasted Evening With Thomas King

Thomas King writes novels, short stories, poems, television and radio scripts, and children's books. He holds a Ph.D from the University of Utah in English/American Studies. He currently teaches Native literature and creative writing at the University of Guelph. Half of his copious free time is spent writing and performing in his CBC radio show "The Dead Dog Cafe Comedy Hour." The other half is taken up with fine art photography. His first novel, Medicine River, won the Alberta Writer's Guild Best Novel Award and the Josephine Miles, Oakland PEN Award, while his second novel, Green Grass, Running Water, was short-listed for a Governor-Generals award.

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Background Information

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- Northwest Passages - Author profile: Thomas King
- Northwest Passages - Thomas King: Bibliography, a selected bibliography of articles about Thomas King and his works.
- Northwest Passages - Book Profile: Green Grass, Running Water
- Shooting the Lone Ranger, by Thomas King. The Lone Ranger story revised.
- Native American Authors: Thomas King
- Thomas King's All My Relations, a review.
- The Woody Allen Indian - Thomas King
- Dead Dog Cafe Comedy Hour. The official site, with broadcast times, availability of tapes, T-shirts, etc.

Thomas King

- Native Studies titles at UBC Press
- Colonial Representations of Natives - the "Indian"
- Colonialism and the literary history of Canada
- First Nations Internet Links

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Paul Fussell Lecture

Paul Fussell
Donald T. Regan Professor of English Literature
University of Pennsylvania

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 3 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Poetry of Three Wars:
WWI, WWII, and Vietnam

A graduate of Pomona College and Harvard, Professor Fussell taught at Connecticut College and Rutgers before assuming his current appointment in 1983. He has received numerous honours in recognition of his outstanding written work, including the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Emerson Award. A prolific author, Dr. Fussell's works include: Thank God for the Atom Bomb and Other Essays, Killing in Verse and Prose and Other Essays, The Norton Book of Modern War (editor), and BAD: or the Downing of America.

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Professor James Hudson Lecture

Professor James Hudson
Department of Pathology
U.B.C.

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 17 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Evaluation of Mother Nature's Antivirals:
Traditional Medicine Meets Modern Science

Professor Hudson received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. at the University of London before emigrating to Alberta, where he obtained his Ph.D. in the field of molecular biology of bacterial viruses. He has studied viruses of bacteria, insects, fish, birds, mammals and humans. In the last decade, however, Professor Hudson's research focus has shifted from basic virus research to studies on the anti-viral activities of medicinal plants from various parts of the world. In addition, he now spends some of his time helping African scientists to develop their own facilities for evaluating their plant medicines.

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## Ms. Karen Armstrong Lecture

Ms. Karen Armstrong  
Author, teacher and commentator  
London

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](http://vaninst.ca/VbArmstrong.html) on **October 24** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](http://vaninst.ca/VbArmstrong.html), University of British Columbia.

### A History of God

Author of *The New York Times* best-seller, *A History of God*, Karen Armstrong entered the religious order when she was seventeen and spent seven years as a Roman Catholic nun. After leaving her convent in 1969, she earned a degree at Oxford University and taught modern literature. She has become one of the foremost British commentators on religious affairs and now teaches at London's Leo Baeck College for the Study of Judaism and the Training of Rabbis and Teachers. She is also an honorary member of the Association of Muslim Social Sciences. Her books include: *The Gospel According to Women*, *Holy War*, and *Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet*.

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- [Karen Armstrong](http): Biography, Works, Publisher, Similar authors.
- [Karen Armstrong](http): Reviews of *Jerusalem : One City Three Faiths*, *In the Beginning : A New Interpretation of Genesis*, *Muhammad : A Biography of the Prophet*, *A History of God*, and *Through the Narrow Gate*.
- [Trends in Biographies of Muhammad](http)
- [A retreat from God](http) "When loyalty to the Catholic church is placed above the quest for truth it debases religion" by Karen Armstrong.

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Professor William Chafe Lecture

Professor William Chafe
Dean of Arts
Duke University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **October 31** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**Feminism and Civil Rights:**

*A Comparative Study of Social Movements*

An outstanding chronicler of 20th century American history, William Chafe is a gifted teacher and scholar. The author of many books and articles in the fields of women's history, U.S. politics, and civil rights, he is also a forceful and engaging speaker. For many years he has been a leader in the effort to bring interdisciplinary studies to higher education. His first book, *The American Woman* [1972], was a pathbreaking monograph in what has become one of the most dynamic sub-disciplines in History. Among his many prestigious awards are those from the Guggenheim, Fulbright and Rockefeller foundations and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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**Background Information**

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- [William Chafe](http://vaninst.ca/VbChafe.html), brief bio.
- [Professor Chafe in executive mode](http://vaninst.ca/VbChafe.html).

Vancouver Institute home page: [main site](http://vaninst.ca/VbChafe.html); [mirror site](http://vaninst.ca/VbChafe.html).

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On Seeing Paris as a Whole: 
The Notion of Panopticon

Bruno Latour is one of the most influential contemporary sociologists of science. A principal architect of science studies, his work attracts critical attention from scholars throughout the sciences, humanities and social sciences. His books include *The Pasteurization of France*, *The Love of Technology*, and *We Have Never Been Modern*. In this last work, he launches an attack on both modernity and postmodernity. A key figure in interdisciplinary scholarship, he claims that science and society are inextricably bound together. His ideas are applauded or disputed around the world. He's been called one of the most brilliant and original writers about science for the past decade.

Background Information

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- **Professor Latour's web site**
- **Books by Bruno Latour**: brief commentaries.
- **Professor Latour's Philosophical Mystifications**, by Alan Sokal, Professor of Physics at New York University, written in response to "Y a-t-il une science après la guerre froide?", by Bruno Latour. Professor Sokal, troubled for some years "by an apparent decline in the standards of intellectual rigor in certain precincts of the American academic humanities ... decided to try a modest (though admittedly uncontrolled) experiment: Would a leading North American journal of cultural studies --- whose editorial collective includes such luminaries as Fredric Jameson and Andrew Ross --- publish an article liberally salted with nonsense if (a) it sounded good and (b) it flattered the editors' ideological preconceptions?" The answer was yes, and the paper, *Transgressing the Boundaries: Towards a Transformative Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity* appeared in *Social Text* #46/47, pp. 217-252 (spring/summer 1996). Sokal blew the whistle on the uncritical reviewers in *A Physicist Experiments With Cultural Studies*, which appeared in *Lingua Franca*, May/June 1996, pp. 62-64 As one might expect, considerable discussion followed. The article cited at the beginning of this paragraph formed part of this discussion. Further articles may be found at **Alan Sokal Articles on the "Social Text" Affair**.

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Dr. Timothy O'Riordan Lecture

Dr. Timothy O'Riordan
Professor of Environmental Sciences
University of East Anglia, Norwich

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 14 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Environmentalism is Dead: Long Live Sustainability

Timothy O'Riordan is a leading member of the Centre for Science and Economic Research on the Global Environment, one of the most prestigious research organizations in the world in the field of environmental policy. A prolific author, his book Environmentalism is widely used within university curricula. He has made major contributions in the areas of risk analysis and management, resource management, environmentalism as social movement, and the use of science in policy-making. He knows British Columbia well and is familiar with recent initiatives in sustainability, environment and natural resources management in this province.

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Dr. William Cronon Lecture

Dr. William Cronon
Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography and Environmental Studies
University of Wisconsin (Madison)

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 21 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Rethinking the Foundations of Environmentalism

Dr. Cronon is an historian specializing in environmental, frontier and western history. He is the author of several books including *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* [1991] and *Uncommon Ground: Rethinking the Human Place in Nature* [1996]. The former book was awarded a 1992 Bancroft Prize and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award for the Best Nonfiction Book of 1991. Past President of the American Society for Environmental History, his work combines the disciples of history, geography and environmental studies. He is particularly well-known for his highly controversial work, *Trouble with Wilderness*, about the history of ideas of wilderness - a work which continues to provoke spirited debate.

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Mr. John Ralston Saul Lecture

Mr. John Ralston Saul
Novelist and essayist
Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 28 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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- John Ralston Saul Biography

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Dr. Gail Anderson Lecture

Dr. Gail Anderson
Department of Criminology
Simon Fraser University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 5 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Murder and Maggots:
The Use of Insects in Criminal Investigation

Professor Anderson received a B.Sc. in Zoology from Manchester University and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Pest Management from Simon Fraser University. Her major research interests are in insect and other arthropod-borne diseases in man and animals, in particular the pest management aspects, and in forensic entomology, the use of insects in death investigation. She has gained international recognition for her pioneering work in the field of medico-legal entomology. She actively handles forensic death cases, particularly homicide cases, for the B.C. Coroner's Service, the RCMP, and city police, using insects to determine elapsed time since death, information frequently vital to the successful resolution of murder cases. Dr. Anderson is the only full-time forensic entomologist in Canada. Her work has been featured on several television programs, including "Journeys - Grave Testimony" first shown on the Discovery Channel, "Forbidden Places - Silent Witness" also first shown on the Discovery Channel, and "The Nature of Things - Postmortem," as well as several other programs. She was awarded the Simon Fraser University Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award for Academic Achievement in 1995.

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