Vancouver Institute Fall 2000 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2000Fall.html)

Lecture Times

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

The Fall 2000 season comprises eleven lectures, from September 16 to December 9, omitting October 7 (Thanksgiving) and November 11 (Remembrance Day).

Fall 2000 Lecture Schedule

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Lecture Schedules

Except where specially noted, lectures are Saturday evenings, beginning at 8:15 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.).

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How to join: If you have a Vancouver Institute brochure, you can fill out the contained form and 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.
Mr. Jeffrey Simpson, O.C. Lecture

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The Globe & Mail

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 16, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Star-Spangled Canadians: Canadians Living the American Dream

The Globe and Mail's national affairs columnist, Jeffrey Simpson has won all three of Canada's leading literary prizes--the Governor-General's award for non-fiction book writing, the National Magazine award for political writing, and the National Newspaper Award for column writing. He has also won the Hyman Solomon Award for excellence in public policy journalism. Mr. Simpson has published four books--Discipline of Power; Spoils of Power; Faultlines, Struggling for a Canadian Vision; and The Anxious Years. His next book, Star-Spangled Canadians, will be published in September to be accompanied by a two-hour documentary on the CBC.

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- The Globe and Mail: Jeffrey Simpson
- Film at 11, or whatever; a column about the CBC by Jeffrey Simpson that appeared in the Globe & Mail May 30, 2000.
- Honorary Degree Citation: the Title and Degree of Doctor of Laws, (honoris causa) conferred at Congregation, May 24, 1998, upon Jeffrey Carl Simpson. (His citation is approximately two thirds of the way down the page.)

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Professor Doreen Kimura Lecture

Professor Doreen Kimura
Department of Psychology
Simon Fraser University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 23, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Are Men's and Women's Brains Really Different?

A native of Saskatchewan and graduate of McGill, Dr. Kimura spent most of her academic career at the University of Western Ontario in the Departments of Psychology and Clinical Neurological Sciences. Her research is in the area of the neurobiology of human abilities, with emphasis on the brain and hormonal mechanisms of human problem-solving functions. Dr. Kimura has published almost 100 articles in scientific journals or books, and has written two books, *Neuromotor Mechanisms in Human Communication* and *Sex and Cognition*, published in 1999. She has received numerous awards for her research and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

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Professor Michael Bliss Lecture

Professor Michael Bliss
Department of History
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 30, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

William Osler and the Canadian Tradition of Medical Excellence

Considered the leading Canadian writing on the history of medicine today, Dr. Bliss has written the authoritative modern biography of 19th-century Canadian physician William Osler, who markedly influenced the course of medicine in the 20th century. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Bliss has authored seven other books, including The Discovery of Insulin; Banting: A Biography; A Story of Smallpox in Montreal; and Right Honourable Men: The Descent of Canadian Politics from Macdonald to Mulroney. Dr. Bliss' visit to UBC marks the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of UBC's Faculty of Medicine, and this lecture is co-sponsored by the Medical Faculty.

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Dr. Alice Mansell Lecture

Dr. Alice Mansell
Vice-President, Academic
Technical University of BC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 14, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Bio/Graphics: The Role of Technology in the Art of Story-Telling

Prior to assuming her current post as Vice-President of Canada's newest university, Professor Mansell served as President of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. She has also been on faculty at the University of Calgary where she was Assistant Dean of Fine Arts and The University of Western Ontario where she was Chair of the Department of Visual Arts. Professor Mansell maintains an active studio practice in the visual arts with an international reputation as a fine artist and lecturer in contemporary art theory and art education. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of CANARIE and in 1996 was selected as Woman of the Year (Education & Research) in Halifax.

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Professor Jane G. Schaller, M.D. Lecture

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David and Leona Karp Professor of Pediatrics
Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 21, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

World Hazards for Children: War and Civil Unrest

In addition to her position in the Medical Faculty at Tufts, Dr. Schaller was also Adjunct Professor of Diplomacy in Tufts' Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. She helped to found Physicians for Human Rights, an organization that has been instrumental in documenting human rights abuses throughout the world. Dr. Schaller's most far-reaching impact has been in bringing the attention of medical professionals and the world to the effects of war on children and youth. She has made an extremely important contribution to the work of UNICEF, WHO and the UN and made a special trip to Sarajevo to help the children of that war-ravaged city.

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Professor Thomas Homer-Dixon Lecture

Professor Thomas Homer-Dixon
Director, Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 28, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

How Can We Solve the Problems of the Future?

Dr. Homer-Dixon conducts research on social adaptation to complex stress, the links between environmental stress and violence in developing countries, and the causes of ethnic and other group-identity conflicts. His books include Environment, Scarcity, and Violence and Ecoviolence: Links among Environment, Population, and Security. His latest book, The Ingenuity Gap, will be published this fall. Dr. Homer-Dixon has been invited to speak on his research at major American universities, West Point, the World Economic Forum in Davos, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the UN Population and Development Conference. He has twice briefed the Vice President of the United States, Al Gore, on his team's research.

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Professor Todd Gitlin Lecture

Professor Todd Gitlin
Department of Culture and Communication
New York University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 4, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Overloaded Self in a Jump-Cut Culture

Dr. Gitlin holds degrees in mathematics, political science and sociology. A central figure in the study of mass media, communications and journalism, he has authored eight books, including The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage and The Twilight of Common Dreams: Why America is Wracked by Culture Wars. He has spoken to overflow audiences at universities and public venues in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. He is a regular commentator on the CBC, National Public Radio in the U.S. and for the New York Times. He has received awards from the National Endowment of the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation.

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Professor Martin Bresnick Lecture

Professor Martin Bresnick
School of Music
Yale University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 18, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Bresnick After Blake: The Gates of Paradise
(performance and lecture--venue TBA)

A celebrated American composer, Professor Bresnick was the first recipient, in 1998, of the largest and most prestigious music prize ever given: The Charles Ives Living of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His compositions cover a wide range of instrumentation, from chamber music, to symphonic compositions and computer music. His work has been performed in Germany, Italy, the U.K., Brazil, Australia, Israel, Canada and the U.S. by such diverse groups as the San Francisco Symphony, Kiel Philharmonic, City of London Chamber Orchestra and the First Minnesota Moving and Warehouse Band. He is the recipient of numerous international prizes for his musical compositions and teaching.

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Professor Patricia Marchak Lecture

Professor Patricia Marchak  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology,  
with the UBC Department of Theatre,

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **November 25, 2000** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**God's Assassins: A Dramatization**

Dr. Marchak's recent book, *God's Assassins: State Terrorism in Argentina in the 1970s*, contains extracts from the interviews she conducted with trade unionists, former guerrillas, bereaved parents, former members of the Third World Priests movement, conservative priests who backed the military, and military officers who were active during the military dictatorship from 1976 to 1983. The dramatic presentation of some of these interviews has been adapted for the stage by Patti Flather, and directed by John Wright of the Theatre, Film, and Creative Writing Department at UBC. Dr Marchak is President of the Humanities and Social Sciences Academy of the Royal Society of Canada.

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Professor Jaymie Matthews Lecture

Professor Jaymie Matthews
Department of Physics and Astronomy
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 2, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Search for Alien Worlds

Dr. Matthews is Mission Scientist for the MOST Project, a suitcase-sized microsatellite, scheduled for launch in 2002-2003, which will be Canada's first space observatory and which team members affectionately call the "Humble Space Telescope". MOST will give us clues to the age of the Universe and the future of our Sun. It should also unveil some of the mysteries about alien planetary systems recently discovered around other Sun-like stars. Dr. Matthews sits on the Board of the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, is Canada's Education representative to the International Astronomical Union, and won one of the 1999 Killam Prizes for teaching excellence in the UBC Faculty of Science.

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Professor Roger Howe Lecture

Professor Roger Howe
Department of Mathematics
Yale University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 9, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Chinese Excellence in Mathematics Teaching: Can We Match It In North America?

A graduate of Harvard University and UC-Berkeley, Dr. Howe has taught at SUNY-Stony Brook, Rutgers, Oxford, the University of Bonn and Hebrew University and served as a visiting member of Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study. He has also been a Guggenheim Foundation fellow, a member of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Science. His lecture to The Vancouver Institute is co-sponsored by UBC's Department of Mathematics which is host to an International conference on Mathematics in Vancouver during December.

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