Vancouver Institute Fall 2003 Program

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2003Fall.html).

Lecture Times

Saturday evenings, 8:15 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.), except where otherwise noted.

The Fall 2003 season comprises eleven lectures, from September 27 to December 13, omitting October 11 (Thanksgiving).

Fall 2003 Lecture Schedule

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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.
Professor William McKibben Lecture

Professor William McKibben
Department of Environmental Studies
Middlebury College
Vermont

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 27, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age

Professor McKibben achieved international prominence in 1989 with his pathbreaking book, The End of Nature, a powerful treatise on the state of the environment and the concomitant need for a fundamental change in human activity. In his latest book, the subject of his talk to The Vancouver Institute, Professor McKibben turns his attention to the threats posed to humankind by a broad array of new scientific advances, ranging from biotechnology to robotics and nanotech. Mr. McKibben is a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books, The New York Times, and The Atlantic Monthly.

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Professor Errol Durbach Lecture

Professor Errol Durbach
Professor of Theatre and English
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 4, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Theatre Experience:

or, why do we enjoy watching real people counterfeiting fictional people?

Professor Durbach is a teacher, dramatist, and occasional actor in the Theatre Studies Program at UBC. He has written extensively on modern drama, and is best known for his work on the plays of Henrik Ibsen. Scenes from his version of Peer Gynt, staged in the Theatre on Campus season in 1999, were invited to the Peer Gynt Festival in Norway one year later. He is a recipient of the Dorothy Somerset Award, and is currently the President of the International Ibsen Committee.

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Professor John Eakin Lecture

Professor John Eakin
Department of English
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 18, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

What Are We Reading When We Read Autobiography?


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Indiana University biography: http://www.indiana.edu/~alldrpmembers/eakin.html


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Dr. Gavin Stuart Lecture

Dr. Gavin Stuart
New Dean of Medicine
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 25, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Lessons Learned From Cancer Control For the Health Care System

A graduate of the University of Western Ontario, Dr. Stuart has most recently served as Director of the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary, Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Calgary, as well as Professor and Head of the Department of Oncology. Dr. Stuart's research is in the area of oncology with particular emphasis on advanced treatment for gynecologic malignancy. As the new Dean, he will oversee the planned major expansion of the Faculty of Medicine at UBC.

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Canadian Medical Association Journal article on Dr. Stuart's new position:
http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/169/2/141
Dr. Marco Marra Lecture

Dr. Marco Marra
Director, Genome Sciences Centre
BC Cancer Research Centre

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 1, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Genomics Research in BC

As Director of Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre, Dr. Marra was intimately involved in the recent decoding of the SARS virus genome. His lab at the BC Cancer Research Centre was recognized by the WHO as the first laboratory in the world to achieve this goal. Although a major research focus at the GSC is cancer genomics and informatics, the Centre is engaged in genomic research activities focused on a diversity of organisms important in a number of science areas, including forestry, agriculture and the environment.

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Dr. Maria Tippett Lecture

Dr. Maria Tippett
Faculty of History
Cambridge University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 8, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Bill Reid: The Making of a Reputation

A native of Victoria, Dr. Tippett has won numerous awards for her writing, including the Governor-General's Award for non-fiction and the Sir John A. Macdonald Prize for Canadian History. Among her works are: By a Lady: Celebrating Three Centuries of Art by Canadian Women, Between Two Cultures: A Photographer Among the Inuit, and biographies of Emily Carr and F. H. Varley. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Tippett is a Senior Research Fellow at Cambridge University as well as a member of its Faculty of History.

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Amazon page for the book, Bill Reid: The Making of an Indian; includes an editorial review and notes about the author: http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679310894/onthewebcom-20/103-7438167-1880669
Dr. Carl Wieman Lecture

Dr. Carl Wieman
Nobel Laureate in Physics
National Institute of Standards and Technologies
Boulder, Colorado

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 15, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Bose-Einstein condensation:
quantum weirdness at the lowest temperature in the universe

Professor Wieman has been at the University of Colorado since 1984, where he is currently a Distinguished Professor of Physics and a Fellow of JILA. He has carried out research in a variety of areas of laser spectroscopy, but has primarily worked on laser cooling and trapping of atoms. Among his many awards are the Franklin medal, the Einstein Medal for Laser Science, the Lorentz Medal, the Schawlow Prize for Laser Science, the National Science Foundation Distinguished Teaching Scholar Award and, most recently, the Nobel Prize in Physics.

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Description of Dr. Wieman's Nobel prize, references to information about Bose-Einstein condensation, and more: http://physics.colorado.edu/nobel.html

Curriculum vitae: http://www.colorado.edu/NewsServices/nobel/wieman.html

An informal autobiography: http://www.homeschool.com/articles/nobel/bio/

BBC News article: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/sci_tech/1588594.stm

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Dr. Quentin Cronk Lecture

Dr. Quentin Cronk
Director
UBC Botanical Garden

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 22, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Thin Green Line: Plants and the Future of Humanity

Quentin Cronk was educated in botany at Cambridge University in the UK and has worked at Oxford and Edinburgh Universities, before becoming Professor in Plant Science and Director of the UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research. His early work was on plant conservation which took him to the devastated island of St Helena where he rediscovered the St Helena ebony, a plant presumed extinct for over 100 years. Seeing the destruction of fragile island ecosystems at first hand engendered his interest in plant survival more widely. At UBC his avowed aim is to create a botanical garden which is the envy of the world in its triple mission of serving research, education and the community. Human survival would be impossible without plants. Mankind's ultimate patrimony therefore consists of hundreds of thousands of plant species each with tens of thousands of genes. If even one of these unique gene combinations is lost, human survival is in some small way compromised. The role of the UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research is therefore (1) to undertake genomic and biodiversity research to understand this inheritance, (2) to create, through education, an informed populace able to act as responsible stewards of the plant resource, and (3) create a space in which the whole community can contemplate and celebrate the place of plants in human affairs.

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The UBC Botanical Garden has a web site at http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/
Mr. Joe Schlesinger Lecture

Mr. Joe Schlesinger
Journalist and Author
Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 29, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Winning Wars, Losing the Peace


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Professors Jim Phillips and Rosemary Gartner
Professor of Law, History, & Criminology
and Professor of Criminology and Sociology respectively
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 6, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Murdering Holiness

Professor Phillips is Director of the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto. He holds a doctorate in history as well as a law degree, and was law clerk to Madam Justice Bertha Wilson of the Supreme Court of Canada before joining the U of T in 1988. He has published on British Imperial History, Property and Trusts Law and, principally, Canadian Legal History. Professor Gartner's research focuses on violent crime, and especially violence by and against women. Her earlier book, *Violence and Crime in Cross-National Perspective*, won awards from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Sociological Association, and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Professors Phillips and Gartner have just coauthored a book entitled *Murdering Holiness*, to be published this fall by UBC Press. In this work on a sensational double murder, trial and suicide in early twentieth century Seattle, the authors explore the relationships among formal and informal law, gender relations and religious repression.

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Professor John F. Helliwell, O.C. Lecture

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Department of Economics
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 13, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

HAMPTON PLACE COMMUNITY FUND LECTURE

Globalization and Well-being

Considered Canada's foremost empirical economist, Professor Helliwell was born in Vancouver and received his education at UBC and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Dr. Helliwell has served as a research consultant to the Bank of Canada, several Royal Commissions, the National Bureau of Economic Research in Washington, D.C., the OECD, and the Canadian Department of Finance. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, he has most recently served as Mackenzie King Professor of Canadian Studies at Harvard University and Christensen Visiting Fellow, St. Catherines' College, Oxford. His latest book, Globalization and Well-Being, published by UBC Press and winner of the 2002/03 Donner Prize, is based on three Brenda and David McLean Lectures given at Green College at UBC.

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