

Vancouver Institute Fall 2007 Program



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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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Lecture Times

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

The Fall 2007 season comprises ten lectures, from September 15 to December 1, omitting October 6 (Thanksgiving) and November 10 (Remembrance weekend).

Fall 2007 Lecture Schedule

(Please click on the lecture date for further detail.)

Sep 15	<i>DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE</i> Dr. Jennifer Welsh , Professor in International Relations, Oxford University <i>Canada's Foreign Policy: Do Citizens Have a Say?</i>
Sep 22	Professor Hector Williams , Department of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies, UBC <i>Excavations in Arcadia: Uncovering Ancient Stymphalos</i>
Sep 29	Mr. Richard Pound, O.C., O.Q., Q.C., LLD , Member, International Olympic Committee <i>Human Athletes or Chemical Stockpiles? Doping in Sport</i>
Oct 6	Thanksgiving—NO LECTURE
Oct 13	Dr. Harvey Sachs , Writer, journalist, and music historian, New York <i>The Toscanini Letters: A Musician Looks at his World</i>
Oct 20	Professor Craig Packer , Distinguished McKnight University Professor, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behaviour, University of Minnesota <i>Why the Lion is Disappearing from Africa</i>
Oct 27	Ms. Malalai Joya , Elected Member, Afghanistan's National Assembly, Kabul <i>Warlords, Women's Rights and Foreign Troops: An Afghan Experience</i>
Nov 3	Professor David Schindler , Killam Memorial Professor of Ecology, University of Alberta <i>A Life with Pesticides</i>
Nov 10	Remembrance Weekend—NO LECTURE
Nov 17	Professor Stephen Majeski , Head, Political Science Department, University of Washington <i>Clients, Enemies, and Empire</i>
Nov 24	Dr. Garry Rogers , Head, Earthquake Hazards West, Natural Resources Canada, Sidney, B.C. <i>The Earthquake Threat to British Columbia</i>
	Professor Dennis Danielson , Head, Department of English, UBC



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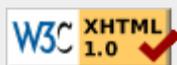
[How to get there.](#)

About [The Vancouver Institute](#). Complete list of [lecture titles](#), from 1916 to the present.

A [short history](#) of the Institute.

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.



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Dr. Jennifer Welsh Lecture



Dr. Jennifer Welsh
Professor in International Relations
Oxford University

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **September 15, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Canada's Foreign Policy: Do Citizens Have a Say?

Dr. Welsh holds a Masters and Doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. She is the author of four books and a series of articles on international relations, and is co-author of *Chips and Pop: Decoding the Nexus Generation*. She is a frequent commentator on Canadian foreign policy and international affairs for the *Globe and Mail* and CBC. Dr. Welsh is a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies. In 2005, she was the Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto, and in 2006 was named a Trudeau Fellow. Her most recent book is entitled: *At Home in the World: Canada's Global Vision for the 21st Century*.



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- [Trudeau Foundation Award](#)
- [Speakers Spotlight profile](#)
- [Wikipedia entry](#)

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Professor Hector Williams Lecture



Professor Hector Williams
Department of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies
UBC

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **September 22, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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Excavations in Arcadia: Uncovering Ancient Stymphalos

Dr. Williams has been excavating in the Mediterranean since 1968 both by land and sea and has directed UBC's two archaeological projects at Mytilene (Lesbos) and Stymphalos (Peloponnese) since 1982. He set up the Canadian Archaeological Institute's facilities in Athens in 1981, has served as President of the Archaeological Institute of America (Canada), and is currently President of the Vancouver Maritime Museum Society. His special interests include Greek cities and sanctuaries, maritime archaeology, and geophysical survey and archaeology.



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[Faculty of Arts: Hector Williams](#)

[The Canadian Institute in Greece: Stymphalos](#)

[UBC Excavations: Ancient Stymphalos](#)

[Stymphalos](#) (Wikipedia)



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Mr. Richard Pound, O.C., O.Q., Q.C., LLD Lecture



Mr. Richard Pound, O.C., O.Q., Q.C., LLD
Member, International Olympic Committee

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **September 29, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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Human Athletes or Chemical Stockpiles? Doping in Sport

A lawyer and currently Chancellor of McGill University, Mr. Pound was a competitor in the Rome Olympics in 1960, and later won a gold medal, two silver medals and one bronze medal for Canada at the 1962 Commonwealth Games. A former Canadian champion in freestyle and butterfly, he is the last Canadian ever to reach the final of the men's Olympic 100-metre freestyle. He was elected President of the Canadian Olympic Association for the period 1977–1982. He joined the International Olympic Committee in 1978, and served on the Executive Board during 1983–2000, and was Vice-President of the IOC during 1987–1991 and 1996–2000. He was also Chair of the IOC's Coordination Commission for the 1996 Olympic Games. His investigation of the Salt Lake City scandal led to the creation of a new ethics watchdog to monitor future interaction between bidding cities and IOC members. He is also the Chair of the World Anti-Doping Agency, established in 1999, to promote and coordinate the international fight against doping in sport. His most recent book is entitled: *Inside the Olympics: A Behind the Scenes Look at the Politics, the Scandals and the Glory of the Games*.



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[The go-to guy, Richard Pound](#) 

[McGill: Chancellor](#)  Pound's web page as chancellor of McGill University

[McGill Reporter](#)  (28 Jan 1999) on Pound's appointment as chancellor

[Richard Pound on sport and doping](#) 



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Dr. Harvey Sachs Lecture



Dr. Harvey Sachs
Writer, journalist, and music historian
New York

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **October 13, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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The Toscanini Letters: A Musician Looks at his World

Professor Sachs, writer and music historian, has published eight books—of which there are now more than 50 editions in 15 languages—including well-known biographies of Arturo Toscanini and Arthur Rubinstein, two collections of essays on musical subjects, and, as co-author, the memoirs of Plácido Domingo and Sir Georg Solti. His most recent published volume is *The Letters of Arturo Toscanini*, and he is currently working on a book on Beethoven's Ninth Symphony within the historical context of the year 1824. Sachs has written for the *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Times Literary Supplement* (London), *La Stampa* and dozens of other newspapers and periodicals, as well as for BBC, CBC, PBS, RAI and other radio and television networks. He is former Artistic Director of Italy's most prestigious concert organization, the Società del Quartetto di Milano.



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[Wikipedia entry](#)

[Arturo Toscanini from 1915 to 1946](#) (selected pages)



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Professor Craig Packer Lecture



Professor Craig Packer
Distinguished McKnight University Professor
Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behaviour
University of Minnesota

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **October 20, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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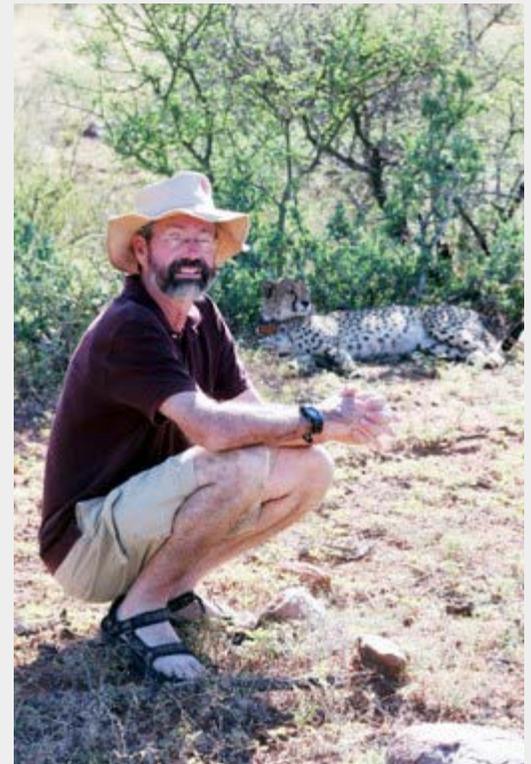
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Why the Lion is Disappearing from Africa

Dr. Packer attended college at Stanford where he met Jane Goodall and became her field assistant at Gombe National Park in Tanzania, studying baboons. He subsequently attended the University of Sussex where he obtained his PhD. After a three year break from Africa, he returned to Tanzania in 1978 to take over the Serengeti lion project which he has run ever since. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1990, which enabled him to spend a year at Oxford University and to write his book, *Into Africa*, which won the John Burroughs Medal in 1994. He has written dozens of articles for *Science* and *Nature*, as well as stories for *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, and *Natural History*.



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[The Lion Research Center](#) 

[Savannas Forever](#) 

[Into Africa](#)  (selected pages)

[Black manes rule among lions in the Serengeti](#) 



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Ms. Malalai Joya Lecture



Ms. Malalai Joya
Elected Member, Afghanistan's National Assembly
Kabul

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **October 27, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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Warlords, Women's Rights and Foreign Troops: An Afghan Experience



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[Her web site](#)

Includes audio and video clips.

[Wikipedia entry](#)

Malalai Joya (Pashto: **ملالی جویا**) (born April 25, 1979) is a controversial Afghan politician. A member of the Afghan Parliament, she has been both celebrated by many as an advocate for women's rights and publicly denounced by some fellow politicians for her criticism of those she considers "warlords" and "drug-lords" in the current Afghanistan government.

- "Never again will I whisper in the shadows of intimidation. I am but a symbol of my people's struggle and a servant to their cause. And if I were to be killed for what I believe in, then let my blood be the beacon for emancipation and my words a revolutionary paradigm for generations to come."

"They will kill me but they will not kill my voice, because it will be the voice of all Afghan women. You can cut the flower, but you cannot stop the coming of spring."

The article includes links to many additional sources.

[The Dominion article, September 2006](#) □

- Afghanistan's youngest and arguably most famous member of parliament began an address to McGill students last week by saying that she was "deeply impressed with the sympathy expressed by Canadians" for the situation of the Afghan people. The kind words for Canada's involvement, however, ended there.
- Joya's message to Canadians was unmistakable for its repetition: "Canada must have its own policies in Afghanistan, and stop supporting fundamentalist warlords." Canada, said Joya, must "prove that it is a friend of the Afghan people." To do that, it must "act independently of US war policies," she said, adding that, "as long as Canada cannot act independently of the Pentagon," it will be inevitable that Canadian troops will die.

[PBS Interview, March 2007](#) □

This week, NOW interviewed Malalai Joya to learn how she's been faring in her parliamentary position and get her thoughts on Afghanistan's struggle toward democracy.

- *NOW: Have you made any progress in your hopes of having the warlords removed?*
It seems that the U.S. government and its allies want to rely on them and install them to the most important posts in the executive, legislation and judicial bodies. Today the whole country is in their hands and they can do anything using their power, money and guns. They grab billions of dollars from foreign aid, drugs and precious stones smuggling. ...
- *You were elected as a delegate to the Wolesi Jirga, or National Assembly, in 2005. How has it been working day-to-day in the parliament since then?*
The Afghan parliament is the most disgusting and corrupt parliament in the world. Over 85 percent of the MPs [Members of Parliament] are those who should first of all appear in the court for their crimes against our people. They are trying to use this body for their own interests and benefits. Most of the time the warlords present are arguing to increase the benefits given to MPs. They are bargaining for their salaries to be increased, but they have no intention or willingness to work on laws for the betterment of Afghan people. ...
- *NOW: Do you believe that the NATO troops in Afghanistan are helping to improve security?*
The U.S. is not concerned with the main cause behind terrorism in Afghanistan. That is why our people don't consider the U.S. as the "liberator" of our country. Even they have killed thousands of our innocent civilians during its so-called "war on terror" and continue to target civilians.
- *NOW: You traveled to America to talk about women's rights in Afghanistan. What was your impression of the United States and Americans?*
I felt that, unlike the U.S. government, its people are kind and caring and have great sympathy with Afghan women and try to help. I was very much impressed by their show of solidarity and support.
I also found that the media plays a very negative role in the U.S. and keep people in the dark about the events going on in other parts of the world and especially in Afghanistan. Most of the facts and realities I was talking about, were quite new to them. They had a completely different and bright picture of events in Afghanistan.

[Human Rights Watch article](#) □

(New York, May 23, 2007) – The Afghan parliament should immediately reinstate Malalai Joya, a member suspended for criticizing colleagues, and revise parliamentary procedures that restrict freedom of speech, Human Rights Watch said today.

On May 21, 2007, the Lower House of the Afghan parliament voted to suspend Joya for comments she made during a television interview the previous day. It is unclear whether Joya's suspension will

run until the current parliamentary session ends in several weeks or whether she will be suspended for the remainder of her term in office, which ends in 2009. In addition to her suspension from parliament, several legislators have said that Joya could be sued for contempt in a court of law. “Malalai Joya is a staunch defender of human rights and a powerful voice for Afghan women, and she shouldn’t have been suspended from parliament,” said Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch. “Joya’s comments don’t warrant the punishment she received and they certainly don’t warrant court proceedings.”

Joya had criticized the parliament for failing to accomplish enough for the Afghan people, saying, “A stable or a zoo is better [than the legislature], at least there you have a donkey that carries a load and a cow that provides milk. This parliament is worse than a stable or a zoo.” ...



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Professor David Schindler Lecture



Professor David Schindler
Killam Memorial Professor of Ecology
University of Alberta

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **November 3, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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A Life with Pesticides

Dr. David Schindler founded and directed the Experimental Lakes Project of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans near Kenora, Ontario, conducting interdisciplinary research on the effects of eutrophication, acid rain, radioactive elements, and climate change on boreal ecosystems. His work has been widely used in formulating ecologically sound management policy in Canada, the USA and Europe. His current research interests include the study of fisheries management in mountain lakes, the biomagnification of organochlorines in food chains, effects of climate change and UV radiation on lakes, and global carbon and nitrogen budgets.



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Professor Stephen Majeski Lecture



Professor Stephen Majeski
Head, Political Science Department
University of Washington

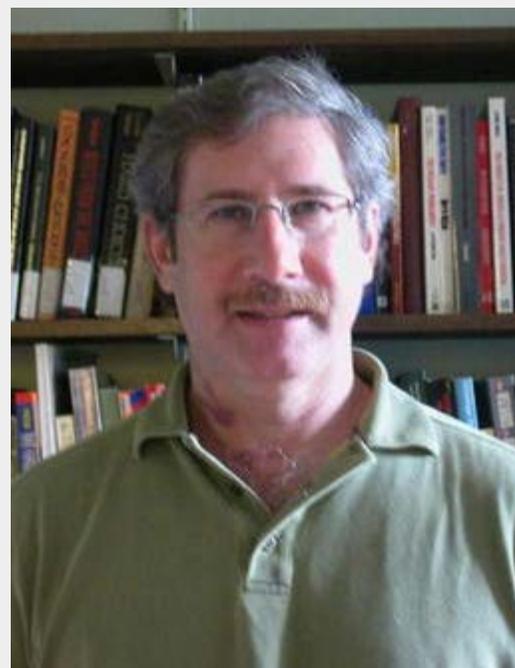
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Clients, Enemies, and Empire



Dr. Majeski has research interests in international conflict and foreign policy making. He has published numerous articles concerning these areas in such journals as *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. He is currently finishing a project on how high level U.S. officials made policy with respect to



Vietnam, 1961–65. He is also doing experimental work assessing how groups make choices in situations of conflict and cooperation, and uses evolutionary theory to simulate how agents interact in complex environments.

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[Stephen Majeski: Political Science Chair](#)
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Dr. Garry Rogers Lecture



Dr. Garry Rogers
Head, Earthquake Hazards West
Natural Resources Canada
Sidney, B.C.

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](#) on **November 24, 2007** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

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The Earthquake Threat to British Columbia

A graduate of UBC and the University of Hawaii, Dr. Rogers is the leading authority on Canada's west coast earthquakes. He is a senior research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada and a professor at the University of Victoria. He currently serves on the Canadian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering, which is responsible for earthquake provisions in the National Building Code, on advisory committees to the Earthquake Program of the US Geological Survey, the Southern California Earthquake Center, NEPTUNE Canada and the *New Zealand Journal of Geology and Geophysics* and as a national representative on the Pacific Tsunami Warning System.



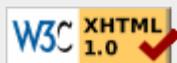
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[B.C. enters window of increased quake risk](#)  (2 Feb 2007)

[Quake warnings can be a disaster](#)  (21 Feb 2007)

[When the 'big one' hits...](#)  (2 Mar 2007)



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Professor Dennis Danielson Lecture



Professor Dennis Danielson
Head, Department of English
UBC

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From Copernicus to E.T. and Why it Matters

Dr. Danielson is an intellectual historian with interests in the Renaissance and in the history, literature, and cultural meaning of science. A Milton scholar, Danielson has also published an anthology—*The Book of the Cosmos: Imagining the Universe from Heraclitus to Hawking*—which was named to Amazon.com’s “Editor’s Choice” top 10 science books for the year 2000. In 2006 Danielson’s biography of Copernicus’s sole student and “apostle” appeared as *The First Copernican: Georg Joachim Rheticus and the Rise of the Copernican Revolution*. He has published articles in *American Journal of Physics*, *Nature*, and *Journal for the History of Astronomy*, and has lectured in North America, Europe, China, and South Africa.

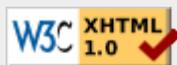


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