Vancouver Institute Fall 2009 Program

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

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Lecture Times

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

The Fall 2009 season comprises ten lectures, from September 19 to November 28, omitting October 10th (Thanksgiving).

Fall 2009 Lecture Schedule

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**How to get there.**

About [The Vancouver Institute](http://vaninst.ca/). Complete list of [lecture titles](http://vaninst.ca/), from 1916 to the present.


The lectures are in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, [University of British Columbia](http://vaninst.ca/). 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.
Dr. Nigel Fisher Lecture

Dr. Nigel Fisher
President and CEO
UNICEF Canada

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 19, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

JOHN K. AND MARTA FRIESEN LECTURE

Pandemics, Poverty, and Children

A former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Fisher has served as UNICEF’s Director of Office of Emergency Operations, as Regional Director for South Asia, and as the agency’s head of operations in several conflict zones – in Northern Iraq after the first Gulf War, in Rwanda at the end of that country’s genocidal civil war, and for Afghanistan in the immediate aftermath of 9-11. He has lived and worked in a dozen developing countries in Asia, the Middle East and Africa and has devoted considerable time to work on child and maternal health care and on girls’ education programming in the developing world. He was awarded Canada’s Meritorious Service Cross for his humanitarian work in Rwanda and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from McMaster University.
Dr. Nigel Lockyer Lecture

Dr. Nigel Lockyer
Director, TRIUMF
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 26, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Quarks, Isotopes and the Future of Subatomic Physics

Dr. Lockyer came to TRIUMF from the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Professor of Physics. His research has focused on high-energy particle experiments at the energy frontier with a keen interest in testing fundamental symmetries, and on the study of the heaviest quarks, with special emphasis on the bottom quark. His research has been conducted with the CDF experiment at Fermilab, located near Chicago. In recent years, Dr. Lockyer’s research has included lepton number and R-Parity violating supersymmetry searches as well as accelerator research aimed at the International Linear Collider. He also has a keen interest in proton therapy applications and medical physics detectors. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and was awarded the Society’s 2006 W.K.H. Panofsky Prize.
Dr. Charles Jencks Lecture

Dr. Charles Jencks
Architectural theorist, landscape architect and designer
Dumfries, Scotland

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 3, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Garden of Cosmic Speculation:
Nature Talking to Nature

Dr. Jencks is famous for his innovative garden designs. In 2004 the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art won the Gulbenkian Prize as Museum of the Year for Dr. Jencks’ dramatic and radical landscape project titled Landform. His recent work includes fractal designs of buildings and furniture, as well as extensive landscape designs based on complexity theory, waves, and solitons. These themes are expanded in his own private garden, the Garden of Cosmic Speculation, at Portrack House near Dumfries, Scotland. He is also a furniture designer and sculptor, completing the DNA Sculpture in London’s Kew Gardens in 2003. Dr. Jencks is the trustee and co-founder (with his late wife Maggie Keswick) and designed the gardens for the unique Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres, a series of buildings and grounds in various cities built with the belief that architecture and form could provide healing and comfort to those battling cancer. This lecture is being co-sponsored by the Vancouver Biennale.
Dr. Mark Rosenzweig Lecture

Dr. Mark Rosenzweig
Department of Economics
Yale University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 17, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

WOODWARD LECTURE

The International Flow of Migrants: Causes and Consequences

Professor Rosenzweig is a development economist who pioneered the use of microeconometric methods for studying the causes and consequences of economic development. Among the topics he has studied are: the educational implications of the green revolution, the relationship between family size and human capital investments, the effects of agricultural technical change on forests and water resources, marriage and migration, the determinants of fertility decline, the consequences for health of burning biomass in the home, the role of traditional institutions in economic development, and risk-sharing and mobility. Dr. Rosenzweig is one of the principal investigators of the New Immigrant Survey, the first national longitudinal survey of immigrants in the United States, and was Director of research for the U.S. Select Commission on Refugee and Immigration Policy.
Professor Sander Gilman Lecture

Professor Sander Gilman
Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, and
Professor of Psychiatry
Emory University, Georgia

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 24, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE

Why Don't We Trust Our Food? Obesity and Infection Today

A cultural and literary historian, Dr. Gilman is the author or editor of over eighty books. His Fat: A Cultural History of Obesity appeared in 2008; his most recent edited volume, Race and Contemporary Medicine: Biological Facts and Fictions was published that same year. He is the author of the basic study of the visual stereotyping of the mentally ill, Seeing the Insane. For twenty-five years he was a member of the humanities and medical faculties at Cornell University where he held the Goldwin Smith Professorship of Humane Studies. He has been the Henry R. Luce Distinguished Service Professorship of the Liberal Arts in Human Biology at the University of Chicago, and was a distinguished professor of the Liberal Arts and Medicine and creator of the Humanities Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
General John de Chastelain, OC Lecture

General John de Chastelain, OC
Former Chief of the Defence Staff
Canadian Armed Forces

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **October 31, 2009** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**St. John's College Lecture**

The Northern Ireland Peace Process 1994–2009:
Is It Working?

General de Chastelain has had a distinguished military career: as Deputy Chief of Staff of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada, Commander of the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Germany, and Director General Land Doctrine and Operations at National Defence Headquarters. In 1989, he was appointed Chief of the Defence Staff, and four years later became Canada’s Ambassador to the United States. Since November 1995, General de Chastelain has been involved in the Northern Ireland peace process and has been Chairman of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning, which is responsible for ensuring the decommissioning of arms by paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland. He was a recipient of the Vimy Award, which recognizes those who have made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of Canada and the preservation of its democratic values.
Dr. Laura Brandon Lecture

Dr. Laura Brandon
Chief Curator of War Art
Canadian War Museum
Ottawa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 7, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

What Is War Art?

Dr. Brandon was born in London, England of Canadian parents. After graduating from the University of Bristol in art history and history, she moved with her husband to Canada in 1976. She has an MA in art history from Queen's and a PhD in history from Carleton. Dr. Brandon works at the Canadian War Museum as its Historian, Art and War. Her publications include: Art and War; Art or Memorial? The Forgotten History of Canada's War Art; and Pegi by Herself: The Life of Pegi Nicol MacLeod, Canadian Artist, the last of which won the Alison Prentice Award in 2006.
Professor Bruce McNaughton Lecture

Professor Bruce McNaughton
Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience
University of Lethbridge

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 14, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Memories and Sleep:
The Trace Reactivation Theory of Memory Consolidation

Dr. McNaughton's research focuses on the molecular, cellular and brain system mechanisms of memory and memory disorders associated with aging and brain damage. In the last 15 years, Dr. McNaughton has been at the forefront of development of methods to study the large-scale interactions of neurons in the intact brain during the encoding, storage, recall and consolidation of memory. Methods developed in his laboratory now make it possible to record from several hundred cortical neurons during learning experiments in animals, providing an unprecedented window on how neurons cooperate during cognitive processing. These methods are also being directed towards the development of neuroprosthetic systems that will use direct brain recording to control muscle activity in patients with spinal injury.
Mr. Moshe Safdie, CC Lecture

Mr. Moshe Safdie, CC
Architect and Urban Designer
Sommerville, Massachusetts

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 21, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

ARTHUR ERICKSON MEMORIAL LECTURE IN ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE
Megascale, Order and Complexity

Mr. Safdie has been an innovative force in architecture and urban design since he first attracted global attention with Habitat ‘67, his seminal experimental housing project constructed for the Montreal World’s Fair. He has contributed meaningfully to the development of many building types – museums, libraries, performing arts centers, government facilities, airports and houses – and the realization of entire cities. His architecture and urban design firm, Moshe Safdie and Associates, is based in Boston with branch offices in Jerusalem, Toronto, and Singapore. Among Mr. Safdie’s numerous awards are the Companion Order of Canada and the Gold Medal of the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects.
Dr. Grant Gillett Lecture

Dr. Grant Gillett
Chair, Bioethics Centre
University of Otago Medical School
New Zealand

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 28, 2009 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Cecil and Ida Green Lecture

Neuroethics and Human Identity

Dr. Gillett studied medicine and psychology at Auckland and then specialised in neurosurgery. He completed a doctorate in philosophy and held a fellowship at Oxford before coming to Otago. He is a Neurosurgeon and Professor of Medical Ethics. Dr. Gillett’s interests are broad, including the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of medicine and medical ethics. He has a particular interest in the philosophies of Kant and Wittgenstein. He is the author of Bioethics in the Clinic: Hippocratic Reflections, Representation, Meaning and Thought (with W K M Fulford and J Martin-Soskice), The Discursive Mind (with R. Harré), Medical Ethics (with AV Campbell, M.Charlesworth, DG Jones) and The Mind and its Discontents. He is the editor of Medicine and Moral Reasoning.
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