# Vancouver Institute Fall 2010 Program

* **Free Public Lectures** *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2010Fall.html).

## Lecture Times

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

The Fall 2010 season comprises twelve lectures, from September 18 to December 4, omitting October 9\textsuperscript{th} (Thanksgiving) and including a Monday Noon lecture on November 8.

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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.
Mr. Gwynne Dyer Lecture

Mr. Gwynne Dyer
Author and commentator
London

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 18, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE LECTURE

Geopolitics in a Hotter World

Mr. Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years, but he was originally trained as an historian. He received degrees from Canadian, American and British universities, finishing with a Ph.D. in Military and Middle Eastern History from the University of London. He served in three navies and held academic appointments at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Oxford University before launching his twice-weekly column on international affairs, which is published by over 175 papers in some 45 countries. His first television series, the 7-part documentary 'War', was aired in 45 countries in the mid-80s. One episode, 'The Profession of Arms', was nominated for an Academy Award. His more recent works include the 1994 series 'The Human Race', and 'Protection Force', a three-part series on peacekeepers in Bosnia, both of which won Gemini awards. His award-winning radio documentaries include 'The Gorbachev Revolution', a seven-part series based on Dyer's experiences in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in 1987–90, and 'Millennium', a six-hour series on the emerging global culture.
Mr. David Baines Lecture

Mr. David Baines
Columnist, The Vancouver Sun

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 25, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

BEL N. NEMETZ LECTURE

Securities Fraud: How Crooks Rip Off the Public, How Professionals Facilitate Their Crimes, and How Regulators and Police Let Them Get Away With It

A graduate of Queen's and the University of Western Ontario, Mr. Baines has spent much of his life in the world of journalism, most notably as a business columnist with the Vancouver Sun. He writes primarily about stock frauds—the people who perpetrate them, the investors who are victimized by them and the regulators who are supposed to prevent them. His investigations have led to numerous awards for his reporting, including four National Newspaper Awards, the second highest in Canadian history.
Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis Lecture

Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis
Department of Biology
Washington University
St Louis, Missouri

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 2, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Healing From Rain Forests: The Value of Traditional Knowledge

Dr. Elvin-Lewis’ multifaceted scientific career has encompassed aspects of virology, epidemiology, microbiology, ethnobotany, and ethnopharmacology. Her studies have been worldwide with particular emphasis on plants used in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, the West Indies and North and South America. Her research focuses on understanding the therapeutic rationale behind plants selected for a wide variety of maladies, particularly those of infectious origin. Dr. Elvin-Lewis also continues to be interested in the risks of inappropriate herbal formulations and/or use. Her original 2001 article, “Should we be concerned about herbal remedies”, enjoyed more “hits” on the Ethnopharmacology’s website than any other publication at that time.
Dr. Nancy Olivieri Lecture

Dr. Nancy Olivieri
Professor, Pediatrics, Medicine and Public Health Sciences
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 16, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**Medicine, Morals, and Money**

Trained in medicine at McMaster University, the University of Toronto, and Harvard University Dr. Olivieri has received continuous funding over the past 25 years for research in disorders of hemoglobin, sickle cell disease and thalassemia. The author of over 200 scientific papers, reviews and book chapters, Dr. Olivieri is a founding member of Doctors for Research Integrity, an organization dedicated to scientific integrity and to the protection of patients participating in clinical research. Dr. Olivieri has received, among other honours, The Callaway Award for Civic Courage from the Nader Foundation; The Milner Memorial Award from the Canadian Association of University Teachers; the Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and several honorary degrees.
Mr. Robert Fowler Lecture

Mr. Robert Fowler
Former Canadian Diplomat
Ottawa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 23, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Sleeping With Al Qaeda

Mr. Fowler is a former Canadian diplomat whose career has included Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Ministers Trudeau, Turner and Mulroney; Deputy Minister of National Defence; and Canada’s longest serving Ambassador to the United Nations, where he represented Canada on the Security Council in 1999 and 2000. He was also Ambassador to Italy and the three Rome-based UN food agencies; Sherpa for the Kananaskis G8 Summit (for which he chaired the creation of the Africa Action Plan); and the personal representative for Africa of Prime Ministers Chrétien, Martin and Harper. He retired from the federal public service in the fall of 2006, and since then has been a Senior Fellow at the University of Ottawa’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. In 2008, Mr. Fowler was appointed special envoy of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to Niger. On December 14, 2008 he was captured by Al Qaeda and held in the Sahara desert for four months before his release.
Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar Lecture

Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar
Department of Geology
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 30, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Can Carbon Capture and Storage Solve Global Climate Change?
Lessons From Nature

Dr. Lollar completed an NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship at Cambridge University before joining the University of Toronto, where she is Director of the Stable Isotope Laboratory. Major themes in her area of research include geochemical and biogeochemical processes controlling the source, transport and transformation of organic contaminants and hydrocarbon gases in near surface groundwaters; gas production and migration in sedimentary basins and deep Canadian Shield groundwaters; and geochemical controls on the deep biosphere and deep subsurface microbiology. In 2000, she was profiled as one of TIME Magazine’s “Leaders for the 21st Century” based on her research on innovative techniques for tracking organic contaminants in groundwater.
Professor Peter Klein Lecture

Professor Peter Klein
School of Journalism
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 6, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Digital Dumping Ground:
The Global Trade in Electronic Waste

Professor Klein is an Emmy Award-winning journalist who has reported from more than a dozen countries. He began his career as a reporter for The Christian Science Monitor and National Public Radio, covering the Bosnian war and the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. He was a producer at ABC News’ Law & Justice Unit, conducting investigations for Nightline, 20/20 and World News Tonight. In 1999 he became a staff producer at 60 Minutes, and continues to produce foreign pieces for the eminent American program. He is also the creator and executive producer of the Emmy-nominated History Channel (US) series Beyond Top Secret, which investigates clandestine operations around the world. His professional highlights include producing or co-producing every one of Mike Wallace’s reports in the months after 9/11, producing the first report on the U.S. government’s plans to use torture in the “war on terror” and, with reporter Bob Simon, conducting the first and to date only Western TV interview with Iraqi Shiite insurgency leader Muqtada al-Sadr.
Dr. Dambisa Moyo Lecture

Dr. Dambisa Moyo
International Economist and Author

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on Monday, November 8, 2010 at Noon, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, University of British Columbia.

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NB: Alternate location.

SPECIAL CO-SPONSORED LECTURE

Dead Aid: Why Aid Is Not Working and How There Is a Better Way For Africa

In the final program as of August 3 there was no bio for this speaker.

There are no longer any tickets left for this event. However, a standby line will be set-up at the Chan Centre starting at 10:30am on Monday, November 8th. Any extra tickets returned by ticket holders will be reallocated to the standby line. Please also note that tickets are sometimes obtained but go unused, resulting in many unoccupied seats. We will fill these empty seats from the standby line.
Professor Deborah Blum Lecture

Professor Deborah Blum
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
University of Wisconsin – Madison

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 13, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

CRAIG LARONGE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LECTURE

Cocktails and Cyanide

Professor Blum is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and, most recently, the author of The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York. As a science writer for the Sacramento Bee, she wrote a series of articles examining the professional, ethical, and emotional conflicts between scientists who use animals in their research and animal rights activists who oppose that research. Titled "The Monkey Wars", the series won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for Beat Reporting. In The Poisoner's Handbook she explores the pioneering work of two unheralded scientists who paved the way for modern forensic detectives. Since 1997, Professor Blum has continued to write—usually on topics of science and its interrelationship with American culture—for publications that have included The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, Discover, Psychology Today, Rolling Stone, The Utne Reader, and Mother Jones. A past president of the National Association of Science Writers, she is a member of the governing board of the World Federation of Science Writers.
Dr. Peter Timmer Lecture

Dr. Peter Timmer
Professor of Developmental Studies
Harvard University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 20, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Local Food – Global Food: The Future of Food Security

A former dean of the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UC–San Diego, Professor Timmer has held faculty positions at Harvard, Cornell and Stanford. In 1992, he received the Bintang Jasa Utama (Highest Merit Star) from the Republic of Indonesia for his contributions to food security. He served as the chief outside advisor to USAID for developing their strategy on growth and agriculture for the Natsios Report (Foreign Assistance in the National Interest), and he was one of the key advisors for the World Development Report 2008: Agriculture for Development. He currently serves as an advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on agricultural development and food security issues. Professor Timmer's work focuses on four broad topics: the nature of "pro-poor growth" and its application in Indonesia and other countries in Asia; the supermarket revolution in developing countries and its impact on the poor (both producers and consumers); the structural transformation in historical perspective as a framework for understanding the political economy of agricultural policy; and the functioning of the world rice market.
Professor Stan Coren Lecture

Professor Stan Coren
Department of Psychology
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 27, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Human-Animal Bond:
Our History With Dogs

Professor Coren is best known to the public for his popular books on dogs, however he is also a highly respected scientist who has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada for his neuropsychological research. His broad knowledge about the behaviour of dogs and people has made bestsellers out of his books: The Intelligence of Dogs, How to Speak Dog, The Pawprints of History, and How Dogs Think. His work has been translated into 26 languages, and he has appeared on many national television programs, including Oprah, Larry King, Dateline, the Today Show, Good Morning America, and 20/20. His latest book is a memoir about living with an unpredictable and irrepressible dog and it is entitled Born to Bark.
Dr. Ronald Graham Lecture

Dr. Ronald Graham
Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
University of California – San Diego

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 4, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., Coast Plaza Hotel, 1763 Comox Street, off Denman.

CANADIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Searching For the Shortest Network:
Hard Problems, Communication Networks,
VLSI Design and Molecular Phylogenetics

In the final program as of August 3 there was no bio for this speaker.
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