Vancouver Institute Spring 2000 Program

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2000Spring.html)

Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2000 season comprises twelve lectures, from 22 January to 15 April, omitting 29 January.

Spring 2000 Lecture Schedule

| January 22 | Professor Brett Finlay, Biotechnology Laboratory and the Departments of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Microbiology & Immunology, UBC  
*Confronting the Microbe Menace* |
| January 29 | NO LECTURE |
| February 5 | Mr. Daryl Duke, Director, producer and writer; Vancouver  
*Redefining English Canada: The Failure of the Media* |
| February 12 | Professor Mark Winston, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University  
*Nature Wars: Pests vs. People* |
| February 19 | Mr. Nik Gowing, Correspondent and main presenter, BBC, London  
*Information in War and Emergencies: Who Really Commands the High Ground?* |
| February 26 | CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE  
Professor Virginia Valian, Department of Psychology, Hunter College, New York  
*The Advancement of Women: Why So Slow?* |
| March 4 | Professor Brian Rose, Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati  
*New Excavations at Ancient Troy* |
| March 11 | The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada; Ottawa  
*The Role of the Courts in a Modern Democracy* |
| March 18 | Professor Walter Kohn, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry; Department of Physics, University of California (Santa Barbara)  
*Through a Glass Darkly: A Physicist Looks at the Future* |
| March 25 | Dr. Silver Donald Cameron, Author, commentator, playwright; D'Ecousse, Isle Madame, Nova Scotia  
*Energy, Environment and the Left* |
| April 1 | Ms. Sharon Pollock, Canadian Playwright; Calgary, Alberta  
*Will Theatre Survive?* |
| | Panel Discussion:  
Dr. Gert-Jan van Ommen, President, The Human Genome Organization; Professor, Department of Human and Clinical Genetics; Leiden University, Netherlands |
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Lecture Schedules

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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.
Professor Brett Finlay Lecture

Professor Brett Finlay
Biotechnology Laboratory and the Departments of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Microbiology & Immunology
University of British Columbia

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 22, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Confronting the Microbe Menace

One of Canada's research stars, Professor Finlay was recently chosen as one of only two researchers from around the world to participate in the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute Holiday lecture on science. Focussing on infectious diseases, this lecture was delivered in "virtual real time" by satellite and on the Internet to thousands of high school science students around the world. Professor Finlay's most recent research focusses on salmonella and E.coli in our food, as well as antibiotics resistance and vaccines.

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Mr. Daryl Duke Lecture

Mr. Daryl Duke
Director, producer, and writer
Vancouver

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 5, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Redefining English Canada: The Failure of the Media

An Emmy Award winner, the recipient of a Christopher Award, a National Society of Film Critics Special Award, and the Canadian Film Award for Best Director, Daryl Duke's credits include the much acclaimed television miniseries, The Thorn Birds. His feature film, TaiPan, was the first western feature film to be shot in the People's Republic of China. Mr. Duke has worked for all three of the main U.S. networks and for many of the major studios in Hollywood, and has written, produced, and directed films for the CBC and the National Film Board.

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Professor Mark Winston Lecture

Professor Mark Winston
Department of Biological Sciences
Simon Fraser University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 12, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Nature Wars: Pests vs. People

Dr. Winston is well-known for his books on environmental issues, public policy, and bees (Nature Wars: People vs. Pests; Killer Bees: The Africanized Honey Bee in the Americas; and The Biology of the Honey Bee, published by Harvard University Press), as well as for his columns in the Vancouver Sun and numerous other newspapers and magazines. He has received many awards, including the Manning Award for Innovation, the Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy, the BC Gold Medal in Science and Engineering, and a Killam Fellowship from the Canada Council. This lecture is co-sponsored by Simon Fraser University.

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Mr. Nik Gowing Lecture

Mr. Nik Gowing
Correspondent and main presenter, BBC
London

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 19, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Information in War & Emergencies: Who Really Commands the High Ground?

Mr. Gowing is main presenter for The World Today, the BBC's premier weekday news and analysis programme. He has had extensive reporting experience over two decades in diplomacy, defence, and international security. He was a lead presenter for BBC World's round-the-clock coverage of the Kosovo crisis in 1999. Nik Gowing also has a distinguished career as a foreign affairs analyst, especially on the role of information in crisis management. In 1994 he was a resident fellow at Harvard University. This lecture is co-sponsored by UBC's Sing Tao School of Journalism and the British Consulate General in Vancouver under the NEWaccents program, Britain and Canada: a dynamic partnership for the 21st Century.

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Professor Virginia Valian Lecture

Professor Virginia Valian
Department of Psychology
Hunter College, New York

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **February 26, 2000** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the **Woodward Instructional Resources Centre**, University of British Columbia.

**The Advancement of Women: Why So Slow?**

Dr. Valian is one of the most influential scholars of our times. She draws on the disciplines of psychology, sociology, economics, and biology to examine the invisible barriers that explain differences in salary, rank, and rates of promotion for men and women in the professions, science, and academia. As one scholar has noted, "Valian documents the variables which can interfere with a woman's ability to take herself seriously as a scholar, and thus ultimately, with her ability to perform. The argument is so carefully constructed and the evidence so meticulously presented that the case is overwhelming."

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Professor Brian Rose Lecture

Professor Brian Rose
Department of Classics
University of Cincinnati

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

New Excavations at Ancient Troy

Professor Rose has headed the American team in the joint German/American archaeological excavations at Homer's Troy in modern-day Turkey. He will present the results of the last ten years of excavations at one of the most important sites in the ancient world.

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The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin Lecture

The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin
Chief Justice of Canada
Ottawa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 11, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Role of the Courts in a Modern Democracy

A native of Alberta, Justice McLachlin joined the Faculty of Law at UBC in 1974. She was appointed to the County Court of Vancouver in 1981 and subsequently elevated to the BC Supreme Court in 1981 and the BC Court of Appeal in 1985. Justice McLachlin returned to the BC Supreme Court in 1988 as Chief Justice and within one year was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. She assumed the office of Chief Justice of Canada in January of this year. This lecture is co-sponsored by UBC's Faculty of Law.

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Professor Walter Kohn Lecture

Professor Walter Kohn
Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1998
Department of Physics
University of California (Santa Barbara)

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

Through a Glass Darkly: A Physicist Looks at the Future

Educated at the University of Toronto and Harvard, Professor Kohn has made seminal contributions to the understanding of the electronic structure of materials. He played the leading role in the development of theory which has revolutionized scientists’ approach to the electronic structure of atoms, molecules, and solid materials in physics, chemistry, and materials science. Professor Kohn has also made major contributions to the physics of semiconductors, superconductivity, surface physics, and catalysis.

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Dr. Silver Donald Cameron Lecture

Dr. Silver Donald Cameron
Author, commentator, playwright
D'Ecousse, Isle Madame, Nova Scotia

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

Energy, Environment, and the Left

Dr. Cameron is an educator, businessman, and active participant in community economic development. His work includes books, plays, films, radio and TV scripts, and innumerable magazine articles. He is also a columnist with the Halifax Chronicle Herald and the Globe and Mail. He has held teaching positions at UBC, Dalhousie University, and the University of New Brunswick, and has been writer-in-residence at the University of PEI and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. He was the first Dean of the School of Community Studies at the University College of Cape Breton.

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Ms. Sharon Pollock Lecture

Ms. Sharon Pollock
Canadian Playwright
Calgary, Alberta

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 1, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Will Theatre Survive?

Called "one of the finest living Canadian playwrights," Ms. Pollock won the Governor General's Award for Drama twice: in 1981 for her play "Blood Relations" and in 1986 for "Doc." Among her other awards are the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists award for best radio drama "Sweet Land of Liberty" in 1980. Her work covers a wide range of topics from history and politics to more personal and individual-focussed works. Ms. Pollock's work is broadcast regularly on CBC Radio and Television. This lecture is co-sponsored by UBC's Program in Canadian Studies.

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Human Genome Panel Discussion

Dr. Gert-Jan van Ommen  
President, The Human Genome Organization  
Professor, Department of Human and Clinical Genetics  
Leiden University, Netherlands

Dr. Michael Hayden  
Director, Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics, UBC  
Scientific Director, Canadian Genetic Diseases Network

Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui  
Head, Genetics and Genomic Biology Research Programme  
Professor and Geneticist-in-Chief  
Sellars Chair in Cystic Fibrosis Research  
The Hospital for Sick Children  
University of Toronto

Dr. Francis Collins  
Director, National Human Genome Research Institute  
National Institutes of Health  
Associate Chief, Genetic and Molecular Biology Branch  
NIH, Bethesda, Maryland

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

The Human Genome Project: Where Do We Go From Here?

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Mr. John Stackhouse Lecture

Mr. John Stackhouse
Correspondent
The Globe & Mail

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

The End of Development

John Stackhouse is The Globe and Mail's correspondent-at-large, covering a wide range of political, economic, and social issues at home and abroad. His first book, Out of Poverty and Into Something More Comfortable, will be published in April 2000 by Random House of Canada. From 1991 to 1999, he was the Globe and Mail's development issues reporter based in New Delhi. His work has won three national newspaper awards, one national magazine award, and an Amnesty International award.

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