Vancouver Institute Spring 2006 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the Vancouver Institute home page.

Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2006 season comprises twelve lectures, from January 14 to April 8, omitting February 18 (Midterm Break).

Spring 2006 Lecture Schedule

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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. Michael Adams Lecture

Mr. Michael Adams
President, Environics
Toronto, Ontario

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 14, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**Fire, Ice and American Backlash:**
*Social Change Above the Rio Grande*

Mr. Adams is the author of three Canadian best sellers: *Sex in the Snow: Canadian Social Values at the End of the Millennium; Better Happy Than Rich? Canadians, Money and the Meaning of Life;* and *Fire and Ice: The United States, Canada and the Myth of Converging Values.* This last work won the prestigious 2003/04 Donner Prize for the best book on Canadian public policy and, in the fall of 2005, was selected by the Literary Review of Canada as one of the 100 most important books ever published in Canada. His fourth book *American Backlash: The Untold Story of Social Change in the United States* was released in 2005.

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Mr. James Delgado Lecture

Mr. James Delgado
Executive Director
Vancouver Maritime Museum

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **January 21, 2006** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**Gold Rush Pompeii: The Buried Waterfront and Lost Ships of Early San Francisco**

Mr. Delgado has led or participated in shipwreck expeditions around the world, including *RMS Titanic*, the discovery of *Carpathia*, the ship that rescued *Titanic*’s survivors, the notorious "ghost ship" *Mary Celeste*, *USS Arizona*, the sunken fleet of atomic-bombed warships at Bikini Atoll, and the 1846 wreck of the United States naval brig *Somers*, whose tragic story inspired Herman Melville's *Billy Budd*. He has hosted the National Geographic International Television series *The Sea Hunters* along with best-selling author Clive Cussler. Mr. Delgado is the author or editor of nearly thirty books and numerous articles.

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Professor Michael Byers Lecture

Professor Michael Byers
Academic Director
Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 28, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

On Thinning Ice: Challenges to Canadian Sovereignty in the Northwest Passage

Professor Byers holds a Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at UBC. He was formerly Professor of Law and Director of Canadian Studies at Duke University. From 1996 to 1999, he was a Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford University. His work focuses on the interaction of international law and international politics, especially with regard to the use of military force, the law of the sea, and Canada-United States relations. He is a regular contributor to the London Review of Books and the Globe and Mail, and the author, most recently, of War Law.

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Liu Institute for Global Issues—Michael Byers bio
London Review of Books—review of On Thinning Ice
Professor Françoise Sullivan and Dr. Sylvia L'Écuyer Lecture

Professor Françoise Sullivan and Dr. Sylvia L'Écuyer
Painter, Sculptor, Photographer
Montreal

and
Senior Producer, CBC
Vancouver
respectively

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 4, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

A Conversation With Françoise Sullivan

Winner of the 2005 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts, Françoise Sullivan was born in Montreal, where she received her early training at the École des beaux-arts. Well known at the outset as a dancer and choreographer, it has been her work as a painter, sculptor and photographer that has truly marked her long career. Her work has been seen continuously in solo and group exhibitions, including retrospectives at the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec (1993) and at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (2003). She has received the Prix Paul-Émile Borduas (1987) and holds honorary degrees from the Université du Québec à Montréal and York University in Toronto. Françoise Sullivan has taught at Concordia University since 1977.

Senior Producer at the CBC, Sylvia L'Écuyer has worked as a journalist, interviewer, host, producer, and head of music for the French radio networks since 1985. As a Musicologist (PhD, Laval University), Dr. L'Écuyer has done research and teaching at UBC. Her publications include various articles and notices in musicology journals and encyclopedias. She is presently an Professeur Associée at Université de Montréal, Faculty of Music, Editor of the Cahiers de la Société Québécoise de Recherche en Musique and a Host/Producer of concerts and weekly shows on Travel and Music for Radio-Canada's Espace Musique.

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Women Artists in Canada—Françoise Sullivan
FROM AUTOMATISM TO MODERN DANCE: Françoise Sullivan with Franziska Boas in New York
Mr. Andy Milne Lecture

Mr. Andy Milne
Jazz Pianist
Brooklyn, New York

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 11, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall, UBC Music Building.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE LECTURE

An Evening With Andy Milne:
Lecture and Performance

A resident of Brooklyn, Canadian-born pianist/composer Andy Milne is a musician whose music is distinguished by its refreshing, creative approach to jazz and music in general. In addition to leading his own ensembles, from 1991 to 1997, Andy was a key member of the various groups of saxophonist Steve Coleman, as well as collaborating with other members of the M-BASE Collective. He frequently tours and records with trumpeter Ralph Alessi, Ravi Coltrane and Grammy-nominated vocalist, Carla Cook. Andy was voted "Keyboardist of the Year 2000," by Jazz Report magazine. He recently completed a collaboration with Canadian folk/rock icon Bruce Cockburn, the fruits of which are featured on both Bruce's and Dapp Theory's forthcoming CDs.

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www.andymilne.com/
Professor Mark Osiel Lecture

Professor Mark Osiel
College of Law
University of Iowa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 25, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE LECTURE

International Law at the Crossroads:
How Exaggerated Hopes Produce Exaggerated Despair

Mark Osiel's scholarship seeks to show how legal responses to mass atrocity can be improved by understanding its organizational dynamics, as revealed through comparative social and historical analysis. His books include Mass Atrocity, Collective Memory & the Law; Obeying Orders: Atrocity, Military Discipline, and the Law of War; Mass Atrocity, Ordinary Evil, and Hannah Arendt: Criminal Consciousness in Argentina's Dirty War; and Making Sense of Mass Atrocity: Aligning the Incentives. He has spoken at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and served as consultant to prosecutors of Gen. Augusto Pinochet and of perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide.

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Mark J. Osiel, Professor Of Law
Mr. Bernie Lucht Lecture

Mr. Bernie Lucht
Producer, IDEAS
CBC Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 4, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Best Ideas You'll Hear Tonight

Bernie Lucht is the executive producer of Ideas and Tapestry. He also commissions and organizes the annual CBC Massey Lectures series. He has supervised several major CBC network specials, including The Gorbachev Revolution by Gwynne Dyer (1990) and From Naked Ape to Superspecies by David Suzuki (1998). Under his leadership, Ideas has won many awards and received national and international recognition for the quality of its work. Lucht is a senior fellow at Massey College in the University of Toronto. In 1998, he was awarded The John Drainie Award for Distinguished Contribution to Broadcasting by the Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists. His most recent book is entitled: Ideas: Brilliant Speakers Speak Their Minds.

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CBC Radio—Ideas
Professor John Robinson Lecture

Professor John Robinson
Director, Sustainable Development Research Initiative
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 11, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**UBC EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH LECTURE**

**Accelerating Sustainability in British Columbia**

Dr. Robinson currently directs several research programs in the areas of climate change and policy, analyzing sustainable futures in the Georgia Basin, building computer game-like simulations for public engagement, and proposing new buildings. His personal research interests include sustainability theory and practice, regional-scale integrated assessment, involving the public in the analysis of sustainable futures, business and sustainability, and the relationship between science and decision-making. Dr. Robinson is a member of the Advisory Council of the David Suzuki Foundation, on the Board of Westcoast Environmental Law, and the Sustainable Cities Foundation. He has twice been a Coordinating Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
Professor Stanley Coren Lecture

Professor Stanley Coren
Department of Psychology
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 18, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

How Dogs Think

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 behavior of dogs and people has made his books such as: The Intelligence of Dogs, How to Speak Dog, The Pawprints of History, and How Dogs Think all bestsellers. His work has been translated into 26 languages, and has appeared on many national television programs, including Oprah, Larry King, Dateline, the Today Show, Good Morning America, and 20/20.
Professor Sheila Jasanoff Lecture

Professor Sheila Jasanoff
Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies
Kennedy School, Harvard University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 25, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Cecil and Ida Green Lecture

Governing Life:
The Comparative Politics of Biotechnology

Professor Jasanoff has held academic positions at Cornell, Yale, Oxford, and Kyoto. She has also been a Visiting Professor at Cambridge, Fellow at the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study, and Resident Scholar at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio study center. Her research concerns the role of science and technology in the law, politics, and public policy of modern democracies, with a particular focus on the challenges of globalization. She has written and lectured widely on problems of environmental regulation, risk management, and biotechnology in the United States, Europe, and India. Her books include Controlling Chemicals, The Fifth Branch, Science at the Bar, and Designs on Nature.

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Sheila Jasanoff's Profile at Harvard University
Professor David Gross Lecture

Professor David Gross
Nobel Laureate in Physics
Director, Institute for Theoretical Physics
University of California, Santa Barbara

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 1, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

TRIUMF LECTURE

The Future of Physics:
What We Don't Know

Professor Gross taught at Princeton for 27 years. By the beginning of the 1980s, his research focused on the challenge of unifying all the forces of nature and confronting quantum gravity. In the early 1980's, he began to work on string theory, which has been his principal area of research to this day. In 1996, he assumed the directorship of the Institute for Theoretical Physics in Santa Barbara. His many honours include the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Prize in 1987, the European Physical Society Prize in Elementary Particle Physics in 2003, the Grande Medaille D'Or, Academie des Sciences, France in 2004, and the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2004.
Professor Robert Littman Lecture

Professor Robert Littman
College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature
University of Hawaii at Manoa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 8, 2006 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Moses:
Myth, Archeology and History

Professor Littman received his B.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University and an M.Litt. from Oxford. He is the author of numerous books and articles, including The Greek Experiment: Imperialism and Social Conflict: 800-400 B.C., Jewish History in 100 Nutshells, "Epidemiology of the Plague of Athens," "The Menetekel Inscription in Rembrandt's Belshezzar's Feast," "Medicine in Alexandria," "Athens, Persia and the Book of Ezra," and "Aids and AAA in Egypt?" His current major projects include Mummies of Bahariya Oasis; archaeological excavations in Egypt; digital edition Codex Sinaiticus with British Library; translation of Sophocles; and commentaries on Septuagint Apocrypha.
The Institute

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