Vancouver Institute Spring 2010 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2010Spring.html).

Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2010 season comprises ten lectures, from January 23 to April 24, omitting February 13th, 20th, and 27th (Olympics) and April 3rd (Easter).

Vehicle access to the campus on the days of several of the lectures will be affected by Olympics-related road closures. The UBC 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Secretariat has posted a guide to [Getting Around](http://GettingAround). There is advice on vehicle access and a large scrollable campus map showing feasible routes [here](http://here). Note in particular the paragraph about the Health Sciences Parkade, the preferred parking area for the Institute.

Spring 2010 Lecture Schedule

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**Professor Erna Paris**, Author, Toronto, Ontario  
*The Writer and Human Rights* |
| Apr 3 | **Easter—NO LECTURE** |
| Apr 10 | **Professor Tom Pedersen**, Director, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), and former Dean of Science, UVic  
*Responding to Global Warming: The Challenge, the Opportunity, & the Politics* |
| Apr 17 | **Professor Doug Wallace**, Director, Center for Molecular & Mitochondrial Medicine and Genetics, University of California at Irvine  
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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.
Dr. James Thomson Lecture

Dr. James Thomson
John D. MacArthur Professor
School of Medicine and Public Health
University of Wisconsin, Madison

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 23, 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

Human Pluripotent Stem Cells

Dr. Thomson is director of regenerative biology at the Morgridge Institute for Research and a member of the Genome Center of Wisconsin, where he conducts his research. Dr. Thomson directed the group that reported the first isolation of embryonic stem cell lines from a non-human primate in 1995, work that led his group to the first successful isolation of human embryonic stem cell lines in 1998. He was featured on the cover of TIME magazine in 2001 under the heading: “the man who brought you stem cells is one of America’s best in science and medicine.” In 2007 Dr. Thomson's team succeeded in isolating similar pluripotent stem cells from human somatic cells, and in spring 2009 the journal Science published their discovery of vector-free induced pluripotent stem cells.
Dr. Steve Miller Lecture

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

A Rival to the Olympics:  
Excavating Ancient Nemea and Reviving the Nemean Games

Dr. Miller is one of North America's most distinguished archaeologists. After excavations in the Athenian Agora he began a long term project at Nemea, one of the four great panhellenic athletic sanctuaries like Olympia, and over three decades revealed much about activities there. He also served during 1982–1987 as director of the American School of Classical Studies, a prominent research and teaching institution in Athens. Several years ago he created a revival of the Nemean Games in the ancient stadium at the site.
Ms. Annabel Lyon Lecture

Ms. Annabel Lyon
Author
Vancouver

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

**An Evening With Annabel Lyon**

Ms. Lyon’s first book, the short-story collection *Oxygen*, was nominated for the Danuta Gleed and ReLit awards and her second collection, *The Best Thing for You*, was nominated for the Ethel Wilson Prize for Fiction. Her first novel for adults, *The Golden Mean*, was the only book nominated in 2009 for all three of Canada’s major fiction prizes: the Scotiabank Giller Prize, the Governor General’s Award for Fiction and was the winner of the Rogers’ Writers Trust for Fiction. In addition to creative writing, Ms. Lyon has studied music, philosophy, and law at Simon Fraser University and UBC.
Dr. Andrew Trites Lecture

Dr. Andrew Trites
Director, Marine Mammal Research Unit
UBC Fisheries Centre

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

### Journey of the Blue Whale

Dr Trites’ main area of research is the interaction between marine mammals and commercial fisheries. This includes the population biology and bioenergetics of seals, sea lions and whales, and involves a combination of field, captive and computer studies. The nutrition of animals and how much fish they take leads, inevitably, to conflict between the animals and fisheries: "We are applying our results in an attempt to find ways of resolving that conflict." Dr Trites has convened workshops, including interactions between vessels and killer whales, and the effects of human disturbance on Steller sea lions. He is currently directing the recovery of the skeletal remains of a blue whale, the world’s largest mammal, to be prominently displayed in a glass-sided museum in the centre of UBC.
Dr. Bruce Kidd, OC Lecture

Dr. Bruce Kidd, OC
Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Health
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 13, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, University of British Columbia.

NB: Alternate time.

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UBC Excellence in Research Lecture

Sport and Legacy/Sustainability

Special note: UBC will be charging $10 for this event. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or can be picked up at the Chan Centre Ticket Office Mon–Sat between 12 and 5 pm.

A member of the University of Toronto track and field organization since 1958, Dr Kidd has won 18 national senior championships in Canada, the United States and Britain, and held numerous records, including four world junior records. He was a Gold and Bronze medalist at the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games and a member of the 1964 Olympic Team. He has won numerous awards for his athletic achievements and is the only person elected twice to the Canadian Olympic Sports Hall of Fame, first as an Athlete and then as a Builder. In 1997, the Canadian Sports Awards created the Bruce Kidd Trophy to honour an outstanding national team athlete who has given significant leadership to sports. He is currently a member of the International and Canadian Olympic committees.
Borealis String Quartet Lecture

Borealis String Quartet
Vancouver, B.C.

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

Lecture and Performance

One of the most dynamic and exciting world-class ensembles of its generation, the Borealis String Quartet has received critical acclaim as an ensemble praised for its fiery performances, passionate style, and refined musical interpretation. The Borealis has received enthusiastic acclaim from audiences in major cities in North America, including in Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York, where they played to a sold-out audience for the Schneider Concerts Series. Recent performances have included tours of Mexico, Taiwan, and North America. The Borealis served as Quartet-in-Residence for the June Music Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Magic City Chamber Music Festival in Birmingham, Alabama and the Winter Chamber Music Festival in Tucson, Arizona. As well as extensive performing, the quartet is frequently heard on CBC Radio and other radio stations across North America and Asia. The instruments the Borealis performs with have been generously loaned by the CHIMEI Culture Foundation, one of the leading string instrument collectors in the world.
Professor Erna Paris Lecture

Professor Erna Paris
Author
Toronto, Ontario

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

DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Writer and Human Rights

Professor Paris is the author of seven acclaimed books of literary non-fiction and the winner of ten national and international writing awards, including a gold medal from the National Magazine Awards Foundation, a bronze medal from The White Award for local issues reporting (Canada-U.S.), and four Media Club of Canada awards for feature writing and radio documentary. Her book, Long Shadows, was acclaimed a "best book of the year" by The Christian Science Monitor, The New Statesman and The Globe and Mail. In 2005, Long Shadows was chosen as one of "The Hundred Most Important Books Ever Written In Canada" by the Literary Review of Canada. Her most recent book, The Sun Climbs Slow: Justice in the Age of Imperial America, was first on the "best book of the year" list (The Globe and Mail) and was shortlisted for the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing.
Responding to Global Warming: The Challenge, the Opportunity, & the Politics

In 2009, Dr. Pedersen was appointed the inaugural Director of PICS, a multi-centre collaborative venture among B.C.’s research universities centred at the University of Victoria. His previous positions included dean of science and director of the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at UVic, and associate dean, research, for the Faculty of Graduate Studies at UBC. He holds a degree in geology from UBC and a PhD in marine geochemistry from the University of Edinburgh. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a fellow of the American Geophysical Union. He is an internationally recognized authority on ocean chemistry, has published extensively in the field of paleoceanography (the history of the oceans), and has longstanding interests in climate change issues and the application of government policy to climate-change mitigation and adaptation.
Professor Doug Wallace Lecture

Professor Doug Wallace  
Director, Center for Molecular & Mitochondrial Medicine and Genetics  
University of California at Irvine

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 17, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Human Mitochondria:  
Window Into Our Origins, Ailments, and Longevity

Dr. Wallace is one of America’s leading genetics researchers, helping to discover how defects in inherited genes contribute to neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s. Through his research, he has shown that defects in mitochondrial genes are major contributors to degenerative diseases, cancer and aging. A recent study of his, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows a link between mtDNA mutations and prostate cancer. He is using that link now to test non-toxic drugs to kill prostate cancer in mice.
Professor Rene Provost Lecture

Professor Rene Provost
Faculty of Law
McGill

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 24, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Waltzing With al-Bashir:
Juggling Peace and Justice in Darfur

Professor Provost teaches and conducts research in public international law, international human rights law, and international humanitarian law. He is particularly interested in human rights, international criminal law, the law of armed conflict, and the intersection of national law and international law. He is the author of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the editor of State Responsibility in International Law, and a co-editor of International Law Chiefly As Applied and Interpreted in Canada. Professor Provost served as Law Clerk to Justice L'Heureux-Dubé of the Supreme Court of Canada. He was the President of the Société québécoise de droit international from 2002 to 2006 and is the founding Director of the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, created in the fall of 2005.
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