# Vancouver Institute Spring 2013 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2013Spring.html).

## Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2013 season comprises ten lectures, from January 26th to April 13th, omitting February 16th (midterm break) and March 30th (Easter).

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How to join: If you have a Vancouver Institute brochure, you can fill out the contained form and 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.

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Dr. Jerome Groopman and Dr. Pamela Hartzband Lecture

Dr. Jerome Groopman and Dr. Pamela Hartzband
Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 26, 2013 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

When Experts Disagree:
The Art of Medical Decision Making

Dr. Groopman is Recanati Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Chief of Experimental Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and one of the world's leading researchers in cancer and AIDS. He is a staff writer for The New Yorker and has written for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The New Republic. He is author of The Measure of Our Days; Second Opinions; Anatomy of Hope; the New York Times best seller, How Doctors Think; and the recently released Your Medical Mind.

Dr. Hartzband is a member of the faculty at the Harvard Medical School and the Division of Endocrinology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is a noted endocrinologist and educator specializing in disorders of the thyroid, adrenal, and pituitary glands and women’s health. She is regularly featured among America’s Best Doctors. She has authored articles in the New England Journal of Medicine on the impact of electronic records, uniform practice guidelines, monetary incentives, and the Internet on the culture of clinical care.

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Home page of Jerome Groopman
Home page of Pamela Hartzband
Professor Alex Himelfarb Lecture

CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS

Professor Alex Himelfarb
Director of the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs
York University, and
Former Clerk of The Privy Council

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 2, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Tax Isn't a Four-letter Word

Before joining the Public Service in 1981, Dr. Himelfarb was a professor of sociology at the University of New Brunswick. Since then he has held a number of positions, including Director General, Planning and Management Branch with the Department of the Solicitor General; Executive Director of the National Parole Board; Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Social Policy Development with the Privy Council Office; and Associate Secretary of the Treasury Board. While serving at the Treasury Board, he also headed the federal Task Force on the Social Union. In 1999, Mr. Himelfarb became Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage, a position he held until his appointment as Clerk of the Privy Council. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Italy in 2006.

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A 2011 blog post by the speaker: Tax is Not a Four-letter Word
Mr. Philipp Blom Lecture

Mr. Philipp Blom
Historian, novelist and journalist
Vienna

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 9, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Forgotten Enlightenment—
Radical Humanism in the 21st Century

Dr. Blom was born and grew up in Germany. After university studies in Vienna and Oxford, he obtained a D.Phil in Modern History. He started writing at Oxford and published a novel as well as engaging in occasional journalism. After university, he worked in London as an editor, translator, writer and freelance journalist, contributing to newspapers, magazines and radio programmes in Great Britain, the U.S., Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, and France. In 2007 he settled in Vienna, where he continues to write historical nonfiction and fiction as well as practicing journalism. He presents a cultural discussion programme on Austrian national radio and has lectured on philosophy and cultural history in Europe, the U.S., and South America.

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Speaker's Wikipedia entry

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Professor John Ruggie Lecture

Professor John Ruggie
Kennedy School of Government, and
Law School, Harvard University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 23, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

MARK ZACHER DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE

Just Business:
Multinational Corporations and Human Rights

Professor Ruggie has been named one of the 25 most influential international relations scholars in the U.S. and Canada in a survey conducted by the journal Foreign Policy. From 1997 to 2001, he was Assistant Secretary-General and chief advisor for strategic planning to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. His responsibilities included establishing and overseeing the UN Global Compact; proposing and gaining General Assembly approval of the Millennium Development Goals; managing UN relations with Washington; and broadly contributing to the effort at institutional renewal for which Annan and the United Nations as a whole were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001. From 2005 to 2011 Professor Ruggie served as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights and produced the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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Speaker's home page
Speaker's faculty directory page
Speaker's Wikipedia entry

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Professor Edward Slingerland Lecture

Professor Edward Slingerland
Department of Asian Studies
U.B.C.

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 2, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

UBC Excellence in Research Lecture

Do We Really Live in a Secular Age?

Professor Slingerland holds the Canada Research Chair in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition at UBC, where he also holds adjunct appointments in Philosophy and Psychology. His research specialties and teaching interests include Warring States (5th-3rd c. B.C.E.) Chinese thought, religious studies, cognitive linguistics, ethics, and the relationship between the humanities and the natural sciences. His publications include Effortless Action: Wu-wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China, the Analects of Confucius, What Science Offers the Humanities: Integrating Body & Culture, and Creating Consilience: Integrating the Sciences and Humanities (co-edited with Mark Collard), as well as numerous scholarly articles. He is currently also Principal Investigator on a large Canadian government grant on “The Evolution of Religion and Morality” and Director of the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium.

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Speaker's home page
Speaker's student ratings
Project Summary: The Evolution of Religion and Morality

Ms. Marci McDonald Lecture

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Ms. Marci McDonald  
Canadian author and journalist

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 9, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Religion and Politics:  
Is Canada Becoming More Like the United States?

Ms. McDonald has won eight gold National Magazine Awards. A former bureau chief for Maclean’s magazine in Paris and Washington, she has interviewed Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, as well as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. In the 1990s, she returned to the American capital as a senior writer for U.S. News & World Report, working under the editorship of James Fallows, where she specialized in business and politics. In Canada, she has been a frequent contributor to Toronto Life, Canadian Geographic and The Walrus. She won a gold National Magazine Award and the 2003 award for investigative magazine reporting from the Canadian Association of Journalists. In the U.S., her features have appeared in the Washington Monthly, the Washington Post Magazine, Editor & Publisher and Redbook.

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Speaker’s personal website
Reviews of the speaker’s book, The Armageddon Factor, by Molly Worthen and Ezra Levant
Mr. Mario Canseco Lecture

Mr. Mario Canseco
Vice President, Angus Reid Public Opinion Co.
Vancouver

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 16, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Challenges of Conducting Sound Public Opinion Research

Mr. Canseco is responsible for designing survey questionnaires on a wide range of sociological and political issues. These surveys have garnered thousands of mentions in domestic and foreign media outlets. He has followed more than 100 legislative and presidential elections around the world, granting hundreds of interviews to discuss poll results and provide commentary about international politics. His articles have appeared in numerous publications, including Time, the Vancouver Sun, the Ottawa Citizen, the Latin American Advisor, The Tyee, Vancouver Magazine and La Razon. Mr. Canseco has worked in the election teams for all the democratic processes that have been covered by Angus Reid using its unique online methodology, including the 2008 and 2011 Canadian Federal Elections.

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Speaker's Angus Reid bio
Speaker's Huffington Post page
Professor Anthony Grafton Lecture

Professor Anthony Grafton
Henry Putnam University Professor of History
Princeton University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 23, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Cecil and Ida Green Lecture

How Jesus Celebrated Passover:
The Renaissance Discovery of the Jewish Roots of Christianity

Professor Grafton’s special interests lie in the cultural history of Renaissance Europe, the history of books and readers, the history of scholarship and education in the West from Antiquity to the 19th century, and the history of science from Antiquity to the Renaissance. Professor Grafton likes to see the past through the eyes of influential and original writers, and has accordingly written intellectual biographies of several 15th and 16th Italian and French luminaries. Professor Grafton is the author of ten books and the coauthor, editor, coeditor, or translator of nine others. He has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, the Balzan Prize for History of Humanities, and the Mellon Foundation’s Distinguished Achievement Award, and is a member of the American Philosophical Society and the British Academy.

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Speaker's Princeton faculty page
Speaker's Wikipedia entry
Presentation at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study of How Jesus Celebrated Passover: Early Modern Views of the Last Supper by the speaker (video)
Professor Roger Wilson will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 6, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Luxury Living in Late Roman Sicily: The Villa Near Piazza Armerina and its Context

An Oxford classicist and ancient historian by training, Professor Wilson is now principally an archaeologist, handling a wide range of both historical and archaeological evidence. He has been studying Sicily, often making more than one visit per annum, for 38 years, and is well known throughout the island as the leading expert in the world on Roman imperial Sicily. He has close academic contacts with all the key players in Sicily, both in the universities and in the Soprintendenze of the Region’s Archaeological Service, as well as with other Sicilian scholars world-wide. He has published very extensively on aspects of ancient Sicily, as well as three books, Piazza Armerina (1983), Sicily under the Roman Empire (1990) and Arte e architettura della Sicilia romana (241 BC – AD 535) (2008).

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Professor Jane Coop Lecture

Professor Jane Coop
School of Music
U.B.C.

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 13, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

ERICH VOGT LECTURE

Johannes Brahms:
Some Personal Discoveries
—— Musical Lecture

Professor Coop is one of Canada’s most prominent and distinguished artists. She has performed in such eminent venues as the Bolshoi Hall in St. Petersburg, the Kennedy Center, Alice Tully Hall, Roy Thomson Hall, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Beijing Concert Hall and the Salle Gaveau (Paris). Professor Coop’s love of chamber music has led her to collaborate with artists from many parts of the world and with numerous renowned quartets. Her commitment to teaching is centred around her long-time position at UBC’s School of Music, where she was a senior professor and Head of the Piano Division. In 2003 she was designated Distinguished University Scholar, and in 2007 she received a Killam Teaching Award. Her sixteen recordings, three of which have been nominated for Juno awards, have garnered glowing reviews and have been heard on classical radio programs in many countries.

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Speaker’s website
Speaker, with UBC Symphony Orchestra, L Van Beethoven-Concerto #5 (Emperor) for Piano and Orchestra (video)
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