## General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2015Spring.html).

## Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2015 season comprises nine lectures, from January 24th to March 28th, omitting February 14th (midterm break).

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## Spring 2015 Lecture Schedule

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Lecture Schedules

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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. Alberto J. Mora Lecture

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will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 24, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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On Cruelty:
Costs and Consequences of America’s Use of Torture as a Weapon of War

Mr. Mora was appointed General Counsel of the Navy by President George W. Bush in 2001. Upon learning about coercive interrogation tactics at Guantanamo Bay, he led a legal effort within the Defense Department to end these techniques which he felt were not only unlawful but also a fundamental threat to the American Constitution and its standing in the world as an exemplary democracy. Mr. Mora was featured in the 2008 Academy award-winning documentary Taxi to the Dark Side and also Torturing Democracy. For his efforts, Mora was honored with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2006. This lecture is cosponsored by UBC’s Sing Tao School of Journalism.
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CRAIG LARONGE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LECTURE

The Arab World in Disarray:
Reasons, Reactions, Resolutions

Professor Bromley has published extensively on the institutional foundations of the economy; legal and philosophical dimensions of property rights; economics of natural resources and the environment; and economic development. He has been editor of the journal Land Economics since 1974. In 2011 he received the €50,000 Reimar Lüst Prize from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany. He has worked and lectured in over 25 countries around the world. He was an economic advisor to the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army in Sudan before the independence of South Sudan. He was then an economic advisor to the Government of National Unity in Sudan on economic recovery in the South and in Darfur. Since 2011 he has served as an economic advisor in the newly independent South Sudan. In addition, he has advised the Government of Jordan on institutional reform in the water sector.
Professor Janice Eng Lecture

Professor Janice Eng  
Department of Physical Therapy  
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 7, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Speaker photos still to come

**UBC EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH LECTURE**

**Stroke –**

**New Evidence on Prevention and Recovery**

Dr. Eng’s research program is headquartered at the GF Strong Rehab Centre which is the largest rehab program in BC. She has clinical training in physiotherapy and occupational therapy, as well as research training in biomedical engineering. She has published over 180 peer-reviewed publications in the field of neurological rehabilitation. Two of her stroke programs, GRASP for improving arm and hand function and FAME for improving fitness and mobility, are used in over 1500 sites in 40 countries. In 2009, she was inducted as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Her work has been recognized by a Jonas Salk Award for lifetime contributions to reducing disability.
Mr. Joseph Boyden Lecture

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Novelist, short story writer and academic
Adjunct Professor, UBC Creative Writing Program

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 21, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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The Orenda, Writing, and Approaching First Nations Issues in Canada

Mr. Boyden's first novel, Three Day Road, was selected for the Today Show Book Club, won the Rogers Writers’ Trust Fiction Prize, the CBA Libris Fiction Book of the Year Award, the Amazon Books in Canada First Novel Award, and the McNally Robinson Aboriginal Book of the Year Award, and was shortlisted for the Governor General’s Award for Fiction. His second novel, Through Black Spruce, was awarded the Scotiabank Giller Prize and named the Canadian Booksellers Association Fiction Book of the Year; it also earned him the CBA’s Author of the Year Award. His most recent novel, The Orenda, won Canada Reads and was nominated for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General’s Award for Fiction. Mr. Boyden divides his time between Northern Ontario and the University of New Orleans where he teaches creative writing. This lecture is cosponsored by the UBC Creative Writing Program.
The UBC Opera Singers with Professor Richard Epp Lecture

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Music Director, Opera Workshop
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will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 28, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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Opera Comes to the Institute;
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Ms. Miriam Toews Lecture

Ms. Miriam Toews  
Winner of Governor General's Award for Fiction

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](http://vaninst.ca/VbToews.html) on **March 7, 2015** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](#), University of British Columbia.

**Speaker photos still to come**

**All My Puny Sorrows**

A recipient of the Order of Manitoba, Ms. Toews won the Governor General’s Award for Fiction for her novel *A Complicated Kindness*. Additional awards have included the Rogers Writers’ Fiction Prize which she received for two other works, *The Flying Troutmans* and *All My Puny Sorrows*. This last work also made the shortlist for the 2014 Scotiabank Giller Prize. Ms. Toews holds two honorary Doctorates: one from Brandon University, the second from the University of King’s College in Halifax. This lecture is cosponsored by the UBC Creative Writing Program.
Professor Nick Hedley Lecture

Professor Nick Hedley
Department of Geography, and
Director, Spatial Interface Research Lab
Simon Fraser University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 14, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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Connecting Science, Citizens and Risk at the Intersection of Reality and Virtuality

Dr. Hedley spends his time in virtual environments and augmented realities. He designs new ways to visualize and interact with 3D geospatial data and has worked on the development of collaborative virtual environments for international industry, broadcasting and public education. Dr. Hedley designed and created part of the popular “Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination” exhibit, showcasing the science and technology envisioned in the epic movie series. He has designed and developed visualization interfaces in a variety of contexts, including risk mitigation, complex environmental systems, human exposure to environmental hazards, dynamic oceanographic processes, hydrogeology, avalanche hazards, and tsunami simulation. Dr. Hedley’s research has been funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. National Research Center for Statistics and the Environment, and SSHRC. In addition to academic research, Dr. Hedley has consulted for numerous major organizations in broadcasting, public education and the movie industry, including the BBC and several well-known science museums, including Lucasfilm/Boston Museum of Science.
Mr. Michael Audain, O.C., O.B.C. Lecture

Mr. Michael Audain, O.C., O.B.C.
Art collector and philanthropist
West Vancouver, BC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 21, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Speaker photos still to come

The Art of Collecting.
Encounters With Visual Art

Mr. Audain is Chairman of Polygon Homes Ltd., one of British Columbia’s leading home builders. He is a fifth generation British Columbian, educated at UBC. An active supporter of the arts, Mr. Audain is Chair of the Audain Art Museum and the Audain Foundation. He is a past Chair of the National Gallery of Canada, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Vancouver Art Gallery Foundation, and a past director of the National Gallery of Canada Foundation. Mr. Audain has been appointed to the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia. He has also been honoured with honorary degrees from four universities, the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts Medal, and the Queen’s Diamond and Golden Jubilee Medals.
Mr. Stefan Austermühle Lecture

Mr. Stefan Austermühle
Executive Director, Mundo Azul
Conservation Non-governmental organization
Peru

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 28, 2015 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Speaker photos still to come

Traveling With Dolphin Killers –
What I Learned Working Undercover

Mr. Austermühle is the Executive Director of the Peruvian conservation NGO Mundo Azul as well as the new Peruvian NGP, INECI (Interamerican Institute for Integral Ecology). He has had 29 years of experience in leadership positions in environmental and marine conservation and research in both Germany and Peru. He is also General Manager of the Peruvian marine ecotourism operator, Nature Expeditions, with 11 years of experience in tourism. He is a leading marine conservationist who has exposed the extent of the illegal dolphin hunt in Peru where thousands of dolphins are killed each year and sold illegally or used as shark bait.
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