Department of Biology Newsletter
Friday, November 14, 2014

Oral Defences November and December 2014

Cherisse Du Preez
Date and Time: November 20, 2014 at 9:30 am Place: Bob Wright Centre A319
Title: “Resolving relationships between deep-sea benthic diversity and multi-scalar topographic heterogeneity”
Supervisor: Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe

Karyn Suchy
Date and Time: November 25, 2014 at 2:00 pm Place: Bob Wright Centre A319
Title: “The response of crustacean zooplankton production to variations in food quantity, quality, and primary production in coastal marine ecosystems”
Supervisor: Dr. John Dower

Nataly Prior
Date and Time: December 5, 2014 at 9:00 am Place: Harry Hickman Building 120
Title: “Proteins in gymnosperm pollination drops”
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick von Aderkas

Pragya Komal
Date and Time: Friday, November 21, 2014 at 12:00 noon Place: Medical Science Building 160
Title: “Tyrosine Kinase and Protein Kinase A Modulation of α7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Function on Layer 1 Cortical Interneurons”
Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi

Everyone welcome!

Upcoming Seminars

Biology
Dr. Akash Sastri
Ocean Networks Canada
University of Victoria
“Plankton community response to whole-lake manipulation of thermocline depth”
Friday, November 21, 2014 at 2:30 pm CUN 146

Division of Medical Sciences
Dr. Christian Naus
Department of cellular & Physiological Sciences
University of British Columbia
“Therapeutic potential for modulating gap junction channels and hemichannels in neurological disorders”
Monday, November 24, 2014 at noon MSB 160

Forest Biology
Nataly Prior
PhD Candidate
University of Victoria
“Proteins in gymnosperm pollination drops”
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 2:30 pm CUN 146

Biology
Karyn Suchy
PhD Candidate
University of Victoria
“The importance of estimating crustacean zooplankton production in coastal marine ecosystems”
Friday, November 28, 2014 at 2:30 pm CUN 146

Inside this issue:
Oral Defences November and December 2014
Calendar Workshops Sessions
Student Events UVic Student News
Call for Nominations
Student Job/Fellowship Opportunities
Important Dates:

Monday, December 1
Deadline to apply to graduate for Spring 2015
Convocation

Wednesday, December 3
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Workshops

*Pathways to Success/ Career development workshops for grad students*

*Tuesday November 18*
Build Effective CVs, Resumes and Cover Letters 9:00 to 11:00 am David Strong C128

*Friday, November 21*
Ace Your Interviews for Graduate Students 10:00 am to 12:00 pm McPherson Library 129

*Friday, November 28*
Using LinkedIn for Your Work Search 1:30 to 3:00 pm McPherson Library 129

Learn more and register: [uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways](http://uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways)

**Center for Forest Biology**
Forest genetics workshop.
Instructors: J. Russell, M. Stoehr and A. Yanchuk
April 13-17, 2015 Five-day workshop at the Cowichan Lake Research Station
Workshop covers all aspects of forest genetics: population and quantitative genetics, genecology, seed transfer, practical breeding, testing and selection (tree improvement), molecular genetics and traits of importance, including a laboratory portion and data analyses.
For more details - [http://web.uvic.ca/forbiol/create/fcc-workshops.html](http://web.uvic.ca/forbiol/create/fcc-workshops.html)
Questions, or expressions of interest in participating in this workshop, should be directed to Dr. Barbara Hawkins ([bhawkins@uvic.ca](mailto:bhawkins@uvic.ca)).

Sessions

**CBR PCP (Pizza Coffee Presentations)**
Fast paced, easy to understand presentations by graduate students and an excellent opportunity to meet other students involved in biomedical research.

Tuesday, November 18 at 11:00 am
ECS 660 (Engineering Computer Science)
Pizza and coffee will be provided.
Please RSVP [cbr@uvic.ca](mailto:cbr@uvic.ca) 250-472-4067
For more information go to: [www.cbr.uvic.ca](http://www.cbr.uvic.ca)

If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter, please e-mail: [biology@uvic.ca](mailto:biology@uvic.ca) or [bioclerk@uvic.ca](mailto:bioclerk@uvic.ca)
UVic Student Events

United Way Greater Victoria UVic Campaign
UVic libraries book sale November 18 to 20- 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Michele Pujol Room, Student Union Building.
That Chemistry Show November 26– 7:00 pm Bob Wright Centre B150.
For more information visit: uvic.ca/unitedway/

UVic Winter Artisans Market
Artisans from the UVic and Greater Victoria Communities
New vendors each day. All proceeds go towards United Way
November 25 and 26, 2014
9:30 am—4 at the University Centre Lobby

Student News

UVic Student Mental Health Initiative
You are not alone. Learn about the new tools, resources and initiatives supporting positive student mental health.
*Resource website: uvic.ca/mentalhealth
*Campus-wide faculty/staff training
*Activity grants to support student-led mental health activities and events
*‘Assisting Students in Distress’ folder with quick tips and resources to help staff and faculty support students at risk

"The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer"
On November 20, authors and water experts Robert Sandford, Deborah Harford, and Jon O’Riordan will be in Victoria for the launch of their new book "The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer" published by Rocky Mountain Books.

WHAT: Book Launch—The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer
DATE: Thursday, November 20
TIME: 3:30 to 5:00 pm
WHERE: Room B135, Cornett Building, University of Victoria

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. However, SPACE IS LIMITED.
Please RSVP to cfgsworkstudy@uvic.ca
For more information visit: http://poliswaterproject.org/crtbook

Did you know the UVic Retirees Association puts out a quarterly newsletter? Visit their link below for more information
http://web.uvic.ca/retirees/newsletters.html
Call for Nominations

**President’s Distinguished Service Awards 2014**
Do you know a staff member who makes UVic a great place to work and learn? You can nominate him or her for one of these 2014 President’s Distinguished Service Awards.
Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team for these awards. Winners will receive a certificate and $1,000.00.
The nomination deadline is November 21, 2014 and results will be announced at the celebration held in February 2015.
More information on the awards and nomination forms are available online at:
http://www.uvic.ca/hr/services/home/recognition/pdsa/index.php

Student Jobs and Fellowship Opportunities

**Department of Biology UVic**
Spring Lab instructors positions are posted on the Biology website. Deadline for applications Nov. 14, 2014
Please see individual postings online http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/home/home/jobs/labinstruc/index.php

**Marine Biological Laboratory/ Grass Fellowship in Neuroscience**
Independent summer research opportunities Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA. Application deadline: December 5, 2014
Apply at: www.grassfoundation.org

**Fellowship Applications 2015-2016 - Centre for Global Studies (CFGS)**
The Centre for Global Studies is pleased to offer **UVic graduate student and international/visiting graduate student Fellowship opportunities**. These fellowships provide students with a title, a shared office, an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the objects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students and professors interested in related issues.

**Topics:** The CFGS promotes critical citizenship in a complex and rapidly changing global environment including the advancement and understanding of major global issues by civil society, the private sector, governments, and international institutions. Students who are engaged in governance, international environmental challenges, social justice issues, and culture and identity, are invited to apply.
**Eligibility:** The fellowships are open to all University of Victoria graduate students in the process of writing either a Masters thesis or major research paper, or a PhD dissertation, on issues related to the centre’s research mandate. Students may receive a CFGS award only once during their Masters program and only once during their PhD program.

For more information on Value, Conditions, Application Procedures and Applications please visit the following website:
http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/index.php
Application Deadlines : Noon, November 18, 2014 (for September 2015 arrival)
Complete applications should be sent by email to: Jodie Walsh, Research Coordinator
jodie@uvic.ca Tel: 250-721-8800
Address to: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, Director
Center for Global Studies
University of Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2

**Call for Nominations**

**President’s Distinguished Service Awards 2014**
Do you know a staff member who makes UVic a great place to work and learn? You can nominate him or her for one of these 2014 President’s Distinguished Service Awards.
Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team for these awards. Winners will receive a certificate and $1,000.00.
The nomination deadline is November 21, 2014 and results will be announced at the celebration held in February 2015.
More information on the awards and nomination forms are available online at:
http://www.uvic.ca/hr/services/home/recognition/pdsa/index.php

**Student Jobs and Fellowship Opportunities**

**Department of Biology UVic**
Spring Lab instructors positions are posted on the Biology website. Deadline for applications Nov. 14, 2014
Please see individual postings online http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/home/home/jobs/labinstruc/index.php

**Marine Biological Laboratory/ Grass Fellowship in Neuroscience**
Independent summer research opportunities Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA. Application deadline: December 5, 2014
Apply at: www.grassfoundation.org

**Fellowship Applications 2015-2016 - Centre for Global Studies (CFGS)**
The Centre for Global Studies is pleased to offer **UVic graduate student and international/visiting graduate student Fellowship opportunities**. These fellowships provide students with a title, a shared office, an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the objects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students and professors interested in related issues.

**Topics:** The CFGS promotes critical citizenship in a complex and rapidly changing global environment including the advancement and understanding of major global issues by civil society, the private sector, governments, and international institutions. Students who are engaged in governance, international environmental challenges, social justice issues, and culture and identity, are invited to apply.
**Eligibility:** The fellowships are open to all University of Victoria graduate students in the process of writing either a Masters thesis or major research paper, or a PhD dissertation, on issues related to the centre’s research mandate. Students may receive a CFGS award only once during their Masters program and only once during their PhD program.

For more information on Value, Conditions, Application Procedures and Applications please visit the following website:
http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/index.php
Application Deadlines : Noon, November 18, 2014 (for September 2015 arrival)
Complete applications should be sent by email to: Jodie Walsh, Research Coordinator
jodie@uvic.ca Tel: 250-721-8800
Address to: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, Director
Center for Global Studies
University of Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2