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Diane Lusznik, Biology Co-op Coordinator

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This coming fall 2015, Diane Lusznik will be doing something different with her vacation time: She has the privilege of being on the 2015 Tour de Rock team. Over 12 days in September, she and her teammates will be cycling from one end of Vancouver Island to the other (approx. 1200km), raising funds for pediatric cancer research and programs.

As a Reserve Constable with the Victoria Police department, Diane has contributed to a range of community policing activities and crime prevention programs, but never dreamed she would have this opportunity and she is very excited to be a part of the team.

If you feel able to do so, please make a donation to this worthy cause. Here is a link to Diane's Tour de Rock fundraising page: <http://convio.cancer.ca/goto/dianelusznik>

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Congratulations to our students who defended in Spring 2015!



Honours Students

- Hayley Nelles – Supervisor: Dr. Jürgen Ehling
- Nicole Soderberg – Supervisor: Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe
- Blake Danis – Supervisor: Dr. Steve Perlman
- Jason Chiu – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Christie
- Laila Dabkin – Supervisor: Dr. Dr. Brian Christie
- Kelly Turner – Supervisor: Dr. Francis Choy
- Aaron Truesdell – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Christie
- Hannah Britton-Foster – Supervisor: Dr. Julia Baum
- Adrianna Gunton – Supervisor: Dr. Leigh Anne Swayne
- Julie Munich – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Christie
- Graeme Keais – Supervisor: Dr. Ben Koop

Graduate Students

- Daniel Bevan (MSc, Dower Lab)
- Jessica Bilkey (MSc Neuroscience Program, Delaney and Nahirney Labs)
- Laura Braden (PhD, Koop and Jones Labs)
- Russell Chedgy (PhD, Constabel Lab)
- Mohamed Ghilan (PhD Neuroscience Program, Christie Lab)
- Lu Guan (PhD, Dower Lab)
- Hao Tang (MSc, Constabel Lab)



Calendar

Important Dates:

Thursday, May 21	Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve convocation lists
Wednesday, June 3	May courses end
Thursday, June 4	June courses begin
Mon-Fri, June 8-12	Spring convocation
Friday, June 26	May-June and June courses end
Wednesday, July 1	Canada Day
Wednesday-Thursday, July 1-2	Reading Break May-August sections only
Monday, July 6	July and July-August courses begin
Wednesday, July 15	Deadline to apply to graduate for fall convocation (all faculties)
Tuesday, July 28	July courses end
Friday, July 31	May-August classes end for all faculties



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>

Announcements

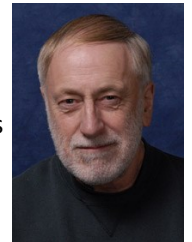
Dr. Pat Gregory

500 garter snakes returned to Boundary Bay after being awoken by rock dike repairs. Earlier this March, 500 garter snakes were unearthed during dike upgrades in Delta— according to the Wildlife Rescue Association, it is the largest discovery of its kind in BC. While the dike work was completed, the reptiles were transferred to a facility in Burnaby to resume hibernation.

They were released back where they were found with the help of specialist Dr. Pat Gregory.

Story by the Province Reporter on the following link:

<http://www.theprovince.com/technologySnakes+plain+garter+snakes+returned+Boundary+after+being+awoken+rock+dike+repairs/10910968/story.html>



Amy Teffer

Amy is a PhD student at the University of Victoria, co-supervised out of the University of British Columbia, Canada.



Her research examines disease ecology of wild salmon, specifically relating to temperature and fisheries stressors currently affecting the Fraser River salmon during their spawning migration.

You can learn more about Amy by clicking on the following link:

<http://afs-fhs-students.blogspot.ca/2015/04/student-profile-amy-teffer.html>



If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter, please e-mail: biology@uvic.ca or bioclerk@uvic.ca

UVic Events

Migration and Late Capitalism. Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond. Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

June 11 to 13, 2015 University of Victoria

Join researchers, activists and policy makers from diverse disciplinary and regional locations to discuss new theoretical directions, interdisciplinary approaches and critical dialogues on migration and mobility in the context of late capitalism in the Asia-Pacific region.



Tings Chak, Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention.

No one is illegal - Toronto and the End of Immigration Detention Network, Canada. June 11 @ 7:00 pm.

Sandro Mezzadra, What's at stake in the mobility of labour? Borders, Migration and Late Capitalism
University of Bologna, Italy. June 12 @ 11:00 am.

Linda Tuhiwai Smith, Disappeared, banished, murdered and displaced. Climate change or neoliberal capitalism? What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21st century?

University of Waikato, New Zealand. June 12 @ 7:00 pm

Full conference details and registration online www.uvic.ca/capi

Ending the Violence: Sharing a Palestinian Jewish Friendship

May 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm David Strong Building C118

Omar Mansour Omar, Social and political activist from Palestine. Omar is a human rights activist who is trying to end the violence against his people, and find a solution based on justice for the Palestinians.

Omar moved to Victoria after an attack in Gaza in 2014 when his University was bombed, preventing him from finishing his graduate studies in Gaza. He is now studying Business in the Department of Continuing Studies.

Gail Nestel is receiving a Masters of Education in Leadership Studies in June, having just completed a project on diaspora Jews and Palestinians. The research was rooted in Community Based Research/Co-operative Inquiry. In the summer of 2013, she visited Israel and the West Bank of Palestine to confirm her review of literature.

Gail met Omar through online correspondence for peace activists. Please RSVP to CFGs@UVIC.CA

This event is sponsored by the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria



Job opportunity

United Way Secondment Opportunity (Temporary August 24 to December 11, 2015)

Representing UVic at the United Way. UVic is inviting applications from across campus to select a staff member who is interested in assisting with the Greater Victoria United Way fundraising campaign this fall as UVic's "loaned representative" to the 2015 campaign.

The secondment is open to all UVic employee groups. Departmental approval (verbal) is required on application.

Please check the Human Resources website for the full job description and carefully consider the requirements of the position (duties, responsibilities, qualifications— including driver's license and vehicle). Applications should include contact details of the supervisor or manager providing departmental approval (relevant budget authorization required).

Applications should be sent to Joy Davis, Director, or Sandra Crowe, Administrative Coordinator, Community Relations via email (commrel@uvic.ca) no later than June 4. The successful candidate will be selected by a committee comprised of UVic and United Way representatives.

Any parties requiring additional information should contact Joy Davis, Director, or Sandra Crowe, Administrative Coordinator, in Community Relations at commrel@uvic.ca or by telephone at (250) 472-5048

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