

# Department of Biology

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## What is up in the Department of Biology

### Coffee Wednesdays

Every Wednesday morning for about a year now, rain or shine (it has never rained or snowed) the members of FORB have been meeting outside the Cunningham Building for coffee Wednesdays. The members of the Lewis lab have also been meeting for coffee on Wednesday morning and now both groups have merged.

Drs. Patrick von Aderkas and Mark Lewis lead this Wednesday morning activity and has given the opportunity for Biology and FORB graduate, undergraduate students, Postdocs and faculty to meet informally. Drs. von Aderkas and Lewis hope that as a member of the Biology Department, you can join them sometime.

If you are a member of the Biology department at UVic, please join them Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. They meet outside, behind Cunningham building

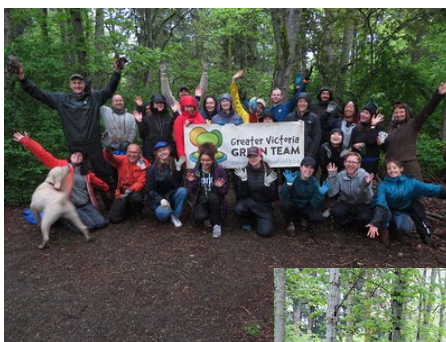


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## Biology Work Party

### Department of Biology Work Party



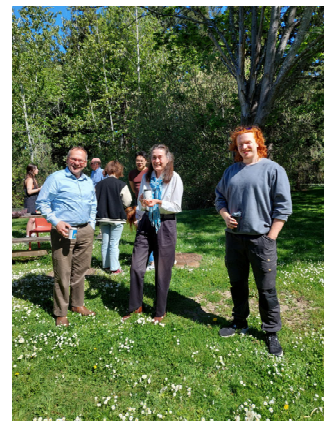
On May 5 Staff, Graduate Students, Faculty and many more members of the Department of Biology, had a work party under the guidance of the Greater Victoria Green Team to remove ivy from Mystic Vale.

After everyone's hard work there was a pizza lunch at the Greenhouse! Thank you Jennie Bartosik for organizing this event!



# FORB 'Build-your-own-burger' welcome to Summer Students

## 'Build-your-own-burger' lunch to welcome new Summer Students to FORB



## Calendar

### Important Dates:

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Thursday, June 8**

**Monday, June 12**

**Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16**

**Friday, June 30**

**Monday, July 3 (Canada Day July 1)**

**Monday, July 3 and Thursday July 4**

**Wednesday, July 5**

**Saturday, July 15**

**Thursday, July 27**

**Thursday, July 27 - Monday July 31**

**Friday, July 28**

**Friday, July 28**

**Monday, August 7**

**Tuesday, August 8**

**Friday, August 18**

**Monday, August 21**

Fees deadlines for Summer

May Courses End

June Courses Begin

First registration date for Winter Session  
2023/2024

Spring Convocation

May-June and June Courses end

University closed

Reading Break May - August sections only

July and July- August courses begin

Deadline to apply to graduate for the Fall Convocation (all faculties)

July courses end

Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2022-2023 (except for  
Business and Law courses)

August courses begin

May-August classes end for all faculties

University closed (British Columbia Day)

May-August examinations begin for all faculties

May-August examinations end for all faculties

July-August and August courses end



## Biology News

### Publications

Maucieri, D.G., S. Starko, and J.K. Baum. Tipping points and interactive effects of chronic human disturbance and acute heat stress on coral diversity. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 290:20230209. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2023.0209>

Baum, J.K., D.C. Claar, K.L. Tietjen, J.M.T. Magel, D.G. Maucieri, K.M. Cobb, J.M. McDevitt-Irwin. 2023. Transformation of coral communities subjected to an unprecedented heatwave is modulated by local disturbance. *Science Advances*. 9(14):eabq5615. [10.1126/sciadv.abq5615](https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.abq5615)

M R Miller, R L Oakes, P A Covert, D lanson, J F Dower Evidence for an effective defence against ocean acidification in the key bioindicator pteropod *Limacina helicina* <https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsad059/7160602>

### Congratulations to Brian Timmer from the Baum Lab!



Brian Timmer, Biology Graduate student in the Baum lab has been accepted into the National Geographic Explorers program for his PhD thesis work in the North Salish Sea. You can find out more [here](#).

## Congratulations Biology Honours Students 2023!

### Biology Honours Students

Paige Amos (Honours)  
Amran Aujla (Honours)  
Isabelle Cliché (Honours)  
Hazel de Haas (Honours)  
Nicole Fung (Honours)  
Gemma Graham (Honours)  
Kaitlin Griffith (Honours)  
Cierra Hart (Honours)  
Emma Houston (Honours)  
Alistair Knox (Honours)  
Rebecca Krohman (Honours)  
Bethany Robson (Honours)  
Kirsten Suesser (Honours)  
Angus Townsend (Honours)  
Olivia Waller (Honours)

Supervisor: Dr. Julia Baum  
Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi  
Supervisors: Drs. Catherine Stevens & John Dower  
Supervisor: Dr. Rana El-Sabaawi  
Supervisor: Dr. John Dower  
Supervisor: Dr. Gautam Awatramani  
Supervisor: Dr. Bob Chow  
Supervisors: Drs. Bill Halliday & Francis Juanes  
Supervisor: Dr. Nicole Templeman  
Supervisor: Dr. Patrick von Aderkas  
Supervisor: Dr. Amanda Bates  
Supervisor: Dr. Barbara Hawkins  
Supervisors: Drs. Brian Christie & Nicole Templeman  
Supervisor: Dr. Francis Juanes  
Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi



## Science Rendezvous

### Science Rendezvous Victoria 2023

Science Rendezvous Victoria 2023 took place on May 13 at the University of Victoria, with over 1200 participants and it was a great success!

Department of Biology staff and Faculty were there showing invertebrates; sponges, live insects and nematode and flat worms, and vertebrates with live glo-fish, stuffed birds and mammals. They also had fungi and mycorrhizae, protists and plants like mosses, ferns, gymnosperms, angiosperms. They also had a Microscopy, and one molecular pipetting station.

Science Rendezvous is a national outreach initiative with one of the largest one-day festivals promoting STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-in Canada.

Students from K-12 and beyond were able to learn from world renowned scientists, engineers, mathematicians, computer and software experts, geographers and anthropologists who live in Victoria, BC.

The University of Victoria, Ocean Networks Canada, and Camosun College partnered to bring Science Rendezvous to Victoria for the second time.



## Job opportunities

### Ministry of Forests

Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John

One temporary opportunity available until March 17th, 2024. An eligibility list may be established to full future temporary and permanent vacancies. Flexible work options are available. This position may be able to work up to five (5) days at home per week as per the Telework agreement.

Wildlife Biologist \$73,855.41 - \$84,134.34 annually

The wildlife biologist provides professional and technical expertise to support management of natural diversity of wildlife species and their habitats. Key activities include recommendations to support statutory decisions, operational planning, science-based standards, monitoring and technical reports, lead and/or support projects which may include management of contracts.

For more information and to [apply](#) online by June 16, 2023.



Where ideas work

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