



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



POLITICAL SCIENCE LANSDOWNE SPEAKER: LEANNE BETASAMOSAKE SIMPSON
Wednesday, March 15, 5-7 pm, First Peoples House – Ceremonial Hall

This talk will explore Indigenous resurgence and nationhood through story, song and video. Leanne Betasamosake Simpson will discuss resurgence as an ongoing intervention into the colonial project by sharing works from her recent album *f(l)ight* (RPM Records), her new book of short stories *This Accident of Being Lost* (House of Anansi) and her

forthcoming academic work on the *The Radical Resurgence Project* (UMP Press).

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SYMPOSIUM MAR. 16-18: INDIGENOUS RESURGENCE IN AN AGE OF RECONCILIATION
March 16-18, First Peoples House

No registration required, everyone welcome!

This symposium will bring together many prominent Indigenous scholars in the fields of Political Science, Law and Indigenous Governance to consider the long intellectual tradition of Indigenous resurgence within these fields while looking toward new directions in consideration of the challenges and possibilities produced in the era of reconciliation. Our aim in hosting this event is to cultivate an environment for productive discussion of a central concern facing Indigenous resurgence: our relationships with creation (land, water, animals, ancestors) and how these relationships have been impacted by reconciliation politics. For event details, list of speakers, and agenda please see: <http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/circle/events/irar/index.php>. For more information on this event, please contact Heidi Stark at starkh@uvic.ca.



POLI SPEAKERS' SERIES:

DR. VICKI HSUEH, Western Washington University

"Resistance and Reparation: Idle No More and the Politics of Refusal"

Tuesday, March 21, 2:30-4 pm, DTB A357

Idle No More represents a multi-modal way of staging reparative claims in which resistance, refusal, and contention function to highlight and accentuate the shape-shifting and opportunistic dimensions of colonial engagement and recognition. I draw on the conception of political refusal developed in Audra Simpson's *Mohawk Interruptus* to characterize the *Idle No More* campaign as an example of multi-faceted and flexible practices of *reparative refusal* at work today. Like Simpson's account of the Mohawk, *Idle No More's* activist and spontaneous refusals serve to highlight the long history of broken promises and failed agreement. In addition, these refusals bring to the fore both the possibilities and the difficulties of enacting self-determination and sovereignty in contention with colonial states. In the paper, I'm particularly interested in the emotive features at work in the politics of refusal.

Vicki Hsueh is Director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Western Washington University. Her teaching and

research interests include the history and historiography of political theory, protest movements and civic action, identity politics and theory, indigenous politics and post-colonial theory. She is the author of *Hybrid Constitutions: Making and Unmaking Power and Privilege in Colonial America* and articles in *The Review of Politics*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, and *History of Political Thought*. She has been the recipient of several fellowships including the Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellowship (John Carter Brown Library), the Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship (American Antiquarian Society), and the Mayer Fellowship (Huntington Library).

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: Avery Kolers, University of Louisville

Friday, March 17, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152

Avery Kolers is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Social Change minor at the University of Louisville. Since completing his PhD at the University of Arizona, he has published widely in the areas of social and political philosophy and applied ethics. His first book, *Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political Theory of Territory* (CUP 2009) was awarded the Canadian Philosophical Association's Biennial Book Prize. He is also the author of *A Moral Theory of Solidarity* (OUP 2016).

Professor Kolers' particular research interests include issues surrounding territorial rights and solidarity. These highly "applied" issues touch on a wide range of problems, but also raise hard questions about how to navigate deep diversity in a shared world. His 2009 book *Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political Theory of Territory* (Cambridge University Press) won the Canadian Philosophical Association's biennial book prize. More recently, his 2012 article "Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands" received the *Journal of Applied Philosophy* prize, awarded for "the best article published in the year's volume." Currently, Professor Kolers is working on a book on solidarity and further articles on territorial rights. He has initiated a research project on the emergence of a discourse of indigenous title in the 16th-century Spanish Dominicans Francisco de Vitoria and Bartolomé de Las Casas as they grappled with the moral and political implications of the Encounter with the "new world."

UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

7th LATIN AMERICA RESEARCH GROUP WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 11, HHB 116

Program available at <http://web.uvic.ca/latinamerican/>

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: LANSDOWNE LECTURE

DR. JEAN STUBBS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

"Searching for Mariana: Gender, Race and the Elusive Cuban Nation"

Saturday, March 11, noon, HHB 116

Founding director of the *International Journal of Cuban Studies* and the 2009 recipient of the UNESCO Toussaint L'Ouverture Medal for outstanding achievement in combating racism in political, literary, and artistic fields, Doctor Jean Stubbs is an internationally recognized authority on Cuban history. She has half a dozen books on Cuba to her name including *Tobacco on the Periphery* and *Afro-Cuban Voices: On Race and Identity in Contemporary Cuba*. In her lecture she will focus on the intersection of race and gender from the nineteenth century to the present.

GERMANIC AND SLAVIC STUDIES: LANSDOWNE LECTURE

Anne Wizorek, author and feminist activist

"#Radical Solidarity – Why Feminism Matters Now more than Ever"

Thursday, March 23, 7 pm, HHB 105

How does one become a feminist in Germany these days? And why is there even a need to be feminist in the country that has Angela Merkel at the helm - who is said to be the most powerful woman in the world? Is online activism the solution to all our feminist demands? And how do we protect the rights of marginalized people, yet also continue to push for a better world for everyone when right-wing politics and neo-fascist ideas are on the rise in so many countries all over the world? In her talk author and feminist activist Anne Wizorek explains her concept of #RadicalSolidarity and gives a short overview of the state of feminist activism. She addresses the current discourse as well as the backlash in Germany, and how it is embedded in international political developments.

CAPI CROSSING BORDERS INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Application deadline: Tuesday, April 4

Six \$6,000 scholarships available for UVic graduate students. The **Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives** is currently accepting scholarship applications from Canadian UVic graduate students working on projects with a community focus. The scholarships offer support for graduate students conducting research or field-work projects in a Commonwealth country for three to six months (completed during 2017). Preference given to research taking place in a Commonwealth country in the Asia-Pacific region. Program details are available on the CAPI website.

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WUSC SHINE-A-LIGHT CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 24, 6 pm, The Guild Freehouse Restaurant

WUSC is hosting a fundraising gala benefiting WUSC's Shine-A-Light campaign. For over 30 years, WUSC has been working to increase the availability of quality primary, secondary and post-secondary education in refugee camps in order to decrease the gender gap in education between refugee boys and girls. Through WUSC's Shine a Light campaign, we have been providing refugee girls with solar lamps and after-school programs in a safe learning environment so that they may complete their studies.

Tickets are \$50 which includes a three course meal and entertainment. We have a variety of guest speakers including students who have benefited from WUSC's Student Refugee Program; a program that sponsors refugee students from Africa, Asia and The Middle East. The event involves a silent auction with a lot of great prizes! You can buy tickets through Eventbrite or through one of our committee members; you can contact us through email or [250-634-1133](tel:250-634-1133).

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/angaza-kwa-upwendo-shine-a-light-gala-tickets-32444591647>

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/727890120717944/>

WUSC's Shine A Light Campaign: <http://wusc.ca/en/campaign/shine-light>

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