



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO VALERIE D'ERMAN!!

Congratulations to **VALERIE D'ERMAN**, winner of the 2017 Gilian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching! This campus-wide award is named for a former senior lab instructor in Geography. It recognizes excellence and commitment to the art of teaching by sessional instructors and lab instructors. Valerie will receive the award on Thursday, May 25, at the Royal BC Museum.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANNI ARAGON!!

Congratulations **JANNI ARAGON**, winner of the 2017 Harry Hickman Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Leadership. This award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and educational leadership. Janni will receive the award on Thursday, May 25, at the Royal BC Museum.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 BC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM STUDENTS!!

Congratulations to the 2018 BC LIP students: **TABITHA BLACK-LOCK, MATTHEW CRESWICK, SARAH LAZIN and CATE WHITE**. The BC LIP program which began in 1976 allows university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of the Legislature first-hand.



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).

UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CAPI STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

Deadline: Friday, March 31

Four CAPI Student Fellowships valued at \$2,500 each are available on an annual basis to support student research and study in the Asia-Pacific region. Two Fellowships will be offered in the Fall term and two in the Spring term each year. To encourage excellence in research on the Asia-Pacific region, CAPI offers a Student Research Fellowship, and to support the study of languages of the Asia-Pacific region, CAPI

offers a Student Language Fellowship. Fellowships are awarded solely at the discretion of the Selection Committee, whose decision is final. The Fellowships should be used within one year of the year of the date they are awarded.

Eligibility

To be eligible applicants must:

- be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at UVic during the year of application;
- be returning to UVic for further study after going abroad;
- have a B+ average over the most recent 15 units completed.

The CAPI Research Fellowship is restricted to Master or Ph.D. level candidates. Applicants must have the written approval of their Supervisor.

The CAPI Language Fellowship is open to undergraduate students in their third year and above, as well as to graduate students. Applicants must have a B+ average for the equivalent of two years of language training unless the language to be studied is not taught at UVic. More info: capi@uvic.ca or <http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/intern-scholar/home/scholarships/research/index.php>.

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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