



# POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

### POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### IDEAFEST JCURA RESEARCH FAIR

Wednesday, March 8, 11:30-3 pm, Michele Pujol Room and SUB Upper Lounge

POLI's 2017-18 JCURA students are Anna Dodd (Webb), Guleena Sandhu (Verdun) and Iliana Turner (Wender).

Connect with the next generation of Canadian researchers! UVic's Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards (JCURA) offer exceptional undergraduate students the opportunity to carry out research in their field of study. The JCURA Research Fair will feature over 100 of these inspiring projects, ranging from the latest in robotics to literary analyses of the human condition.



#### POLITICAL SCIENCE LANSDOWNE SPEAKER: LEANNE BETAMOSAKE 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(I)ght* (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).  
<https://www.leannesimpson.ca/>



#### 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](mailto: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.

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## UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CFGS AND EUS: THE AMBASSADOR OF BELGIUM TO CANADA, RAOUL DELCORDE**

**"From ISIS to Ukraine, the Challenges Facing the EU and Belgium: The International Situation Today and the Perspectives Ahead of Us"**

**Monday, March 6, 1-2 pm, DSB C128**

Space is limited. RSVP to Wendy [eusprog@uvic.ca](mailto:eusprog@uvic.ca)

### **HISTORY DEPARTMENT IDEAFEST PRESENTATION:**

**"ANGRY POPULISM: UNDERSTANDING THE NEW POLITICS OF ANXIETY AND XENOPHOBIA"**

**Monday, March 6, 7-9 pm, ECS 123**



Across the world there's a renewal of 'angry populism,' where large numbers of people are feeling abandoned by their political and economic leaders and turning to demagogues and xenophobia. What accounts for this return to the worst of our past? UVic scholars offer historical perspectives on the contemporary surge of support for Trumpism, Brexit and anti-immigration parties in Europe, looking at historical precedent and highlighting the sources of reactionary populism's contempt for the political establishment. Host: John Lutz (Department of History) Presenters: Oliver Schmidtke (Department of Political Science), Tom Saunders (Department of History), Nicole Longpré (Department of History) and Jason Colby (Department of History and Continuing Studies)

### **2017 PROVOST'S ENGAGED SCHOLAR AWARDS**

**Wednesday, March 8, 4:30-6:30, University Club**

Curious about the impact UVic research has on our local communities? Discover and celebrate the integration of outstanding UVic scholarship and real-life community engagement at the 2017 Provost's Engaged Scholar Awards! Hear from 2016 award winner Dr. John Lutz as well as the 2017 recipients

about their personal experiences with community-engaged research. The celebration will include a presentation of the 2017 awards by the Vice-President Academic and Provost. Presenters: Valerie Kuehne (Vice-President Academic and Provost), John Lutz (Department of History) and the 2017 award winners. A light reception will immediately follow the event. RSVP by Monday March 6 to Chelsea Falconer at [ocuecoord@uvic.ca](mailto:ocuecoord@uvic.ca).

**UVic FACULTY OF LAW COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: "PRIVACY AND THE LAW"**

**Monday, March 13, 5-7:30 pm, Fraser 159**

This conference will feature three speakers with diverse backgrounds in Privacy Law. Brad Weldon is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC. Chris Greenwood is General Counsel in the Vancouver Regional office of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, and Michael Vonn is a Policy Director at the BC Civil Liberties Association. RSVP to [privacylaw2017@gmail.com](mailto:privacylaw2017@gmail.com) as soon as possible, as seating is limited. This event is a great way for those interested in pursuing a legal education to meet current law students who can give insight into the UVic Law experience! For more information, please visit the Facebook event page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1863528470603668/>

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