



Brunt appointed vice-president research

By Valerie Shore

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the University of Victoria's new vice-president research.

Dr. Howard Brunt, who served as UVic's associate vice-president research from 1999 to 2004, is returning to lead the university's research enterprise for the next five years, effective Sept. 1, 2007.

As vice-president research, Brunt will be the primary advocate for UVic research, internally and externally, and will provide the executive leadership necessary for the university to achieve its national and international research goals.

"We're delighted to welcome Howard back in this pivotal role," says UVic President David Turpin, chair of the search committee. "His exceptional administrative skills make him the ideal person to further advance UVic's position as a leading research university focusing on issues of national and global importance."

UVic's faculty consistently rank among the country's leaders in per capita research funding. In addition, the university is well known for its commitment to interdisciplinary and community-based research, making major contributions to the advancement of knowledge and its application to social, economic and environmental issues.

UVic researchers were awarded more than \$82 million in outside research grants and contracts in 2005/06, nearly tripling in the past six years. The university has

15 interdisciplinary research centres, participates in eight national Networks of Centres of Excellence, and is involved in or leads a number of large-scale multi-institution research projects.

"I'm very aware that the university has changed in many ways during my absence," says Brunt. "Its reputation for research excellence has increased significantly, new major research platforms and infrastructure have been obtained, and the successful faculty renewal process is adding to the already strong cadre of academics at UVic."

"My challenge will be to support our faculty and students in ways that keep things moving along this same trajectory of success, perhaps with an even steeper slope."

Since 2004, Brunt has served as provost and vice-president academic at the University of Northern British Columbia, where he has led an academic planning process to set strategic directions for the university.

Brunt holds a PhD in community health science and epidemiology from the University of Calgary (1990), a master's in cardiovascular nursing from Yale University (1983) and a BA in sociology from the University of Florida (1974).

Brunt's areas of research specialization are cardiovascular epidemiology and human research ethics, with a strong emphasis on community-based research. He has received awards for his cardiovascular research and has served on many national and provincial research review panels and policy boards. In 2002 he was appointed by the presidents of the three federal granting councils to chair an inter-agency panel on research ethics.

Brunt first joined UVic in 1990 as a professor in the nursing program. "I'm excited about returning to UVic, reconnecting with former colleagues and getting to know all the new faculty members who have come in the past three years," he says.

He's especially attracted to UVic's strong emphasis on the integration



Brunt

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We're looking for great grad stories

Do you know a graduating student who has an amazing story to tell? UVic Communications would like to hear about him or her. We'll select the most compelling stories for publication in the June issue of *The Ring* and our convocation media relations materials. Perhaps you know a student who's had to overcome some adversity, performed some

outstanding community work en route to their degree or took a different path to post-secondary success.

Email *Ring* editor Robie Liscomb (robie@uvic.ca) before May 10 and tell us what makes this student special and how to contact him or her. We'll make some selections and take it from there.



Volpe

Serving up knowledge

International food scholars gather at UVic

How is large-scale food production contributing to climate change? This is one of several questions that food scholars, policy-makers and members of the public will tackle at "Cultivating Appetites for Knowledge," a conference of international food experts taking place May 29 to June 3 at the University of Victoria.

Conference chair Dr. John Volpe of UVic's School of Environmental Studies is best known for his research on the risks of industrial aquaculture to food sustainability on the West Coast of North America. Most recently, Volpe's research has looked at the ways consumer demand for cheap food is affecting the environment.

"This is the premier international

food scholar conference held in North America," says Volpe. "It is a natural fit to host the conference on Vancouver Island, which is home to such robust food security activism and cuisine."

"We are bringing a community of exceptional food scholars to a community of exceptional food advocates, food artisans and food lovers," says conference organizer and UVic graduate student Sushil Saini. "Our job as organizers is to create as many opportunities as possible for these communities to meet and inspire each other."

The conference will feature four days of presentations, workshops and panels where food experts and members of the public will explore

the social, political and economic structures crucial for a sustainable and secure food future. It will include a 12-course grand banquet prepared by Chef David Mincey of Camille's Fine West Coast Dining, food tastings, a free film series and a free speaker's night on food and climate change.

The conference kicks off plans for sustainable food systems education at UVic, ranging from one-off courses on culinary and cultural interest to courses designed for current and future food policy-makers, farmers and food industry professionals.

For more information on the conference, visit <http://brainfood.uvic.ca/>

Grads give \$2.25 million for research on aging

By Chris Thackray

A \$2.25-million gift from two University of Victoria graduates ensures UVic is at the forefront of research on the process of aging. The donation from Dr. Erich Mohr (PhD '82) and Dr. Shelley Mohr (BA'84) will establish a research program in the Department of Psychology and the Centre on Aging with a focus on adult development and aging, just as the country's baby boomers are poised to begin their retirement years.

The gift will fund a research chair to be held by a world-class scholar who will lead the university's participation in national and international research initiatives, including the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)—the first national study on the process of aging. The chair will be named for Erich Mohr's parents, Harald and Wilhelma Mohr, who were both medical doctors.

"Education was so important to them," says Shelley Mohr. "All of their



Erich and Shelley Mohr

children excelled academically and their careers were just amazing. We really wanted to honour that."

Over the past decade, Erich Mohr, a specialist in the treatment of central nervous system disorders, co-founded several biotech companies based in Ottawa. Last year he founded MedGenesis, a Victoria-based com-

pany that is developing treatments for Alzheimer's and dementia.

Erich and Shelley Mohr met while they were students at UVic in the 1980s. Erich Mohr is a past recipient of the UVic Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award, and

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From wolves to dogs

Did the hormonal rhythms of certain wolves contribute to their relatively fast evolution to domesticated dogs? That’s the basis of a new theory developed by UVic evolutionary biologist Dr. Susan Crockford (above) that will be showcased in the PBS *Nature* documentary *Dogs that Changed the World*. In part two of this series, “Dogs by Design,” Crockford links the development of dog breeds to thyroxine, a hormone that controls their growth rate. “Dogs by Design” will air on KCTS Seattle May 6 at 8 p.m. The skulls shown above are (l-r): chihuahua, Lhasa Apso, sheltie and wolf. Crockford is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Anthropology.

Constructive summer ahead

Walking across campus this summer may involve a bit of a detour. Several construction projects are slated to begin between now and July to extend water, gas, electrical and waste water services to the new Science, Social Sciences and Mathematics (SSM) and Support Services buildings.

The pedestrian path between the Sedgewick and SSM buildings will continue to be closed intermittently while equipment is working. In May, a full-time closure of at least two weeks will be required for the installation of underground utilities and reconstruction of the path to emergency access standards. During closures, the temporary parking area off Ring Road in front of the Sedgewick Building will be restricted for the use of emergency vehicles only. The nearest alternative

drop-off area and disabled parking access is in front of the Human and Social Development Building.

Another major project will result in a partial closure of Ring Road for several weeks during July and August, from the Henderson Road entrance to the Clearihue Building parking lot. The closure is necessary to redirect the existing sewer connection from the Oak Bay system to the Saanich system. A portion of Parking Lot 1 will also be repaved during the closure. Alternative arrangements will be made for permit holders who normally park in lots 1, B and C.

Several other projects requiring temporary closures of pedestrian paths will take place simultaneously, with the bulk of the work occurring in the corridor east of the Hick-

man, Sedgewick and SSM buildings and between the Medical Sciences and Cornett buildings (west of the quadrangle).

“Facilities management has scheduled projects together during the summer to minimize disruption to the campus community,” says Eugene Heeger, director of capital projects. “We’ll do everything we can to let people know what is happening when, and to respond to any concerns that come up over what is going to be a very busy period.”

Signs and website advisories will provide details about closures and detours, and all projects are scheduled to be completed in time for the start of classes in September. For more information, contact Dino Valeri, manager of capital projects, at 721-7617.



Experience UVic debuts

Famous UVic grads will be among those hitting the stage in McKinnon Gym on May 26 for the opening session of “Experience UVic,” an event for Grade-12 students with offers of admission, their parents and other interested high school students.

A-Channel sports specialist Jason Pires, a former member of the Vikes soccer team, will emcee the opening of “Experience UVic.” Paralympic multiple gold-medal winning skier Lauren Woolstencroft, who graduated from UVic with an engineering degree in 2005, will talk about her experience at UVic as a student and an athlete.

Vikes men’s basketball team captain Steve Moore, who graduates this year, will also speak to the high school students. Moore recently won both the President’s Cup, for

outstanding senior student athlete who best combines academics and athletics, and the Provost Award for the Vike with the highest GPA (8.67).

Participants in “Experience UVic” will be welcomed to the opening session by First Nations drummers. During the rest of the afternoon they can visit the various faculties and attend information sessions and an information fair on student services at the Student Union Building.

There is no charge for “Experience UVic.” Grade-12 students wanting to stay longer on campus can also register for “Destination UVic,” which includes residence accommodation and area tours. For more information visit www.uvic.ca and click on the licence plate.

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has been at the centre of Victoria’s vibrant biotechnology sector.

“UVic really launched my career,” he says. “It allowed me to be successful as a biotechnology entrepreneur and to initiate a number of areas of research. In planning this gift, we felt strongly about giving back to the community. We are both very committed to excellence in education and research, and UVic presented us with a research program in the Centre on Aging that was very appealing to us.”

“With the Mohr chair providing leadership in the study of adult development and aging, our researchers will be able to contribute further to the knowledge in this important field and build on the university’s substantial expertise in the health and social issues associated with an aging society,” says UVic President David Turpin. “The university is truly honoured and grateful that

Erich and Shelley share our vision and are willing to support us so generously.”

The new chair program will expand the research focus to the development process as we age, including adults in their 40s and 50s in its study. The chair will be based in the Department of Psychology and linked to the UVic Centre on Aging and its multidisciplinary, community-based research on gerontology and healthy aging.

“The Mohrs’ funding means we will always have a senior chair to assure the continuity of our role in longitudinal studies,” says Dr. Peter Keller, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. “As our very senior scholar retires, we will be able to replace that individual with another advanced researcher with an international reputation. It’s ingenious. It’s exactly what UVic needed.”

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of teaching, learning and research. “The opportunities for increasing the proportion of graduate students at UVic bode well for the university’s culture of research.”

Brunt will be UVic’s second vice-president research since the position was created in 1997. He

succeeds Dr. Martin Taylor, who on July 1 will begin a three-year term as founding president and CEO of a new corporate entity created by UVic to manage its investment in the VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada ocean observatories.

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Theatre department rallies around much-loved instructor living with ALS

By Adrienne Holierhoek

Actor, director, producer and UVic theatre department instructor Ned Vukovic has worked with the best in the business, from Shirley MacLaine, Peter O’Toole and Peter Ustinov to Jon Voight. This internationally recognized actor and in-demand dialect coach has an extensive list of acting credits for stage, television and film, including seven Academy Award-winners. He was a member of both the Royal Shakespeare Company and Royal National Theatre.

But Vukovic is known for giving this same level of professional coaching to his students. “I bring as much care with my students as I do with the professionals—whether a first-year, or Ted Danson—I always give my best effort,” says Vukovic. Since coming to UVic in 2004, he has taught all the first-year acting classes and either directed or was the dialect coach for an unprecedented nine of the 15 main-stage productions. “I feel I can teach almost any accent to any actor,” says Vukovic.

Vukovic is also living with and fighting ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease. ALS is a debilitating neurological disorder that affects control of voluntary muscles in the limbs, as well as speech, and leaves the five senses and mental capacity un-



Vukovic standing in front of an original WWII Spitfire during filming of “Piece of Cake,” a 1988 Masterpiece Theatre production.

touched. Vukovic now uses a scooter and a walker to get around and hopes to enlist the help of a computer speech program to assist his communication.

Recently, the students, faculty and staff at the theatre department came together to pay tribute to their colleague and instructor and help raise funds for the increased costs of living with the disease. “Ned’s Night,” a surprise event held March 30 at the Phoenix Theatre, featured student and faculty performances with tributes to Vukovic’s career. Together with a silent auction supported by many members of the local business and arts community, the

event raised over \$8,000.

“It was a bit of an emotional evening, but a great feeling,” says Vukovic. “One of the few benefits of having this disease is that people are telling me now how much I have meant to them, how much I have helped them. I do feel I’ve made an impact. If I was 70 years old, I would say this is the way to go! Unfortunately, I’m only 52, but I feel lucky to live my life.”

Vukovic will continue to teach first-year students this fall. Another benefit event will be held on June 24 at Theatre Passe Muraille in Toronto. For more information visit nedvukovic.com.

New dean a “champion for the fine arts”

Dr. Sarah J. Blackstone is the University of Victoria’s new dean of fine arts, effective July 1.

Blackstone is an historian of American theatre and well-known scholar of Buffalo Bill and the American West. She brings a wide range of experience as a teacher, director, scholar and administrator to her new position. Blackstone is the author of two books on Buffalo Bill: *The Business of Being Buffalo Bill: Selected Letters of William F. Cody 1879–1917* and *Buckskins, Bullets, and Business: A History of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West*.

Currently, she is the dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts at California State University (CSU), Chico. Before her seven-year term at Chico State, she held a variety of positions in theatre departments

across the United States. She earned her PhD in theatre history at Northwestern University.

“I have been working extensively with diversity and assessment issues in my present position, and those experiences should come in handy as I take on my new job and work to learn about Canadian culture,” says Blackstone.

“The faculty and the university will hugely benefit from Dr. Blackstone’s experience,” says Vice-President Academic and Provost Jamie Cassels. “She is a terrific champion for the fine arts within and outside the university. She cares deeply about students and the quality of their education, and a she’s a strategic thinker who will help the faculty to shape its future.”

Blackstone will succeed Dr. Giles Hogya, who is just completing his



Blackstone

second term as dean of fine arts. Hogya was first appointed as a lecturer in UVic’s Department of Theatre in 1972 and became chair of the department in 1995. He plans to retire after a year’s sabbatical.

Aroundthering

From Asia to Canada—the immigrant experience

As part of Asian Heritage Month, a group of researchers and community members will discuss Asian immigration at a public panel on May 5 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Saanich Silver Threads Les Passmore Centre, 286 Hampton Road.

Speakers include Senator Vivienne Poy, discussing Chinese women immigrants; UVic sociologist Dr. Neena Chappell on Chinese senior immigrants; and Dr. Chi Zheng of the Centre on Aging on adapting careers to survive in Canada. Other speakers will discuss the situation facing Punjabi seniors, Indian women and Filipino domestics and registered nurses.

The panel is free but advance registration is required by contacting the Victoria Silver Threads Service at 388-4268. The event is co-sponsored by Silver Threads and the Centre on Aging.

Website serves up tales from Victoria’s history

Stories of orphans, dance hall girls and indentured farmers are the latest additions to the “Victoria’s Victoria” website at www.victoriasvictoria.ca. History professor John Lutz established the online resource to share his students’ work about BC’s capital during the Victorian era.

The site now includes searchable databases for Victoria’s main newspapers from 1858 to 1921. For more than 15 years, dedicated history buffs Leona Taylor and Dorothy Mindenhall have read the old papers, condensed the articles and announcements, and compiled them in indices with references to the original documents.

“Orphans and Philanthropy in Victoria” examines the history of Victoria’s Bishop Cridge Centre, considered a place for orphans and unwanted children. The website uncovers the reality behind the circumstances leading to “abandoned” children.

“Dance Halls of Early Victoria” takes a look at the often rough and raucous dance houses that catered to gold rush patrons and how the Aboriginal women who worked there saw their participation as a means for gaining acceptance by European society.

“Craigflower Connections” describes the indentured lives of early area farmers who worked for years on Hudson’s Bay Company land in the hopes that they might some day be able to purchase their own farms.

Job applications now all electronic

Paper job applications are a thing of the past at UVic now that uHire, an online application system, is up and running at <https://uhire.uvic.ca/>. The Project Nova initiative is accessible by both on- and off-campus applicants. Users can create and store resumés and cover letters online, track the progress of their applications and use the service to prompt them about job openings in specific job classifications.

Convocation parking changes

Convocation is the capstone of one’s university experience and it shouldn’t be marred for graduates and their guest by parking hassles. In past years, the university has provided free parking in all lots during Convocation days, but some grads and their guests still had difficulty finding spaces. So this year, instead, UVic is issuing each graduate and their guests a parking pass for the day of their ceremony.

Join the UVic Speakers Bureau

Are you passionate about sharing your knowledge? Consider joining UVic’s Speakers Bureau, a free service through which UVic faculty members, staff, graduate students and retirees volunteer to make their expertise available to community groups, schools, clubs and other local organizations. The bureau books more than 300 speaking engagements per year, reaching an audience of over 10,000. For more information, or to sign up as a speaker, contact Mandy Crocker, Speakers Bureau coordinator, at 721-8587 or mcrocker@uvic.ca.

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L-R: Lucas, Laliberte, Cooper

Outstanding students recognized for community service

Eight University of Victoria students who excel both in and out of the classroom are recipients of this year's Blue and Gold Awards. The students were honoured for their remarkable volunteer contributions to the university and/or the Greater Victoria community while maintaining at least a B average.

Three students, Matthew Cooper, Amanda Laliberte and Philippe Lucas, received \$2,500 awards while five students, Brian Buchan, Catherine Etmanski, Ian Hussey, Kevin Lee and Jonathan Morris, received \$1,000 awards.

The Blue and Gold Awards receive financial support from CIBC.

Matthew Cooper, a fourth-year chemistry student, is a teaching assistant with University 101, working with adult learners excluded from normal routes to higher education. He volunteers in the emergency room at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, ensuring patients are comfortable and the room runs efficiently. He has also served as an elected student representative to the UVic senate and a director-at-large for the UVic students' society.

Amanda Laliberte, a third-year visual arts student, played a key role in organizing a Métis youth group for the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria. The youth group plans a variety of events, from drumming workshops to Aboriginal history classes. Laliberte also donates many hours of her time to the Native Students Union

at UVic, where her duties involve bridging communication between Indigenous students and faculty, and planning social events.

Philippe Lucas, a master's student in studies in policy and practice in the Faculty of Human and Social Development, is vice-chair of the City of Victoria Downtown Advisory Committee, and sits on the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia advisory board. He is involved with several community-based groups focused on social justice issues, including the Vancouver Island Compassion Society and the Committee to End Homelessness in Victoria. He is a founding member of the Voices of Substance Abuse, a local drug policy reform organization.

Brian Buchan, a second-year biopsychology student, gives generously of his time outside the classroom with the Anti-DOTE Girls' and Women's Network, the Student Ambassador Association, the Psychology Organization of Students Course Union and Nelson Food Cupboard. He has also volunteered with the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health and the After School Klub (ASK).

Catherine Etmanski, a PhD student in the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies, is passionate about organizing inclusive events to create a better world. She is founder of the Social Justice Film and Speaker Series and co-founder of Victoria Make Poverty

History Coalition. She has been a key volunteer with the Victoria Days of Peace and UVic's Office of International Affairs.

Ian Hussey, a master's of sociology student, has invested countless hours working with people on campus and around the world to empower farmers, traders and consumers. He is executive director of the Canadian Students Fair Trade Network, finance director for UVic's Graduate Students' Society and graduate student representative on UVic's research advisory committee.

Kevin Lee is a fourth-year biochemistry student who gives a great deal of his time to community service and student affairs. He volunteers at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria and Canadian Blood Services. He also spent a summer volunteering at a hospital in Uganda, collecting HIV/AIDS data and assisting doctors on home visits to rural communities.

Jonathan Morris, a fourth-year student in child and youth care, has devoted more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service with the NEED youth crisis information line, providing on-call volunteer support. He is a director-at-large on the UVic Students' Society, student senator for the university senate, and a representative on UVic's Mental Health Task Force and UVic's Suicide Prevention Interest Group.

Charting the future of post-secondary education in BC

On April 23, former attorney general Geoff Plant released Campus 2020, a report on the future of post-secondary education in BC. The report was commissioned by the provincial government last year to help shape the vision, mission, goals and objectives of BC's post-secondary system.

"The Campus 2020 report recognizes the strength of our province's post-secondary system and provides many recommendations aimed at building on those strengths," says UVic President David Turpin, chair of the University Presidents Council of British Columbia. "In particular, we were pleased to see the report's recognition of the importance of university research in supporting the province's success as a knowledge-based society and economy."

Among the main goals set out in the report is that "by 2010, BC will consistently be one of the three highest spending provinces in terms of provincial support for basic and applied research."

The report is the culmination of a wide-ranging process of consultations across the province. UVic's participation in this process included a presentation by Turpin at a Campus 2020 stakeholder forum last October and a more detailed written submission to Plant in December. Both are available on the UVic website at <http://web.uvic.ca/president/speeches/>.

The report identifies a need for enhancing collaboration and coor-

dination and recommends creation of a Higher Education Presidents Council to coordinate system-wide planning and a Higher Education Board. The latter would implement a systematic approach to data collection and analysis to help measure progress of the entire sector in achieving the government's goals.

Many of the 52 recommendations echo objectives articulated in UVic's recently renewed strategic plan "A Vision for the Future—Building on Strength." These include:

- developing initiatives that respond to the distinct needs of Indigenous learners and communities;
- increasing Indigenous participation and attainment rates;
- increasing opportunities for co-operative learning and internship programs;
- maximizing opportunities to attract and retain international students;
- increasing the number of graduate student spaces and expanding graduate student financial aid support.

Campus 2020 also calls for increasing and maintaining direct investment in research and innovation and recommends ensuring that at least 95 per cent of all provincial research funding is awarded to UBC, SFU and UVic.

The complete text of the Campus 2020 report is available on the web at www.campus2020.bc.ca/.

Senator joins in disability discussion

By Christine McLaren

Canadian Senator Michael Kirby will draw from his knowledge and political expertise accumulated over a distinguished career when he delivers a free public lecture entitled "Transforming Mental Health Services: From Institutional to Community Care" on May 7 in the Senate Chambers (UVic Centre A180) from 7–8:30 pm.

Kirby's is the final lecture in a series organized as part of Engaging Disability 2007, an institute that runs to mid-December and aims to explore, discuss and broaden understanding of disability. A calendar of events and podcasts of all lectures in the series are available on the web at <http://web.uvic.ca/disinst>.

From 1999 to 2006, Kirby was the chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, which focused primarily on Canada's health system. In May 2006, the committee completed a

report on mental health, mental illness and addiction called "Out of the Shadows at Last."

From June 4–15, the Engaging Disability Summer Institute will offer workshops and research seminars on a wide range of topics from therapeutic farming and art exploration to research and ethical practice. Spaces for community members are still available, while students wanting to participate for credit are now being placed on a waiting list.

In addition, inspirational humorist David Roche, who purposely draws attention to his facial disfigurement, performs his one-man show "Church of 80 per cent Sincerity" on Thursday, June 14 at Metro Studio in Victoria. The community book club will be discussing *Prozac Nation* by author Elizabeth Wurtzel on May 15. Community art exhibits and movie screenings round out extensive opportunities for community engagement.



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UVIC SALUTES ITS RESEARCH STARS OF 2007



by Valerie Shore

A protein chemist, an organic chemist, a climatologist and an interdisciplinary team working on a national research project are winners of the 2007 Craigdarroch Research Awards, which were presented on April 25 at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. The annual awards recognize excellence in research at the University of Victoria. A fifth award, recognizing entrepreneurial achievement, is also presented by UVic's Innovation and Development Corporation. "These awards demonstrate the remarkable talent and diversity of our researchers," says Dr. Martin Taylor, UVic's vice-president research. "Whether they're working in a laboratory, partnering with communities or advising national and international policy-makers, their research is advancing knowledge and contributing to the betterment of our world."



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CRAIGDARROCH GOLD MEDAL FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH

Dr. Bob Olafson (biochemistry and microbiology) has been at the forefront of protein research for more than 25 years and has earned international recognition for his work in molecular parasitology.

But his greatest legacy goes far beyond a single field of study. When he joined UVic in 1981, he could see that the future of biochemical and biomedical research lay in the analysis of protein structure and function, now known as proteomics. Determined that UVic lead the way, he established the UVic Protein Chemistry Centre. Under his guidance, the centre blossomed into an internationally acclaimed facility.

Today, the UVic-Genome BC Proteomics Centre provides analytical services to academic, industrial and government laboratories around the world.

CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTION

Environmental, economic and social change have wreaked havoc on Canada's coastal communities. The national Coasts Under Stress project has provided a solid foundation of information and research methods upon which real solutions are being built.

Co-led by UVic and Memorial University of Newfoundland, the five-year study tapped into the traditional knowledge of First Nations and other coastal communities, and combined it with scientific investigation to produce research useful to policy-makers and coastal residents alike.

More than 70 team members contributed in areas as diverse as traditional aquaculture, food security, resource management, fisheries and community health. The results include numerous presentations to policy-makers and scholars, seven books and hundreds of other publications.

The CUS project was directed by Dr. Rosemary Ommer (history).



The Coasts Under Stress team

CRAIGDARROCH SILVER MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Described as one of the top chemists of her generation in Canada, Dr. Cornelia Bohne (chemistry) is a leading world expert in supramolecular chemistry—the study of large structures held together by forces other than chemical bonds.

Since joining UVic in 1992 she has developed specialized techniques to understand the dynamics of supramolecular systems. This new knowledge is laying the groundwork for future advances in DNA, protein and drug research.

Her work continues to grow in impact, productivity and recognition; she has published more than 85 research articles in diverse areas; her papers are frequently cited, and she is a highly sought-after collaborator by her national and international peers.



Bohne

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

Translating science into marketable solutions is the mantra of organic chemist Dr. Tom Fyles (chemistry), who has been involved in the creation of several new technologies with commercial potential.

These include new types of sensors and sensor coatings, and environmentally friendly anti-fouling agents for water-based applications. He has also consulted widely with industry in the development of membrane processes for water treatment and chemical recycling.

In 2004, in partnership with the Innovation and Development Corporation and other partners, Fyles founded Sensific Technologies Inc., a UVic spin-off company that develops and markets micro-sensors for measuring chemical parameters in solutions.



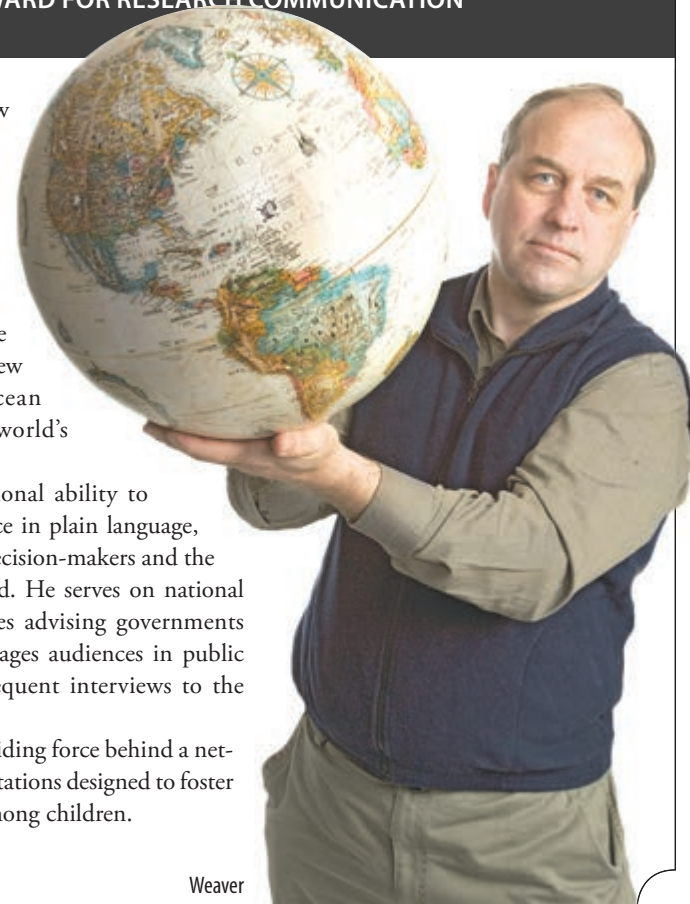
Fyles

CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR RESEARCH COMMUNICATION

Climate change is now widely acknowledged as one of the greatest threats facing the planet today. Studying the science of climate change and educating us all on its extent and impacts are the passions of Dr. Andrew Weaver (earth and ocean sciences), one of the world's leading climatologists.

Through his exceptional ability to communicate the science in plain language, Weaver is influencing decision-makers and the public around the world. He serves on national and international bodies advising governments on climate change, engages audiences in public lectures, and grants frequent interviews to the news media.

Weaver is also the guiding force behind a network of school weather stations designed to foster an interest in science among children.



Weaver

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Spring convocation honours
five for contributions to society

Leaders in the arts, human rights and the environment will receive honorary degrees from the university during Spring Convocation ceremonies June 5 to 8. The honorees are: Bruce Cockburn (Doctor of Laws); the Honourable Iona Campagnolo (Doctor of Laws); the Honourable Miria Matembe (Doctor of Laws); Mary Okumu (Doctor of Laws); and William (Bill) Turner (Doctor of Laws).
Musician and social activist Bruce Cockburn has inspired a generation of Canadians with his poetic and political music that touches a wide variety of human issues and social concerns. During his 35-year career, his music and lyrics have received continual critical acclaim, evidenced by his 20 gold and platinum records and 11 Juno awards, among other honours.
His remarkable artistic success notwithstanding, Cockburn is most famous for his concern for the welfare of others, expressed through decades of activism and engagement with social and political issues around the world. He has received countless honours for his humanitarian contributions, including membership in the Order of Canada in 1982 and promotion to officer of the Order of Canada in 2002.
As a member of the Pan-African Parliament, the Honourable Miria Matembe represents Uganda's diverse interests amongst a complex of

developing nations. In this role, she has spearheaded a number of major social and political changes in Ugandan society.
As Minister of State for Ethics and Integrity, she vigorously confronted widespread corruption in Ugandan society, especially in government and civil service. In her position as a member of parliament she tackled the deep-rooted problem of HIV/AIDS by forcing her culture to deal with taboo issues of human sexuality and disease. In addition, as the Uganda Constitutional Commissioner, she made major contributions to constitutional reform and the rule of law.
Author and human rights advocate Mary Okumu is a tireless defender of the poor and disadvantaged in her native Africa. Educated at the University of California, Los Angeles, Okumu returned to Africa to contribute to health service delivery, conflict resolution training, peace negotiations, protection and advocacy for human rights, and community empowerment.
She has held executive posts with key international aid organizations and is best known for her work with Women Waging Peace, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating conflict in Africa. In 2000 she was awarded the Peace Award by the United States National Peace Foundation.
The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, British Columbia's 27th Lieu-

tenant Governor, is known for her dedication to human rights and social justice issues. As Lieutenant Governor, she reaches out to all British Columbians, most notably youth and the Aboriginal community. Elected into federal politics in 1974 as a Liberal Party candidate, she was named Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. From 1976 to 1979 she served as Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport in Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's cabinet. In 1982 Campagnolo was elected the first woman leader of the federal Liberal Party and served in that capacity until 1986. She is a member of the Order of Canada, among other honours, and is also known for her successful broadcasting career.
Conservationist Bill Turner has revolutionized the preservation and restoration of the natural and cultural heritage of BC. In 1997 he co-founded The Land Conservancy (TLC), a non-profit land trust that fosters community support around the need for conservation of ecologically and historically important areas in BC.
Turner is tireless in his efforts to create a powerful non-governmental organization capable of linking ecological and cultural values, which, in combination, create a properly integrated approach to conservation and restoration. In 2005 he was made a member of the Order of Canada.

Annual plant sale, tours, celebrate Finnerty Gardens
Gardeners rather than sports fans will crowd UVic's McKinnon Gym on Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 32nd annual UVic Plant Sale in support of Finnerty Gardens. Organized by the Finnerty Garden Friends, the Plant Sale will include almost everything for the spring garden. There will also be a kid's section and a silent auction.
On May 13, Mother's Day, between 1 and 4 p.m., the Garden Friends will offer free guided tours starting from the entrance to the Interfaith Chapel.
The gardens are open to the public free of charge year-round.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
GSS
Graduate Students' Society
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
All registered grad students are invited to participate in a referendum on the cost and the benefits of the mandatory GSS extended health and dental plans. Voting will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday May 23rd, 24th, and 25th, both in person and via webvote. Please visit gss.uvic.ca for more information.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
AUGUST 2007: UVic is looking for local families interested in hosting international students studying in our English language programs. Families must be prepared to provide students with a private furnished room, all meals and snacks, and include students in daily family activities which highlight Canadian family life and the city of Victoria.
• home placement payment provided
• 4-week programs in August
• homes must be within 5 km of UVic campus
• students are 18 to 20 years old
• maximum of two international students per home
For more information contact UVic's English Language Centre at 472-4268 www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/

Calendarhighlights

Events free unless otherwise indicated. For a complete list of events, see www.uvic.ca/events

At the Galleries

www.maltwood.uvic.ca
721-6562

Masterminds: An Art Exhibition by UVic Retirees To June 7. The diversity and talents of 22 artists will be showcased at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. University Centre Bldg.

Artists at Work: Photographs of BC First Nations by Ulli Steltzer. Until June 1. Black and white portraits of North West Coast carvers, weavers and other First Nations artists. McPherson Library Gallery.

Exhibit *Victoria's Street-involved Women's Art Show.* Funded by the Adult Learning Knowledge Centre of the Canadian Council on Learning, this arts-based research and knowledge mobilization project is a collaboration among leadership studies (Faculty of Education), the Office of Community-Based Research and Our Place Society. On Canvas Gallery, 538 Yates St. 385-8090

Saturday, May 5

Conference 12 a.m. The 30th annual *Making Tomorrow* conference presents "Healthy Kids" Body-Mind & Spirit. Sponsored by VICPA, Success by 6, Active Saanich, Scribe Graphics and the School of Child and Youth Care. Student Union Bldg. \$50-\$60. 383-4380

Sunday, May 6

UVic Plant Sale 10 a.m. Huge selection of annuals and perennials, rhododendrons and rock plants, alpine and exotics. McKinnon Gym. 721-7014

Monday, May 7

Engaging Disability Lecture 7 p.m. Transforming Mental Health Services: From Institutional to Community Care. Senator Michael Kirby. Info: www.uvic.ca/disinst. Univ. Centre, A180. 721-6297

Wednesday, May 9

Bike to Work Week Workshop 5 p.m. An information session hosted by the Bike to Work Society to provide details regarding Bike to Work Week and how to get involved. Human & Social Dev. A240. Registration 721-7019

Sunday, May 13

UVic Finnerty Garden Tours 1 p.m. Guided tours begin near the garden entrance at the Interfaith Chapel. Sponsored by the Finnerty Garden Friends. 721-7014

Saturday, May 19

Aspreva Distinguished Speaker Series 7:30 p.m. *The Upside of Down: Catastrophe, Creativity and the Renewal of Civilization.* Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon, director of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Univ. of Toronto. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. Reservation required 721-8480

Saturday, May 26

Other 12 p.m. Experience UVic. Grade-12 students with offers of admission, their parents, and other high school students curious about student life are invited to this half-day event. Members of the UVic community who would like to volunteer can contact Melana Mar, student recruitment 472-4618 or mmar@uvic.ca. Registration required.

Monday, May 28

Bike to Work Week 2007 Until June 1. A week of cycling-related events on campus and throughout the city of Victoria to promote bicycle commuting and to encourage healthy and sustainable living. Registration 721-7019. Info: www.uvic.ca/biketowork

Wednesday, May 30

Annual LeBaron Lecture 12:30 p.m. *Fire in the Song: Religion, Ritual and Reconciliation.* Michelle LeBaron, prof. of law and director of the Program on Dispute Resolution, UBC. Hickman 105. 721-8199

Friday, June 1

Conference 4:30 p.m. *UVic Unity Inclusive Youth Leadership Retreat.* A workshop retreat for high school students involved with (or interested in becoming involved with) queer advocacy. Facilitated by local community and campus organizations, including UVic Counselling Services, the AVI Outspeak team, the Island Sexual Health Society, the UVSS Women's Centre, aboriginal education (Faculty of Education) and UVic Pride. \$51. 472-4393

Tuesday, June 5

UVic Convocation Ceremony 10 a.m. Graduates of the faculties of humanities and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

UVic Convocation Ceremony 2:30 p.m. Graduates of the faculties of science and graduate studies and the Division of Continuing Studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

Wednesday, June 6

UVic Convocation Ceremony 10 a.m. Graduates of the faculties of education and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

UVic Convocation Ceremony 2:30 p.m. Graduates of the faculties of engineering, fine arts and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

Thursday, June 7

UVic Convocation Ceremony 10 a.m. Graduates of the faculties of social sciences (anthropology, economics, environmental studies and geography) and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium 721-8480

UVic Convocation Ceremony 2:30 p.m. Presenting graduates of the faculties of social sciences (political science, psychology, sociology) and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

Friday, June 8

UVic Convocation Ceremony 10 a.m. Graduates of the faculties of human and social development (social work, child and youth care, health information science, public administration; Indigenous governance, policy and practice, dispute resolution, professional specialization certificate), business and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480

UVic Convocation Ceremony 2:30 p.m. Graduates of the faculties of human and social development (nursing), law and graduate studies. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-8480



Avid cyclist Jeannine Moreau, associate director of undergraduate education, School of Nursing

Get ready to roll

Bike to Work Week is coming up May 28 to June 1. Last year 56 UVic teams with over 500 cyclists took part the city-wide celebration of cycling that promotes bicycle commuting and encourages healthy and sustainable living.

"This year we are hoping that even more new and experienced cyclists alike will participate," says UVic BTWW co-ordinator Jillian Barber, administrative assistant to the associate vice-president finance and operations.

The UVic BTWW website, www.uvic.ca/biketowork, provides a wealth of information on how to participate and get involved. Consider becoming a team leader or a volunteer at BTWW events. Team leaders play an extremely valuable role in motivating others to cycle to campus. Learn how at a team leader workshop on May 9, from 5-6:30 p.m. in HSD A240.

BTWW events will include morning and afternoon celebration stations, bicycle repair stations and engraving stations, a team BBQ extravaganza and team photo event, and will provide tons of chances to win some great prizes.

And you can participate even if you don't own a bike, thanks to a new partnership with SPOKES, the UVic bicycle bursary program that diverts unwanted bicycles from the landfill by fixing them up and lending them out to students. SPOKES will provide a limited number of loaner bikes to people who would like to participate but do not own a bicycle. Go to the website and fill out the application for the bicycles that will be available beginning May 7.

And if you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time during Bike to Work Week please contact Jillian Barber at jillianb@uvic.ca.

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Publication Date	Copy Deadline
Thursday, June 7	Tuesday, May 29
Thursday, July 5	Wednesday, June 27

A team of undergraduate students from the University of Victoria's Faculty of Business is the winner of the 2007 annual RBC Royal Bank internal case competition. The five team members—**Jen Cheeseman, Eva Boucek, Marcus Brandt, Rod Semkiw and Coralie Maclean**— had three hours to review the facts and make the case for or against expansion of a small, rural printing company and 15 minutes to impress the judges with a winning presentation. Each team member won \$200 and the right to represent UVic at next year's external case competitions held across the country. The annual competition involves the full third-year class of UVic business students—about 240 business students in total.

Congratulations to **Linda Nicoll and others in alumni services and marketing** for winning a silver award in the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAE) Prix D'Excellence awards competition in the category of Best Program, Alumni Relations. They won for Plan A, a program they developed last year that provides a name and visual identity for alumni-supported student programs at UVic. The award will be formally presented on June 4 at the CCAC National Conference in Charlottetown. For more information about Plan A, visit <http://plana.uvic.ca/>.

Physical education professor **Ryan Rhodes** will receive the 2007 Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award from the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity in June. The award recognizes Rhodes' career work in the area of behavioural medicine. The society is a multidisciplinary association of scholars from the behavioral sciences and related professions. Rhodes previously received a multi-year New Investigator Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and a Career Scholar Award from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

A team of six UVic MBA students—**Bernie Sauter, Christopher Carmack, Hilary McVey, Matt Stanlake, Ricky Nariani and Scott Low**—has won the six-month *Financial Post* MBA Portfolio Competition in which twelve MBA schools from across Canada constructed virtual \$1 million investment portfolios to generate the highest returns with the lowest Sharpe Ratio, a measure of volatility. They finished with a Sharpe Ratio of 3.69 per cent and a portfolio valued at \$1,170,222.

Meanwhile, **Jason Mah**, a fourth-year UVic economics student, triumphed in the InvestYoung National University Stock Market Competition. Mah placed first among more than 2,000 post-secondary students in the national test of investment skills administered by Investors of Tomorrow, a charity dedicated to helping prepare youth for making financial decisions for their future.

Starting with a simulated portfolio of \$1 million in securities traded on major North American markets, Mah placed first with a portfolio worth \$1,451,619, a 45-per-cent return on investment.

Research conducted by **Dr. David Chuenyan Lai**, UVic Centre on Aging professor emeritus, has resulted in national recognition for an area in Saanich. On April 22 Lai joined local dignitaries and citizens at a ceremony to declare an area near Swan Lake "The First Auspicious Feng Shui Site in Canada."

Lai's research shows that the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Victoria purchased land in the area in 1891 for use as a cemetery but could not use it for that purpose because of opposition from local farmers. The precise location of the land plot was unknown until Lai developed an auspicious feng shui model to locate the site on the southern slope of Christmas Hill.

Feng shui, literally "wind and water," is an ancient Chinese belief of living in harmony with nature. As identified by Lai, the site is flanked by Lake Hill (the Green Dragon) and a lower western ridge (White Tiger). Other surrounding natural features provide the necessary feng shui elements.



Alison Power, left, a student in UNI 102, with Dr. Elizabeth Brimacombe, who taught a segment of the course. Brimacombe is partner in a research project that will raise funds to support the program, which provides courses for people facing barriers to university.

UVic researchers help adults facing barriers to education

Participants in an online research study on human perception will not only help two University of Victoria psychologists, they'll also generate funds to support UNI 102—a course for people facing barriers to a post-secondary education.

"For every person who participates in our online research project we will donate five dollars of our research funding to UNI 102, a course for people whose economic and social circumstances normally pose obstacles to a university education," says Dr. Stephen Lindsay, who is conducting his research with colleague Dr. Elizabeth Brimacombe.

"This innovative fundraising idea allows us to help enrich and empower peoples' lives while at the same time conduct socially relevant psychological research. It's a win-win situation." Lindsay and Brimacombe hope to recruit 1,000 participants

and contribute as much as \$5,000 to UNI 102.

The free 12-week introductory social sciences course is offered to adults in the Victoria area who are facing disabilities or financial hardship. It is patterned after last year's successful UNI 101, which focused on courses from the humanities. Each class starts with a meal, which is usually followed by two hours of lecture and discussion. The students are given UVic student cards and bus tickets, as well as access to the library and child care. Faculty members and graduate students volunteer their time to teach the classes.

"The instructors and other volunteers often feel that they're getting more out of the experience than the UNI 102 students," says Becky Cory, project coordinator. "It's definitely a

life-enriching experience for all involved."

Topics in UNI 102 include development in Latin America, water issues in Victoria, behaviorism, archaeology and ethnobotany.

Members of the first class of UNI 102 celebrated completion of the course with a convocation-style ceremony in the University of Victoria Senate Chambers on April 17.

University 101/102 organizers are looking for more sponsorship to continue expanding the program.

To learn more about UNI 101 and 102, visit www.uvic.ca/uni101. To learn more about and/or participate in Lindsay's and Brimacombe's research, visit www.uvic.ca/psyc/investigation2. Participation takes about 20 minutes and involves watching a short video and answering questions about it.

The upside of down: how global crisis can be good for us

Is humanity headed on a course toward catastrophe? And if so, is there anything we can do to prevent it?

Find out on Saturday, May 19 when Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon, director of the Trudeau Centre for the Study of Peace and Conflict at the University of Toronto, presents the 2007 Aspreva Lecture at the University of Victoria.

The lecture will be on the same topic as Homer-Dixon's 2006 book, *The Upside of Down: Catastrophe, Creativity and the Renewal of Civilization*.

Drawing parallels between the challenges we face today and the crisis faced by the Roman empire

almost 2,000 years ago, Homer-Dixon argues that converging stresses, such as energy needs and climate change, could cause a catastrophic breakdown of national and global order—a social earthquake that could hurt billions of people.

"But crisis can also be a catalyst for deep reform," he says. "Sometimes people and societies only really deal with their problems when the everyday order of things is profoundly disrupted and when they know that they have to change in order to survive."

Born in Victoria, Homer-Dixon earned his PhD in international relations and defence and arms control policy from MIT in 1989. At the

University of Toronto, he has led several international research projects examining the links between environmental stress and violence in developing countries.

Recently, his research has focused on threats to global security in the 21st century and on how societies adapt to complex economic, ecological and technological change.

Homer-Dixon has advised many government departments, including the departments of foreign affairs and defence in Canada, and the CIA and National Security Council in the US.

He's also a popular speaker and media commentator. His articles

have appeared in many leading scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers. His other books include *The Ingenuity Gap*, which won the 2001 Governor General's Non-fiction Award.

The lecture takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. It is free but reserved seating tickets are required. For reservations call 721-8480 or visit www.auditorium.uvic.ca.

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