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“We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity.”

*George Takei*

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## OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 | FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

- 4 p.m. Welcome**  
MC Grace Wong Sneddon, Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity/Chair, Provost's Diversity Research Forum Committee  
Elder May Sam (Tsartlip Nation)  
Elder Skip Dick (Songhees Nation)
- 4:15 p.m. Welcome from the President**  
President Jamie Cassels
- 4:30 p.m. Video Presentation**  
Grace Wong Sneddon, Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity/Chair, Provost's Diversity Research Forum Committee
- 4:50 p.m. Not Just Dramatizing the Data: Theatre as an Integral Part of Research**  
Will Weigler, Community-based Applied Theatre Director
- 5:20 p.m. Provost's Advocacy and Activism Award Presentation**  
Nancy Wright, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning
- 5:40 p.m. Diversity Writing Awards Presentation and Readings**  
Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian  
Celu Amberstone, Local Author and Writing Contest Judge
- 6:10 p.m. Spoken Word Contest Presentation and Performance**  
John Threlfall, Fine Arts Communications and Special Projects Officer  
Kara White, CUPE 951 President
- 6:30 p.m. Closing Comments**

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 | STUDENT UNION BUILDING

- 9 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks (Cinecenta)**  
Grace Wong Sneddon, Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity  
UVic Elders' Voices
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome**  
Rachael Scarth, Associate Vice-President Research Operations
- 9:20 a.m. Shared Lessons: On the Journey to a Collaborative, Inclusive Community**  
Moderator: Christopher Goto-Jones, Dean, Humanities  
Jim Dunsdon, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs  
Jeremy Webber, Dean, Faculty of Law  
Catherine Krull, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences  
Robert Lipson, Dean, Faculty of Science

### Concurrent Sessions

- 11 a.m. Mobilizing Our Words: Student Voices on the Indigenous and International Plans (Michèle Pujol Room)**  
Moderator: Nancy Wright, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning  
Ruth Young, Office of Indigenous Affairs  
Tricia Best, International Student Services  
Maryam Saleh Ahmed Alyamani, Graduate Student, Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies  
Sarah Powell, Administrative Councillor – Native Student Union/  
Undergraduate Student, Department of Geography  
Yvonne Houssin, Councillor-at-Large, Native Student Union/  
Undergraduate Student, Department of Gender Studies/  
Indigenous Studies  
Yamila Franco, Undergraduate Student, Department of Biology
- Social Justice, Diversity and Advocacy (Upper Lounge)**  
Moderator: Jo-Anne Lee, Department of Gender Studies  
Victoria Wyatt, Department of Art History & Visual Arts  
Nathalie Down, MA, Digital Media Studies/Independent Consultant  
Annalee Lepp, Department of Gender Studies

### Blows Against the Academy: Shifting Definitions of Scholarship (Cinecenta)

Moderator: Jim Tanaka, Department of Psychology  
Frida Banks (Natasha Daniel), Storyteller/Journalist/  
Co-founder of Lost Lyrics  
Patrick Dwyer, Undergraduate Honours Student,  
Department of Psychology  
Boma Brown, Director of Internal Affairs, Vancouver Island  
Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG)  
Alana Sayers, Masters Student, Department of English

**12:30 – 1:20 p.m. Lunch (Michèle Pujol Room)**

**1:30 – 2:50 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

### Gender Bias and Music (Upper Lounge)

Facilitator: Adam Jonathan Con, School of Music

### As Long as the Sun Shines, Grass Grows and Rivers Flow: A Century and a Half Measured through Artistic Activism (Michèle Pujol Room)

Session Leaders:

Christine O'Bonsawin, Department of History/Indigenous Studies  
Gillian Cornwall, Office of Indigenous Affairs  
Michael Radmacher, Office of the Chair in Transgender Studies

Artists:

Lindsay Delaronde, Iroquois/Mohawk artist  
Marianne Nicolson, Dzawada'enuxw/Kwakwaka'wakw artist  
Amanda Strong, Michif artist

### Globalization, Migration and the University: Challenges and Opportunities (Cinecenta)

Moderator: Victor V. Ramraj, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives/  
Faculty of Law  
Jeffrey Ansloos, School of Child and Youth Care  
Charlotte Schallié, Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies  
Jean McRae, CEO, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

**3 p.m. Closing Remarks and Learnings from Students and Community Members (Michèle Pujol Room)**

**3:30 p.m. Conference Concludes**