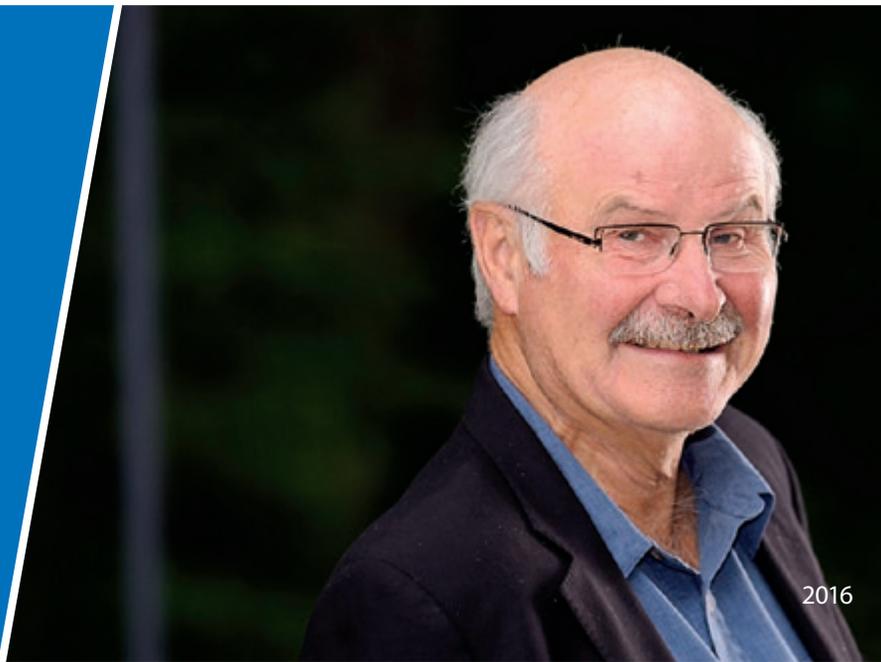




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'OPTIMISM, ENGAGEMENT, WORKING TOWARD PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS' MICHAEL PRINCE SHARES WORDS OF PRAISE FOR MIKE HARCOURT

Dr. Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, will deliver an oration on Mike Harcourt as he prepares to accept an honorary Doctor of Laws from UVic's President and Chancellor at convocation on November 10, 2016.

Known as a passionate believer in the power of cities and communities to improve the human condition, Harcourt remains focused on conservation and sustainable development.

As a result, he has played a significant role in promoting quality of life. Harcourt has held major urban posts his entire adult life—including Mayor of Vancouver for three terms and as the 30th Premier of B.C.—and his interests, too, in civil society and urban

design have made him the leader he is today in advancing livability in our cities.

Here, in an excerpt from Dr. Prince's speech, he points to Harcourt's work after disability:

Another major and more recent area of contribution by Mike Harcourt is on issues of social inclusion and quality of life, especially for people living with disabilities. His interest in this area is deeply personal: in 2002, a devastating fall left him partially paralyzed from a severe spinal cord injury. Through quick response, great care and dedicated rehabilitation, he achieved a remarkable recovery. Mike became active in spinal cord research and education, working with the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation and chairing the Spinal Cord Injury Quality of Life Advisory Group.

For his many contributions, Mike Harcourt has been recognized with esteem, including the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of Smithsonian Institute public service award, as an officer of the Order of Canada, and, perhaps the one most fitting the man and his work, the Canadian Urban Institute's Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award.

His politics has always been one of abiding optimism and immense hope, a politics of engagement with people, working together for practical solutions in public decision making. His passion and activism continues apace, as he continues to participate and contribute on issues of sustainability, livable cities and social inclusion.

On employment for Canadians with disabilities

The Government of Canada is conducting round table discussions across the country as part of their consultation process on planned accessibility legislation. Dr. Prince was invited to speak at the Winnipeg round table on October 3, 2016. Here, an excerpt from that presentation

Over 400,000 working-age adults in Canada with physical or mental disabilities are currently unemployed, despite being willing and able to participate in the labour force.

Strong federal leadership, and intergovernmental cooperation, is needed to ensure more Canadians with disabilities have access to real work for real pay, and that their rights are protected by labour legislation and safety standards on an equal basis with other workers.

In a recent study published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Michael Prince proposed a six-point action plan for both orders of government, outlined on next page.

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday, November 23rd, a number of our generous donors will join me, the directors of our schools and major programs, and some of our amazing students at a University Club dinner to celebrate how their gifts are making a critical difference. We don't just want to acknowledge the big hearted sponsors who share our love for the work of HSD. We want to share with them how their gifts concretely support student and faculty success and impact our world.

Gifts come to HSD from a variety of sources ranging from individuals including alumna, corporations, and large charitable foundations. At a time when many university students struggle to pay for their education and living expenses, gifts that support students are key. As beneficiaries of our donors' generosity, it is no surprise that many of our HSD graduates become donors in their own right.

As we share stories, we will hear from students about how their learning, and for many, their new careers, were supported by donors' gifts. Gifts to support new programs and related initiatives are just as vital. Each gift creates hope and builds our capacity to make a difference.

However you choose to make a difference, we thank every donor who gives to Human and Social Development. Together, we are changing our world.

Tricia Marck, Dean
Faculty of Human and
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On employment for Canadians with disabilities

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Canadians with disabilities have consistently experienced low levels of employment, as well as barriers in the educational, economic and social spheres. They face massive obstacles in participating in the labour market, especially those with severe disabilities or low educational attainment. Many need work accommodations and supports.

The federal government has committed to introduce accessibility and inclusion legislation over the course of its mandate. Michael Prince argues that in order to eliminate systemic barriers and deliver equality of opportunity, priorities for decision-makers should include connecting employers and people with disabilities, and supporting employers in the provision of work accommodations and job-related supports.



IDEAS FOR GIVING

Plans are underway to provide Christmas hampers to students as the holidays draw near. Support for this initiative is most welcome. We are looking for items such as non-perishable food items and donations to help purchase gifts for students and their families. You can drop off your donations every **Tuesday from 9-to-11 a.m.** at our Indigenous Student Support Centre situated at **Room B211** in the **HSD Building**.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Abby Menendez received the **2016 Institute of Public Administration Canada's National Student Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration**. The award showcases talent in public administration in Canadian post-secondary education. Abby was nominated by UVic's School of Public Administration based on her outstanding performance and current standing in the Master of Arts Dispute Resolution program.



Dr. Elizabeth Borycki, a professor in the School of Health Information Science, has been appointed to the board of directors for the **International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA)** as VP, Special Affairs, and will spearhead global accreditation of health and medical informatics programs in this role. Located in Geneva, Switzerland, IMIA is the professional and educational organization for health and medical informatics educators and professionals. Elizabeth's work will involve close

collaboration with health informatics schools around the world. Elizabeth was also appointed co-Scientific Program Committee Chair for the **IMIA's 16th World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics: Precision Healthcare Through Informatics—MedInfo2017**—in Xiamen, China, to be held August 21-25, 2017. This conference is expected to attract 10,000 delegates from around the world.



Kelli Stajduhar received the **2016 Award for Excellence in Nursing Research from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing**. This award recognizes outstanding achievements in nursing research, including obtaining funding, sharing results, mentoring students and colleagues, and raising the profile of nursing research.

True to form, Kelli and colleague Ashley Mollison recently published an op-ed comment in the *Victoria Times Colonist*, based on their research involving Palliative and End of Life Care, titled *Homeless deserve end-of-life care, but aren't getting it*.

Kelli and Ashley are members of an academic and community partnership between UVic's Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, and the multi-partner Palliative Outreach Resource Team. Read their study on Palliative and End of Life Care (PEOL).



Dr. Jeffrey Ansloos, Assistant Teaching Professor with the School of Child and Youth Care, was awarded a Fellowship with the **United Nations Alliance of Citizens (UNAOC)** for a program on **Intercultural Dialogue in Education**. The program brings together emerging leaders in education from North America, Europe, and the Middle East to engage in intercultural dialogue and to stimulate innovation in youth education.

Jeffrey's fellowship research focuses on refugee youth displacement and resettlement, and strategies for refugee and Indigenous youth allyship and youth programming informed by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Calls to Action.

As **Jessica Ball**, a professor with the School of Child and Youth Care and Principal Investigator on Early Childhood Development Intercultural Partnerships, completes her two-year SSHRC Insight Development grant with Leslie Butt, Associate Professor, Anthropology, on Birth Registration and Risk of Statelessness for Children of Transnational Migrant Labourers in Indonesia, she shared this photograph from her time there this summer.

The study explored how parents who migrate for work without documentation understand the ideas and processes of birth registration and citizenship for their children who stay behind.

Jessica and Leslie are faculty affiliates of the Centre for Asia and Pacific Initiatives which also contributed to the study. With Harriot, this three-member team published and presented their research this past September at the Association for Southeast Asian Studies in London, UK, under the title: *"Like it, don't like it, you have to like it: Indonesian children's perspectives on their parents' transnational labour migration."*



Jessica Ball (top left) with research participants and Dr. Harriot Beazley (right), Lecturer in Human Geography with the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia.

CHANGES

Esther Sangster-Gormley, RN, RhD Associate Dean—HSD



Associate Professor and former coordinator of the nurse practitioner program in the School of Nursing, Esther brings a vast understanding to her new role as Associate Dean with HSD. She was previously a

member of the UVic Senate, serving on the Budget, Appeals and Continuing Studies Committees and the Continuing Studies Health Sciences Program Advisory Committee. Esther is Chair of the College of Registered Nurses' Nurse Practitioner Standards Committee and focuses her research on advanced practice nursing.

Rhonda Hackett, Assistant Professor School of Social Work

Rhonda's area of focus explores African Caribbean immigration and nation building, specifically examining how the issues of separation and reunification impact family and community relations. Her social work experience includes counselling and community building in the areas of mental health, organizing, and disAbilities at the community and university levels. She has taught in the Master's of Social Work program at the University of Toronto, and the Bachelor's of Social Work program at Ryerson University.

Nathan Lachowsky, Assistant Professor School of Public Health and Social Policy



Championing interdisciplinary and community-based approaches, Nathan has conducted HIV and sexual health research with sexual and ethnic minority populations across Canada and New Zealand. He has

research interests in global health, health equity, Indigenous health, and public health surveillance. Nathan completed a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Guelph during which he held a CIHR Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, a CANFAR/CTN Postdoctoral Fellowship with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and an Ontario HIV Treatment Network Junior Investigator Development Award at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work.

Dr. Billie Allan, Professor School of Social Work

By way of Toronto and Ryerson University, we are pleased to welcome Billie to HSD and UVic. Her scholarship is focused on Indigenous health and well-being (particularly Indigenous women's and Two-Spirit health); Indigenous research methods; health and healing in the context of child welfare involvement; Indigenous midwifery and birthing.

Devi Mucina, Assistant Professor Indigenous Governance



Devi follows three distinct continental locations—Africa, Turtle Island, (North America) and Oceania—to investigate how Indigenous men's associations are nurturing men's relational health and

decolonizing masculinities. He studies questions about how Indigenous men's associations are supporting Indigenous men to renew traditions grounded in holistic relational engagements. His other research explores the impact of parental and familial members' incarceration on their children and questions the risk factors this creates for their future incarceration from an Indigenous intersectional theoretical framework.

Lindsay Tedds, Acting Director School of Public Administration



As an Associate Professor in the School of Public Administration with a steadily growing public profile, Lindsay Tedds is now serving as the school's acting director. Her primary research and teaching area is applied

economic research and policy analysis, with a particular focus on tax policy. Lindsay has also held several posts with the Government of Canada in Ottawa in the areas of public economics and policy implementation.

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OUR AUDIENCE

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