DIRECTOR’S NOTES:  Paul Bramadat

Every year the CSRS balances a complex fellowship program, a great many public engagement activities, and often several research projects at the same time.

This year the centre has been productive on all fronts. We have welcomed a cohort of fellows from Iran, Denmark, China, the US, the UK, Belgium, and many Canadian provinces who have taken full advantage of the opportunities for in-depth interactions afforded by our remarkable building and our traditions of daily interaction. Indeed, I have never witnessed a more cohesive and congenial group of scholars at the centre (and the bar was already set quite high). The community meets for lunch, goes out for hikes, movies, dinner parties, and generally takes care of one another. It has been a pleasure to join them in what might appear at first to be just social excursions, but turn very quickly into deep, buoyant and supportive conversations about our respective research and professional interests.

The quantitative data collection has concluded in our Cascadia research project, and we will conduct qualitative fieldwork in Victoria, Vancouver, Portland and Seattle between April and June. Once this data has been transcribed and compiled, the chapter authors will each make use of it in their components of the project.

We also solidified plans to host our first meeting of all of the authors and editors associated with a major new project on Indigenous religion and spirituality in Canada. Two of the editors and most of the authors are Indigenous, and the first meeting is scheduled for December 2018. The book that will result from this project is a tangible example of many conversations we have been having this year about what it might mean for scholars to address the concerns identified in the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report, even when one’s specific research interests do not clearly involve Indigenous issues. We have taken a proactive approach to these conversations, aided significantly by UVic’s Indigenous Cultural Acumen Training program (February 2018), which was a precursor to a much more extended discussion series (March 2018+) on these issues, led by two CSRS fellows (Chelsea Horton and Michelle Brown).

In addition to a burgeoning fellowship program and an active research agenda, we have continued to offer the rest of the campus and the broader Victoria community a very popular public lecture series and an array of special events. These events are often first-of-a-kinds in the city. I’m especially pleased with the success of our one day international workshop on the politics of yoga, our IdeaFest session on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), and our four part series on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (this year’s John Albert Hall collaboration with the local Anglican community).

I’m so proud of the ways these fine scholars, lay people, and administrators worked together this year to move the centre forward. Stay tuned for our annual newsletter in August 2018 in which we will outline our plans for the coming year.

ABOUT US

The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) is an interdisciplinary research centre located at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia. We acknowledge, with respect, the Lkwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the CSRS stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

At the CSRS, our mission is to foster the scholarly study of religion in relation to any and all aspects of society and culture, both contemporary and historical.

The CSRS is regularly and deeply engaged in conversations with policy makers and civil society, in an effort to connect scholarly research on religion and society to the broader world. We also sponsor graduate student, faculty, artist in residence, visiting researcher, and sabbatical fellowships, and produces a dynamic annual program of public lectures and seminars. The CSRS is committed to pluralism and dialogue, attracting participants whose backgrounds and perspectives reflect a wide variety of religious, spiritual, and secular points of view.
A list of the FELLOWS-IN-RESIDENCE who form the heart of our community:

**VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWS**

**Jelle Creemers**
(The Evangelical Theological Faculty, Belgium)
“Freedom is Priceless? The Impact of the Inclusion of Evangelical Free Churches in the Belgian ‘Administrative Council for the Protestant and Evangelical Religion”

**Michael Wilkinson**
(Trinity Western University),
The Emergence, Development and Contemporary Context of Canadian Pentecostalism

**VISITING GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS**

**Brandi Estey-Burtt**
(PhD Candidate, Dalhousie University),
“When the Messiah Comes: Ethics, Affective Citizenship, and Faith in 21st Century Literature”

**Kasra Ghorbaninejad**
(PhD Candidate, Northeastern University),
“Protesting Shias, Pope-ish Sultans? Cross-Religious Alliance Building Across the Mediterranean in the 1600s”

**Helen Jennings**
(PhD Candidate, The Arctic University of Norway),
Religion, Tourism and Indigeneity

**Sofie Pederson**
(PhD Candidate, University of Southern Denmark),
Being a “Good Danish Muslim”: Subjectivity Formation among Young Muslims in Denmark

**Mo Wei**
(PhD Candidate, Shanghai Normal University),
Sparkling Light of Enlightenment and Religious Art in Zikawei (Xujiahui)— T’ou-Sè-Wè (1847-1949)

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND WINNIFRED LONSDALE GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

**Justine Semmens**
(PhD Candidate, UVic History),
Marriage, Moral Delinquency, and the Criminal Courts in Counter Reformation France, 1550-1650

**UVIC GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

**Ethan Calof**
(MA Candidate, UVic Slavic Studies)
Giving Voice to Chaos: Changing Masculinities in Jewish Literature in Late Imperial and Early Revolutionary Russia (1903-1925)

**IAN H. STEWART GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWS**

**Christina Gentile**
(MA Candidate, UVic Counseling Psychology),
Nada Yoga, Pranayama & Vocal Psychotherapy: Singing and Breathing Practices as Forces for Transformation in Counseling Psychology

**Zabeen Khamisa**
(PhD Candidate, UWaterloo Religious Studies/Arts),
Religion, Social Innovation, & Entrepreneurship: Understanding the Entrepreneurial Spirit of Young Canadian Sikhs

**Elsie-May Mountford**
(MA Candidate, UVic Art History & Visual Studies),
Click to Enter: Exploring Ottoman Architecture in the Peloponnese

**Paige Thombs**
(MA Candidate, UVic Sociology/Cultural Social & Political Thought),
The Rise of Secular Values in Canada and its Impact on Freedom of Religion and the Duty to Accommodate

**Seyedhamed Yeganehfarzand**
(PhD Candidate, UVic Art History & Visual Studies),
Isma’ili Castles: Beyond Defensive Functions

**CSRS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

**Martin Adam & Jeffrey Renn**
Theatre Meets Religious Studies on the Path to Nirvana: What the Buddha Never Taught

**Terry Marner**
Searching for Home-Finding Fingerposts in Neuroscience

**Laura Trunkey**
The Windspir Sisters: a Magic Realist Novel About an Asylum and The Afterlife
UVIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

Marina Bettaglio (Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies)

Neilesh Bose (Department of History/Humanities)
Universalism and the Means and Ends of Comparative Religion: Global Histories of Religious Reform in Modern India

COMMUNITY SABBATICAL FELLOWS

Michelle Brown
Religious Practice as an Expression of Ethnicity in a Minority Environment: Szekely People in Transylvania

Catherine Morris
Religion, Rights & and Conflict in Canada: The Internationally Protected Freedom of Religion or Belief

Peter Scales
Views of the Shepherds: Interviews of Experienced Clergy

Adela Torchia
Spirituality and the British Columbia Opioid Crisis

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Nicola Hayward
The Use of Funerary Art for Commemorating Social Identity and Memory: The Case of the Via Latina's Samaritan Woman

Victor Hori
The Modernization of Buddhism in Global Perspective

Lesley Jessop
Students or Tailors? A Re-evaluation of the Sculptures on the South Transept of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris

Francis Landy
The Book of Isaiah

Graham McDonough
How Catholic Schools can be Thought of as Sites of Inter-Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue

Brendon Neilson
Post-Christian Experiences of Spirituality

Angela Andersen
Cemeveleri: An Examination of the Historical Roots and Contemporary Meanings of Alevi Architecture and Iconography

Harold Coward
Word, Chant, and Song in the Major Religions: Spiritual Transformation

Jane Dawson
What About the Bible? An Exploration of Current Interpretive Practices

Erica Dodd
Treasures of the Early Christian Church

Scott Dolf
Evangelicalism and the Environment in the United States

Robert Florida
Ethical Issues in Modern Buddhism

Mona Goode
The Evolution of the Muslim Zakat Tax as an Obligatory Act

Andrew Gow
Christianiform Secularism and Freedom of Religion

Jordan Paper
Theology Throughout Most of the Human Past: The Spiritual Life and Understanding of Gathering-Hunting Peoples

Jarrad Reddekop
Relating to the Forest in Amazonian Quichua Philosophy; Relational Ontology, Selfhood, Ethics, and Aesthetics

Anna Tsurkan
Islam and Politics in “Arab Spring” Countries from an International Community Perspective

Carolyn Whitney-Brown
The Meaning of Founding Stories: Jean Vanier and L’Arche Communities Around the World

Grace Wong Sneddon
Chinese Canadian spirituality in the 21st Century

Katherine Young
The Divyaprabandham, Canonization, and Śrīvaisnava Formation: Musical Tropes and Identity Negotiations
LECTURES & EVENTS

From September 2017 to April 2018, we hosted 21 public lectures, which drew a total attendance of 1,123 people from the university and greater Victoria communities.

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<td>Shamma Boyarin</td>
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John Albert Hall Public Lectures

In honour of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we worked with our colleagues in the local Anglican community to invite four speakers for the annual John Albert Hall (JAH) lecture series. In addition, we also initiated a public interview event that we hope will become a regular offering:

- Sept. 28, 2017 – “Martin Luther and the Ambiguity of Reform” by Dr. Deana A. Thompson (Hamline University)
- Oct. 12, 2017 – “Reshuffling the Unseen: A Reappraisal of the Legacy of the Reformation” by Dr. Carlos Eire (Yale University)
- Nov. 9, 2017 – “Reformation and Canada: Themes and Variations” by Dr. Phyllis Airhart (University of Toronto)
- Nov. 30, 2017 – “Why the Reformation Still Matters” by Dr. Brad Gregory (University of Notre Dame)

The five lectures - generously funded by the Anglican Dioceses of BC, with additional contributions from the UVic Multifaith Services and the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada - drew nearly 500 audience members in total.
**2017 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES**

In partnership with the Religion & Diversity Project at the University of Ottawa, the CSRS presented a one-day workshop called “The Politics of Yoga: Sex, Religion, and Power in a Global Industry” on Aug. 4, 2017.

We invited Andrea Jain, religious studies professor from Indiana University and editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, to present the keynote lecture about the religious, social, and political forces animating contemporary debates about yoga. Angela Jamison, adjunct professor at the University of Michigan and level-two authorized teacher in the Ashtanga yoga lineage, offered a formal response to Jain’s lecture based on her experiences as a scholar, activist, and teacher.

Several scholars from UVic provided further commentary, including:

- **Neilesh Bose** (Faculty Fellow; Assistant Professor, UVic History)
- **Paul Bramadat** (Professor, UVic History, Religious Studies; Director, CSRS)
- **Siobhan Chandler** (Adjunct Assistant Professor, UVic Nursing)
- **Christina Gentile** (Graduate Fellow; MA candidate, UVic Counselling Psychology)
- **Chris Goto-Jones** (UVic Dean of Humanities)
- **Katherine Young** (Associate Fellow)

More than 100 people attended the lecture, including many from the local yoga community. The workshop format and catered lunch allowed for lively and sustained interaction between the presenters, members of the CSRS and broader UVic community, and local practitioners.

We also hosted three smaller public lectures in summer 2017:

- Jun. 9, 2017 – “Antisemitism and divisions over Israel in Diaspora Jewish communities: The exploitation of Jewish difference” by visiting researcher **Keith Kahn-Harris** (Leo Baeck College, Birkbeck College, Institute for Jewish Policy Research)
- Jun. 22, 2017 – “The ‘Relaxed Muslims’: How Ethnic Minority Role Models Are Used by the Danish State” by visiting graduate student **Sofie Pedersen** (University of Southern Denmark)
- Aug. 16, 2017 – “Violence and the Good Life: Foreign Fighters in Syria and Spain” by visiting researcher **Dietrich Jung** (University of South Denmark)

**2018 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES**

The summer 2018 lecture series continues the spirit of the Thursday Public lectures to feature three visiting fellows from Victoria, Alberta, and Finland. We are also hosting a second JAH-CSRS public interview event following the success of the first event in January 2018.

The summer lectures, and the JAH-CSRS event, are held in the Hickman Building (HHB) at the University of Victoria:

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<td>May 24, 2018</td>
<td>Joel Thiessen</td>
<td>“Understanding the ‘Religious None’ Landscape in Canada”</td>
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<td>Martin Geoffroy</td>
<td>“Sectarianism and the extreme-right: Québécois and Muslim identity in «La Meute»”</td>
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2018 IDEAFEST

“Burdens and Blessings: Reflections on Medical Assistance in Dying”

As part of UVic’s annual IdeaFest event in March, the Centre hosted a panel discussion entitled “Burdens and Blessings: Reflections on Medical Assistance in Dying.” To an overflow crowd of approximately 140 people, the three panelists considered the implications of the recent medical assistance in dying (MAiD) legislation for our understanding of human dignity, vulnerability, and wellbeing.

The panel consisted of Rosanne Beuthin (Care Coordinator, Vancouver Island Health Authority [VIHA] MAiD Program; Adjunct Professor UVic School of Nursing), Peter Scales (Unitarian lay chaplain; CSRS Community Fellow), and Ted Rosenberg (medical doctor at Home Team Medical Services; Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC Department of Family Medicine).

Over the course of 45 minutes, the panelists explored the difficult moral, spiritual, and social issues associated with medically assisted dying from their respective vantage points as VIHA administrator, family caregiver of a MAiD participant, and gerontologist with extremely elderly and vulnerable clientele. The panel discussion was followed by 45 minutes of thoughtful question and answer. Feedback was extremely positive and the moderator, Paul Bramadat, congratulated the panelists for their sensitivity, humour, and respectful presentation of, and engagement with, diverse opinions.

“Rethinking the relationship between spirituality and reconciliation: A symposium on Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations in Canada”

Along with UVic Law, the Baha’i Community of Canada, the Trudeau Foundation, the CSRS co-sponsored a lecture and symposium on the role of spirituality in the reconciliation process in Canada between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. A lecture on “The role of the sacred in Indigenous law and reconciliation” was given to a full house at Alix Goolden Hall in downtown Victoria on March 8th, and follow-up panel discussions “Whose Reconciliation? Which Spirituality?,” “Understanding the Past,” “Acting in the Present,” and “Imagining the Future” took place on the UVic campus the following day.

CSRS research coordinator Chelsea Horton presented on “Reconciliation and Relationship: Histories of Heart, Hope, and Humility” as part of the second panel on March 9th, and Paul Bramadat moderated the third panel discussion. The Centre’s sponsorship and participation of this event is part of an ongoing effort to grapple with and contribute to the work of reconciliation outlined in recommendations of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. The symposium asked “whether and how this work of decolonization and reconciliation may be understood as also being a spiritual challenge, and what that might mean for individual and social action” and looked largely to Indigenous scholars and activists to suggest possible answers. Watch the videos from the event at http://www.reconciliation-and-spirituality.ca.

CENTRE CINE

Season three of the monthly Centre Cine series of Coffee Talks, facilitated by our Artist-in-Residence Terry Marner, explored questions of morality, culture, the search for meaning, and other themes arising from the human spiritual journey.


Centre Cine participants are sent the name of a selected film each month. All the films are available to stream on Netflix and most are available from the Greater Victoria Public Library. The participants watch the film in their own time to prepare for a group discussion. During the Coffee Talk time slot, Terry facilitates an engaging conversation about the film.

We are excited to introduce incoming CSRS fellows of 2018-19 to Centre Cine’s fourth season this fall.
RESEARCH PROJECT UPDATE: RELIGION IN CASCADIA

Phase I: Data Collection

Last spring, the CSRS received a large SSHRC Insight grant to study the patterns and histories of religion and spirituality in the Pacific Northwest area of Canada and the US known as “Cascadia”. In preparation for the data collection phase of the Cascadia research project, fourteen members of the research team met at the University of Victoria from September 14-15, 2017.

The first stage of the data collection spanned two months from October to November 2017. During this time, 2,351 respondents from two samples completed the online “Pacific Northwest Social Survey”. The first sample of 1,510 respondents was recruited through a survey company called Leger and the other was a convenience sample of 841 respondents. Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme (Co-Investigator) has compiled and is analyzing the quantitative data collected from the survey. Based on this data, she is preparing a summary report to inform the content of the book chapters.

The next phase of data collection will occur from April to June 2018 as Paul Bramadat (Principal Investigator) and Chelsea Horton (Research Coordinator) collect qualitative data from interviews with religious leaders and focus groups with religious adherents and millennials in Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland (for each city: 6 religious interviews; 1 religious adherent focus group; and 1 Millennial focus group). The interviews and focus groups will include participants from a variety of backgrounds that reflect the spiritual and political landscape of each location and its demographics. Additionally, Lynne Marks (Co-Investigator), along with Taylor Antoniazzi (Research Assistant) and Chelsea Horton, will be conducting oral history interviews in the four cities with families from irreligious and Christian evangelical backgrounds. A summary of the data and emerging key themes will be presented in the 2018-19 CSRS Newsletter.
OUR PEOPLE

Paul Bramadat (Director)
Scott Dolff (Research Associate)
Sarah Grindlay (Administrative Assistant)
Chelsea Horton (Cascadia Research Coordinator)
Sally Lin (Administrative Coordinator)
William MacDougall (2017-18 Work Study Student)
Chrstyal Phan (Humanities Development Officer)

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Christopher Douglas (English)
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Charlotte Schallié (Germanic and Slavic Studies)
Oliver Schmidtke (Political Science/Centre for Global Studies)
Coby Tschanz (Nursing)
Andrew Wender (Political Science/History)
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Graham McDonough (CSRS Advisory Council)
Lisa Kalynchuk (AVP Research)

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John Biles (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada)
Michelle Brown (Cree poet, performer, homilist)
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Dvora Levin (Congregation Emanu-El)
Mary Louise Meadow (Anglican Church of Canada)
Graham McDonough, Chair (University of Victoria)
Jo-Ann Roberts (Media/Civil Society)
Ayn Sajoo (Simon Fraser University)
David Seljak (St. Jerome’s University)
Hari Srivastava (University of Victoria)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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* The salaries and benefits of the Cascadia research staff members are included in the project expenses section.

The principal amount in the CSRS Endowment accounts as of Dec. 31, 2017 is $5,984,829.