

Prof. C. Peter Keller, PhD, FRGS

Peter joined UVic's Department of Geography in 1985 after completion of two graduate degrees at Western in London, Ontario, and his Bachelors at Trinity in Dublin, Ireland. His research focused primarily on the map and geographic data exploring how they could be combined with computing and mathematics to support better decision making. Application areas ranged from forestry, land reform and mineral exploration to public and population health, tourism, community mapping and preservation of Indigenous knowledge, including extensive collaboration with governments, industry and community partners. From 2014 to 2014 he was Dean of Social Sciences at UVic. He retired from UVic after 31 years of service in 2016 to take on the duties of Provost and Vice-President Academic at SFU. He retired from SFU this September to return to Victoria and more time with family including two grandchildren, and his lifelong passion for sailing. Peter has been volunteering with Academics Without Borders since 2019, including support with projects in Uganda, Ethiopia and Nepal. He hopes to share with us some of his insights and reasons for helping to support establishment of a new university in Nepal.