



# Department of Biology Newsletter

Friday, November 14, 2014

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## Oral Defences November and December 2014

### Cherisse Du Preez

Date and Time: November 20, 2014 at 9:30 am Place: Bob Wright Centre A319

Title: "Resolving relationships between deep-sea benthic diversity and multi-scaltopographic heterogeneity"

Supervisor: Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe



### Karyn Suchy

Date and Time: November 25, 2014 at 2:00 pm Place: Bob Wright Centre A319

Title: "The response of crustacean zooplankton production to variations in food quantity, quality, and primary production in coastal marine ecosystems"

Supervisor: Dr. John Dower

### Natalie Prior

Date and Time: December 5, 2014 at 9:00 am Place: Harry Hickman Building 120

Title: "Proteins in gymnosperm pollination drops"

Supervisor: Dr. Patrick von Aderkas



### Pragya Komal

Date and Time: Friday, November 21, 2014 at 12:00 noon Place: Medical Science Building 160

Title: "Tyrosine Kinase and Protein Kinase A Modulation of  $\alpha 7$  Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Function on Layer 1 Cortical Interneurons"

Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi

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Everyone welcome!

## Upcoming Seminars

### Biology

**Dr. Akash Sastri**

Ocean Networks Canada  
University of Victoria

*"Plankton community  
response to whole-lake  
manipulation of thermocline  
depth"*

Friday, November 21, 2014 at  
2:30 pm CUN  
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### Division of Medical Sciences

**Dr. Christian Naus**

Department of cellular &  
Physiological Sciences  
University of British Columbia

*"Therapeutic potential for  
modulating gap junction  
channels and hemichannels in  
neurological disorders"*

Monday, November 24, 2014  
at noon MSB 160

### Forest Biology

**Nataly Prior**

PhD Candidate  
University of Victoria

*"Proteins in gymnosperm  
pollination drops"*

Wednesday, November 19,  
2014 at 2:30 pm CUN 146

### Biology

**Karyn Suchy**

PhD Candidate  
University of Victoria

*"The importance of estimating  
crustacean zooplankton  
production in coastal marine  
ecosystems"*

Friday, November 28, 2014 at  
2:30 pm CUN 146

## Calendar

### **Important Dates:**

**Monday, December 1**

Deadline to apply to graduate for Spring 2015  
Convocation



**Wednesday, December 3**

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence  
Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30  
am to 12:30 pm

## Workshops

### **Pathways to Success/ Career development workshops for grad students**

\*Tuesday November 18

Build Effective CVs, Resumes and Cover Letters 9:00 to 11:00 am David Strong C128

\*Friday, November 21

Ace Your Interviews for Graduate Students 10:00 am to 12:00 pm McPherson Library 129

\*Friday, November 28

Using LinkedIn for Your Work Search 1:30 to 3:00 pm

McPherson Library 129

**What can you do with your degree?**

Sign up for these sessions to learn about career options in a range of industries.

Learn more and register: [uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways](http://uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways)

### **Center for Forest Biology**

Forest genetics workshop.

Instructors: J. Russell, M. Stoehr and A. Yanchuk

April 13-17, 2015 Five-day workshop at the Cowichan Lake Research Station

Workshop covers all aspects of forest genetics: population and quantitative genetics, genecology, seed transfer, practical breeding, testing and selection (tree improvement), molecular genetics and traits of importance, including a laboratory portion and data analyses.

For more details - <http://web.uvic.ca/forbiol/create/fcc-workshops.html>

Questions, or expressions of interest in participating in this workshop, should be directed to  
Dr. Barbara Hawkins ([bhawkins@uvic.ca](mailto:bhawkins@uvic.ca)).

## Sessions

### **CBR PCP (Pizza Coffee Presentations)**

Fast paced, easy to understand presentations by graduate students and an excellent opportunity to meet other students involved in biomedical research.

Tuesday, November 18 at 11:00 am

ECS 660 (Engineering Computer Science)

Pizza and coffee will be provided.

Please RSVP [cfbr@uvic.ca](mailto:cfbr@uvic.ca) 250-472-4067

For more information go to:

[www.cbr.uvic.ca](http://www.cbr.uvic.ca)



If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter,  
please e-mail: [biology@uvic.ca](mailto:biology@uvic.ca) or [biodclerk@uvic.ca](mailto:biodclerk@uvic.ca)

## UVic Student Events

### United Way Greater Victoria UVic Campaign

UVic libraries book sale November 18 to 20- 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Michele Pujol Room, Student Union Building.

That Chemistry Show November 26– 7:00 pm Bob Wright Centre B150.

For more information visit: [uvic.ca/unitedway/](http://uvic.ca/unitedway/)

### UVic Winter Artisans Market

Artisans from the UVic and Greater Victoria Communities  
New vendors each day. All proceeds go towards United Way  
November 25 and 26, 2014

9:30 am— 4 at the University Centre Lobby



## Student News

### UVic Student Mental Health Initiative

You are not alone. Learn about the new tools, resources and initiatives supporting positive student mental health.

\*Resource website: [uvic.ca/mentalhealth](http://uvic.ca/mentalhealth)

\*Campus-wide faculty/staff training

\*Activity grants to support student-led mental health activities and events

\*'Assisting Students in Distress' folder with quick tips and resources to help staff and faculty support students at risk



UVic Student  
Mental Health Initiative



University  
of Victoria Student Affairs

### "The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer"

On November 20, authors and water experts Robert Sandford, Deborah Harford, and Jon O'Riordan will be in Victoria for the launch of their new book

["The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer"](#) published by Rocky Mountain Books.

WHAT: Book Launch—The Columbia River Treaty: A Primer

DATE: Thursday, November 20

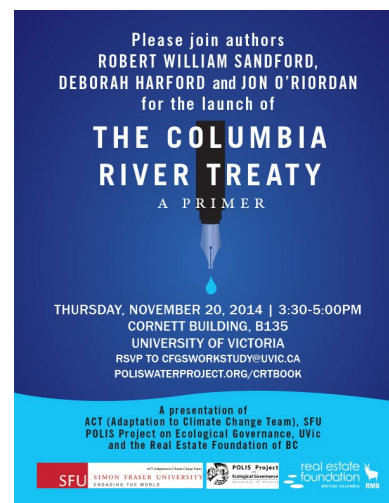
TIME: 3:30 to 5:00 pm

WHERE: Room B135, Cornett Building, University of Victoria

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. However, SPACE IS LIMITED.

Please RSVP to [cfgsworkstudy@uvic.ca](mailto:cfgsworkstudy@uvic.ca)

For more information visit: <http://poliswaterproject.org/crtbook>



Did you know the UVic Retirees Association puts out a quarterly newsletter? Visit their link below for more information

<http://web.uvic.ca/retirees/newsletters.html>

## Call for Nominations

### **President's Distinguished Service Awards 2014**

Do you know a staff member who makes UVic a great place to work and learn? You can nominate him or her for one of these 2014 President's Distinguished Service Awards.

Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team for these awards. Winners will receive a certificate and \$1,000.00.

The nomination deadline is November 21, 2014 and results will be announced at the celebration held in February 2015.

More information on the awards and nomination forms are available online at:

<http://www.uvic.ca/hr/services/home/recognition/pdsa/index.php>

## Student Jobs and Fellowship Opportunities

### **Department of Biology UVic**

Spring Lab instructors positions are posted on the Biology website. Deadline for applications

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Please see individual postings online <http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/home/home/jobs/labinstruc/index.php>

### **Marine Biological Laboratory/ Grass Fellowship in Neuroscience**

Independent summer research opportunities Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA. Application deadline: December 5, 2014

Apply at: [www.grassfoundation.org](http://www.grassfoundation.org)

### **Fellowship Applications 2015-2016 - Centre for Global Studies (CFGS)**

The Centre for Global Studies is pleased to offer **UVic graduate student and international/visiting graduate student Fellowship opportunities**. These fellowships provide students with a title, a shared office, an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the objects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students and professors interested in related issues.

**Topics:** The CFGS promotes critical citizenship in a complex and rapidly changing global environment including the advancement and understanding of major global issues by civil society, the private sector, governments, and international institutions. Students who are engaged in governance, international environmental challenges, social justice issues, and culture and identity, are invited to apply.

**Eligibility:** The fellowships are open to all University of Victoria graduate students in the process of writing either a Masters thesis or major research paper, or a PhD dissertation, on issues related to the centre's research mandate. Students may receive a CFGS award only once during their Masters program and only once during their PhD program.

For more information on Value, Conditions, Application Procedures and Applications please visit the following website:

<http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/index.php>

Application Deadlines : Noon, November 18, 2014 (for September 2015 arrival)

Complete applications should be sent by email to: Jodie Walsh, Research Coordinator

jodie@uvic.ca Tel: 250-721-8800

Address to: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, Director

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