



# Department of Biology Newsletter

January 16, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

## Welcome to our New Graduate Students

The Department of Biology would like to welcome our new Graduate Students, January 2015.

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| Melad Kamran         | (Nashmi Lab, MSc)   |
| Jamie McDevitt-Irwin | (Baum Lab, MSc)     |
| Michael Minkley      | (Walter Lab, MSc)   |
| Angeleen Olson       | (Juanes Lab, MSc)   |
| Heidi Rodenhizer     | (Lacourse Lab, MSc) |
| Ramnique Ubhi        | (Hawkins Lab, MSc)  |



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## Alumni Week

February 1 to 7, 2015  
Thinkers, changers, difference-makers

Celebrate UVic grads and the positive impact they make in their communities around the world.

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

Tweeter: @UVic\_Alumni



## Upcoming Seminars ~ Every Welcome!

### Biology

**Laura Braden**  
PhD Candidate  
Department of Biology  
University of Victoria

“TBA”

Friday, January 23, 2015  
at 2:30 pm CUN 146

### Biochemistry Microbiology

**Dr. Emilio Hirsch**  
Molecular Biotechnology  
Center  
University of Torino, Italy

“Lipid-mediated regulation of Rab11 activity”

Monday, January 19, 2015  
at 1:30 pm DSB C103

### Division of Medical Sciences

**Dr. Milica Radisic**  
University of Toronto

“Human cardiac biowires and injectable tissues”

Friday, January 30, 2015  
at 12:00 (noon) MSB 160

### School of Earth & Ocean Sciences

**Dr. Peter Cary**  
Chief Geologist Arcis Seismic  
Solutions CSEP Distinguished  
Lecture Tour

“Known Knowns, Known Unknowns, and Unknown Unknowns in Land Exploration Seismology”

Tuesday, February 3, 2015  
at 3:00 pm ELL 062

## Calendar

### Important Dates:

**Sunday, January 18**

Last day for 100% reduction of second-term fees for standard courses

**Friday, January 21**

Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term

**Saturday, January 31**

Last day for paying second-term fees without penalty



## Bamfield Marine Science Centre

### Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference

Join other Scientists at our 36th annual student conference to present new and exciting research.

Dates: February 27 to March 1, 2015

Registration opens January 1, 2015

For more information go to: [www.peec.ca](http://www.peec.ca) or email [peec2015@gmail.com](mailto:peec2015@gmail.com)

Facebook group (PEEC)

## Workshops

### Keep Calm and Carry a Pipette

The Michael Smith Labs present: Molecular Biology Workshop February 16 to 20, 2015 (Can \$1400)

This intense 5-day workshop will focus on a myriad of different techniques used in the molecular manipulation of DNA, RNA and protein, as well as inclusion of lectures of high throughput genomic techniques. Primarily aimed at researchers who are new to the area, familiar but require a quick updating, or would like more practical bench training.



Registration: [db@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:db@mail.ubc.ca) or call 604-822-6264

For more information visit: [bioteach.ubc.ca](http://bioteach.ubc.ca)

### Creating Spaces

Presenter: Moussa Magassa, UVic Human Rights Advisor—Education January 22, 2015 1:00 to 3:45 pm Sedgwick C168

This workshop is part of a range of campus-wide activities that champion the first objective of UVic's 2013 strategic plan by creating and maintaining "a diverse, welcoming, learning community with a strong commitment to equity".

Creating Spaces workshops promote anti-oppressive practices, respect for human rights, awareness of power, powerlessness and our own multiple social locations. You will be encouraged to deconstruct "normal" and to focus on building connections and equitable relationships

Everyone welcome – Free presentation

Register at [aloggin@uvic.ca](mailto:aloggin@uvic.ca) or call 250-472-4114



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 [bioclerk@uvic.ca](mailto:bioclerk@uvic.ca)

## Forums

### **Provost's Diversity Research Forum ~ Privilege and Prejudice: Assumptions in Learning**

Keynote speaker: **Drew Hayden Taylor** is a prolific and award-winning Ojibway writer known for his imaginative plays, witty comedies and poignant dramas.

January 29 4:30 to 7:30 pm and January 30 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at First Peoples House and Student Union Building.



The Provost's Diversity Research Forum welcomes courageous conversations that explore assumptions, privileges and prejudices behind learning in all its forms. Through theatre performances, engaging keynote speakers, innovative panel discussions and facilitated conversations, many concepts of difference will be explored: gender, gender identity, sexuality, cognitive abilities, social class, poverty, religion, ethnicity, race, mental health, Indigenous issues, global worldviews, and the complex interactions between them.

Registration is FREE. For more information visit [uvic.ca/diversityforum](http://uvic.ca/diversityforum) or contact [diverse@uvic.ca](mailto:diverse@uvic.ca)

### **Climate Forum ~ A dialogue: climate change, divestment and society**

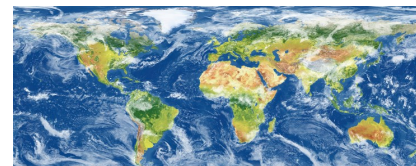
Moderated by: Thomas F. Pedersen, Executive Director, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.

January 26, 2015 at 7 pm at the Flury Hall, Room B150 Bob Wright Centre

Free event sponsored by the University of Victoria and the Pacific for climate solutions.

- Sustainable Investments
- Today's Energy Sector
- First Nations

For more information go to: [uvic.ca/climateforum](http://uvic.ca/climateforum)



## Café Scientifique and FORB Seminar Series 2015

### **Café Scientifique**

This season's Café Scientifique will be held at Hermann's Jazz Club at 753 View Street (Ages 19 and up)

Next session will be on Tuesday January 20, 2015.

Title: "Why we do the dumb things we do: The neuroscience of human decision making"

Speaker: Olav Krigolson, University of Victoria

Start time: 6:30 pm.

Taking names on a wait list at this time.

To RSVP contact [cfbr@uvic.ca](mailto:cfbr@uvic.ca) or call 250-472-4067

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

### **FORB (Forest Biology)**

Seminars are held on Wednesdays 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Cunningham 146 (unless otherwise posted)

The Forest Biology Seminar Series features recent work of Centre faculty, postdoctoral fellow, students and visitors.

Jan 21 - Patrick von Aderkas, FORB

Jan 28 - Louise de Montigny, BC Ministry of FLNRO

Feb 4 - Lisheng Kong, FORB

Feb 11 - Reading Break

Feb 18 - Field trip to Yellow Point Propagation - all afternoon

Feb 25 - John Parminter & Sylvia L'Hirondelle, BC Ministry of FLNRO

Mar 4 - Field trip to Puckle Rd Seed Orchard - 2:30-5:30

Mar 11 - Carol Peterson - U of Waterloo

Mar 18 - Ronna Sturrock - Pacific Forestry Centre

Mar 25 - Erika Dort, FORB

Apr 1 - Kate Donalessen, FORB

For more information visit: <http://web.uvic.ca/~forbiol/>

## Mock MMI

### **Mock Multiple Mini Interview Sessions at UVic (Hosted by UVic Career Services)**

We are once again offering our very popular **Mock Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)** sessions at **UVic Career Services**.

- UVic Students and Alumni who have received a letter/email inviting them to a MMI style interview are eligible to participate.
- Our group Mock MMIs will be held on Friday January 16, Friday January 30, and Friday February 27.
- There are no charges for these sessions.
- Individual practice sessions (one-on-one Mock MMI questions) may be arranged if the group sessions are full or have already taken place.

To register contact: [careers@uvic.ca](mailto:careers@uvic.ca) or 250.721.8421.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre**

Volunteer opportunities aimed to provide valuable career experience under the mentorship of professional wildlife rehabilitators.

Participants are asked to complete the Animal Workshops required of all Animal Care Volunteers prior to the placement if possible.

Application deadline: March 1, 2015. All positions are voluntary, NO stipend or salary is offered. Practicums are two months in length and are available during one of the following periods: May to June, July to August, September to October.



For more information visit: <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/branches/wild-arc/volunteer/wild-arc-practicums.html>

## Call for Nominations

### **The University of Victoria Convocation Senators**

- Nominations are invited for the positions of four members of the Senate elected by and from the Convocation, for three years terms commencing July 1, 2015.
- Members of the University of Victoria Convocation are eligible. Convocation members include alumni, past and present members of Senate and the Board of Governors, regular and retired faculty members, regular staff members holding a university degree who have been employed at the University of Victoria for at least 12 months, and those who completed one full year at Victoria College prior to 1963.
- Nomination close February 10, 2015 at 4:30 pm PST.

For information and for nomination forms: [www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/voting/convocationsenatorselection.php](http://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/voting/convocationsenatorselection.php)

Phone: 250-472-4914 or e-mail usec1@uvic.ca.

### **UVSS and GSS Members**

Get involved governing UVic! 16 Students to be elected to the Senate (one year term) 2 Students to be elected to the Board of Governors (one year term)

Nominations close Tuesday, February 3, 2015

For nomination forms see: [uvic.ca/universitysecretary/voting/nominations](http://uvic.ca/universitysecretary/voting/nominations)

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