



Department of Biology Newsletter

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Biology Graduate Symposium 2016

The Biology Graduate Symposium is an annual two-day event organized by the Biology graduate students, and held during the fall term reading break. The Symposium provides graduate students with an opportunity to showcase their diverse research and receive feedback from the judges. This year marked the symposium's 28th anniversary, and with 38 student talks, it was a great success.

Congratulations to the 2016 Biology Graduate Symposium award recipients!

PhD (tied for 1st place)
Yuriko Carrington & Bridget Ryan

MSc (tied for 1st place)
Daniel Durston & Debra Wertman



Three of the winners: Bridget Ryan, Debra Wertman and Daniel Durston

Our thanks go to the graduate students, the session chairs, the faculty judges, the generous donors and everyone who attended.

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Upcoming Seminars. Everyone Welcome!

Biology

Dr. Joanna Bugar
Postdoctoral Fellow,
Environmental Studies, UVic

"Bat habitat use of restored jarrah eucalypt forests in south-western Australia"

Friday, November 25, 2016
at 2:30 pm in MSB 160*
*Note room change

Forest Biology/Biology

Dr. Sally Aitken
Department of
Forest and
Conservation, UBC



"Convergent local adaptation to climate in distantly related conifers"

Friday, December 2, 2016
at 2:30 pm in MSB 150

Biology

Dr. Michael Deyholos
Department of Biology, UBC-
Okanagan

"TBA"

Friday, January 27, 2017
at 2:30 pm in MSB 150

Biology

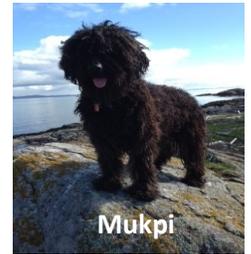
Dr. Patrick Ferree
Claremont College

"TBA"

Friday, February 3, 2017
at 2:30 pm in MSB 150

Matching Pet and Owner Contest

We are giving away a \$25 UVic food card to the person who matches the most number of pets to their rightful owners. Simply name the pet and its owner (e.g. Lola with Dr. Tunnicliffe), and send your answers to bioclerk@uvic.ca by December 9, 2016. The winner and answer key will be revealed in the December issue of the Biology Newsletter.



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Have fun and good luck!!!!

UVic Announcements

United Way Campaign Events

Holiday Artisans Market, December 1, 2016 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Michele Pujol Room
Ongoing daily Libraries Booksale in the Bookstore Foyer
All event proceeds are donated to the UVic United Way campaign.



National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Every year since December 6, 1989, members of the university community have taken time on the last day of fall term classes to acknowledge violence against women; honour all survivors, activists and those who support them; and affirm our commitment to resist and bring about an end to gender-based violence. In earlier years the focus was on the massacre at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal in Montreal. More recently the lens has been widening to look at the issues of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada, violence against people who openly challenge the gender binary, against sex trade workers, violence that occurs on campus, and violence in the forms of racism and poverty.

This year the Equity and Human Rights Office has worked with members of the University Community to plan an event that will take place in the Michele Pujol Room (Student Union Building) on Friday, December 2, 2016 between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm. Classes will be cancelled from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women acknowledges impacts that gender-based violence has had on the multiple and intersecting communities that exist within Canada. Through a diverse line-up of speakers that work to address violence, this event aims to represent and reflect the wide range of voices, experiences, and intersections present on our campus. There will be an opportunity to participate in creative activities for those who wish to do so as we engage our imaginations and envision UVic free from all forms of violence.

All members of the university, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend this event and are welcome to join and leave the gathering as their schedule permits. The broader community is also welcome.

President's Extraordinary Service Awards

Do you know UVic employees who deserve a round of applause? An individual or team who makes UVic a great place to work and learn? Nominations are now open for the President's Extraordinary Service Awards. This year's awards have been re-imagined and re-named to better reflect the spirit and energy of our people—from all areas of our campus.

President Jamie Cassels stated in his Campus Conversations that *"...our university's core strength truly rests on the special combination of talented and dedicated people working in a collaborative and collegial environment."* The President's Extraordinary Service Awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of our people, whether teams or individuals, from all across campus.

All University employees are eligible for these awards and may be nominated as individuals or teams.

Individual recipients will receive a certificate of \$1000 and teams will receive and share \$2500 at the "Cause for Applause" Awards Celebration. Please note that monies received are a taxable benefit.

How to nominate: <http://www.uvic.ca/president/awards/pesa/nomination/index.php>

Award overview document for eligibility, selection and recognition information:

<http://www.uvic.ca/president/awards/pesa/docs/PESAwardsOverview.pdf>

For questions regarding the nomination process please contact Karissa Sovdi:250-721-8559 or hrprojectsmanager@uvic.ca.



If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter, please e-mail: biology@uvic.ca or bioclerk@uvic.ca

Scholarship

The Senator William John MacDonald Travelling Scholarship application is now open until December 15, 2016.

The Senator William John MacDonald Travelling Scholarship grants a scholarship of \$25,000 (payable at \$12,500 for two consecutive terms) to students entering graduate studies at a Scottish university. This award was established by Mrs. T.G. Keir in memory of her grandfather, Senator MacDonald. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student who received an undergraduate degree from the University of Victoria since the last competition (2013) and who is planning to undertake a graduate degree in Arts, Science or Fine Arts at a Scottish university. If there are no suitable candidates wishing to study at a Scottish university then applicants wishing to attend any United Kingdom university will be considered.

Are you eligible?

Open to UVic students who:

- ⇒ Will receive or have received a UVic undergraduate degree between June 2014 and June 2017
- ⇒ Are planning on entering graduate studies in either Arts, Science or Fine Arts
- ⇒ Are planning on entering graduate studies at a Scottish university (or a United Kingdom university)
- ⇒ Will be commencing graduate studies no later than **October 2017**

*The successful recipient must provide confirmation of registration in their program.

Students can apply online via their UVic My Page.



Summer Programs

Coastal Marine Education and Research Academy (CMERA) Summer Programs

Gain hands-on field research experience in Clearwater, Florida, by getting involved in all aspects of a local population study on sharks and rays. Learn how to set and retrieve nets and longlines, handle and identify captured animals, tag and measure sharks and rays, collect DNA samples and record data. If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in pursuing a career in the natural sciences, this program may be for you.

Affordable and fully furnished housing is available to summer program participants. Housing includes Wi-Fi, full kitchen, linens and laundry facilities. Once in Clearwater, transportation will be provided to and from airport, bus station, classrooms, boats and grocery store.

Early enrollment - with early enrollment tuition break - ends December 31, 2016. Late enrollment ends March 30, 2017. Tuition rates vary based on date of enrollment and duration of the program. Participants who attend 3 or more weeks will receive tuition breaks.

To enroll in the program and for more information, please visit: www.CMERA.net

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