Welcome to the Department of Biology!

We wish a warm welcome to the following new people in the Department:

**Faculty Member**
Dr. Ryan Gawryluk, Assistant Professor

**Graduate Students**
Carmen Lea—Constabel Lab (joined the Department in May 2018)
Kelsie Murchy—Juanes Lab (joined the Department in May 2018)
Sean Dimoff—Baum Lab
Ainsley Fraser—El-Sabaawi Lab
Keyrian Le Gratiet—Nashmi Lab
Michael Livingston—Varela Lab
Emily May—El-Sabaawi Lab
Nicholas Planidin—Reimchen Lab
Candice Powell—Perlman Lab
Elizabeth Van Der Merwe—Hawkins Lab

**Sessional Instructors**
Dr. Erin O’Brien (joined the Department in January 2018)
Dr. Hugh MacIntosh

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**Biology Seminars, Everyone Welcome!**

**Biochemistry and Microbiology Graduate Student Seminar**

**Wei Li**
“Exploring the structural basis of antigen-antibody interactions relevant to cancer therapy”

**Tara Brosschot**
“Investigating how intestinal helmiths promote infection with bacterial pathogens”

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 1:30 pm CLE A212

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**Biology**

**Dr. Xuekui Zhang**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
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“Bayesian hierarchical models for SNP discovery from genome-wide association studies, a pseudo-supervised machine learning approach."

Friday, September 21, 2018 at 3:30 pm in MSB 150

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**Dr. Irene Garcia Newton**
Department of Biology
Indiana University Bloomington

“Mi Casa es su Casa: How an intracellular symbiont manipulates host biology”

Friday, September 28, 2018 at 3:30 pm in MSB 150
Calendar

Important Dates:

Monday, September 3
Labour Day

Tuesday, September 4
First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law

Wednesday, September 5
First term classes begin for all faculties

Thursday, September 13
Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law

Tuesday, September 18
Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term.
Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first term and full year courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date

Friday, September 21
Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term

Sunday, September 30
Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

Biology Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Brad Anholt who has been recognized for his many years of dedicated service as the Director of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre by the creation of the “Brad Anholt Undergraduate Research Award”. The Management Council of BMSC wished to recognize Dr. Anholt’s strong commitment to the unique undergraduate experience he helped create at Bamfield, as well as his belief that undergraduates should have the opportunity to develop valuable research skills. The award will enable students who have begun outstanding research projects to return to Bamfield to collect more data and work with mentors to see their research through to publication.

Dr. Anholt’s many contributions to BMSC included strong financial management, great success in obtaining equipment and infrastructure grants, diversification of course offerings, building a positive relationship with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, attracting new researchers and reinvigorating school programs. The outcomes of Dr. Anholt’s dedication to BMSC will contribute to the Centre’s success and growth for many years to come.

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Dr. Peter Constabel is the recipient of the 2018 Canadian Society of Plant Biology David J. Gifford Award in Tree Biology. The award is for outstanding research contributions in tree biology, with special consideration given for originality and independence of thought. The Award was presented at the Combined Meeting of the Canadian and American Societies for Plant Biology in Montreal on July 14, 2018.

Dr. Terri Lacourse has a new paper in Nature Climate Change: Latitudinal limits to the predicted increase of the peatland carbon sink with warming.

Dr. David Marques and Dr. Tom Reimchen have a recent paper in Nature Ecology and Evolution: Experimental evidence for rapid genomic adaptation to a new niche in an adaptive radiation.

Dr. Fabio De Leo has recently published a paper that highlights Ocean Networks Canada deep-sea observatory and a project that was initiated with the help of Biology co-op student, Bruno Ogata. You can read the article in Progress in Oceanography.
Alumni News

Big Success for Three of our Biology Graduates
Three former UVic Biology students were admitted to pursue an MSc program in Genetic Counselling: Noorhan Osman, Amy Cutts and Emily Enns. The program is offered at UBC, McGill and Toronto, and all three universities accept only 5-6 students a year out of 200+ applicants. Noorhan and Amy will be going to UBC and Emily, to McGill.

Congratulations to Noorhan, Amy and Emily for making the cut!

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