Welcome New Graduate Students, Research Assistants and Postdoctoral Fellows!

New Graduate Students

- Hayley Barnes
- Jillian Campbell
- Sarah Ellis
- Leigh Gaffney
- Camille Giuliano
- Yalin Liu
- Dominique Maucieri
- Aaron Peretz
- Eerik-Mikael Piirtola
- Micah Quindazzi
- Alberto Ruiz de Chavez Ginzo
- Mackenzie Woods

New Research Assistants

- Nick Brown
- Britt Buirs
- Jessica Fraser
- Melissa Hennekes
- Scott Sawchuk
- Julian Smith
- Shaye Tudor
- Jacob Weil

New Postdoctoral Fellows

- Dr.Farhia Haque
- Dr. Bridget Ryan
- Dr. Samuel Starko

Biology Seminars, Everyone Welcome!

**Biology**

- **Dr. Melanie Conrad**
  - Charité Medical University
  - "Prenatal environmental exposures and offspring asthma risk: Mouse models for studying the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease"

- **Dr. Joseph Antos**
  - Adjunct Professor, Department of Biology, UVic
  - "Volcanic disturbance at Mount St. Helens: 36 years of changes in the forest understorey"

- **Dr. Chris Yost**
  - Institute for Microbial Systems and Society
  - "Reconstructing plasmidomes from anthropogenically impacted environments"

- **Dr. Darcy Mathews**
  - Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Studies, UVic
  - "Savannahs of Living Fuel: Coast Salish Douglas-fir Culturally Modified Trees"

**Biochemistry & Microbiology**

- **Dr. Chris Yost**
  - Institute for Microbial Systems and Society
  - "Reconstructing plasmidomes from anthropogenically impacted environments"

**Forest Biology**

- **Dr. Darcy Mathews**
  - Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Studies, UVic
  - "Savannahs of Living Fuel: Coast Salish Douglas-fir Culturally Modified Trees"
Calendar

**Important Dates:**

- **Monday, September 30**
  - Last day for paying first term fees without penalty
- **Friday, October 4**
  - Senate meets
- **Tuesday, October 8**
  - Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop
- **Monday, October 14**
  - Thanksgiving Day
- **Wednesday, October 23**
  - Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
- **Thursday, October 31**
  - Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure
- **Friday, November 1**
  - Senate meets
- **Monday, November 11**
  - Remembrance day
- **Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 11-13**
  - Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)
- **Tue. & Wed. Nov 12 & 13**
  - Fall Convocation

1. Classes are cancelled on all statutory holidays and during reading breaks. Administrative offices and academic departments are closed on statutory holidays. Holidays that fall on a weekend are observed on the next available weekday, normally on a Monday. The UVic Libraries are normally closed on holidays; exceptions are posted in advance.

Biology Announcements

**Publications**


- Hind, K.R. Video and press release from UBC DNA analysis reveals cryptic underwater ecosystem engineers


**Dr. Terri Lacourse in the news—Archaeologist make historic find in Haida Gwaii (APTN)**

A team of researchers have found charcoal points at the Kilgi Gwaay site in Haida Gwaii that tells the story of how and when the first people inhabited North America. These samples were sent to UVic for radiocarbon dating where Dr. Terri Lacourse and her team of students conducted a detailed analysis of the findings, which appear to be 13,000 years old. The paper was published in the journal Vegetation History and Archaeobotany. Click here for the APTN story.

**Dr. Peter Constabel in the news—Dry summers take heavy toll on Island trees (Times Colonist)**

Recent summers with drought-like conditions have damaged cedar trees on Vancouver Island. Peter Constabel comments on the damage and why the effects of dry summer weather are seen first in cedar trees.

The full TC story here.

**Congratulations to Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe on her CCUBC Career Achievement Award**

The 2019 Canadian Council of University Biology Chairs Career Achievement Award has been awarded to Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe. The Award will be presented at the CCUBC annual meeting in November and Dr. Tunnicliffe will make a presentation at the banquet. For more information click here.

**Annual Biology Symposium 2019**

The 31st Annual Biology Symposium 2019 will be held on November 13 and 14 at the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) in room 160. The Symposium is a prime opportunity to get informed on a wide variety of cutting-edge research and meet many of the incredible Biology graduate students at UVic.
Oral Examinations

**Hollie Johnson**
MSc
Tuesday October 15, 2019
1:00 pm ECS 128
“Northern Pike of North America: Population Genomics and Sex Determination”
Supervisor: Dr. Ben Koop

**Marie Vance**
PhD
TBA
“Population genomics of a timberline conifer, subalpine larch (larix lyallii Parl)”
Supervisors: Drs. Barbara Hawkins and Patrick von Aderkas

Haida Gwaii Semester in Marine Conservation

**Exciting experiential learning in marine conservation in Haida Gwaii**
Apply now for the January-April 2020 Haida Gwaii Semester in Marine Conservation. Haida Gwaii, a remote archipelago off of Canada’s Pacific coast, is the ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Haida Nation. A microcosm of the world, these islands offer an unparalleled setting for students to learn first-hand about the complex social, cultural, political, ecological and economic issues facing cross-cultural communities around the globe, converging at a local scale.

For information on courses offered and how to apply, visit: [Marine Conservation](http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/) or email hg.institute@ubc.ca.

UVic Announcements

**Orange Shirt Day**
Orange Shirt is a national movement in Canada for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together in the spirit of hope and reconciliation to honour former residential school students whose families and communities have been impacted by the policies and actions of the Government of Canada and the churches that operated the schools.

On Monday September 30, 2019 you are invited to be a partner in the work of reconciliation by listening, learning and sharing in events and discussions on Orange Shirt Day.

For more information on events happening on Orange Shirt Day at UVic, please click [here](http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/).