



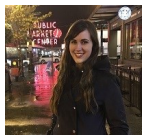
# Department of Biology

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## Congratulations to Biology Graduate Students!

The Department of Biology congratulates the graduate students who graduated in the Fall of 2020.



Chloe Christensen (PhD)  
Supervisor: Dr. Francis Choy



Will Duguid (PhD)  
Supervisor: Dr. Francis Juanes



Elizabeth Van Der Merwe (MSc)  
Supervisor: Dr. Barbara Hawkins

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## Welcome to our New January 2021 Biology Graduate Students



Faria Athan (PhD) with Dr. Templeman  
Maggie Lawton (PhD) with Dr. Gawryluk

## Biology Webinars

### Biology Webinar

Dr. Aaron Comeault

Lecturer in  
Biological Sciences,  
Bangor University



"Using genomics to test the evolutionary events underlying biological invasion"

Friday, January 29, 2021  
12:00 (noon) - 1:00pm  
(Zoom link TBA)



If you have stories or announcements that would like to share for the Biology newsletter, please email:  
Chantal Laliberté at [biology@uvic.ca](mailto:biology@uvic.ca)  
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## Calendar

### Important Dates:

**Thursday, January 21**

**Sunday, January 24**

Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law  
50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#). Course add and drop dates. Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term

**Wednesday, January 27**

**Sunday, January 31**

Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term  
Last day for paying second term fees without penalty



## Biology Announcements

### Harley Gordon wins best student talk at CSPB

Congratulations to Harley Gordon from the Constabel Lab, who won the Canadian Society for Plant Biologists (CSPB) President's Award for best student talk at the CSPB Virtual Meeting on November 7, 2020 for his presentation on "*CRISPR/Cas9 knockout of salicinoid biosynthetic gene UGT71L1 in poplar reveals dramatic effects on metabolism and growth*". The complete list of winners can be found [here](#).



### Dr. Julia Baum in the news

Dr. Julia Baum's research on Coral Recovery around Christmas Island was featured in the [Times Colonist](#).

### In remembrance of Emma and John

A new bench is now in place in the heart of Finnerty Gardens. It stands in remembrance of two of our students, Emma Machado of Winnipeg and John Geerdes of Iowa City, who passed away in September 2019 after a tragic bus accident on the road to Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.



Full story [here](#).

## Picture a Scientist

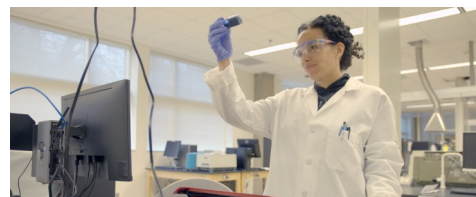
### Screening of the film Picture a Scientist

The Faculty of Science EDI Council in partnership with [Women in Science](#), SEOS and Chemistry EDI, have organized a screening of the film [Picture a Scientist](#). The film will be available for streaming for 3 days over the reading week on February 15 to 17.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion at 12:30 pm on February 18.



Moderator: Katherine Elvira, Chemistry  
Panelist: Jane Butterfield, Mathematics and Statistics  
Panelist: Devika Chithrani, Physics and Astronomy  
Panelist: Julia Baum, Biology  
Panelist: Peter Look, Dean of Science



## 8th Annual Three Minute Thesis

### **Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)**

3MT is a research communication competition at which graduate students present complex research in a clear, engaging and understandable way to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop communication and public presentation skills and to showcase research to a diverse audience.

[Registration](#) for the Three Minute Thesis is now open until February 12. 3MT preparation sessions will be offered via Zoom in February. The competition heats will take place in mid-March.

Additional details can be found [here](#).



## Employment Opportunities

### **Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development**

Prince George—Fish and Wildlife Section Head

\$77,971.00 - \$89,102.00

To apply online by January 20, 2021, please go to: <https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/73824>

Williams Lake—Section Head - Wildlife and Terrestrial Ecosystems

\$77,971.00 - \$89,102.00

To apply online by February 1, 2021, please go to: <https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/73603>

Port McNeill, Campbell River, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Victoria, Powell River, Squamish and Chilliwack—Wildlife Resource Specialist

\$71,298.93 - \$81,387.14

To apply online by February 4, 2021, please go to: <https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/73538>

## PEEC

### **The 42nd Annual Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference (PEEC) —February 18-19, 2021**

PEEC is going virtual this year and we are now accepting registration and abstracts until January 29. Registration for this year's conference is free and takes place in the comfort of your own home so there is no reason not to attend! All talks will be pre-recorded and will be due one week before the conference. PEEC will provide more information including instructions on how to record your talk by email to registrants. The registration form and other information about the conference can be accessed via the PEEC [website](#).



For more information, feel free to contact [peec.conference@gmail.com](mailto:peec.conference@gmail.com), or visit the website and social media accounts:

Facebook: @PEEC2019    Twitter: @pacific\_eec    Instagram: pacific\_eec

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