CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UNDERGRADUATE RISING STARS!!
Wednesday, January 29, 4-6 pm, Michele Pujol Room
Celebrate our 3rd and 4th year Undergraduate award winners at the annual Faculty of Social Sciences Rising Stars event!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER POWER, POLI ALUMNI ’83 and UVIC LAW ’86!
Faculty of Social Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award Winner
Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, February 4, Michele Pujol Room, 7:30 pm
First Indigenous justice appointed to the BC Supreme Court. Honourable Madam Justice Jennifer Power, formerly Regional Crown Counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General (Victoria), is now a member of The Supreme Court of British Columbia in Nanaimo. Madam Justice Power received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Political Science and Economics) in 1983 as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in 1986 from the University of Victoria. She received a Master of Law (LL.M.) from the University of Cambridge, London, England in 1990. She was admitted to the British Columbia Bar in 1987 and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2006. Madam Justice Power has been Regional Crown Counsel in Victoria since 2001; Deputy Crown Counsel (North Island 1997-2001); Administrative Crown Counsel (1995-1997) and Crown Counsel (1990-1995). Madam Justice Power has been an organizer and panellist for the Annual Crown Counsel Conference (2005-2008). She is a member of Métis Nation of Greater Victoria.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES 2019-20
ANDREW ADAMS, Centre for Business Information Ethics, Meiji University, Tokyo
“Superheroes on Screen: Real Life Lessons for Security Debates”
Tuesday, February 11, 2:30-4 pm, HHB 110
Superhero movies and TV have become one of the major success stories of entertainment in the 21st century. As an element of the SF/fantasy genre of fiction, comics, TV shows, movies and books featuring people with superpowers have mostly been dismissed as escapist, unrealistic fiction. The impact of fictional presentations on real world understanding of life and society has focussed more usually on gritty real world drama and “literary fiction”. However, the prevalence of superhero tales and their widespread consumption by ever-larger percentages of the population of many countries (the US and Europe particularly) requires us to re-evaluate their relevance as modern myths that not only allow viewers to dream of being super men and women, but inform their thinking about societal threats ranging from organised crime to autonomous weapons, and surveillance technology to terrorist or rogue states with nuclear or biological weapons. In this talk the humanities method of “close reading” is applied to three recent superhero tales: Marvel’s Daredevil (season 2; from Netflix and Marvel); Batman V Superman (from DC); Captain America: Civil War (from Marvel). Using clips from these movies, societal issues of security policy are presented and explored and it is argued that they are highly influential in how people consider security policy decisions. Whether it is voters deciding whose approach to trust on law enforcement or on whether the death penalty should be allowed, police or other law enforcement officials implementing
policies, or individuals deciding to involve themselves in stopping a man with a knife attacking people on a London street, the modern myths of the superhero, exemplified in these films, influence their decisions.

**VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: MITRA SHARAFI, U of WISCONSIN-MADISON**

“South Asians and West Africans at the Inns of Court: Empire and Expulsion circa 1900”

**Friday, January 31, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152**

Between the 1860s and 1950s, thousands of non-European students from across the British empire studied at the Inns of Court in London to become barristers. Using the disbarment files of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, this paper explores the experience of being a colonial lawyer or law student in the British empire at the turn of the twentieth century. It focuses on three disciplinary cases involving South Asians or West Africans: A. K. Ghose and his fraudulent “spirit letters,” anti-imperial revolutionary Shyamji Krishnavarma, and O. R. Aladé following a criminal conviction. These three cases occurred in the relatively early days of the flow of South Asian and West African students to the Inns. They reflected the imperial legal profession’s views of racial difference; truthfulness, deception, good character, and loyalty to British rule; and the definition of terrorism and the legitimacy of using violence to resist tyranny. The paper is part of a larger book project on non-Europeans at the Inns of Court.

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**UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE DEFYING HATRED PROJECT: VICTOR REINSTEIN**

“Tell Them Not to Hate” — Words of Witness and Sacred Imperatives

**Sunday, January 26, 2-5 pm, Victoria Jewish Community Centre 3636 Shelbourne St**

Rabbi Victor Hillel Reinstein is the founding rabbi of Nehar Shalom Community Synagogue in Jamaica Plain, MA. He was the rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El in Victoria, B.C. from 1982-1998. Drawing from Torah and Jewish life the “vision and the way,” he seeks at the core of his work to help fulfill God’s hope for a world of justice and peace. In the early 1980s, Rabbi Victor Reinstein founded Holocaust commemoration in Victoria. In recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, he looks back upon those early events, when the Victoria Community included many survivors. “Their words,” Rabbi Reinstein recalls, “seared into our collective consciousness... we sought to honor our survivors. In the process, we were strengthened and given hope.” Following his lecture, members of the UVic’s Defying Hatred Project will share the results of their research on communal memory, history, and resilience.

**ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT: UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

The Anti-Violence Project is the on campus sexual assault centre, funded entirely by student fees! Workshops are free, open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members (UVic students can even get co-curricular credit for attending workshops) and there will be snacks and tea provided. There are two upcoming workshops: Understanding Consent Culture, and Supporting a Survivor. Descriptions, dates and registration information is available at [www.antiviolenceproject.org/workshops](http://www.antiviolenceproject.org/workshops). Both workshops are filled with opportunities for discussion and learning new practical skills.

**PACI Lansdowne Lecture: NURY TURKEL**

“China’s Mass Internment of Uyghurs: The Urgent Need for a Global Response”

**Wednesday, January 29, 2:45 pm, CLE A307**

The spectacular leaks of sensitive Chinese government documents are “game over” for the Chinese government’s propaganda campaign denying its massive repression of the Uyghur people. China has not
denied the authenticity of the documents. What does this tell us about the nature of the Chinese state, the ambitions of the Party, and the vision of Party General Secretary Xi Jinping? What are the ramifications for other countries’ political, trade, and scholarly relations with China? Nury Turkel is a lawyer and Uyghur rights advocate who was born in a re-education camp in Kashgar at the height of the Cultural Revolution. Turkel holds a Master of Arts in International Relations and a Juris Doctor degree, both from the American University in Washington, DC. He is the first US-educated Uyghur lawyer. Turkel practices law in D.C., specializing in regulatory compliance, federal investigation and enforcement, aviation, and immigration.

CSRS LECTURE: SHEREEN EL FEKI, MUNK SCHOOL, UofTORONTO
“Crossing the Red Lines: What Sex says about a Changing Arab World”
Thursday, January 30, 5:30-7 pm, HHB 105
“If you really want to know a people, start by looking inside their bedrooms.” For the past decade, Shereen El Feki has been travelling across the Arab region, talking to people about sex: what they do, what they don’t, what they think and why. Shereen’s research and advocacy uses sex as a lens to better understand movements on a bigger stage, in politics and economics, religion and tradition. Shereen El Feki, journalist and Professor of Global Practice at the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs, is the author of *Sex and the Citadel: Intimate Life in a Changing Arab World*, an award-winning look at the intersection of gender, sexuality, politics, economics and religion across the Arab region, now a series of short films airing on BBC World. As Regional Director of Promundo, Shereen is currently leading the largest ever survey on men, masculinities and gender roles in the Middle East and North Africa.

UVIC LIBRARIES AND EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ON THE VERGE STUDENT WRITING CONTEST
Deadline: Saturday, February 1
The theme for this year’s contest is compassion. Submit poetry, fiction, spoken word and creative non-fiction for $1600 in prizes. *on the Verge* Writing Contest showcases and celebrates emerging UVic student voices with an annual theme under the broad rubric of equity, diversity and human rights. As a reformulation of the 10-year running Diversity Writing Awards, we carry forward the spirit of diversity under a broader umbrella and with a renewed spirit of creative exploration. The contest is co-sponsored by UVic Libraries and Equity and Human Rights (EQHR) with significant support from other units on campus. More info at https://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/events/vergecontest/index.php.

SOCIOLOGY: LANSDOWNE LECTURE – Dr. JASON BECKFIELD, HARVARD
LECTURE: “Social Adaptation to Climate Change”
Tuesday, February 4, 7 pm, DSB C122
The climate emergency is the social problem of the day. Macroscopic transformational changes like adaptation to climate change affect people through social structures: we can think of social structure as a prism that refracts macroscopic forces into unequal outcomes depending upon social networks, communities, organizations, race, class, and gender. Drawing on foundational works of environmental sociology and the social demography of migration, this lecture focuses on how sociology can contribute both to a better understanding of societal adaptation, and to more successful adaptation strategies. Dr. Beckfield is Professor of Sociology, Chair of the Department of Sociology and Associate Director of the Center for Population and Development Studies at Harvard University.

SOCIOLOGY: LANSDOWNE LECTURE – Dr. JASON BECKFIELD, HARVARD
SEMINAR: “Unequal Europe: Regional Integration and the Rise of European Inequality”
Wednesday, February 5, 1-2 pm, COR B344
The Euro-crisis of 2009–12 and the UK’s 2016 vote to leave the EU vividly demonstrated that EU policies matter for the distribution of resources within and between European nation-states. Throughout these events, distributive conflicts between the European Union’s winners and losers intensified, and continue today. *Unequal Europe*, forthcoming from OUP, places these events into a broader historical, sociological, and economic perspective by analyzing how European integration has reshaped the distribution of income across the households of Europe. In this presentation, Jason Beckfield discusses the overarching argument of the book, with selected empirical analyses to demonstrate some of the most controversial arguments.

LATIN AMERICA RESEARCH GROUP: TIMO SCHAEFER, POSTDOC, DEPT OF HISTORY, UOF TORONTO
Friday, February 7, 2-3, SED C168
This talk is about the experiences of an indigenous democracy activist during the transition from dictatorial to democratic rule in late-twentieth century and early-twenty first century Mexico. Born into poverty in the indigenous hamlet of San Miguelito, Raúl Gatica was a leading presence in the indigenous social movements that during the 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s pushed Mexico’s political elites toward gradual democratic reform. The talk highlights the clash between competing democratic imaginaries during Mexico’s period of political reform and challenges the perception that democratic reformers in Latin America shared a single understanding of what ‘democracy’ meant or how it should be achieved. By focusing on Gatica’s ground-level experiences of regime repression and negotiation, furthermore, it describes the workings of an informal dimension of politics that is often ignored in standard accounts of Latin America’s democratic transitions. This talk is part of the Latin America Research Group’s speakers’ series, in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies.

JAMES SHEPTYCKI, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY, YORK UNIVERSITY
“Lawyers, Guns and Money; Reflections on Crime, the Canadian State and the World Money System”
Monday, February 24, 2:30-4:50 pm, ELL 161
This talk locates the Canadian ‘guns and gangs’ crisis of 2018, the ongoing opiate crisis and a number of other policing issues as symptoms of an evolving global system.

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCPSA 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS
Submission deadline: March 21
BC Political Science Association 2020 Annual Conference May 7-8, 2020, Okanagan College, Kelowna
Call for Papers: Politics and Anti-Politics. BCPSA 2020 aims to engage in an academic debate addressing such questions such as:
- Is this going to cause a radical shift in the way we think about our politics?
- Is the anti-politics empowering people and is good for democracy?

A broad interpretation of the conference theme is encouraged, focusing on the changing nature of politics – domestically, regionally and internationally – in the world. Proposals on other political science topics are also welcome. Participation is open to all political scientists and other scholars who are interested in current political issues. Recognizing the role of the younger generation in shaping our
future, conference organizers particularly welcome proposals from both graduate and advanced undergraduate students, as well as mixed student-faculty panels.

Please send a 250-300-word summary of your paper or panel proposal outlining the argument, the method of analysis and the significance of the topic to: Dr. Ayla Kilic: AKilic@okanagan.bc.ca Dr. Linda Elmose: LElmose@okanagan.bc.ca

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