



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RY MORAN: 2018 UVIC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

“From Truth to Reconciliation”

Tuesday, February 6, 2:30-4:30, First Peoples House

As the first Director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), it is Ry Moran’s job to guide the creation of an enduring national treasure – a dynamic Indigenous archive built on integrity, trust and dignity. Ry came to the centre directly from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). On the TRC’s behalf, he facilitated the gathering of nearly 7,000 video/audio-recorded statements of former residential school students and others affected by the residential school system. He was also responsible for gathering the documentary history of the residential school system from more than 20 government departments and nearly 100 church archives – millions of records in all.

Before joining the TRC, Ry was the founder and president of YellowTilt Productions, which delivered services in a variety of areas including Aboriginal language presentation and oral history. He has hosted internationally broadcast television programs, produced national cultural events, and written and produced original music for children’s television. Ry is a proud member of the Métis Nation. Ry received his BA in political science from the University of Victoria in 2002. He is honoured to receive the 2018 Social Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award. More info at <https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/>

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY LANSDOWNE LECTURE: DR. PAMELA SUGIMAN, RYERSON UNIVERSITY
“Acts of Kindness and Complicity: The silence of bystanders and eyewitnesses to the dispossession and internment of Japanese Canadians”

Sunday, January 28, 2-3:30 pm, Newcombe Conference Hall, Royal BC Museum

Free and open to everyone. Seating is limited.

In this talk, distinguished oral historian Dr. Pamela Sugiman confronts the complexity and messiness of human relationships. She reveals a troubling silence: not the silence of Japanese Canadians, but rather of their friends, neighbours, classmates, teachers, co-workers, employers and religious leaders. Based on her interviews with these bystanders and witnesses, she explains who they are and how they remember the ugliness of Canada’s past, how they shared their memories with their children and grandchildren, and how their stories have changed her own understanding of Canadian history, memory and racism. Dr. Sugiman will also introduce her new book, *Witness to Loss: Race, Culpability, and Memory in the Dispossession of Japanese Canadians*, co-edited with Uvic historian Jordan Stanger-Ross. Dr. Pamela Sugiman is a professor and Dean of Arts in the Department of Sociology at Ryerson University. She joined Ryerson in 2006 after holding a tenure-stream position for 15 years at McMaster University. In the course of her career, Dean Sugiman has built a reputation for creativity, collegiality, transparency

and vision. She has had a long-standing commitment to issues of social justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. These values are rooted in her personal history and have profoundly shaped her scholarly pursuits. Dr. Sugiman is the Oral History research cluster chair in the Landscapes of Injustice research project.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

This one-on-one, free academic service is available to all international students at UVic.

Our Learning Strategists can help international students develop effective strategies for academic success including:

- time-management
- reading comprehension and retention
- exam writing and preparation
- note-taking
- understanding the Canadian classroom culture

New this term! Students can come to the IASP office to have their own study sessions with one of the learning strategists. It can be challenging for students to self-identify the need for learning support. Programs such as these rely heavily on student referrals from academic, administrative and student services units. For more information, visit: www.uvic.ca/iasp or e-mail to iasphelp@uvic.ca.
International Commons, Room 135H

UVIC GLOBAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IS RECRUITING

International Student Services is recruiting volunteers for the UVic Global Community Programs, and we need your help getting the word out. We are looking to recruit UVic community members (UVic students, alumni, faculty, staff) to volunteer as Global Community Conversation Partners, and we hope to recruit UVic students to volunteer as Global Community Mentors. The Conversation Partners Program provides students, who have English as an additional language, with opportunities to practice, build confidence, and improve their conversational English skills. Volunteers meet up with students weekly to provide a safe space to practice conversation and engage in a cross-cultural exchange. The Mentorship Program offers friendship and guidance for international students as they navigate their social and academic transition to UVic and Canada. Volunteers organize activities and meetups to help students get involved with our campus community and form connections with peers. More info at <http://ow.ly/LYPo30heMFf>.

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