Bio: Steve Slavik

I was born in Texas, did grade school in Kansas, and attended high school and university in New Mexico. Soon after receiving a BS in mathematics and physics in 1964 in New Mexico, I married and my wife and I immigrated to Canada, settling first in Vancouver and then in Victoria. I worked for many years as an accountant and had two lovely daughters (both of whom were UVIC students in their time). Eventually I found myself drawn to a different type of work and acquired an MA in Counselling Psychology. I worked as a marriage counsellor privately and in agencies throughout BC, including the Lax Kw’alaams reservation near Prince Rupert, for some fifteen years. At this time I also published some 100 professional papers on various topics in counselling and was the editor of The Canadian Journal of Individual Psychology for fourteen years. In the late 1990s, I also became enamoured with Spanish and Italian literature so that, after retiring from work, I attained a BA and an MA in Hispanic Studies from UVIC, and I still read modern Spanish literature avidly. Throughout my lifetime, I have also studied and practiced Buddhism, which has become a major part of my life today. Currently, I spend my time writing short, focussed essays and some poetry, reading, and meditating. At this time, I would like to continue my association with UVIC as a Convocation Senator.