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TALK EVENTS CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Philosophers' Corner 10:30 am Richmond | | |
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| | | | | Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Surrey | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | | The Last Wildlife Control Officer in BC 10 am Langley | | | Ancient Plagues & Emerging Diseases 10 am Richmond | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Family Day Campuses Closed | | | Social Media Manipulation noon | Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Langley | Ancient Plagues & Emerging Diseases 10 am Richmond | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |
| | | | Preserving Muscle for Functional Movement 10 am | Freedom of Information 10 am | | |

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| Zoom webinar | Richmond campus | Surrey campus | Langley campus | Field Trip |
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TALK EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

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| | | Impacts of AI on Photography 10 am | BC Golf Museum 11 am University Golf Course. | Philosophers' Corner 10:30 am Richmond | What Covid Reveals 10 am | |
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| | Film Study: Elvis 10 am Surrey | Film Study: Elvis 10 am Surrey | | Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Surrey | | |
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| | | Doukhobors' History in Canada 10 am | Tanzania 10 am Surrey | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | Religions and the Human Race 10 am Langley | Emergency Planning 10 am Richmond | | Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Langley | Good Friday Campuses closed | |
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| APRIL 2024 | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | 1 <i>Easter Monday Campuses closed</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 Philosophers' Corner 10:30 am Richmond | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Surrey Traffic Mgmt Centre 10:30 am Surrey City Hall | 10 | 11 Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Surrey | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Armchair Travel: Scotland 11 am | 16 | 17 Canadian Politics in the 1930s 1 pm Langley | 18 | 19 Taking Math Off the Page 10 am Richmond | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Impacts of Covid on Long- term Health 2 pm | 23 Art, Propaganda, and the French Revolution 1 pm Surrey | 24 | 25 Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Langley | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 The Universal Language of Music 10 am Surrey | | | | |

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TALK EVENTS CALENDAR

| MAY 2024 | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | | 1 The James Webb Space Telescope noon Richmond | 2 Philosophers' Corner 10:30 am Richmond | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Memoir Writing 10 am | 7 Restorative Justice 10 am Surrey | 8 Residential School Graves 1 pm Richmond | 9 Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Surrey | 10 Birdwatching at Terra Nova 10 am Terra Nova | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Memoir Writing 10 am | 14 | 15 Steveston Tour & lunch 11 am - 3 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 <i>Victoria Day Campuses closed</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 Philosophers' Corner 11:30 am Langley | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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Winter/Spring 2024

How does a Philosophers' Corner work? A volunteer researches the chosen topic and outlines, in a 10-minute presentation, some of the most controversial or interesting points for participants to wrestle with during the discussion. Then, attendees can weigh in with their own thoughts. A moderator keeps track of whose turn it is to speak.

This is different from a regular TALK course, where an expert does most of the talking. We all have a lifetime of wisdom and a Philosophers' Corner is an ideal place to share your thoughts and listen to others' points of view.

You do not have to be a TALK member or over 50 to attend. Attendance is on a first come-first served basis, as space permits.

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Richmond Philosophers' Corners will be held at 10:30 am on the first Thursday at Wisteria Place at 4388 Garry Street in Multipurpose Room #1. 604.204.0910. wisteriaplace.ca. There is plenty of free parking. Please check in at the Concierge Desk when you arrive. Wisteria Place is generously providing coffee/tea plus a small snack for a drop-in fee of just \$5. **Here are the topics:**

- Feb 1** Should Canada be a kingdom or a republic?
- Mar 7** What is the individual's responsibility to future generations?
- Apr 4** Should voting be mandatory? Federal, provincial, and/or municipal.
- May 2** Artificial Intelligence: boon or doom?

Surrey Philosophers' Corners will be held at 11:30 am on the second Thursday at a new location with plenty of parking: Crescent Gardens 1222 King George Blvd. 778.736.0345. Participants will be charged \$18 for lunch which includes a soup, main course, coffee/tea and dessert. **You must pre-order this.** Email jdiston@telus.net for info.

- Feb 8** Truth and Reconciliation from two perspectives.
- Mar 14** Should Health Care allow for a private option?
- Apr 11** Is marriage relevant today?
- May 9** Aging and invisibility.

Langley Philosophers' Corners will be held at 11:30 am on the fourth Thursday at City of Langley Library

- Feb 22** Over 57% of Canada's working population has a post-secondary education. Is that a good thing?
- Mar 28** What does Truth & Reconciliation mean to you?
- Apr 25** Do we need a new justice system? A new vision of justice.
- May 23** How do baby boomers differ from other generations?

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TALK has two pages: a Facebook Community page and a Group page. To visit our Facebook Community page, go to: facebook.com/kpu.ca.TALK. Here you can see what's happening at TALK.

If you want a more interactive experience, join our Group page. Visit facebook.com/groups/697127260390288 or search “TALK Third Age Learning at Kwantlen” and click on the “Public Group” entry. You can view this page without joining it but if you want to post or comment you must click “join” and you will be automatically added. Please post only items that are relevant to TALK.

As well, we would appreciate if you would post a review on our Community page and a comment on the courses you attend on our Public Group page. Then share the course post(s) with your comment(s) to your own social media accounts. Help spread the word about TALK!

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TALK Greatly Appreciates:

- Our member volunteers, who create and facilitate programs, distribute brochures, organize special events, and help promote TALK.
- The assistance in course registration, room bookings, brochure and newsletter production, marketing and other activities provided by KPU's Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation.
- Our presenters, who volunteer their time and expertise to provide us with lifelong learning.
- The TALK interest group of CFUW Richmond, which plans and facilitates the Richmond Philosophers' Corners and many of the courses at the Richmond campus.

Born with a learning disability at a time when teachers didn't know what to do, Dennis Pemble struggled with school and from bullying. No one ever asked him what he wanted to do or be when he grew up. But a family move when he was in Grade 5 resulted in meeting a guy who would become his best friend and whose dad was the animal control officer for BC's Lower Mainland. They had hounds for cougar complaints and Dennis developed an aptitude for hounds and hunting which eventually led him to the rare three-decade career of literally hunting for a living – the envy of every hunter.

Required to keep a daily journal of his activities, Dennis now shares his stories of tracking stealthy cougars, relocating grizzlies, catching coyotes, and removing uninvited guests. Each wildlife encounter is as educational as it is entertaining. He will describe how wild animals are managed through the years, why sometimes animals can't be relocated, and how humans can stay safe for animals' sake.

During his career, Dennis Pemble shared his experiences with wildlife authors and reporters, bringing them on ride-alongs to witness his work first-hand. He has also contributed expertise to many magazines. Retired since 2008, Dennis lives in Abbotsford with his wife, Karen. They spent several months writing his memoir (The Last Wildlife Control Officer in BC: Thirty Years of Dealing with Problem Predators) in their cabin on Shuswap Lake.



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| DATE: | Tuesday February 13 |
| TIME: | 10:00 am – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Langley campus, West Building, Room 1305 |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Dennis Pemble |
| FACILITATOR: | Rose Marie Borutski, socionik@yahoo.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Feb 6 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

ANCIENT PLAGUES AND EMERGING DISEASES

Some infectious diseases have been making humans sick for thousands of years, while others are brand new. Where do emerging diseases come from? What can we do to prevent or mitigate another pandemic?

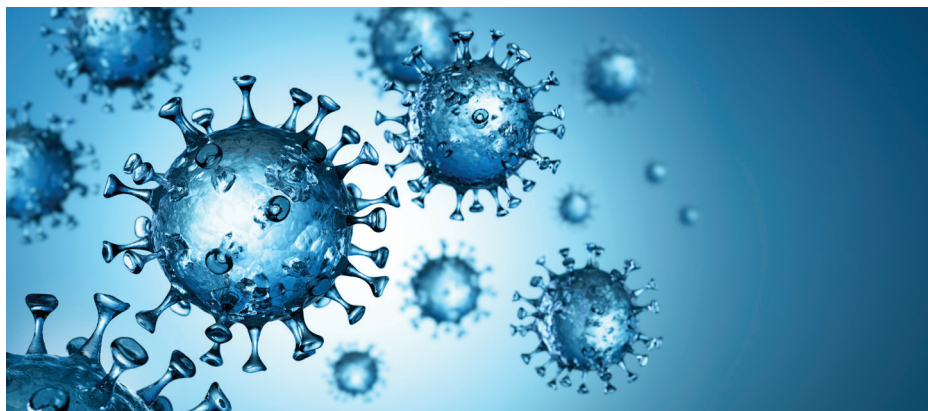
Feb 16: Bacteria, viruses and other disease-causing organisms

What kinds of organisms cause disease? How are viruses different from bacteria? How did modern ideas of germs, sanitation, and disease prevention develop? How does vaccination prevent disease?

Feb 23: Plagues of the past, present and future

The Black Death, smallpox, influenza and other pandemic diseases have killed hundreds of millions. Even with modern medical technology, COVID-19 still killed millions. Where do COVID and other emerging diseases come from? What could we do to prevent them, or at least reduce their impact?

Back by popular demand! Peter Robbins retired from KPU after teaching biology, mathematics and physics for 24 years. He still has a passion for lifelong learning. His other interests include stage acting, photography, military history and wine-making. He has given us many wonderful courses over the years.



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| DATE: | Fridays February 16 & 23 (2 sessions) |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Richmond campus, Room 2510 |
| FEE: | \$20 |
| GUEST PRESENTERS: | Peter Robbins |
| FACILITATORS: | Gerry Boretta, 778.887.1497, gerrycamera3@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Fri Feb 9 To register see page 43 |

SOCIAL MEDIA MANIPULATION

In this talk, we will take a deep dive into the ways in which AI is being maliciously deployed on social media.

We'll uncover the deceptive world of social bots and explore how these can distort truth and manipulate opinion. Together, we'll examine how AI crafts eerily realistic profiles, is able to manage vast bot networks, and discuss the ongoing 'dance of detection' between these bots and platform algorithms.

Grasping the deep impacts, we'll discuss the reshaping of political landscapes, spread of falsehoods, market manipulations, and threats to mental well-being.

Finally, we'll contemplate the urgent need for ethical guidelines and legislation to manage AI's growing shadow over our digital interactions. Terrifying and surprising, guaranteed to forever change the way you feel when you receive your next unsolicited friendship request, join us on this enlightening journey into the intricate interplay of AI and social media.

Dr. Wade Deisman is an award-winning leader, scholar, educator, activist, author, consultant, and academic with over 30 years of professional and educational experience in the field of Canadian criminal justice. Currently the Director of Academic Programs in the Public Safety Division at the Justice Institute of BC, Dr. Deisman is also a regular member of the teaching faculty at KPU. He is a former Chair of KPU's Criminology Department and also served for six years as an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts.



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| DATE: | Wednesday February 21 |
| TIME: | 12:00 – 1:30 pm |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Wade Deisman |
| FACILITATOR: | Sonya Furst, 778.833.3762, sonyafurst@outlook.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Feb 14 To register see page 43 |

PRESERVING MUSCLE FOR FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT

Over 81% of older Canadians would prefer to age in their current place of residence, yet only 26% report this as possible. This represents a critical gap that must be addressed to better support those who would like to age in their own homes and communities. “Aging in place” has variable meanings from staying in the same home to aging in any setting of one’s choice but, unfortunately, older adults’ perspectives are rarely included in formulating the definition.

In this session, Dr. Jenn Jacobi will overview the core finding of the national aging in place research survey conducted by the Aging in Place research cluster which she led at UBC Okanagan. She will highlight the three key themes from this survey that centre around “aging with choice” and devote the majority of the workshop to discussing how to maintain functional independence to support aging in place. She will overview sex-specific differences in aging and profile aspects of the neuromuscular system to train in women and men to achieve their choice approaches to age in place.

By the end of the session, you will have a greater appreciation of the perspectives of older adults to age in place and knowledge of physical activity and exercise approaches for women and men to maintain functional independence.

Dr. Jenn Jacobi is the Director of the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention at the University of British Columbia Okanagan.



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| DATE: | Wednesday February 28 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Jenn Jacobi |
| FACILITATOR: | Patricia Warshawski, 604.542.7171, pwarshawski@shaw.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Feb 21 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Freedom of Information (FOI) requests allow citizens to access government records that aren’t already public — everything from internal emails to expense reports. In this presentation, former Vancouver Sun journalist Chad Skelton will talk about how he used FOI requests as a journalist to break exclusive news stories and how you can use FOI requests to find out information about issues you care about.

Chad will discuss the different types of agencies that you can file FOI requests to (everything from city governments to Crown corporations) and the types of records that are accessible. He will also include a discussion of the obstacles requesters sometimes face when trying to access government information and the processes that are in place to file a complaint about how your request was handled.

Handouts will be provided that will lay out the basics of how to file an FOI request as well as some examples of requests Chad filed when he was a reporter.

Chad Skelton is a KPU journalism instructor. He has received the Jack Webster Award, BC’s top journalism prize, six times, most recently in 2013 for a series on political donations and lobbyists.



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| DATE: | Thursday February 29 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Chad Skelton |
| FACILITATOR: | Rose Marie Borutski, socionik@yahoo.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Thu Feb 22 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

The impacts of Artificial Intelligence on photography have emerged as among the hottest and most controversial topics of today. Rick Hulbert will describe both the upsides and downsides of AI technology from a photographer's perspective, as well as from a beholder's or viewer's impression. He will share his evolving thoughts on AI's impact on the art of photography.

The following three opinions highlight the controversy:

Cole Haddon writes, "AI – as artists currently discuss it – is not genuinely artificial intelligence. It's not sentient . . . All it can do is take your prompts, pillage public domain and copyrighted material from across the Internet, and then piece it together in what appears to be original ways, but is, in fact, wide-scale theft."

Deepak Chopra writes, "AI's role is to make access to infinite possibilities a universal gift, through vast computing ability, machine learning, and superhuman speed. . . But it takes human intelligence to actually have the experience, to want it, to benefit from it personally. . . The future belongs to users who can sort out potential deception and dismantle it."

Antti Karppinen writes, "It's a blessing and a curse in one nifty package."

Rick Hulbert is an instructor of photography at SFU and has lectured and taught at Langara College and UBC and led multi-day photo-workshops throughout Europe and North America.



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| DATE: | Tuesday March 5 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Rick Hulbert |
| FACILITATOR: | Gerry Boretta, 778.887.1497, gerrycamera3@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Feb 27 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

In April 1986, Harry and Dick White and Mike Riste met to begin the process to have the Department of Lands & Forests allow a society to take over the abandoned 1930 University Golf Course clubhouse and to raise funds to transform the clubhouse into a golf museum for BC. In Nov 1986, the BC Golf House Society gained possession of the historic building. Using volunteer labour, donated materials, and monetary donations, the group renovated the 1930 structure into a golf museum which opened on May 6, 1989. It is still the only stand-alone state or provincial golf museum in North America.

We invite you to play your next round of golf at the museum. The 2,500 square feet on the main floor is divided into 17 holes, each focusing on an aspect of golf. Hole # 5, the library, houses over 7,000 books. Hole #13, the Golf Hall of Fame of BC, honours the best provincial players who compete on zone, provincial, district, national, and international levels. Hole #18 is a separate structure adjacent to the main building which houses a 1911 Fordham tractor – the first gas tractor to work on a golf course in BC.

The BC Golf Museum mission statement is to preserve, to collect, to display, and to research BC's rich golfing heritage. Join Mike Riste on a tour of this wonderful museum. Meet in the parking lot at 10:45 am.

Mike Riste acts as the volunteer office manager and historian. He writes extensively on the history of golf in the Pacific Northwest, has published four historical golf books and collaborated on all club histories produced in the northwest. Today he is recognized as an authority on the history of golf on the Pacific Coast, specializing in "Lost Golf Courses".



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| DATE: | Wednesday March 6 |
| TIME: | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| LOCATION: | BC Golf Museum, 2545 Blanca St, Vancouver |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Mike Riste |
| FACILITATOR: | Jim Zalusky, 604.368.8500, jimzalusky1958@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Feb 28 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

Crises such as pandemics or economic downturns pull back the veil on gender and age relations. The COVID-19 pandemic is no different except that some gender and age inequities had been more deeply veiled, and thus invisible.

In this International Women's Day talk, Dr. Susan McDaniel weaves together findings from her research to reveal aspects of women's lives as they age in times of multiple crises. She has found how women's lives are affected differently by COVID depending on their cohort and positioning in generations. Her research on mid-life Canadians and Americans as they aged during the Great Recession of 2008 sheds light on how women's lives differentially bruised by the economic crisis were affected differently by COVID. Her research on migration and the work of care reveals how inequities among women sowed the seeds of horror in long-term care homes during the pandemic.

All the research presented at this session will take a life course peep at women's lives, how we live over time, with others, and how events accumulate for good or bad. We will glimpse how lives can be upended by sudden events or worsened by life-long disadvantage. We will see the resiliency of women and how vital it is to understand women's lives as they age to build effective policies and successful societies.

Dr. Susan McDaniel is Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Research Affiliate Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, University of Victoria.



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| DATE: | Friday March 8 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Susan McDaniel |
| FACILITATOR: | Rose Marie Borutski, socionik@yahoo.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Fri Mar 1 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

As “The King of Rock and Roll,” Elvis Presley has had his legendary career and life story translated into films of various genres. These include Leo and Solt’s 1981 documentary, *This Is Elvis*; Winkler’s 1998 drama, *Finding Graceland*; and Luhrmann’s 2022 musical biopic, *Elvis*. The fact that Elvis’s story crosses genres speaks to the enduring appeal of his music in our collective memory of him. In this two-part talk with cinematic Elvis, we will focus on Baz Luhrmann’s interpretation of the superstar by studying the genre conventions of biopic musicals.

Part 1 Monday Mar 11 in Fir 126: Through scene analysis, we will break down the film’s narrative structure according to its narrative voice, its obstacles, and its stakes. Our analysis of the narrative will take us inside select scenes from Luhrmann’s film, a process that will be complemented by a close reading of the screenplay.

Part 2 Tuesday Mar 12 in Fir 232: This session will shift the focus to sound design. We will find out how Luhrmann has taken select songs from Elvis’s catalogue to develop characters, advance the plot, and reinforce themes.

It will be helpful to watch the movie before you come to the course.

Back by popular demand! A faculty member in the English Department since 1995, Greg Chan is the editor-in-chief of KPU’s official film studies publication, *Mise-en-scène: The Journal of Film & Visual Narration*, and the co-director of the KDocs Film Festival. He has given TALK many fascinating courses about film.



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| DATE: | Monday & Tuesday March 11 & 12 (2 sessions) |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Surrey campus, Fir Building, Room 126 Mon and Room 232 Tue |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Conrad King |
| FACILITATOR: | Rose Marie Borutski, socionik@yahoo.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Mon Mar 4 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

DOUKHOBORS' HISTORY IN CANADA

Doukhobors immigrated to Canada from Russia at the end of the 19th century when the Canadian government was eager to find capable farmers to populate the prairies. Throughout their Russian experience, Doukhobors often met persecution and oppression from Russian state and church officials due to their religious beliefs, which rejected the traditional constructs of the Russian Orthodox Church while emphasizing simplicity, peace, and non-violence.

In Canada, the Canadian government provided the Doukhobors with free farmland in present-day Saskatchewan. Whereas Canada's government assumed that new immigrants would eventually accept Anglo-Canadian values and norms, like the English language and individualism, Doukhobors had no intention of giving up their religious and cultural identity. Like many new immigrants, they faced the challenge of adapting to life in a new country.

During the 20th century, internal divisions amongst Doukhobors in Canada grew and challenges continued. Yet Doukhobors persisted and not only contributed to Canadian nation building but have continued to maintain their cultural and religious identity into the 21st century.

Ryan Dutchak is the Director of Museum and Culture at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) in Castlegar.



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| DATE: | Tuesday March 19 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Ryan Dutchak |
| FACILITATOR: | Rose Marie Borutski, socionik@yahoo.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Mar 12 To register see page 43 |

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: TANZANIA

The people, the animals, and dentistry

Dr. Les Ennis will take you on a visual journey of his recent humanitarian dental outreach clinics to rural Tanzania and on safari to experience the incredibly diverse wildlife across this nation. Along with the serious side, his images will give you insight into the Tanzanian people and country with humour and wit.

Dr. Ennis has been organizing dental outreach clinics for over 14 years, treating children around the world with a local group of dentists, the Semiahmoo Dental Outreach Team. The need for health care amongst third world populations is massive and their access to dental care is virtually non-existent.

This session will dive into the causes of dental disease in these impoverished populations, the implications both socially and to health, and what interventions can achieve to help mitigate this epidemic. Through his photography, you will visually experience the philanthropic aspects of these humanitarian health outreaches: the clinic, the team working, the patients as they are being treated and in their everyday lives in rural Tanzania.

Africa is different. It smells different, feels different and looks different. It is magical. The people of Tanzania are warm, friendly, welcoming, and extremely family focused. Then there are the animals... Buckle up!

Dr. Les Ennis graduated from UBC Dental School in 1987 and has been practicing general and family dentistry in White Rock/South Surrey for over 36 years.



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| DATE: | Wednesday March 20 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Surrey campus, Cedar Building, Room 3010 |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Les Ennis |
| FACILITATOR: | Helen Christiansen, 604.536.8134, helenjeanchr@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Mar 13 To register see page 43 |

RELIGIONS AND THE HUMAN RACE

There may be some controversy about when humans came into existence, maybe even about what type of species constitutes a human being. For our purpose, we do not need to answer these questions. We clearly understand that religions came into existence many years after the evolution of man. Man created all these religions. (Of course, some may differ with that statement as well.) Jas Sandher will help us look at the major religions in this world, their chronology and their sizes.

Are there criteria we can use to say which one is better than the other? Hinduism is the oldest religion; does that mean it is better than the others? Christianity has the largest population of all religions; does that mean it is better than the others? Do we even have to decide which one is better? Maybe each religion serves best those who practice it, without harming anyone else.

Following a brief introduction of the major religions (Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Sikhism) Jas will discuss:

- *Conflicts due to religion*
- *The role of religion in our society*
- *Whether religion is practiced the way it is written*
- *As an individual, what is our role in society?*

Jas Sandher was born in India, moved to England at age 9 where he was educated through university, then to San Francisco where he got an MBA in Finance, and then to Canada where he works as a realtor. He finds human behaviour fascinating and enjoys delving into philosophical questions.



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| DATE: | Monday March 25 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Langley campus, West Building, Room 2010 |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Jas Sandher |
| FACILITATOR: | Jim Zalusky, 604.368.8500, jimzalusky1958@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Mon Mar 18 To register see page 43 |

EMERGENCY PLANNING

In today's turbulent world, emergency planning is vital!

No one wants to think about natural disasters such as fires, floods, or earthquakes. However, when these things happen you must be ready to act immediately.

To help you survive, you should prepare by making a survival plan. Preparing for a disaster takes time and effort. You need to plan so that you can:

- Avoid injury and help others.
- Minimize damage to your property.
- Survive at least 72 hours after a disaster in your home without help from emergency response teams.

This presentation will show you how!

Constable Leisa Schaefer is the Media Liaison Officer for the Delta Police Department.



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| DATE: | Tuesday March 26 |
| TIME: | 10:00 am – 11:50 pm |
| LOCATION: | Richmond campus, Room 2005 |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Leisa Schaefer |
| FACILITATOR: | Helen Christiansen, 604.536.8134, helenjeanchr@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Mar 19 To register see page 43 |

TOUR: SURREY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTRE

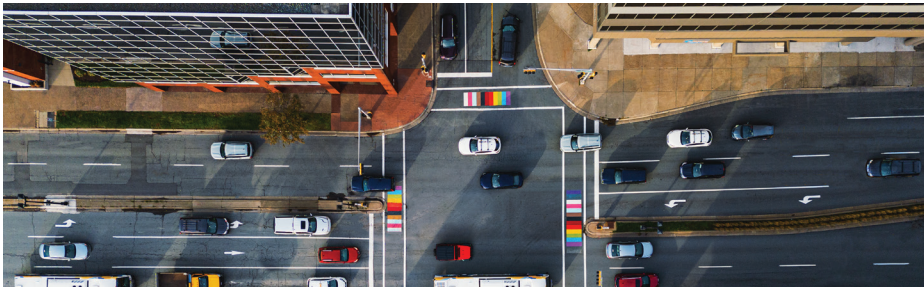
Mobility is the engine of inclusivity. When a city's transportation infrastructure works for everyone, it improves the liveability and prosperity of its citizens. Surrey is BC's second largest city and is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, expected to surpass Vancouver by 2041 with more than 760,000 residents.

Surrey is investing in smart technology, called Intelligent Transportation Systems, to improve the way they manage traffic in the City. These systems optimize and improve travel experiences for all road users while saving taxpayers money. The Traffic Management Centre is the hub where all these technologies come together and is the most advanced municipal centre of its kind in BC.

On this tour, Graeme Cross will explain the systems and technology that Surrey's engineers and technologists use to make City roads safer and more efficient, contributing to a thriving, green, and inclusive city.

Logistics: Meet at 10:15 am in the atrium at Surrey City Hall, 13450 – 104 Ave. City Hall is a short 3-minute walk from the Central City SkyTrain Station or a 5-minute walk from the Central City transit exchange. Two-hour complementary parking is available on Level P1 after registration of your licence plate at the kiosk located in the atrium.

Graeme Cross is the Transportation Systems Manager for the City of Surrey. Leading a team dedicated to solving complex transportation challenges in a rapidly growing city, Graeme manages the City's Intelligent Transportation Systems, roadway electrical infrastructure, and travel data.



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| DATE: | Tuesday April 9 |
| TIME: | 10:30 am – noon |
| LOCATION: | Surrey City Hall, 13450 104 Ave |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Graeme Cross |
| FACILITATOR: | Heather Cross, hscross@outlook.com, 604-762-2469 |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Apr 2 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: SCOTLAND

Join us for a tour up the east coast of Scotland. The tour begins in Edinburgh (The Royal Mile, St. Giles Cathedral, The Kelpies) and then moves north to Dundee. We visit the RRS Discovery, Scone Castle, the HMS Unicorn, and Glamis Castle. Further north, the city of Aberdeen provides a base to explore the North Sea coast – Peterhead, Fraserburgh, and inland to Royal Deeside including Balmoral Castle and the Braemore Highland Games.

Along the way, we stop to meet and learn about Highland cattle, gin distilleries, and lighthouses. Back south in Stirling, we visit the castle and an Iron Age settlement and tour the local area.

Don your kilt and tam and join us for this trip to Scotland.

Back by popular demand! Rick Chambers has been doing travelogues for the seniors' program in Ontario for over 10 years. The pandemic and the advent of Zoom webinars has fortunately brought Rick's expertise to TALK! So far, he has taken us to Ireland, Israel and Jordan and Costa del Sol in Spain.



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| DATE: | Monday April 15 |
| TIME: | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Rick Chambers |
| FACILITATOR: | Sandra Carpenter, 778.688.4181, surreysandra@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Mon Apr 8 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

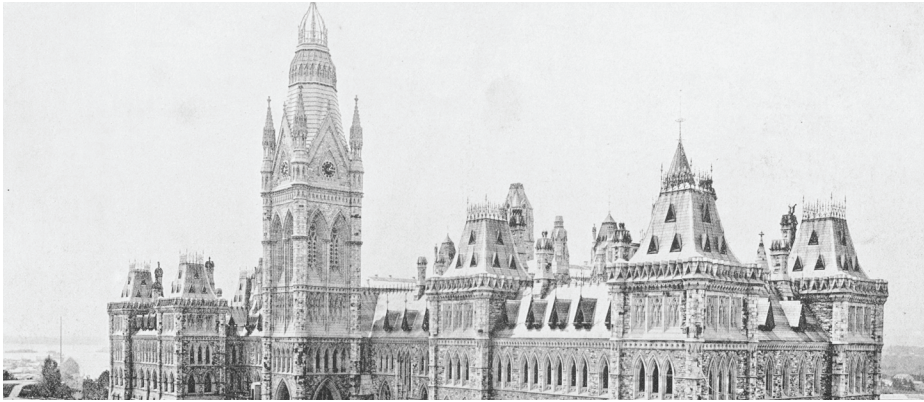
CANADIAN POLITICS IN THE 1930S

During the 1930's in Canada in the midst of the Great Depression, left-wing, socialist and Christian-activist ideas were considered by mainstream Canadian society to be the territory of dangerous idealists. However, many Canadian intellectuals, writers, artists and educators thought that neither the Liberal party of Mackenzie King, nor the Conservative party of W.B. Bennett had the slightest intention or ability to create a society that cared about the welfare of its citizens.

Therefore, to support a new political party like the CCF (the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation founded in 1933) was to have a highly romantic, adventurous temperament and outlook – to believe in just causes and to have the courage to take public action in the service of one's ideals.

This illustrated presentation will introduce a group of committed and purposeful individuals who dreamed of making a better Canada in a better world. The focus will be the life and times of John King Gordon, who exemplified the aims and activities of these individuals, and who also discovered that the romance of politics could lead to the politics of romance.

Molly Ungar taught Canadian and Quebec History at a number of Universities in Ontario and Quebec plus the University of the Fraser Valley. She gave TALK the excellent presentation on How We Got to the 49th Parallel last spring.



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| DATE: | Wednesday April 17 |
| TIME: | 1:00 – 2:50 pm |
| LOCATION: | Langley campus, West Building, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Molly Ungar |
| FACILITATOR: | Heather Cross, hscross@outlook.com, 604-762-2469 |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Apr 10 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

TAKING MATH OFF THE PAGE

Do you wish your teachers had made learning math easier by making you able to 'see' what was happening with understanding?

Visualizing is a way of making math real, concrete and even artistic. In this session, you will experience “thinker toys” (manipulatives), diagrams and models that will build your understanding in many ways and extend thinking. How might artists give insight and beauty into problem solving?

This workshop will be an interactive, imaginative, and collaborative exploration. Come join us for some playful learning!

Fred Harwood is an award-winning Mathematics educator who volunteers as a Math Mentor teacher in Richmond, helping teachers understand more of the big ideas of mathematics and inquiry. He continues to teach as a teacher-teaching-on-call from Kindergarten to Calculus. For over 45 years, Fred has sought to educate, fascinate, and inspire life-long learning and a love of mathematics.



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| DATE: | Friday April 19 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Richmond campus, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Fred Harwood |
| FACILITATOR: | Jean Garnett, 604.277.1130, jeangarnett@shaw.ca |
| REGISTER BY: | Fri Apr 12 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

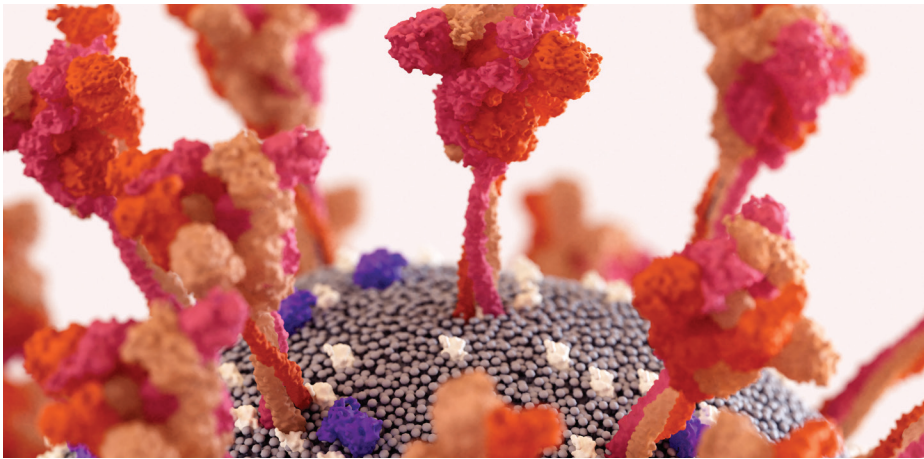
IMPACTS OF COVID ON LONG-TERM HEALTH

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a shift in our scientific focus toward understanding its infectivity and pathogenesis (the process by which an infection leads to disease). However, enigmatic questions persist in individuals harbouring the COVID-19 spike protein during post-infection recovery, which needs further investigation.

Barnabe Assogba will share his ongoing research on the potential long-term health effects of COVID-19 “non-infectious aspects.” A fascinating study aims to shed light on the possible influence of the viral glycoprotein on the development of angiosarcoma, a rare yet very aggressive cancer. Part of this investigation involves using siRNA or CRISPR techniques, which are scheduled to be implemented in 2024. Barnabe will explain these techniques.

The results will offer substantial potential to enhance future pandemic preparedness and alleviate the strain on the global healthcare system. The session will provide insights and updates from cellular, molecular biology and virology.

Dr. Barnabe Assogba has a PhD in Molecular Biology and Virology and is a Biology instructor at KPU. He also mentors undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students from underrepresented backgrounds.



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| DATE: | Monday April 22 |
| TIME: | 2:00 – 3:30 pm |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Barnabe Assogba |
| FACILITATOR: | Sandra Carpenter, 778.688.4181, surreysandra@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Mon Apr 15 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

ART, PROPAGANDA AND THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

For centuries, court artists had painted the power of kings. Propaganda first became associated with politics during the downfall of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

In this session, you will see images that celebrated them, the role of fashion and intrigue, and the art and cartoons that stirred up the people and sent the royal couple to the guillotine.

You will meet the artist who became the Minister of Propaganda and signed their death warrant. In a time of fake news and social media this is a timely topic.

Back by popular demand! Linda Quigley taught art history and studio art classes in Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. She has given TALK many fascinating art history courses over the past several years.



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| DATE: | Tuesday April 23 |
| TIME: | 1:00 –2:50 pm |
| LOCATION: | Surrey campus, Building TBD, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Linda Quigley |
| FACILITATOR: | Helen Christiansen, 604.536.8134, helenjeanchr@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Apr 16 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC

Ellen Farrugia, a violinist who has been performing professionally for over 35 years, will speak about how music affects our brains and how we communicate with each other and society as a whole.

From personal experiences in the profession, to well-known studies in the field, she will explore why music is a necessary form of expression, especially when there are no words that capture the emotion.

Ellen will demonstrate some of these points by playing the violin, using examples of folk music from ancient times to the last 50 years, to show common themes of the human condition. Music brings us together in a world which is divided, and it is a universal language which predates conventional language.

Ellen Farrugia is a professional musician. She has played in the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony, Orchestra London, the Toronto Symphony, the Canadian Opera Company orchestra, the Esprit Orchestra, Vancouver Opera Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony, the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra, the Vancouver Island Symphony, and the Surrey City Orchestra, of which she is a founder. Ellen teaches violin privately and has coached ensembles with the Surrey Youth Orchestra, the Semiahmoo Strings, the Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra, and has adjudicated competitions in Vancouver, Delta and Surrey.



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| DATE: | Tuesday April 30 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Surrey campus, Building TBD, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Ellen Farrugia |
| FACILITATOR: | Helen Christiansen, 604.536.8134, helenjeanchr@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Apr 23 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) was launched in December 2021 and its first images were released in the summer of 2022. Astronomers are already using it to make important contributions to several areas of astronomy, such as the study of exoplanets (planets orbiting stars other than the Sun), the lifecycle of stars, and the evolution of the universe, to name just a few.

Results and images from the telescope regularly feature in the news media. In this session, we will learn why the JWST is so powerful, the science behind some of the areas of astronomy it is contributing to, and the kinds of questions it will help us answer in the coming years and decades. In addition, it is hoped that the session will help attendees to better appreciate and understand the media coverage the JWST and its results are receiving.

Fergal Callaghan graduated with BSc in Physics with Astrophysics and a PhD in Physics from Queen's University Belfast. He then worked as researcher in the physics departments of the University of Nottingham and Simon Fraser University before joining KPU, where he has been teaching physics and astronomy since 2007.



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| DATE: | Wednesday May 1 |
| TIME: | 12:00 – 1:50 pm |
| LOCATION: | Richmond campus, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Fergal Callaghan |
| FACILITATOR: | Gerry Boretta, 778.887.1497, gerrycamera3@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed Apr 24 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

MEMOIR WRITING

If you are curious about what memoirs are or have wanted to write a memoir but weren't sure how to go about it, this program may be a place to start. If you have started one and are now stuck, this program may be helpful to you as well. If you have wondered if your life is even worth writing about, the answer is a resounding YES! All lives have value and are worth sharing. This is a two-part presentation.

May 6: Three panelists will share the memoirs they have written and describe their process. You will have the opportunity to ask them questions about specifics you are wondering about. The panel will invite and encourage each participant to try their hand at writing something of their own to bring the following week.

May 13: There will be time for six writers to share their work and get feedback from the panelists and other attendees. If this appeals to you and you think you will be bringing some of your writing, please email the facilitator so she will have an idea how many there will be.

Janet Balzarini, Kirsten Graham and Gerry Boretta are all retired educators with an interest in writing and in preserving and sharing their family stories.



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| DATE: | Mondays May 6 & 13 (2 sessions) |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| LOCATION: | ONLINE |
| FEE: | \$20 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Janet Balzarini, Kirsten Graham and Gerry Boretta |
| FACILITATOR: | Gerry Boretta, 778.887.1497, gerrycamera3@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Mon Apr 30 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A great way to understand the Restorative Justice process is to look at it through the lens of the 5 Rs: Relationship, Respect, Responsibility, Repair, and Reintegration back into the community as a productive citizen – a citizen who gives back rather than one who takes.

Pamela Ackerman will guide you through the process of the 5 Rs and how it can build community rather than tear it down. You will learn the process of a Restorative Justice Circle or Conference in its entirety from one who has facilitated Restorative Justice Conferences for ten years in the youth justice system. Time will be set aside for questions and answers to the journey. Be sure to bring an open mind, a warm heart and curiosity. Pamela looks forward to the journey with you.

Pamela Ackerman is retired but worked as a probation officer for over 20 years and specialized in facilitating Restorative Youth Justice Conferences for ten years in the Lower Mainland. She is currently a published author of a fable merged with a true crime story. She has a BA in Psychology, an MA in Leadership & Training (Thesis: Emotional Intelligence for Young Male Offenders) and is a Certified Life Coach.



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| DATE: | Tuesday May 7 |
| TIME: | 10:00 – 11:50 am |
| LOCATION: | Surrey campus, Building TBD, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Pamela Ackerman |
| FACILITATOR: | Helen Christiansen, 604.536.8134, helenjeanchr@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Tue Apr 30 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GRAVES

*Lessons Learned from the Brandon Indian Residential School (BIRS),
Brandon, Manitoba*

Much in the news have been stories about unmarked graves detected by ground penetrating radar at a variety of former residential schools. Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn will take us through one such story.

Since 2019, Dr. Yellowhorn has been the Principal Investigator for a research partnership with the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. This project involved one of the cemeteries associated with the BIRS, where geophysical surveys revealed the presence of 104 burials. Although the initial research objectives changed due to Covid restrictions on travel and meeting in person, his team continued with modified parameters.

As this research cycle is now completed, he will report on the results of their study. He will also discuss lessons for future directions in the investigation of such graves at other former residential schools.

Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn has a Piikani name, Otahkotskina, which translates as Yellow Horn. He grew up on a farm on the Peigan First Nation leading to his interest in the earth sciences. He has taught at SFU since 2002 and established the Department of First Nations Studies in 2012. He has conducted impact assessments in advance of terrain altering activities. He contributes as an archaeologist to the Missing Children Project initiated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to search for children who died at residential schools.



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| DATE: | Wednesday May 8 |
| TIME: | 1:00 – 2:50 pm |
| LOCATION: | Richmond campus, Room TBD |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Eldon Yellowhorn |
| FACILITATOR: | Carol Mitchell, 604.377.1657, cmbmitchell42@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed May 1 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

FIELD TRIP: BIRD WATCHING AT TERRA NOVA

Terra Nova Rural Park and Natural Area is one of the best and most accessible places to see birds in Richmond. Its mixed habitat of woodlots, ponds and old fields provide habitat for more than 150 recorded species.

During peak spring bird migration, we will walk a 2-3 Km route, all on well-maintained trails. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Westminster Hwy, west of the Terra Nova neighbourhood, at 2631 Westminster Highway. Public washrooms are nearby.

Hugh Griffith is a zoologist who has guided nature walks for most of his life and is a member of the birding group that monitors bird populations at Terra Nova for the Richmond Parks Department.

YOU are our best marketing tool.
Please tell your friends about TALK.



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| DATE: | Friday May 10 |
| TIME: | 10:00 am – noon |
| LOCATION: | Terra Nova Park |
| FEE: | \$15 |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Hugh Griffith |
| FACILITATOR: | Gerry Boretta, 778.887.1497, gerrycamera3@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Fri May 3 <i>To register see page 43</i> |

FIELD TRIP: STEVESTON

Spend a day in the historic fishing village of Steveston, the largest commercial small-craft fishing port in Canada, exploring the sites and hearing stories of West Coast fishing life.

We start the day at 11 am with a guided visit of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. Built in 1894, the Cannery was once the largest of its kind and was known as the “Monster Cannery”. Today the Cannery is the last among more than 15 canneries that once stood on the Steveston waterfront. Now a National Historic Site, the exhibits showcase the history of Canada’s West Coast fishing industry. It is located at 12138 Fourth Ave., Steveston. Dress in layers; it’s always cool in the Cannery.

After the tour, stroll a block down the street and meet at 12:30 pm at Catch Kitchen, 3866 Bayview Street and enjoy a leisurely lunch at your cost.

After lunch, join a guide from 2 to 3 pm at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site which is an 8-acre heritage park at 5180 Westwater Drive, set on the scenic banks of the Fraser River. The site is the original location of early canning, fishing and boatbuilding operations. Arranged along a wooden boardwalk, the unique landscape and collection of heritage buildings tell the stories of the diverse community of people who lived and worked in Steveston over the past 150 years. The Shipyards are about a 15-minute walk from the Cannery, but you may wish to drive over. Free parking.

Getting to Steveston and Parking: If you live in Richmond, investigate the public transportation, buses, and the best route for you. If you live in Vancouver, Delta, Surrey or Langley, the best suggestion is to drive and to carpool. Free parking in Steveston is limited but there are parking lots near both sites. Transportation costs will be at your expense.



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| DATE: | Wednesday May 15 |
| TIME: | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm |
| LOCATION: | Steveston, BC |
| FEE: | \$25 includes entrance fees to Gulf of Georgia and Britannia |
| GUEST PRESENTER: | Guides from Gulf of Georgia Cannery and Britannia Shipyards |
| FACILITATOR: | Carol Mitchell, 604.377.1657, cmbmitchell42@gmail.com |
| REGISTER BY: | Wed May 8 To register see page 43 |

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Did you Know?

- You can look up the map of the KPU campus ahead of time to see where your classroom is located.
- Go to kpu.ca/current-students/find-your-classroom and then click on the appropriate campus. Scroll to increase size of map.



- KPU Langley Campus**
20901 Langley By-Pass, Langley
- Horticulture Field Lab**



- KPU Richmond Campus**
8771 Lansdowne Rd, Richmond



- KPU Surrey Campus**
12666 72 Ave, Surrey



- KPU Tech Campus (Cloverdale)**
5500 180 St, Surrey

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What makes TALK different?

A TALK is a participatory learning experience with no quizzes, grades or prerequisites. The learning process is lively, full of discussion, controversy, humour, insight and wisdom. In addition to participating in courses, you can become a course facilitator, plan curriculum, identify speakers, prepare newsletters, recruit new members, help organize special events or promote TALK. You can even offer to present a course!

For further information on being a TALK volunteer, contact Program Chair Jean Garnett at jeangarnett@shaw.ca or 604.277.1130. We particularly need help on our Marketing Committee. Contact Marketing Chair Sonya Furst at sonyafurst@outlook.com or 778.833.3762.

Do I have to be a TALK member to attend courses?

Q You must be a TALK member (Sept – Aug) in order to register for any of our paid TALK courses. You do not have to pay membership fees to participate in our public events such as Philosophers' Corners and Compelling Conversations. Our AGM is free to members.

What is Amilia?

Q Amilia is the online registration and payment system used by TALK. It is a Canadian based organization and the use of the system has been vetted and approved by TALK and KPU.

May I register after the course “register by” date?

Q Yes, you may register after the date. However, it is preferable to have members register earlier so that we know if we have enough people to run the course. Some courses fill up quickly so it is a good idea to register as early as you can. Registration on Amilia closes three days prior to the session.

Will I get a receipt and confirmation of all of the courses I signed up for?

Q Yes. You will receive a confirmation of registration and payment email. You can also see a calendar of the courses you have registered for by going to your online Amilia calendar. You can also access your invoice and payment information on your Amilia account.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What if I find I will not be able to attend a course I have registered for?

A Members are entitled to a refund of course fees if withdrawal occurs before the “register by” date. TALK membership fees will not be refunded. If you would like to withdraw from a course, please call the TALK phone number 604-599-3077 or email talk@kpu.ca.

Q How can I get more information on the course content?

A Please contact the Program Chair Jean Garnett at jeangarnett@shaw.ca or 604.277.1130.

Q What happens if a course is cancelled?

A Registrants will receive a cancellation email notification that will request a response. If the TALK admin do not receive an email response, the TALK member will be phoned and notified of the cancellation of the course. A full refund will be provided.

Q What are the COVID-19 protocols for on-campus courses?

A At KPU, mask wearing is now a matter of personal preference. Use of masks in indoor public areas is strongly recommended. It is important that we respect the choices of everyone. Should the mask mandate change, we will update this information. You will receive notice of additional requirements (if applicable) with the reminder notice that is sent a few days before your class.

Q Is there parking available on campus?

A Parking is available on all Kwantlen campuses. The cost is \$5.00. Go to a Paystation located at main building entrances. Key in car license plate number; select time; then pay. Coin plus Visa and MasterCard are accepted at all Pay-by-Stall Paystations. Take receipt - no need to display on vehicle dash. The pass will be valid on all campuses for the day of purchase with displayed receipt. If you have a handicapped placard, parking is free in the marked handicapped spaces only. If you park in a regular stall, you are expected to pay. There is also free parking at the Newton Athletic Centre near the Surrey campus, a 10-15 minute walk. You can find more info about parking at kpu.ca/parking-transit/maps.

Q Why is the classroom so cold?

A Some rooms on campus have automated heat. They don't start to warm up until there are bodies in the room to trip the motion detectors. We recommend you dress in layers.

Q Should I worry about the security of my personal information using Zoom?

A No need to worry! KPU has a special Zoom licence. All your personal information stays within Canada. The routing to the meeting is encrypted, your personal information is not disclosed, and there is no impact on your privacy. KPU uses your contact information only to ensure you are registered in TALK courses and receive information about them.

Q When will I receive my Zoom link?

A You should receive your Zoom invitation from notifications@amilia.com two or three days prior to the scheduled session. This will include the link to your Zoom webinar or meeting, and any handouts the presenter has supplied. Please read this email carefully for any special instructions. Ensure that you have listed notifications@amilia.com in the **Safe Senders** tab in your email server's **Junk Mail** Options. If you have not received the link by the day before the session, please contact us immediately through talk@kpu.ca or call us at 604.599.3077 so that we may resend you the link.

Q How can I give feedback to the TALK organizers?

A We love hearing from you. To send written comments on courses or suggest future courses or presenters, please send an email to talk@kpu.ca with "feedback" in the subject line.

Q How do I buy a TALK gift card for a friend?

A Go to www.kpu.ca/talk/courses, Click on Register for Courses, Click Login (upper right of screen) and enter your email and Amilia password. Click on Gift Cards (under the TALK logo) and choose an amount. Add recipient name, email and message and Add to Cart. You can do this at the same time you are paying for your membership and registering for courses or any time.

Just a few simple steps!

Go to our website kpu.ca/talk/courses. Sign up and pay for a webinar course on Amilia.

1. A few days before your course, you will receive a reminder email from Amilia with a link to the webinar and a password.
2. **Save this email** somewhere you can find it... or add the link to your calendar. **If you haven't received the link by the day before the session, please contact talk@kpu.ca or 604-599-3077**
3. About 10 minutes before the start time of the webinar, go to the reminder email and sign in by clicking on the link and entering the password. (You can join using your web browser and do not need to download the Zoom app.) You will be placed into a wait room until the start of the session.
4. Make sure you join the webinar with your First Name and Last Name as attendance will be taken during the presentation. There may be removal of attendance if you are not on the class list for the TALK course.
5. If unable to join the Zoom webinar send email with "technical difficulties" in the subject line and your telephone number. We will try to call you to see if we can assist you.

Did you know that most TALK Zoom webinars are recorded and the link to the private video is sent to those registered after the class?

This means you can register with confidence that, if you can't attend, you can still watch the presentation later.

Using a regular phone or iPhone to attend the webinar

If you don't have a computer and want to phone in and listen to the presentation, numbers will be listed in the email (use the 778 are code number). You will be able to hear the presentation, but you won't be able to see any slides. For iPhone users, use the one-tap link for your iPhone (use the 778 are code number). Some of the slides might be hard to see on the small screen.

Do you belong to another group that might be interested in TALK?
Contact our Marketing Chair Sonya Furst (sonyafurst@outlook.com) for more information about a TALK presentation or a short article that could go in one of your newsletters.

TALK REGISTRATION CALENDAR

To renew/apply for membership in TALK (\$10 Sep 1/23 – Aug 31/24) and to register for winter/spring 2024 events, please visit <https://www.kpu.ca/talk>.

Here is the list of available courses and activities for winter/spring 2024. For quick reference, you may wish to keep track of your *Amilia*:

ID# _____ Username _____ Password _____

I wish to enroll in the following courses:

| | COURSE | LOCATION | DATE(S) | TIME | FEE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Last Wildlife Control Officer | Langley | Feb 13 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ancient Plagues & Diseases | Richmond | Feb 16, 23 | 10 am | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Media Manipulation | Online | Feb 21 | noon | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preserving Muscle for Movement | Online | Feb 28 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Freedom of Information | Online | Feb 29 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impacts of AI on Photography | Online | Mar 5 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Field Trip: BC Golf Museum | Offsite | Mar 6 | 11 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | What Covid Reveals... | Online | Mar 8 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Film Study: Elvis | Surrey | Mar 11, 12 | 10 am | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Doukhobors' History in Canada | Online | Mar 19 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Armchair Travel: Tanzania | Surrey | Mar 20 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religions and the Human Race | Langley | Mar 25 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Planning | Richmond | Mar 26 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Field Trip: Surrey Traffic Mgmt. | Offsite | Apr 9 | 10:30 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Armchair Travel: Scotland | Online | Apr 15 | 11 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Canadian Politics in the 1930s | Langley | Apr 17 | 1 pm | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Taking Math Off the Page | Richmond | Apr 19 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impacts Covid Long-term Health | Online | Apr 22 | 2 pm | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Art, Propaganda & French Revol. | Surrey | Apr 23 | 1 pm | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Universal Language of Music | Surrey | Apr 30 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The James Webb Space Telescope | Richmond | May 1 | noon | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memoir Writing | Online | May 6, 13 | 10 am | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Restorative Justice | Surrey | May 7 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Residential School Graves | Richmond | May 8 | 1 pm | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Field Trip: Birdwatching Terra N. | Offsite | May 10 | 10 am | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Field Trip: Steveston | Offsite | May 15 | 11 am | \$25 |

HOW TO REGISTER FOR TALK EVENTS

Online Registration and Payment System

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1. To access the *Amilia* registration site, visit the TALK website [kpu.ca/talk](https://www.kpu.ca/talk), click on the **Courses & Registration** tab, and click on the **"Register for Courses"** button OR go directly to **"Register for Courses"** at [kpu.ca/talk/courses](https://www.kpu.ca/talk/courses)
2. Once there, register for courses and create your *Amilia* account if you don't already have one
3. Lastly, pay online by credit card or e-cheque (a direct payment from your bank)

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- A link to Courses and online Registration
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- How to become a volunteer with TALK
- Frequently Asked Questions
- TALK's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures
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