

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



October 21st, 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is to remind you about the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Association which will take place at 1.00pm on Wednesday

October the 23rd via Zoom. **Please make every effort to attend the meeting as we must have a quorum in order to conduct**

business. The slate of nominations and financials are attached to this Newsletter. The Zoom coordinates of the meeting are

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CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will take place at 2.00pm on **Thursday, November 7th** via Zoom. The topic, not surprisingly, will be the US Election. There will be no leader of this discussion. It will be a free for all! The Zoom coordinates for this meeting are

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DINING OUT

This month the last Thursday falls on Halloween night so Peggy has made our reservation for the following **Thursday, November 7**. The restaurant is called **Homefire Grill** and is situated at 18210

100 Ave. NW. The booking is for 6:30 as usual. The menu has some indigenous influences which some of you may enjoy exploring. Parking is free and right in front of the restaurant.

Please let me know at peggyallegretto@gmail.com if you plan to come by Tuesday, November 5. Peggy will look forward to seeing you there.



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on Wednesday,

November 20th at 2:30 pm in Room 1-46 of University Terrace

(8303 112 Street). The discussion of *The House of Doors* by Tan

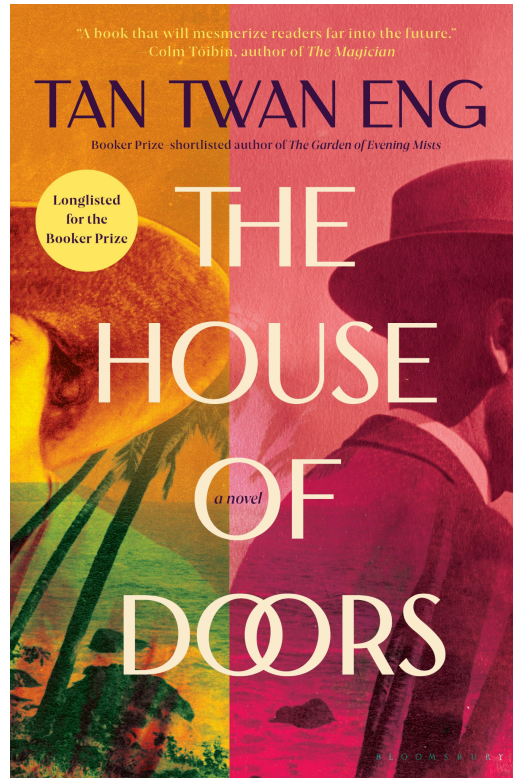
Twan Eng will be led by Richard Young. Members may participate

either in-person or online. Beverly O'Brien (bo1@ualberta.ca) will

send a Zoom link beforehand for those wishing to join virtually.

If you wish to join the group, please contact Vivien Bosley at

vbosley@ualberta.ca



WEBINARS OF INTEREST

CURAC informs us of the following presentations

Date& Time: Wednesday October 23, 2024 @12 noon Eastern

Time (ET)

Topic: *Trump's Mail-in Voting Opposition and Canadians' Trust in the System*

Speakers: Cary Wu, Associate Professor and York Research Chair, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Andrew Dawson, Associate Professor of Sociology, Glendon College

Description: This discussion will explore Donald Trump's vigorous attacks on voting by mail. His relentless assault on the integrity of mail-in balloting has cast a shadow over the confidence of American voters. Our recent investigation suggests that Trump's false claims also had reverberations across the border, influencing how some Canadians view mail-in ballots.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:

<https://www.yorku.ca/alumniandfriends/connect/events/scholars-hub/>

Date & Time: Wednesday October 30, 2024 @12 noon Eastern Time (ET)

Topic: *Halloween's Complex History*

Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Rogers, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Description: Although Halloween is now a holiday without an official patron, in the medieval era it was a religious commemoration of death. Over time, its links to bereavement, harvest festivals, and youthful mischief have become increasingly attenuated. Today, it is a holiday of spooks and consumerism that draws mostly from Hollywood. This brief talk traces the transitions of the holiday, from Celtic Britain to contemporary North America.

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BLOGS OF INTEREST

You may be interested in the two blogs below coming out of McMaster University.

New Blog Posts: Our Blog Posts are written by trusted experts **to inform and inspire healthy aging.** We use scientific evidence to provide credible insights on hot topics and prevalent conditions related to seniors' health.

[Mental health and heart disease: Can psychological therapies help?](#)

Getting to the heart of it! Psychological therapies can play a role in improving the mental health of people living with heart disease

New Hitting the Headlines: When aging topics hit the headlines, we bring you the best available related research evidence.

Boost your defences and minimize your risk this cold and flu season

As the leaves change colour and the air becomes crisper, autumn reminds us that cold and flu season is on the horizon. Staying healthy during this time is especially important for older adults, as our immune systems can weaken with age.

Micro-Learning Learn more and [sign up](#) for our email series on **dementia risk reduction, anxiety disorders, and depression.**

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