

# ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



September 23th, 2024

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## LUNCH WITH...



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The first Lunch With...will take place on Wednesday, **September 25, at 11:30 am** in Rm 1-38 at University Terrace. The speaker will be Jeremy Spurgeon, Organist for the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and Director of Music at All Saints' Cathedral in Edmonton. His talk is titled: "Journey of a Lifetime: How Jeremy Spurgeon Came to Canada - and Stayed!" - The story of an organist's career in the wider world of music. Lunch will be catered by Upper Crust at a cost of \$20, payment in advance by INTERAC transfer would be appreciated, but payment at the meeting will be accepted. Paid parking will be available under University Terrace and is accessible from 112 Street by turning onto 83 Avenue and driving east until turning left into the parkade. The pay machine is located close to the elevator which will take you to the first floor. Room 1-38 is at the far east of that floor. You should be targeting an arrival time of 11:30 am with lunch to begin at around 11: 45 am

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and the speaker starting his presentation at around 12:15 pm. **If you plan to attend please contact us at [emirhse@ualberta.ca](mailto:emirhse@ualberta.ca)**

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## **DINING OUT**

Peggy has made a reservation for us at Sorrentino's Century Park for 6:30 pm on **Thursday, September 26**. Parking is available in the lot in front of the restaurant which is located at 2345 111 St NW. Please let me know at [peggyallegretto@gmail.com](mailto:peggyallegretto@gmail.com) if you plan to come by Tuesday, September 24.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON**

The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will take place at 2.00pm on **Thursday, October 3rd** via Zoom. The discussion will be led by Don Carmichael and will center on the chaos within the

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Liberal Party associated with the NDP breaking the supply and confidence agreement. The Zoom coordinates for this meeting are

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83008835534?pwd%3DaKONPxPDaAeyyCLw9KTUnzqlRf365Z.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1725128127281059&usq=AOvVaw0SA43VvoZmdPDf17N6IQL9>

Meeting ID: 830 0883 5534

Passcode: qn35hU4h

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## BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the season of the Book Club takes place on Wednesday, **October 16th at 2:30 pm** in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303 112 Street). The discussion of *This Strange, Visible Air* by Sharon Butala will be led by Janet Smith. Members may

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participate either in-person or online. Beverly O'Brien ([bo1@ualberta.ca](mailto: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](mailto:vbosley@ualberta.ca)

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## **UCP'S ALBERTA PENSION PLAN**

This talk will be given on **Oct 4, 01:30 pm** by former Lethbridge Mayor David Carpenter, a chartered accountant, has served as governing fiduciary, trustee, and director of multi-billion dollar annuity and pension funds as well as manufacturing and media corporations, publicly-traded issuers and national oversight organizations. He is an honorary Colonel (retired) in the Royal Canadian Artillery and has received four commemorative medals

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as well as the Senate sesquicentennial medal. He was accorded the Blackfoot name of Piita Poot-Ta (Flying Eagle).

To receive the Zoom link to this free talk, please click on:

<https://uleth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsdO2hrj8pHdGtzzOfq2x0uunz6RcZ3DRr#/registration>.

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## ACADEMICS WITHOUT BORDERS

The following volunteer opportunity is limited at this time to our [Network](#) universities and colleges ( **Note that the university of Alberta is part of the network** ). Kindly forward this email to the relevant faculties and anyone at your institution who might be interested.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

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# **STRENGTHENING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITÉ D'ANTSIRANANA**

## **Curriculum Development and Training Program for English Language Teachers**

### **Partner Organization: Université d'Antsiranana**

Established in 1985, the University of Antsiranana (UNA) is a public higher education institution located in the Fokontany Lazaret, very close to Sugarloaf Mountain in Antsiranana, a port city in northern Madagascar.

The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs across various fields, including science, humanities, social sciences, education, and technology. Its programs aim to address the educational needs of the region and contribute to national development.

In the initial stage of the project, the volunteer will work collaboratively with project leads to develop and conduct a needs assessment with academic staff and develop a project plan in collaboration with faculty members and administrators. The

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findings from the needs assessment will inform the revision of the curriculum.

### **Number of Volunteers: 1**

We are looking for a faculty member (working or retired) with a Master's degree or PhD in Applied Linguistics or TESL and with experience delivering EFL pedagogy workshops and courses at various levels. Additionally, they should have proficiency in educational research and mentoring, particularly in EFL contexts. Applicants should have excellent interpersonal, communication, and facilitation skills and be excited about the role of higher education in global development. Those with experience working in academic settings in low and middle-income countries are especially encouraged to apply.

**Deadline: October 21 2024**

### **Need more information?**

Contact Corrie Young, Associate Executive Director, Projects &

Network: [cyoung@awb-usf.org](mailto:cyoung@awb-usf.org)

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## **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Damdini will be in the office every Monday from 2-5pm.



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