

# ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



October 16th, 2024

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## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR TIM HARTNAGEL**

This is to remind those of you who remember Tim Hartnagel that his celebration of life will be held at the University Club starting at **4.00pm on Thursday, October the 17th.** Patti invites you to attend this special get together.

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## **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

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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

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discussion. It will be 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 I have 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](mailto:peggyallegretto@gmail.com) if you plan to come by Tuesday, November 5. I will look forward to seeing you there.

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## BOOK CLUB

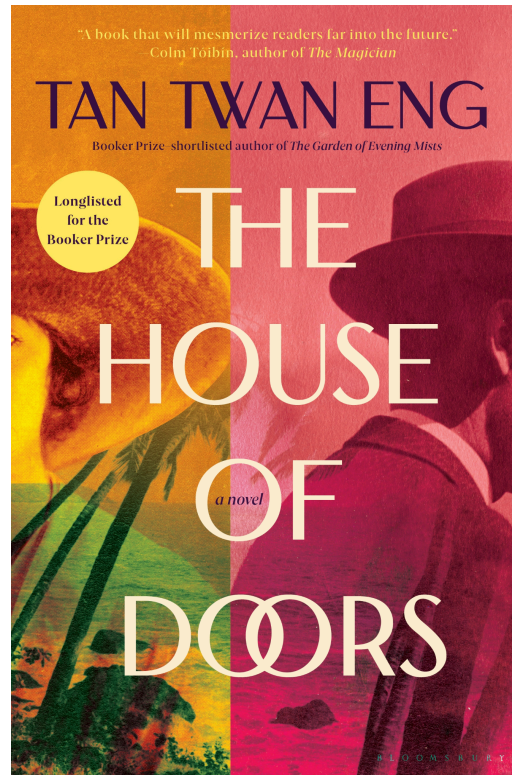
The Next meeting of the Book Club takes place on Wednesday, **November 20th at 2:30 pm** in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303 112 Street). The discussion of *The House of Doors* by Tan Twan Eng will be led by Richard Young. Members may participate either in-person or online. Beverly O'Brien ([bo1@ualberta.ca](mailto:bo1@ualberta.ca)) will send a Zoom link beforehand for those wishing to join virtually.

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

[vbosley@ualberta.ca](mailto:vbosley@ualberta.ca)



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## 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

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false claims also had reverberations across the border, influencing how some Canadians view mail-in ballots.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:

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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

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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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