

# ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



December 6, 2023

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will be held **tomorrow** via Zoom on **Thursday, December 7th at 2:00pm.**

The session will be led by Professor Andrew Leach who will be dealing with misconceptions as they relate to climate change as discussed in his recent book "Between Doom and Denial".



Zoom coordinates for the meeting are:

 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84256439376>

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If the system asks for a passcode enter 488023

The meeting ID is 84256439376 if needed

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## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th at 2:20pm** in Room 1-46 of University Terrace ([8303 112 Street](#)).

The discussion of *Autumn into Winter* by Guy Vanderhaeghe will be led by Rob Normey. 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.



If you wish to join the group, please contact Vivien Bosley at [vbosley@ualberta.ca](mailto:vbosley@ualberta.ca).

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# CHRISTMAS BRUNCH 🎁 🎄

As you learned from the last Newsletter, the annual Christmas Brunch will be held on **Saturday, December 16th at 11:00am** in the Saskatchewan Room of the University Club. The cost of the brunch is \$44 and the lucky winners of the wine bottles in the draw following the brunch will find the cost easy to bear. Don't miss this opportunity to socialize with old friends and make new ones. You are welcome to bring guests!



As has been the modus operandi in the past, we ask you to indicate via email at [emirhse@ualberta.ca](mailto:emirhse@ualberta.ca) if you intend to come. Reservations will be made until *Tuesday, December 12th*. In the past, and today, we also request that you pay in advance either by cheque sent to our office (address at the bottom of this Newsletter) or by INTERAC transfer to [emirhse@ualberta.ca](mailto:emirhse@ualberta.ca). If

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you are unable to come and provide us 2 days notice by email, your money will be refunded.

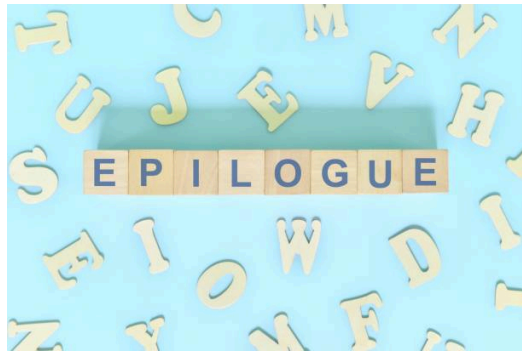


Please note that there will be a box outside the Saskatchewan Room for donations to the Campus Food Bank.

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## EPILOGUE

Attached you will find the latest issue of Epilogue for your enjoyment.

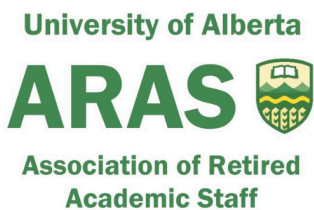


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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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To renew, please [click here](#) to access the form.



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## **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

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- 3:30 to 5:00pm every Wednesday
- 8:00 to 9:30am (*remotely*) every Thursday

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Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held this coming **Saturday, December 16th at 11:00am** in the Saskatchewan Room of the University Club. Guests should try to be in their seats by 10:45am. Parking is free to members of the University Club who have provided their license plate number to the club from 11:30am to 1:30pm.



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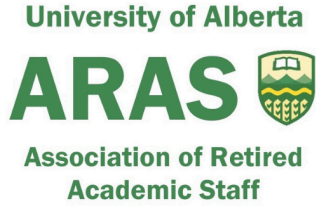
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## DINING OUT

A reservation for us at Sir Winston's Fish and Chips at **6:30pm** on **Thursday, December 28th** has been made! The address is [10505 51 Ave NW](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10505+51+Ave+NW). It is in the strip mall just east of where the old London Drugs was. We can welcome the New Year just a little early. The fish and chips here are the best in town!



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Please let Peggy know at [peggyallegretto@gmail.com](mailto:peggyallegretto@gmail.com) if you plan to come by *December 27th*.

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## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Thirty one people had a wonderful Christmas Brunch on December 16th. As promised five bottles of wine were available to be won and there were five lucky winners. The donations to the Campus Food Bank have also been delivered. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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# WEBINAR OF INTERESTS

## 1. *Surviving our fiery future: Learning to live with wildfire*

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @12 noon ET (Online via Zoom)**



Speaker: Dr. Eric Kennedy, Associate Professor, Disaster & Emergency Management, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University

In this presentation, Dr. Kennedy discusses the interconnected sources of our wildfire crisis and what can be done to address it. We consider some of the challenges with our emphasis on firefighting and suppression, and discuss some of the paradigm shifts that will be needed if we want to live safely with wildfire in the future.

For more information and to register:

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

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Dr. Eric Kennedy is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies whose research focuses on decision-making in emergency contexts, especially around the question of how we leverage expertise and evidence to manage disasters more effectively.

## 2. Canada's Homelessness Crisis

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @7pm ET**

Speaker: Alison Smith, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Toronto, Mississauga



For further Information & Registration:

[https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/alumni/canadas-homelessness-crisis?utm\\_source=DUA&utm\\_medium=Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=events&utm\\_content=image](https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/alumni/canadas-homelessness-crisis?utm_source=DUA&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_campaign=events&utm_content=image)

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### 3. Getting to know Africa and its people: Confronting popular stereotypes

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024 @12 noon ET (Online via Zoom):**



Speaker: Dr. Joseph Mensah, Professor, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, York University  
As the world gets more connected, due primarily to contemporary globalization and international migration, it is important to understand other people and their cultures. Dr. Mensah will present on the continent of Africa and its people and culture in an effort to subvert prevailing negative stereotypes surrounding Africa.

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Born and raised in post-colonial Ghana, Dr. Joseph Mensah has an extensive record of teaching, research, publication and

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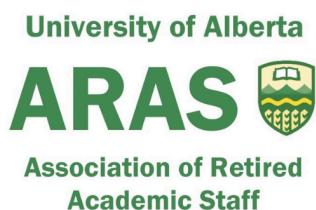
service. His current research interests include Culture & Cultural Studies; Transnational & Return Migration; Ethno-Racial Identity Formation; and African Development.

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