

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



October 7th, 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. You will find attached the agenda, and the Minutes of the previous AGM. The slate of nominations and financials will be attached to the Newsletter next week. The Zoom coordinates of the meeting are

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83008835534?pwd%3DaKONPxDaAeyyCLw9KTUnzqlRf365Z.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1725128127281059&usg=AOvVaw0SA43VvoZmdPDf17N6IQL9>

Meeting ID: 830 0883 5534

Passcode: qn35hU4h

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.

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 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

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

You may be interested to know that there is a global network for Professors Emeriti and Emerita that has been operating for sometime. If you wish to know more about it please go to

[Professors Emeriti Network](#)

There is also a network dedicated to people who have an interest in music. If that interest you you can go to the website

<https://seniorsjunction.com>

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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EPILOGUE

Members will know that they receive a copy of the Association's quarterly publications Epilogue. The editor would like to invite members to submit stories of interest which they might wish other members to read. The deadline for submissions is 15 days before publication date (the next publication date being December the 1st).

OFFICE ASSISTANT

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

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