

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



January 6th, 2025

Happy New Year!



CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will take place via Zoom on Thursday, January 9th at 2.00 pm. The topic will be the state of affairs in Canada given the recent upheavals in the Liberal party highlighted by the resignation of the finance minister Christia Freeland. The Zoom coordinates for this meeting are

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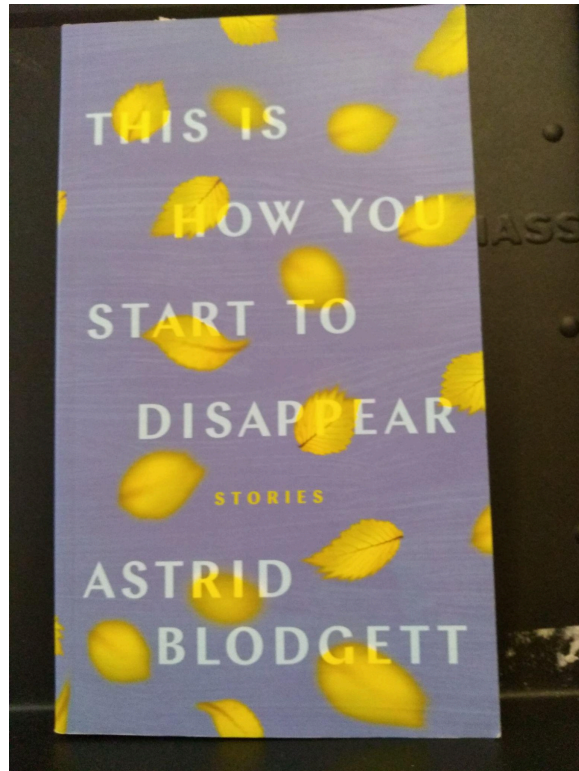
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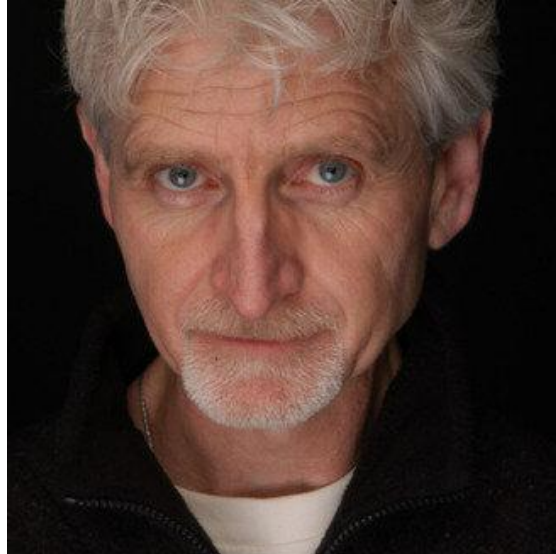
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE CANADIAN HOUSING

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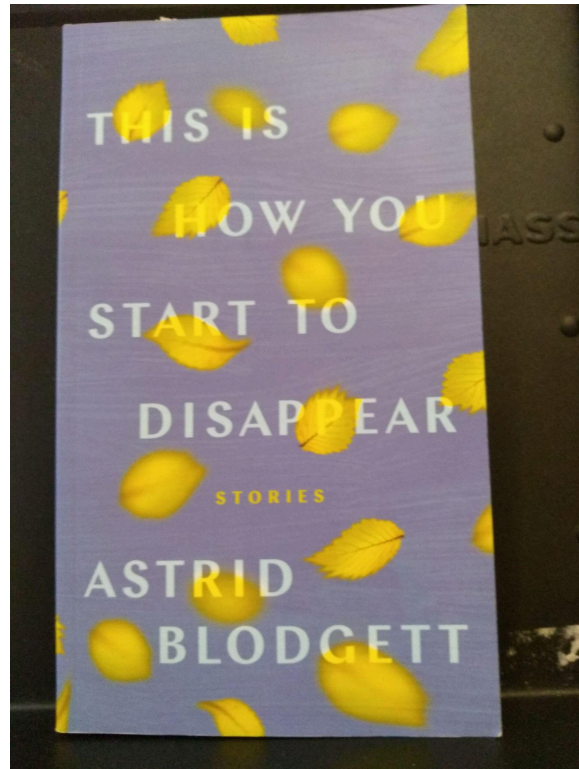


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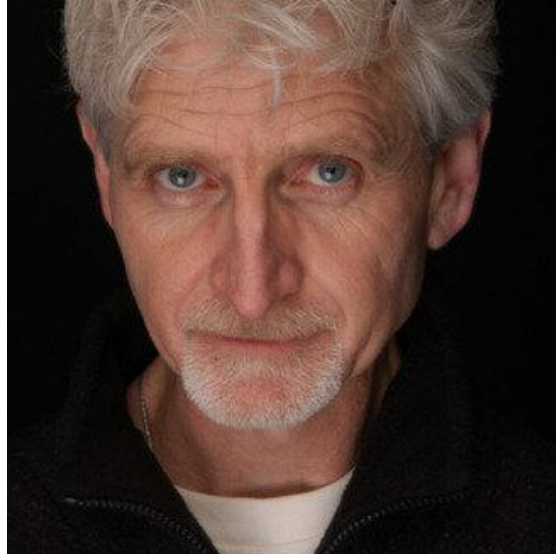
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Lunch will be catered by Upper Crust at a cost of \$20, payment in advance by INTERAC transfer would be appreciated, but payment at the meeting will be accepted. Paid parking will be available under University Terrace and is accessible from 112 Street 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 and the speaker starting his

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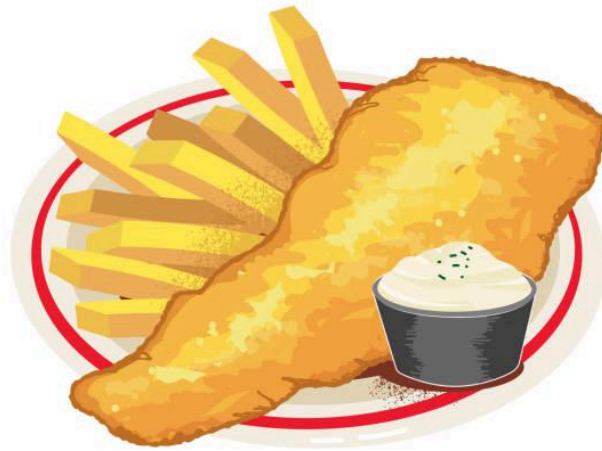
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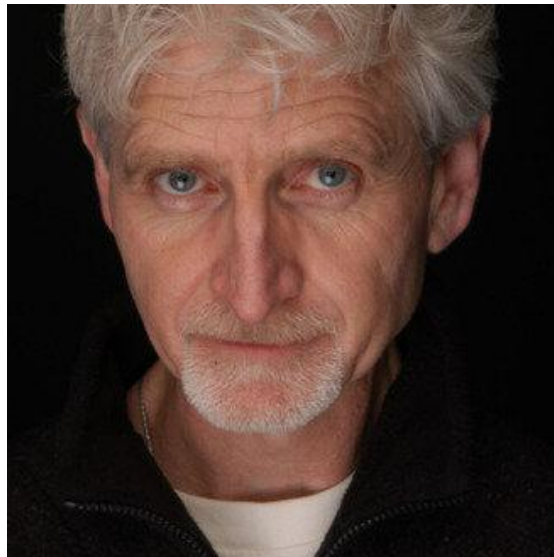
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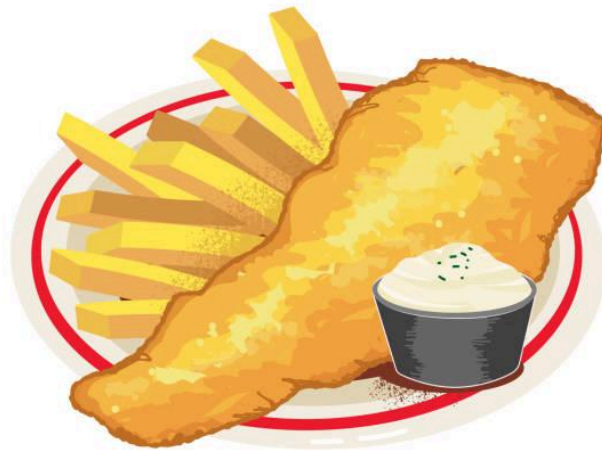
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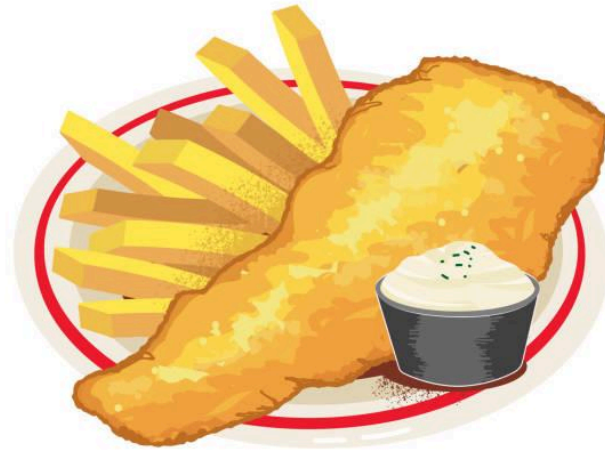
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MON, FEB 3, 2025 | EMERITUS COLLEGE OFFICE GRAND

OPENING Session (which is both in-person and online

A Celebration for the newly opened Emeritus College office!

Join us at 2:00 pm Pacific time , ahead of the speaker presentation, in the Emeritus College office (room 4160) for coffee, snacks and tours.

At 3:00 pm the speaker presentation will begin in lecture hall 1030.

We are honoured that yəχ^wyax^wələq Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam Indian Band, will offer the land acknowledgement,

followed by words from UBC President and Vice-Chancellor, Benoit-Antoine Bacon and UBC Deputy Provost, Janice Stewart. There will also be a special dedication of the diptych sculpted by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr. which has been newly installed in the Emeritus College office.

Presentation Abstract

Global Networks and Collaboration (working title) with **Professor Janice Stewart**, UBC Deputy Provost.

The UBC Emeritus College has made, and continues to make, significant contributions to UBC, Vancouver and BC communities, and society at large. Addressing challenges, such as climate change and public health, through interdisciplinary initiatives and partnerships with local and international communities, emeriti engage in important intellectual, cultural, and social pursuits that

demonstrate the enduring power of knowledge, interdisciplinary collaborations, and lifelong learning. The College is a repository of expertise, institutional knowledge, global networks, and it stands as a testament of the power of curiosity, hard work, collaboration, and hard-won skills to change the world for the better.

Where

Brock Commons South

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[Register to attend online or in-person on our website.](#)

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