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## **COLLEGE OF ARTS**

### **Report to the Board, November 2018**

Jacqueline Nolte, Dean

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**COLLEGE OF ARTS**

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**CURRENT EVENTS/SUCSESSES**

(Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: @ufvARTS | Blog: blogs.ufv.ca/arts)

**Students**

**1. Arts Expo**

The College of Arts hosted the Arts Expo on October 17<sup>th</sup>, where students from any program could come and explore the various departments within the Arts and investigate the myriad of Arts programs that UFV has to offer. The event was very well attended, with an estimated number of 120 – 150 attendees.

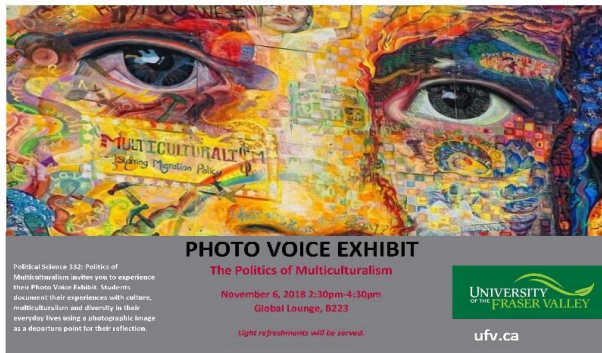


**2. Political Science Student Association host Abbotsford Mayoral Debate**

The Political Science Student Association organized a two-hour mayoral debate on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with all six candidates present. The event was well attended by students and members of the community.

**3. POSC 332 Students Present Photo Voice Exhibit**

On Tuesday, November 6 an opening reception was held in the Global Lounge entitled Photos Voice Exhibit: The Politics of Multiculturalism. Students of the Politics of Multiculturalism class, taught by Political Science Associate Professor, Fiona MacDonald, have created evocative reflections based on their personal experiences and contexts relating to multiculturalism. These works will be displayed in the Global Lounge until November 22 and should not be missed.



#### 4. Economics Students Participate in 2018 Building Bridges Conference

Congratulations to both Krystal Lowney and Karan Vij, students in the economics program, who were selected from over 100 applicants as case competitors in the 2018 Building Bridges Conference (<http://bridges.cansbridgefellowship.com>).

The conference, hosted with the Cansbridge Fellowship Program (<https://www.cansbridgefellowship.com>) and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (<https://www.asiapacific.ca>), focused broadly on entrepreneurship and innovation and included a mini case competition with a focus on operating in Asian markets.

These two individuals represent outstanding examples of the potential for students in the program to make impactful real-world contributions. Krystal and Karan are exceptional representatives of the program and, as faculty, we are incredibly proud to be able to call them economics students.

#### 5. Recent Geography Graduate Completes Field Work for MSc Degree

Recent UFV Geography graduate Audrey Faber (BSc 2017) completed a week of field work on remote (and exotic) Calvert Island this summer toward her MSc degree at University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Her research follows that of many other students that have been supported by the Hakai Institute (<https://www.hakai.org/>), including UFV Geography graduates Libby Biln (née Griffin) (BSc UFV 2014, MSc SFU 2017), Jordan Bryce (BSc Hons UFV 2016, MSc SFU in progress), and Travis Gingerich (BSc Hons UFV 2018, MSc SFU in progress). Audrey's research, which is being supervised by Brian Menounos (UNBC), with support from her committee members Olav Lian (UFV) and Philip Owens (UNBC), aims to add to our understanding of how sandy pocket beaches formed between the rocky headlands found along British Columbia's central coast. Typically, most of the sand that supplies such beaches is delivered from inland sources of ancient glacial sediments by small streams. However, for many pocket beaches on Calvert Island such streams are absent and/or inland sediment sources are sparse. This leaves the possibility that much of the sand is derived by contemporary erosion of adjacent rocky headlands. Audrey is using geochemical techniques to trace the beach sand to its source. The results of her research will not only be important for gaining insight to the

evolution of our coastal landscape, but also for understanding the links that exists between marine and terrestrial ecosystems.



## Faculty and Staff

### 1. Scholarly Sharing Initiative, Fall 2018

Together with the UFV Office of Research, the College of Arts hosted the Scholarly Sharing Initiatives for Fall 2018:

September 26 **Shirley Hardman**, “The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Reconciliation, and Indigenization”

October 25 **Ceilidh Hart**, “Reading the City, the Classroom, and the Community in Sachiko  
**Eugenia Sojka** (U of Silesia and Adjunct Professor, UFV), “Transcultural dialogues on Indigeneity. The decolonial turn in the studies of cultures and literatures in Canada and Poland.”

November 19 **Alex Wetmore and Rachel Bodnariuc**, “Barometric Pleasures: Meteorology, Technology, and Emotion in the 1700s”

**Gabriel Murray**, “Computational Linguistics for Real and Imagined Conversations”

### 2. Dr. Amanda McCormick Presents at UN Human Rights Council Session

Dr. McCormick provided a presentation at the UN Human Rights Council Session 39 on:

OLDER WOMEN & VIOLENCE – CHALLENGES TO ACCESS LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE  
September 12, 2018, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Violence Against Older Women is invisible, underreported, missing statistics, and needing better service response at all levels. This Human Rights Council Session focused on the challenges and realities with violence against older women, to access law enforcement and justice. The Panel addressed prevention, good practices, statistics, solutions, and victim-centered sensitivity.

The organizers had invited the UN Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons who invited Dr. McCormick to participate on a potential research collaboration. One of the organizers of the UN presentations is Dr. Diana Peterson, the UN Representative for the International Police Executive Symposium, which has NGO status with the UN. Dr. Peterson is the editor Domestic Violence in International Context published by Routledge and invited Dr. McCormick to co-edit the next edition and invited her to New York and to Geneva following this event.



From left to right it's:

Dr. Amanda McCormick, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice; Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair, Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing; Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte – UN Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons; Dr. Diana Peterson – UN Representative, IPES-International Police Executive Symposium; Ms. Lois A. Herman – Coordinator WUNRN-Women's UN Report Network

The picture was taken by Ms. Susan Somers – President INFPEA, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, who also presented on the panel.

### 3. Multidisciplinary Forum on Dr. Zhivago

To mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boris Pasternak's *Dr. Zhivago* win of the Nobel Prize for Literature, the College of Arts is hosting a multidisciplinary forum on the legacy of this work. The forum will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:20 pm in B101, Abbotsford Campus. Three UFV scholars, **Larissa Horne**, **Ron Dart** and **Alan Cameron**, will look at the book from the perspective of their academic discipline. More details on the event can be found [here](#).

## Community

### 1. Fraser Valley Literary Festival

A revitalized Fraser Valley Literary Festival took place on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The UFV English department accepted an invitation from the Mission Lifetime Learning Centre to take over the Mission Writers and Readers Festival and used the opportunity to merge the two events into a reimagined and rebranded festival. Chaired by **Andrea MacPherson**, Associate Professor of English, the event included keynote address by Billeh Nickerson, Renee Saklikar and Carleigh Baker as well the return of many former UFV writers-in-residence.

### 2. PACS Hosts Dr. Jimmy Juma

UFV Peace and Conflict Studies hosted Dr. Jimmy Juma on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Juma's presentation was titled "Social Justice in a Time of War: Engaging the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### 3. PoliTalk Roundtable Series

The fifth edition of the PoliTalk Roundtable Series was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, with a panel discussion of the Legacy of Koffi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate.

Panelists include Dr. Valerie Yankey-Wane (Consultant, United Nations & European Union), **Edward Akuffo** (Associate Professor, Political Science) and **Yvon Dandurand** (Professor Emeritus, Criminology). The discussion was moderated by **Robin Anderson** (Associate Professor, History).

## 4. Peace and Conflict Studies Guests and Community Conversation on Establishment of Centre of Peace and Conflict Transformation

UFV Peace and Conflict Studies hosted Paul K. Chappell, Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and Sharyn Clough, Peace Literacy Curriculum Coordinator. Thanks to the Presidents Office for hosting a dinner and breakfast, the latter attended by members of the PACS Community Advisory Committee. Community Members also hosted three evening conversations in the community to discuss the formation of a Centre of Peace and Conflict Studies

### Program

#### 1. GDD Holds Design School Exhibit and Information Session

The Graphic and Digital Design department held the Design School Exhibit reception on November 6<sup>th</sup> featuring a compilation of student projects exploring design, visual communication and ideas. The exhibition will remain open until November 15<sup>th</sup> in the S'eliyemetaxwtexw Art Gallery (B136). The event was combined with an information session and provided an opportunity for faculty, current students, alumni and prospective students to connect.

#### 2. UFV Theatre Presents “Rocks: A Play of Northern Ontario”

UFV Theatre presents its first production of the 2018-19 season, Herman Voaden’s 1932 play Rocks: A Play of Northern Ontario. Directed by Claire Carolan and designed by Parjad Sharifi, this example of early multi-media expressionist drama was inspired by the work of the Group of Seven and incorporates movement, music, and scenographic design. The production promises to showcase the talents of the department’s students, faculty, and staff.

##### Performance dates and times:

- Tues Nov 13 – 4pm
- Thurs Nov 15 – 6pm (Official Opening Night)
- Fri Nov 16 – 4pm
- Sat Nov 17 – Lecture 1pm, performance 2pm
- Mon Nov 19 – 6pm
- Tues Nov 20 – 4pm
- Fri Nov 23 – 4pm
- Sat Nov 24 – Lecture 1pm, performance 2pm



## **GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Students**

This semester, GATE students have been engaged in a variety of experiential learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

#### **1. GEOG 312 Students Investigate Issues of Nature, Power and Place**

The GEOG 312 class travelled to the BC Interior October 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>, exploring human-environment relations of our colonial past and our transformation to a globally-integrated capitalist economy. A few highlights include: (1) exploring Alexandra Provincial Park, discussing power dynamics between colonial officials and First Nations communities, and their varied understandings of the environment and development; (2) an informative talk by Robin Strong, [Xaxli'p Community Forest](#) Manager, and a visit to an eco-cultural restoration site; and (3) an awe-inspiring visit to the Highland Valley Copper mine and tailings pond. The class particularly enjoyed our visit with Robin and are thankful for her time and knowledge shared. After the visit Robin wrote indicating: "I wanted to say how impressed I was by your class, and thank you for coming to visit us. Your course is like, "lets bring up all the controversial subjects and think about them." I was inspired by your student's convictions, enthusiasm, and ideas. Thank-you for taking on the task of tackling such a broad topic, which really is about critical thinking, and deep thinking. And thank you to the students for sharing their ideas with me."



#### **2. GEOG 402 Students Investigate the Glacial History of the Lower Mainland**

GEOG 402 students & Olav Lian spent Wednesday, October 3, hiking around Seymour and Lynn valleys studying the record of glaciation in southwestern BC, included were stops at key sites which have received detailed attention over the past 25 years. Students are shown posing on a large glacial erratic near Lynn Creek.





### 3. GEOG 318 Students Learn About Water Resources Management and Salmon Restoration

In GEOG 318 Water Resources Management, students are immersed (pun intended) in experiential learning. Students have been investigating 3 local water courses (Clayburn, Stoney and Willband Creeks) in relation to the management of these watersheds. To support this work, GATE alumni Sophie Smith visited to talk about her work at the Alouette River Management Society. The highlight of her visit was a salmon dissection!



### 4. Association of Geography Undergraduate Students (AGUS) Host Successful Fundraiser

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, AGUS hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fundraiser at the Townhall Pub in Abbotsford. The event included a raffle, silent auction and food and served as a fundraiser to support GATE student events over the coming year. Faculty, students, family and friends came together for a fun evening. Congratulations to the AGUS Executive for a successful event.

#### **Faculty and Staff**

#### 1. GATE Faculty and Students Contribute to Study on Migration Route to Americas

To view original article from UFV Today, please [click here](#).

“Was there a prehistoric superhighway used by ancient peoples to migrate south from North-east Russia to the Americas? And if so, where was it? Research involving UFV earth scientist Olav Lian and his students in a region centred on B.C.’s Calvert Island suggests that the central coast of BC was ice-free by about 17,700 years ago, earlier than previously thought. The estimated timing of retreat of the western margin of the ice sheet means ancient people may have used a coastal route to migrate south into the Americas. Some higher locations were exposed even earlier. This is important, because it suggests an early route along the western coastline of Canada might have been viable well before an alternative, inland route.” (UFV Today, October 2, 2018)



UFV Geography and Environment BSc students Jordan Bryce (foreground) and Travis Gingerich survey the topography of the landscape on Calvert Island (BC central coast), in summer 2015, in preparation for sampling of bedrock outcrops for surface exposure dating.

## 2. Lenore Newman Leads New Food and Agriculture Institute

Read the UFV Today story here: [Click here](#)

GATE faculty member, Lenore Newman, leads the “new Food and Agriculture Institute (FAI) that will foster food security through the study of intensive sustainable agricultural land use and develop applied research capacity to supply the technology, knowledge, and skills to the agriculture sector in the Fraser Valley and beyond. “I look forward to working with faculty to build on UFV’s ongoing success in the areas of agriculture, land use, and food security. Our university is uniquely situated to best support British Columbia in developing sustainable intensive agricultural systems while addressing the challenges of population growth and climate change,” said Dr. Newman.” (UFV Today, 10 September 2018)

## Community

### 1. Cities for Children

Cherie Enns moderated a community panel and networking event on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 called ‘Cities for Children’ centered around child rights, social justice, refugees and newcomers. This event included guest speaker, Meseret Belachew, Aga Khan University as well as representatives from UFV, City of Surrey and City of Pitt Meadows. This community event was sponsored in part by the Queen Elizabeth Scholars program, UFV, Save the Children and Pinnacle International.



**Program**

**1. Bachelor of Environmental Studies Approved**

The Bachelor of Environmental Studies was approved in the summer of 2018 by the Minister of Advanced Education. This program will be housed in the Department of Geography and the Environment and will be launched in Fall 2019. The complementary Bachelor of Environmental Studies – Natural Sciences was also approved and will be implemented in Winter 2020. We are excited about these additions to our programming and look forward to supporting this new program.

## PHILOSOPHY

### Students

- **Amanda Penner** is enrolled in the Masters program at St. Andrews University in Scotland.
- **John Luzia** is enrolled in the Masters Program at Ryerson University in Toronto. John is pursuing a topic in Nietzsche studies and he was welcomed there with an Entrance Scholarship and a TA position.
- **Cody Dumas** is enrolled at TRU and is doing a degree in Law.

### Faculty and Staff

This year, the first permanent faculty member was hired since 2011. Her name is Anna Cook and she recently completed her PhD at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Anna was hired to help the department and the institution to indigenize.

#### 1. Anna Cook

In her own words, is a description of Anna's thesis and research interests:

*My research provides an epistemic evaluation of settler colonialism in terms of settlers' disavowal of past and ongoing settler colonial violence. I seek to explain how settlers can fail to hear Indigenous testimonies in ways that disrupt structural inequality and challenge settler colonial legitimacy. This theoretical consideration of settler ignorance reveals how the elimination of Indigenous peoples requires the delegitimatization of Indigenous peoples as knowers. This insight is crucial in evaluating contemporary governmental apologies and truth commissions aimed at reconciliation (such as the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)). In particular, I focus on the epistemic assumptions that do not challenge what I call 'settler ignorance' and so do not transform settler nation-myths that disavow past and present settler colonialism. My epistemic evaluation of settler colonialism demonstrates how the exclusion of Indigenous peoples from the realm of reason, what I call their 'epistemic elimination,' is not accidental, but integral to the settler colonial project of eliminating Indigenous presence.*

*I have an article "Reconciliation through Refusal: Ethical Loneliness and Settler Hearing in the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission" under review for Hypatia's Special Issue: 'Indigenizing and Decolonizing Feminist Philosophy' (Winter 2020) and I am currently completing a book review to be published in the Canadian Journal for Native Studies (2019). In this academic year, I will be turning my dissertation into a manuscript. In addition, my chapter "On the Existential Damage of School Shootings" was recently published in Feminist Phenomenology: Practical and Theoretical Perspectives (Rotman & Littlefield, 2018).*

In addition to her contributions to the indigenizing of the department, Anna has expertise in Environmental Ethics and will be the liaison to the Environmental Studies Working Group.

#### 2. Anastasia Anderson

Anastasia is on sabbatical this year. She is working on various projects related to the larger project of philosophy for children and our Think Fun Camps. There is some possibility that UFV may create a Centre of Philosophy for Children. Anastasia's report on the Think Fun Camps from this past summer is included under the 'Community' section. It is worth pointing out that, together with the University of Edmonton, UFV is the only other institution in Canada running camps like these.

### 3. Glen Baier

Glen recently presented a paper titled, "Nietzsche's Diagnosis of Socrates in The Birth of Tragedy: Voyeurism and the Denigration of Difference". It was for the 2018 Friedrich Nietzsche Society conference at Newcastle University, Newcastle, England.

In addition, he has articulated a new course being offered for the first time this term: *PHIL375: Death, Desire, and Art in Continental Thought*.

### 4. Peter Raabe

#### Presentations, Seminars, Workshops, Panel Member:

- Beijing, China. "Philosophy as mental healthcare." Workshop facilitator at the Beijing Cultural Development Research Institute at the School of Philosophy of Beijing Normal University. August 2018.
- Mexico City. "Philosophy as Education and Mental Healthcare." Presenter and panel discussion member at the 15th International Conference of Philosophical Practice. July, 2018.
- Abbotsford, BC. Graduate seminar on philosophical mental healthcare for students from Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea. At University of the Fraser Valley. July 2018.

#### Essays:

- "The Artificial Therapist (AT-version 1.0)." In *Philosophical Practice and Counseling*. The Korean Society of Philosophical Practice. Kangwon National University, South Korea. Forthcoming: December, 2018.
- "Philosophy as Education and Mental Healthcare." In special issue "Philosophy for Students" in *University and College Counselling*. Published by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. March, 2018. Lutterworth, UK. pp. 10-16.
- "Reflections on Practice." In *Philosophical Practice and Counseling*. The Korean Society of Philosophical Practice. Kangwon National University, South Korea. Vol. 7, 2018. pp. 5-48.

### 5. Wayne Henry

In the Winter term, Wayne taught an advanced 4<sup>th</sup> year course on the first half of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (usually referred to as "the analytic"). This was the realization of a long-standing professional ambition and had no less than 17 students in attendance, and a couple of faculty members as well. The course was a lot of fun.

Wayne co-authored a paper which was presented at a conference in Puebla, Mexico this past June: "Reasoning (or not) with the unreasonable," (together with Anastasia Anderson & Susan Gardner) read at bi-annual NAACI Conference, **Museo Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Mexicanos, in Puebla Mexico**, June 15-17, 2018.

Wayne also had a paper published from a conference presentation in New Jersey in 2016. This one is directly related to research on-going now for more than a decade on neo-liberalism, corporate responsibility, and sustainability. The details are as follows: "Combatting Consumer Madness," Teaching Ethics, Volume 17, No. 2, 2017, pp.1-17.

### **Community**

#### **1. Report on Think Fun 2018**

Think Fun camps ran successfully for the fifth summer during July 2018. There were 72 children registered and the paid counsellors and volunteers included current UFV students and alumni, as well as students from Capilano University, Quest University, UBC, McGill, and a school teacher from Vancouver.

The themes this year were Art and Context. Among the many and varied activities, campers explored the concept of art, the relationship between art and nature, how context changes meaning and might influence ethics, played lots of water tag, and had a round robin competition in a great game one group invented with their own rules and system of appeals.

Planning for next year's camps has already begun with the general themes of animals and artificial intelligence. The camps will be running under a new name: THE THINKING PLAYGROUND.

Unfortunately, the camps did not break even this year. While VIP4C covers any cost over-runs, the financial situation is not ideal. New ways to make sure our lead counsellors are paid and visiting volunteers are housed for the two weeks, while still allowing us to at least break even, are being sought.

The department would like to establish a small UFV Philosophy department committee who would help liaise with VIP4C on issues relating to curriculum, advertising, and UFV student involvement. An email asking for volunteers will be sent out shortly.

Here is some of the feedback from parents from this year. (All feedback was positive!)

- "Thank you for putting together an amazing camp. As I was searching for camps in Lower Mainland, I stumbled across this camp after a few google searches. I am so glad we found this camp. I can tell A. had fun today, and I noticed she was asking some very good inquiry questions. We had a conversation around why there were lines in the parking lot. It turned out to be a nice meaningful conversation without me poking and prodding her into a conversation. Also, the Think Fun newsletter and follow up email is

a super way to keep me engaged in your program. I am very excited to see what tomorrows session will bring about!”

- “Our boys thoroughly enjoyed the THINK FUN experience. They both are looking forward to participating again next year and have even talked about wanting to become a camp leader in the future. The “inquiries” really have their minds working and we love to hear all about their new-found perspectives! The list of benefits from this camp is long and we are so grateful for the time and effort put into this experience for our children. The only downfall is waiting for next year to return!”
- “I. had a great week! She came home physically tired, and still working through the brain teasers/puzzles that had been presented. Think Fun is by far the best camp she’s gone to! Great program, Great counsellors!”
- “My daughter is having lots of fun learning how to think critically. She is very proud of the art project she made last week, and she likes the games she plays at camp. She is very shy and I think this experience has helped her improve her social skills.”

## **Program**

### **1. Philosophy Honours Program**

The philosophy department is now in the final stages of getting approval for an Honours option to accompany the PHIL Major, now in its eighth year. The Honours option has been approved by CACC and UEC and is now awaiting Senate approval. This was pursued because of the demand on the part of philosophy students, as made clear during the program review undertaken in 2015/2016.

**University Divisional Report – Faculty of Science, November 2018**

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report:

**Dean's Office:**

**Dr. Lucy Lee** returned from her administrative leave in September. She had a busy year and reported her milestones in <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/09/19/dr-lucy-lee-returns/>. We thank **Dr. Greg Schlitt** who was acting Dean for the past year and has now taken the position of interim Director Research Services & Industry Liaison for the fall term. FoS was busy during the summer months with various outreach events. The



Science Rocks (SR) 2018 Summer Camp finished up August 17<sup>th</sup>. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> year and most successful yet! Over the 6 week period, we welcomed 142 campers from grades 4-7. They enjoyed week long science based demonstrations and activities. The SR Camp Coordinator, **Robin Endelman**, and science faculty members **Dr. Derek Harnett**, **Dr. Alan Reid**, **Dr. Ian Affleck**, **Dr. Cory Beshara** and Biology Lab Technician **Avril Alfred** supervised a camp each. The Science Rocks Team Leaders who attended each of the camps were UFV students, **Marlee Fisher**, **Korissa**

**Heibner** and **Nathan Enns**. The Canadian Mathematical Society generously donated funds to assist with the costs of the camp. The BC Greenhouse Growers Association and the Clearbrook Kiwanis Club each sponsored a child for a week.

The FoS sent **Nikola Trotzuk**, UFV Physics student, to the London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) in London, UK from July 25-August 8<sup>th</sup>. He joined 500 other leading young scientists from more than 70 participating countries. Nikola continued his adventure by extending his stay by attending the CERN Summer Student Programme in Geneva, Switzerland. His activities can be read on the FoS blog articles at <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/category/trips/science-in-london/>



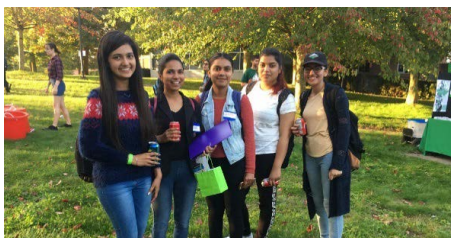
*Nikola Trotzuk, LIYSF 2018*

The Let's Talk Science (LTS) Outreach program is now at UFV <http://outreach.letstalkscience.ca/ufv>. We have now joined other universities from across Canada who connect educators and youth along with outstanding volunteers to deliver a wide variety of meaningful science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning experiences to both classroom and community settings. UFV BSc Alumnus, **David Mora Perea**, is UFV's Site Coordinator for this year and Chemistry Professor, **Dr. Jason Thomas**, is the faculty advisor.

SR and LTS were invited to host a display at the Abbotsford International Airshow in August. **David Mora Perea**, Site Coordinator of LTS; **Robin Endelman**, SR Coordinator, **Caroline Majeau**, FoS Dean's Office and 2018 SR Camp Leader, **Nathan Enns** entertained the kids and adults with a few hands on activities and demonstrations.







Over 100 UFV science students, faculty and staff enjoyed pizza, music and door prizes at our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Social held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at U-House. Science Student Clubs and Associations were on hand to provide information about their groups. UFV President, **Joanne Maclean** stopped by to visit with the students. Thanks to the event organizers, **Caroline Majeau** and **Janice Nagtegaal** from the FoS Dean’s Office and **Karen Cooper** and **Rilla Apostolakis** from the Advising Centre.



*Brenna Hay, Bob McDonald & Dr. Lucy Lee, CEW 2018*

4<sup>th</sup> year Biology student, **Brenna Hay** and her supervisor, **Dr. Lucy Lee**, presented at the Canadian Ecotoxicity Workshop (CEW) held in Vancouver earlier this month. Brenna was awarded second place for her poster and received a certificate and a \$400 cheque. They had the pleasure of meeting Keynote Speaker, Bob McDonald, from CBC’s Quirks & Quarks.

The 2018 FoS greenSPEAK Seminar Series was kicked off with Biology Professor, **Dr. Alan Reid** on October



11<sup>th</sup> where he led a walk around UFV’s D Building “Swamp”. <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/10/15/greenspeak-campus-walk/>. The next installment of the series is with Physics Professor, **Dr. Tim Cooper**, who will be presenting November 15<sup>th</sup> on “Climate Change & Global Warming” <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/10/03/greenspeak-series-climate-change/>

The Super Science Club, which is coordinated by **Robin Endelman**, is currently in the process of interviewing students for the upcoming term.

**Biology:**

On June 26, 2018 a group of 36 UFV students, Biology Professors **Sharon Gillies**, **Gregory Schmaltz**, **Allan Arndt**, **Stephen Thomas** and Biology Department Assistant **Pauleen Nuite** travelled to Eyrarbakki (Iceland), London and Paris.



*Biology Field School 2018 (Iceland)*



*Biology Field School 2018 (Paris)*

They spent 16 days exploring these diverse cities as part of Biology’s 2018 Field School.

<https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/07/30/welcome-home-travelers-biology-study-tour-2018/> Planning has begun for next year’s Clayoquot Biosphere Field School April 27 – May 10, 2019.



*Jessica Barclay, 4th Year Biology Student*

**Jessica Barclay**, 4th year UFV Biology student and her Biology Research Professor, **Christine Dalton** appeared in the October 26th edition of the Vancouver Sun <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/ufv-researchers-implant-salamanders-with-microchips-to-track-movement>

As part of her undergraduate degree, Jessica has taken on an independent research project with her professor by studying the northwestern salamanders.

## Math & Stats

The Data Analysis Certificate (DAC) program has had a surge in popularity this year with 16 students enrolled, and 11 of these planning to do the Co-op option. For next year, we have over 70 applicants, many of whom are foreign students.

Professors **Stan Manu**, **Kseniya Garaschuk**, and **Vanessa Radzimski** (our Math Ed specialists) are planning to organize an annual Indigenous Math Education conference that will be hosted by the Math & Stats department on the Friday of Reading break each year at CEP. Plans are under way now to secure speakers and facilitators for the one coming this February 22, 2019.

**Dr. Stan Manu** has been visiting the Nuxalk College in Bella Coola to provide a section of MATH 105 to about 30 future schoolteachers on three weekends. **Dr. Cynthia Loten** and the Math Mania Team are back in full swing. They hosted their first event of this year on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vedder Elementary School, Chilliwack. **Dr. Ian Affleck** as well as being the head of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, is also the current Chair for the articulation committee for Mathematics and Statistics of the BC Council on Admissions and Transfers (BCCAT). **Dr. Kseniya Garaschuk** is busy not only as an instructor in the Math & Stats department, but also as Editor in Chief of “Crux Mathematicorum”, an educational journal published by the Canadian Mathematical Society that is internationally respected as a source of unique and challenging mathematical problems.

## Chemistry

**Dr. Cory Beshara** had a manuscript published in the Canadian Journal of Chemistry, <https://doi.org/10.1139/cjc-2018-0407> Shustov GV & Beshara CS (2018) Inside-Protonated 1-Azaadamantane. Computational Studies on the Structure, Stability and Generation.

**Dr. Noham Weinberg** was promoted to full professor as of June 2018.



## **Divisional Report | Nov 2018 Faculty of Health Sciences**

Stay up-to-date with the Faculty of Health Sciences by visiting our blog ([www.blogs.ufv.ca/health](http://www.blogs.ufv.ca/health)) or follow us on social media using handle @ufvhealth

### **School of Health Studies**

#### ***Nursing study tour to West Africa***

UFV Faculty of Health Sciences plans to launch a new international nursing study tour to Sierra Leone, West Africa this spring. Students enrolled in the course will be learning alongside local nursing students, allied health professionals, and Non-Governmental Organizations. The course is an example of the Faculty of Health Sciences approach to preparing health and wellness leaders in the local community and beyond. Set in motion for May 2019, the course proposes to explore topics ranging from global health issues, poverty, health care delivery models, and cultural safety. Catherine Smith, Adele Phillips, and Janice Savoy from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program have been champions for the development of the overseas learning opportunity.



#### ***Nursing students participate in Fraser Valley breastfeeding challenge – Chilliwack wins!***

Chilliwack moms hold the title for champions of the breastfeeding challenge once again. With the support of UFV nursing students, breastfeeding moms from Chilliwack and the Fraser Valley gathered for the 18th annual challenge, to participate in an international “latch-on” competition. The event took place as part of the celebration of World Breastfeeding Week in Canada. The annual challenge strives to increase public awareness of the normality of breastfeeding, the benefits to mother, child and community and the ways in which women need support to achieve the recommended duration for breastfeeding.

#### ***Mental Illness Awareness Week on Chilliwack Campus***

Mental Illness Awareness Week is recognized across Canada the first week of October. Coordinated by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH), the campaign is designed to share stories in effort to educate Canadians of the experiences of mental illness. Student members of the UFV Canadian Nursing Student’s Association on Chilliwack campus promoted mental health resources and engaged students in wellness activities and resources such as campus recreation, Indigenous mental health, and substance misuse education.

#### ***Nursing students team up with local health services at Hope Health Fair***

Students from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, along with nursing faculty member Cindy Shultz, attended the Hope health and wellness fair on Saturday, October 27. Nursing students teamed up with Live 5-2-1-0, an evidence-based organization that promotes guidelines for raising healthy children. Students also had the opportunity to network with other exhibitors such as Aboriginal Child



and Youth Mental Health, Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation, Hope Community Services, and Hope Medical Centre, as well as the Hope community.

***Interdisciplinary downtown Chilliwack health and wellness fair***



Back with a new location, UFV is set to host the annual neighbourhood health and wellness fair at Vineyard Community Centre in the heart of downtown Chilliwack. The fair will run from 1–4 pm on Monday, Nov 19 at 45892 Wellington Ave. Free for everyone, the fair will gather the Chilliwack community for an opportunity learn about health and wellness resources from UFV students. Students from nursing, library and information technology, kinesiology and dental, along with participating community partners will offer visitors health and wellness information, tools, and a chance to take

home some great prizes. This year students and faculty from UFV’s nursing program will deliver a free flu shot clinic for adults, as well as Naloxone kits.

***UFV nursing students get their hearts pumping in countdown cardiac escape room simulation***

Corina Rochon, assistant professor in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, organized an escape room for her cardiac class as a chance to challenge their way of applying knowledge from clinical in problem solving scenarios. Six different groups were tasked with answering questions about patient cardiac care with the goal of unlocking the escape room in 30 minutes or less. Rochon developed the activity to bridge content students learned from previous semesters with cardiac care and management skills learned in their current year of study.



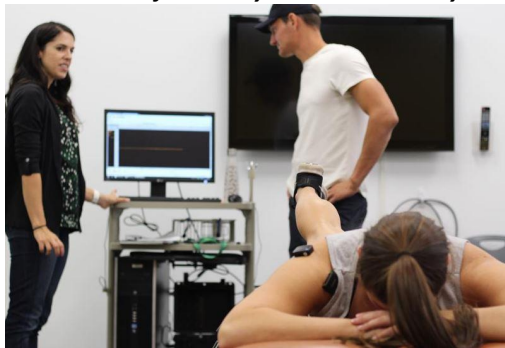
***UFV nursing students offer free flu clinic on campus***

Students from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program exercised their public health skills at the annual flu clinic on Chilliwack campus. Students, faculty, and staff from UFV received free flu shots from students.



**Department of Kinesiology**

***Dr. Gillian Hatfield analyses muscle activity in standard law enforcement tests***

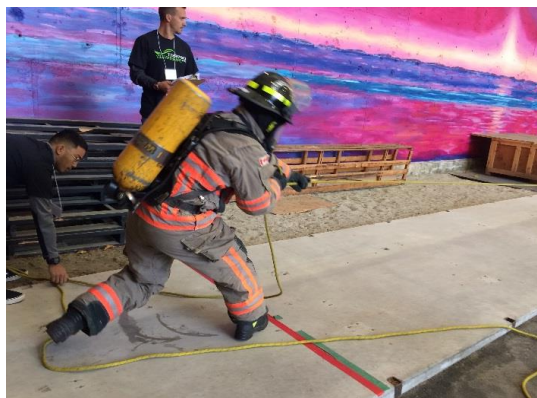


Dr. Gillian Hatfield, an assistant professor in the kinesiology department at UFV, has been asked by LEPAT, North America’s leading company in law enforcement physical abilities testing, to evaluate muscle activation during the push-pull simulation of the standardized Physical Abilities Test. Hatfield has a long history with muscle activity research and interventions to help people enhance the use of their muscles, particularly in areas of knee osteoarthritis and older populations. A physiotherapist by trade, Hatfield brings a unique applied approach to her research. Students are also getting involved in the

research process. They are learning how to standardize the process of gathering data, down to the hands-on work of preparing the skin for the sensors.

***Kinesiology faculty and students provide physical fitness testing for Chilliwack Fire Department***

Kinesiology faculty members Amber Johnston, Iris Lesser, and Jason Brandenburg, along with 15 kinesiology students, worked with the Chilliwack Fire Department to provide physical fitness testing and health screening assessment through the Healthy You-FV program. Healthy You-FV was established to engage the surrounding community with health programming and education. The initiative included two days of fire fighter candidate testing, where contenders for fire fighter positions in the Fraser Valley were screened for health and physical aptitude. Students from the kinesiology program



carried out the tests alongside faculty members. The experiential learning opportunity allowed students to strengthen their professionalism, communication skills, and real-world application of physiology.

***Kinesiology students participate in raven making workshop, UFV Chilliwack library***

Dr. Joanna Sheppard and her students had the opportunity to make connections between reconciliation, raven making, and pedagogy during the UFV library raven-making workshop. The workshop is directly tied to the exhibit in the display cabinet outside the Chilliwack library, which has themes of residential schools, reconciliation, and hope.



**Roger Friesen Hosts BC Lion Manny Arceneaux at UFV**



BC Lions wide receiver Manny Arceneaux spoke to UFV kinesiology students and others with an interest about life as a professional athlete and the importance of resilience. UFV Kinesiology associate professor Roger Friesen has been working with the BC Lions football team as a sport psychologist this season. Joining their Kamloops training camp as the team's performance psychology consultant, Friesen's role is to help people perform their best when it matters most. He draws on nearly 30 years of experience with sports associations ranging from Cycling Canada to the Canadian Olympic

Team, but also professionals such as paramedics, stock brokers, musicians, and more (excerpt from blogs.ufv.ca). For more information about Friesen's work, visit <http://rogerfriesen.ca/>

## Faculty of Access and Continuing Education Divisional Report

### Applied Business Technology (ABT)

ABT is well into the fall 2018 semester with 42 full-time students (including five dual-credit students) from across the Fraser Valley. Students continue to be referred to the program by employers (particularly in the public-sector) and sponsored by various funding agencies, including WorkBC, WorkSafeBC, local Stó:lō bands, and the Métis Nation.

As part of the program's commitment to Indigenization, ABT faculty organized a field trip to UFV's Métis Day Awareness Event on November 7. Students enthusiastically participated in the crafting and jigging, and all came away with an increased awareness of the Métis people's historical role as well as the vibrancy of the Métis Nation today.

### Assessment Services (AS)

Assessment Services has a new home on the top floor of the Student Union Building in Room 3125. Although the testing room is smaller than it was before, the room is much brighter and quieter than the old room in G Building. To accommodate the reduced size, smaller testing desks were purchased and installed; as a result, the same number of internal and external clients can make use of UFV's invigilation services. No changes have been made to Assessment Services at the CEP campus, which is in Room 1351 of Building B.

### Continuing Education (CE)

Continuing Education (CE) offered customized training services to a number of new clients this fall semester, including the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice; Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations; Tiger Tool; Heritage Village (Fraser Health Authority); and YMCA of Greater Vancouver. Program registration continues to be strong with full classes and waitlists for many courses.

CE is excited to launch new and revised programming such as the Medication Management course (a collaboration with Health Sciences), Project Management course, Mental Health First Aid course, and an optional Bookkeeper practicum placement for students. To better serve our students that are enrolled in our career entry programs, CE has created a 1-day "Employment Preparation" workshop that includes labour market information, job search, transferable skills, resumes and cover letters, references, and professionalism.

### **English Language Studies (ELS) Department**

ELS had an unprecedentedly busy Summer 2018 program, with 21 sections taught at our Abbotsford campus and 6 sections at UFV India in Chandigarh. In Abbotsford, most of the courses were at the University Foundations 2/Qualifying Studies level (especially EAP 084: University Bridge Writing) for international students from India, and faculty taught six sections of EAP 075 Foundations of English for Business in Chandigarh. Summer courses were taught by permanent faculty members Bob McGregor and Maria Bos-Chan, as well as new sessional instructors Shahid Abrar-ul-Hassan, Kerry Choi, Ken Harmel, Amber McFetridge, and Andrea Piruzza. In Abbotsford this Fall 2018, ELS is providing 42 sections, with intermediate-level domestic students predominately from Syria and advanced (Foundations 2/Qualifying Studies-level) international students from India.

Kerry Johnson is collaborating with UFV Teaching and Learning this year to deliver workshops on teamwork and collaborative group work in academic classes, and Bob McGregor is travelling to Chandigarh in December to teach one section of EAP 075. In addition to using Blackboard Learn, ELS is exploring hybrid course delivery this semester using new web-based platforms LearningBranch and MyEnglishLab, while continuing to provide personal language and computer literacy support to individual UFV students in our ELS Help Centre.

### **Indigenous Student Centre (ISC)**

After serving as the Indigenous Student Transition Coordinator (ISTC) on a temporary basis for two years, Betty Peters has been awarded a permanent contract. During her first two years as ISTC, Betty established many new partnerships throughout UFV, strengthened community relationships, and initiated new programs for potential and current Indigenous students. We are pleased that Betty will now be able to make and implement long-term plans that will support the recruitment, retention, and success of Indigenous students.

### **Upgrading and University Preparation (UUP) Department**

Karamjit Dhande has been hired as an assistant professor to teach Adult Basic Education (ABE) mathematics courses. Faculty and staff are pleased to have Karamjit, who has been a sessional for both the UUP and the Mathematics and Statistics departments, as a full-time permanent colleague.

Demand for Advanced- and Provincial-level math and science courses was very high this fall. To accommodate the demand for MATH 085 (Grade 11), two additional sections were added to the timetable. To accommodate an unexpected influx of international students from India for Winter 2019 and the increased demand from domestic students, the department has scheduled



more MATH 085 sections than ever before. Enrolment in Advanced- and Provincial-level English classes also has increased since the removal of tuition fees for ABE classes.

During the summer, the department supported the Métis Community Support Worker (MCSW) program by offering math, English, and computer classes to MCSW students. To learn about Métis culture and history, the three UUP instructors participated in workshops prior to as well during the summer semester. The UUP classes were offered during the summer to help students upgrade their skills and prepare them for their university-level courses, which started in September.

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM VICE PRESIDENT,  
STUDENTS AND ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

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Dear Board Members,

Work continues across the division to support our students, celebrate their successes, lift them out of crisis, and provide excellent services and programming to meet their needs and goals. Across the division, we're also focused on collaborating, on identifying ways that we offer more seamless service, and on how we can do more. I've also been working closely to engage with our academic partners, visiting Faculty Councils, improving communication, hearing and implementing ideas, and focusing on holistic approaches to student support, engagement, development and success. It's an exciting time!

Of note from our division:

**Counselling Services**

- October saw the addition of two new counsellors (each on a one-year contract) to the team, which has created 40 new appointment per week.
- Counsellors met with cohorts on the CEP campus, including student sin the Veterinary Assistant Program and the TASK program, among others, to introduce them to Counselling supports and services, particularly those which can aid in post-secondary transition, dealing with common issues, and developing coping skills.
- Since the beginning of the Fall semester, the Counselling department has facilitated various student workshops and mental health events, reaching a total of 256 students. Workshops and events included:
  - Stress Management and Study Skills workshops for students in a range of Health programs and in the Applied Business Technology program;
  - Career and Life Planning workshops, offered on both campuses;
  - Save Your Semester, a study skills workshop for students, provided tips and developed skills around learning styles for effective studying, text anxiety, and time management; and
  - Mental Health Screening Day, a bi-annual, free event for students and employees which provides an opportunity for attendees to complete a mental health screening and meet with a counsellor to review the results.
- Our Mental Health Screening Day showed that, as compared to previous screening years, UFV students are showing higher levels of mental health issues. Of those screened:
  - 56% had likely symptoms of depression
  - 24% indicated having thoughts of suicide;

- 68% showed symptoms consistent with anxiety disorders;
- 23% indicated behaviour consistent with high-risk drinking patterns; and
- 27% scored low in relation to their mental well-being, with 73% scoring as having moderate well-being.
- While recognizing that these numbers cannot stand as indicative for the entire UFV student population, they are much higher than has been seen in previous years.

**Student Life & Development**

- Centre for Accessibility Services: The major hiring from the late summer and transition of the portfolio to Leanne Tielmann’s supervision is complete. We are happy with our two new hires and with converting a third staff member from temporary to permanent status. We will see some immediate service level improvements through reallocation of file loads and the eventual implementation of case management software which is moving ahead.
  - Our case load grew again this fall; the complexity of student files due to co-occurring and severe diagnosis is increasing dramatically. This will continue to be an issue as a gap in services is a liability risk.
- Student Life LEAD Program: The LEAD Peer Mentorship and Leadership Development Program has grown dramatically since last year; in 2017 there were thirty (30) mentees and seven (7) mentors involved. This September, the program opened with 120 mentees, thirty (30) mentors, and seven (7) “Coaches,” who are alumni or local business and community leaders who are mentoring our senior mentors. At the end of September, approximately sixty (60) program participants engaged in a weekend long retreat at Camp Jubilee.



**Athletics & Campus Recreation**

The UFV Cascades varsity teams are well into their 2018-19 competitive seasons. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The Cascades soccer teams both qualified for the Canada West playoffs. The men’s team advanced to the final four, falling to TRU to finish fourth in Canada West. A total of five UFV soccer players were named to the conference all-star teams.

- The Cascades men’s golf team won the PACWEST conference championship, as well as bronze at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) national championships.
- The Cascades basketball teams tipped off their Canada West schedules Oct. 26-27 at home vs. Thompson Rivers, and won a combined three out of four games.
- The Cascades volleyball, wrestling and rowing teams have also begun their seasons, with solid results thus far.
- UFV Athletics recently launched a new website, [GoCascades.ca](http://GoCascades.ca), on the SIDEARM Sports platform. The new site offers seamless mobile integration and many exciting new ways to feature student-athletes and sponsors.
- In the coming weeks, UFV Athletics will move into new offices in the Envision Financial Athletic Centre (Building E on the Abbotsford Campus), following renovations to the former Casey’s campus pub space.



With ongoing thanks for your support, ideas, and leadership,

*Alisa Webb*

Dr. Alisa Webb  
VP, Students and Enrolment Management (Interim)



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University Relations

**Communications Highlights**

**Media Highlights:**



Research projects appeared in two front section stories in the **Vancouver Sun** in October: **Dr. Olav Lian's** (Associate Prof. Geography) work on glacial retreat was featured on the front page of the paper on Oct. 5 and was also published in the **Toronto Sun**. A photo by **Darren MacDonald** (Communications) of salamanders being tagged and the accompanying article on **Christine Dalton's** (lab instructor, Biology) work with student **Jessica Barclay** studying salamanders was featured on page A-2 Oct. 26. **The South Asian Studies Institute** was featured for their work on the **Punjabi Canadian Legacy Project**.

UFV was mentioned in 21 Sun or Province stories in the eight-week period of Sept. 6 to Nov 2.



**Dr. Hamish Telford** (Political Science) was featured in the media in September and October for civic election commentary with **CTV, CKNW, CBC, CHEK TV, News 1130, the Chilliwack Progress, The Province, and the Abbotsford News**. **UFV** was featured on **CBC TV** for natural gas reduction.

**Dr. Barbara Messamore** (Assoc. Prof of History) was featured in the **National Post, Huffington Post, Yahoo News, MSN News, Vancouver Sun** and other outlets for her commentary relating to **Governor General Julie Payette's** scheduling controversy.



The **Esposito building sale** and the **Innovation fund donation** were featured in the Business in Vancouver and the Abbotsford News respectively.



**Prof. Tom Baumann** (Horticulture) was featured in a Chilliwack Progress item on Sardis Secondary's horticulture class and **Paul Gumprich** (Agriculture) was quoted for an article on farm fires.



**TEDX** hosted at UFV was also a feature in the **Chilliwack Progress**. **Theatre's** play **Rock: A play of northern Ontario** was featured in the Abbotsford News. A video produced by new video **communication specialist, Greg Laychak**, and featuring **Facilities** new Nissan Leaf **electric vehicle** was published online by the News, **The Mission Record** and the **Chilliwack Progress**. **UFV** was mentioned 34 times in the eight weeks between Sept. 5 and Nov. 2

## **Communications Issues and Reputation Management update:**

### **Flood**

A large flood in building B on September 8<sup>th</sup> meant an extensive communication effort to the administration and students impacted. The UFV Alert (emergency notification system) was activated as were 11 other channels during the 7-week remediation and repair period. Daily and then twice weekly updates were sent to all affected.

### **Natural Gas reduction**

Reduced Natural Gas supply due to a pipeline rupture and resulting direction from FortisBC meant a reduction in heating on the Abbotsford Campus. The entire UFV community was updated in preparation for cooler building temperatures. CBC, Vancouver Sun, and Abbotsford News picked up the news release on this issue and covered the story.

### **ShakeOut 2018**

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, UFV practiced an earthquake response as part of the wider ShakeOut drill. Messages were sent via text and email (UFV Alert was utilized) and public address systems and social media messaging were activated. 5400 messages were sent to 3352 contacts through UFV Alert.

## **Marketing Highlights**

### **Registrar Websites Launched**

In partnership with the Office of the Registrar, marketing launched new web sites for the Registrar, Admissions and Recruitment. Comprising the most visited areas of UFV's website, each site's content has been significantly improved and moved into the new template, making them mobile responsive.

### **President's Visioning Process**

Marketing has been working with the president to develop a process and plan for the Visioning project, which launched October 29. Community conversations on mission, values and vision will take place though February, with the goal of launching new statements in the spring.

## **Advancement Highlights**

### **Major Gifts**

Paul Esposito has been working closely with External Relations, introducing us to other potential donors and is actively campaigning amongst his group of contemporaries to get involved with UFV. External Relations and Paul are presently working with Kathy Cooper, a local farmer in the heart of our City. A tour is being planned to take a group of agriculture students to meet Kathy and tour Kathy's farm. The first \$200,000 has been received from industry to fund "Farming for the Future: Maximizing the Return on Investment of Agriculture Land Preservation", the launch of the study has sparked interest from other potential donors who have approached UFV regarding this report. Metro Vancouver has reached out to Dr. Newman and she has presented to them and the Port Authority has also expressed interest, this project only started Oct 1, 2018 and has already gained a lot of momentum.

## **Department Review**

The department review has been completed, and the team is looking forward to the new Executive Director, Anita Nielsen starting Nov 12, 2018.

## **Research**

Advancement is working closely with Research; a proposal has been submitted to RBC for funding for the Biopods. The Genomics project has started.

## **Alumni Relations**

### **Outreach**

Since May 2018, the Alumni Relations office has hosted or participated in 14 events; including UFV Alumni Association Board meetings, the Indigenous graduation reception, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual UFV Alumni Open golf tournament, the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting, and more.

The UFV Alumni website, Facebook and Twitter feeds have shared over 17 news pieces and stories featuring UFV alumni, in addition to promoting other UFV news and events.

In June, a short alumni video welcoming new alumni into the UFV alumni community was released. The video is available for viewing on the UFV Alumni Association YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website at <https://alumni.ufv.ca/about/ufv-alumni-association/>

During the summer, the Alumni Relations office launched an alumni Reconnect campaign. The campaign's main goal was to obtain current contact information for our alumni. Often alumni move or change jobs within the first five years after graduation and don't necessarily update their contact information with UFV. The campaign has resulted in updates from 358 alumni. In comparison, the last "lost alumni" campaign in 2013 resulted in 69 updates. The winner of the reconnect contest for a \$500 Visa gift card was Kinesiology alumna Heather Hinz. Heather is currently a graduate student at the University of Alberta, where she is completing her Master of Science degree in Kinesiology.

Canadian Blood Services, the UFV Alumni Association, the UFV Biology and Chemistry Student Association, and the Student Union Society partnered together to bring a mobile blood donation clinic to campus on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Over 143 students, faculty, staff and alumni attended the clinic, where 95 blood donations were collected. The most represented demographic was the Faculty of Arts.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, forty-seven students and alumni came together to network and share their stories. Students from the UFV India campus in Chandigarh heard from four different UFV alumni at the event. Alumna Avneet Riar (BBA '13) shared her advice, highlighting integration into Canadian culture and the importance of networking. Alumnus Arjunveer Kamra (BBA '15) spoke of the value of internships in obtaining work experience and showcasing skills. Both alumni stressed the importance of volunteerism, and tapping into the resources offered through the UFV Career Centre.

### **Celebrating Alumni**

#### *UFV Alumni Association awards*

The Alumni Board of Directors may confer an Honorary Life Membership on any person who, in its opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to education. At the Annual General Meeting held on Wed, September 26 the membership awarded Eddie Gardner and Martin Kelly with Honorary Life Membership awards. Many alumni

attended the awards ceremony to celebrate Martin Kelly's contributions to their educational experience at UFV. Eddie Gardner was not able to attend the ceremony, but a separate traditional Stó:lō honoring ceremony will take place on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gathering Place at UFV's Chilliwack campus.

## **Fundraising**

The UFV Alumni Association's biggest fundraising event of the year, the UFV Alumni Open Golf Tournament, took place Friday September 14, 2018 at the Chilliwack Golf Club. This year's event was the most successful tournament to date. Net proceeds from the golf tournament, combined with matching funds, have increased the Alumni Changing Lives Leadership Endowment by \$50,000 and the Alumni Changing Lives Bursary Endowment by \$6,000.

One of the goals in the 2018-2021 UFV Alumni Association Strategic Plan was to increase the Alumni Leadership Award endowment fund to \$150,000. We are pleased to announce that this goal has been met, due to the success of the Alumni Open. The new endowment total is over \$152,259, which will now generate 7 awards annually for UFV students.

## **Ancillary Services**

### **Housing Operations**

Academic 2018/19 Baker House move-in was a success with all units being filled for the Fall 2018 term. Ancillary Services' new Housing Operations Coordinator, Kim Ferguson, also began her new role at the start of the Fall term. Housing Operations is fortunate to have a team of eight returning Front Desk Assistants (FDAs) and one new FDA.



These FDA's play a significant role in providing excellent customer service to Baker House students from the front-line, which ultimately impacts community engagement, and student retention.

The Baker House community currently includes 36% domestic and 64% international students, with international students from 34 different countries.

An upgrade to first and second floor unit kitchenette lights has already been completed this term, with more energy-efficient lighting having been installed.

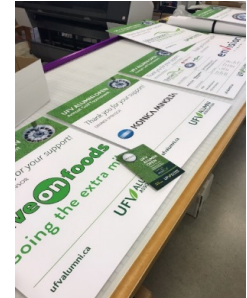
Housing Operations is currently working on room offers for the Winter 2019 term; with applications outpacing the number of beds being vacated at the end of the Fall term, a waitlist has been started. Anticipating this trend in applications will continue, and with on-campus student housing remaining both an affordable option and enriching student life experience for both domestic and international students, Housing Operations is committed to exploring the development of a new residence building, which would allow us to meet the demand.



**Print Services**

UFV Print services was pleased to once again be a sponsor for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Golf tournament held on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. All printing of signs, programs, etc. were donated by Print Services. We were also happy to donate a signed Vancouver Canucks Sedin jersey for the silent auction. The Alumni Association was able to fundraise over \$48,000 towards the Alumni Changing Lives bursary and leadership endowments.

With the recent increase in demand for wide format and banner stand printing, Print Services will soon be adding a new Canon PRO-4000s 8 colour printer. This printer will reduce the cost to \$0.092/square foot for ink and paper. Our current cost is \$1.30/square foot. This printer is Energy star certified and offers a much lower energy consumption compared to our current printer. It also has an Eco-conscious design as each device incorporates recycled materials and bio - plastics made from plant derived resources.



In addition to the new printer we will soon be adding a vertical substrate cutter that will give us a much more accurate cut for banners up to 8

feet in length. It will also reduce labour costs and possible muscle strain from our current practice of manual cutting with just a knife and ruler.

UFV quick print Abbotsford underwent extensive renovations over the summer and re-opened at the start of the current fall semester. We have added 5% more space and new shelving and storage will soon be added; this will aid in better ergonomics for our operator. This improvement should decrease the risk of injury/illness and enhance worker productivity.



**Bookstore**

Our Fall semester rush is now complete and we are happy to report the Bookstore is on target to meet our projected yearly target. The September rush of students is often exciting and rewarding for our Bookstore team. After four months of preparation, our team looks forward to opening our stores early and staying late to meet the needs of our students. Our online store staff worked tirelessly over weekends to ensure customer orders are fulfilled within 24 hours of payment, this type of service is an improvement over the 48 hour waiting period customers have expected in past years.

Even in all our preparation, we were unable to stock a large number of titles in time due to a software issue with one of our major Canadian publishers. The Bookstore worked quickly to offer digital alternatives to students, providing the first chapters via email PDF at no charge, sourcing used copies and even purchasing books via Amazon to help students find the textbook they needed. We are now actively working to add a digital option to all textbook orders in Winter 2019 and beyond. By having this alternative as a standard option, students will have the option to have same day access to a text that is in transit, backordered or even sold out.





After six months of preparation, our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Customer Appreciation Day was celebrated September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The focus of the annual event was to outfit everyone in the best of UFV gear. Clothing, accessories and supplies were 30% off, customers received a free gift with every purchase and with CIVL radio on-site it was a full house for the famous fashion show. Sales increased from an average of \$8000.00 in past years to over \$25,000.00 for our one day celebration.

**Parking Services**

Parking services had a busy start to the Fall semester, with a rush of students coming into the bookstore to purchase their semester parking passes. The campus lots are regularly busy and full, showcasing the high amount of student enrolment at UFV.

Parking services continues to keep busy with the coordination of parking logistics for campus events along with the events at the Abbotsford Centre. A large upcoming event will be UFV's Town & Gown, held at the Student Union Building, occurring the same night as the John Mellencamp concert taking place at the Abbotsford Centre.

With the accumulation of the Esposito Building on Abbotsford Campus, Parking Services has acquired a new parking lot equipped with 75 stalls. This parking lot is located directly behind the Abbotsford Centre and will serve as extra event parking during events, as well as extra parking for contractors, students, and employees in the future.



**Food Services**



Food Services has been busy serving the students and staff on campus this Fall semester. The new Triple O's offered in the Abbotsford Cafeteria has been particularly popular, and has been a great addition to the food variety options on campus.

Tim Hortons received a cosmetic refresh, along with additions to the menu including breakfast and sandwich items. Along with the restaurants on campus, Dana Hospitality also



keeps busy with catering for a wide variety of events and meetings on campus. A recent catering event was the Esposito Family Donation Announcement that was held in the Student Union Building.

**Conference Services**

The Fall semester continues to be busy while offering our external *customers, An Exceptional Guest Experience* throughout all our campus locations.

This Fall we've managed a variety of activities. Here are a few: several vendor/info tables at our King Rd. and CEP campuses, the Fraser Valley United Way Day on the campus green, multi-day training sessions with full catering at our U-House Conference Centre, and a Hallmark Movie Film at Student Union Building. Our U-House Conference Centre has been booked solid and strategic in hosting a variety of external and internal meetings. We continue to assist many UFV Departments to help fulfill their meeting/conferencing objectives.



Despite some summer conferencing challenges, our revenues continue to be strong and on target to meet budget. We are thankful for the cooperation of many departments. We couldn't fulfill our mandate without the support and assistance of our wonderful UFV team!

**Campus Card**

During the last week of August and throughout September the Campus Card office issued over 5,000 Campus Cards, for the start of the Fall semester to new and returning students, including staff and faculty. The card office also processed 3,600 financial transactions allowing students to use their cards on campus for food, printing, laundry, IT Services, International Education events, and Bookstore purchases.

It takes a contingency of well-trained auxiliary employees to process the volumes in the card office at this time of year. In previous years the Campus Card office has requested upwards of ten auxiliary employees to fulfill the Fall semester intake. This year, in preparation for Fall, the card office worked closely with Human Resources and the Bookstore, on a pilot project, to share auxiliary employees. Between the two departments there were fourteen positions required. Human Resources posted Ancillary Services Assistant positions on the UFV job board in early summer. Both departments agreed, moving forward, this could be expanded to include other Ancillary Services departments. Since completing their initial assignment(s), several of the temporary staff hired during this time have moved into other UFV auxiliary work for Human Resources. The Ancillary Services Assistants have benefited by learning multiple skillsets within Ancillary Services and are retained longer at UFV through various work opportunities within the organization.



During the month of September, a Campus Card reader was installed in the IT Services Desk. Campus Cards are the only form of payment accepted by the IT Services Desk for student computer services/repairs. Using the Campus Card for payment eliminates cash floats, cash registers, and paying rental for a debit/credit terminal.